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Midnight Mania

By Alex Wagner
Managing Editor
Perspectives Editor

Pacific's men's and women's basketball seasons started out with a bang Friday with the festivities of Midnight Mania.

The night geared up with the basketball tournament hosted by Kappa Alpha Theta. All proceeds from the highly successful event was donated to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

Fans in attendance received a free Orange Army T-shirt, free pizza, as well as a great show put on by the basketball teams.

Prizes such as Sacramento Kings' tickets, up to $1,000 in cash, free textbooks for a year, and others were up for grabs that night.

The men's team showed off their skills in a slam-dunk contest, and both the men and women's teams scrimmaged to conclude the evening.

The crowd got to see the players goof around and have fun together; this creates a bond between the players and their supporters.

The teams have a lot of potential to make this a winning season, after this event, the Pacific Athletic Department hopes they will have more fans in the bleachers.

The night also included the launch of the new Orange Army Campaign T-shirt, free pizza, as well as received a free Orange Army!

The crowds got to see the players and support the Pacific basketball teams.

Mike Belcher explained as a 25-year veteran of the Stockton Police Department, Belcher believes there is a need for the administration to be involved in the planning of student social events both on and off the Pacific campus.

“Managing a party is not just about throwing beers in a cooler and putting pretzels on a table. Holding a successful party requires a lot of planning.”

Part of that planning for off-campus events involves selecting a location that is safe for Pacific students. In correlation with the Stockton

Omega Phi Alpha appeals case

By Amber Prochoska
Editor-in-Chief

Pacific fraternity Omega Phi Alpha is appealing a university ruling after three Pacific students were rushed to St. Joseph's Medical Center for alcohol poisoning during an off-campus party hosted by the fraternity last month.

The university has released three sanctions for the fraternity's misconduct.

First, the fraternity housing lease is terminated. If the fraternity would like the renewal of the lease to be considered, they must “show cause” by Feb. 15, 2004 through a hearing with the Associate Vice President for Student Life, Rick Morat. The university has given three ways in which the organization may “show cause.”

Second, they proposed the organization develop a “risk management plan coordinated and signed by a ten member Alumni Board, where five of the members must be at least ten years post graduation.”

Third, the judicial board said “other appropriate requirements of the fraternity’s choice to meet or exceed the types of accomplishments listed, approved by the Associate Vice President for Student Life” may help renew their lease. Next, the fraternity will be on social probation where the fraternity will not be able to host, sponsor, or participate in any event in which alcohol will be served until Oct. 31, 2004.

Finally, by the end of this month, the fraternity must submit a sober monitor training plan to the Director of Judicial Affairs, Kerry KruegerDevine.

The fraternity has appealed the decision on grounds that the “sanction is grossly disproportionate to the offense.”

The Judicial Review Board determined that the organization “violated university policy and California state law, including the Student Code of Conduct A, B and G; General University Policies on Alcohol: 3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.7 and Fraternal Organization Policies: 40.6.”

“It's not a criminal court. It is only a preponderance of the evidence,” KruegerDevine says.

Nevertheless, KruegerDevine says the alcohol policy is quite simple. “You
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By Maryanne Pearson
Student Victim Advocate

When do you become your own victim? Let’s take alcohol for example. Now that you are in college, you have the freedom to make your own decisions about your life. That includes how much and how often you drink. But before you start partying, get wise to a few facts you might not yet be aware of. For instance you can die from drinking too much. And, a certain blood alcohol level can put you in a coma. Drinking might make you think you’re a Casanova or a supermodel, but what the real effect alcohol has on you sex life is, um, antithetical.

So, how can drinking too much, too often, put a serious damper on your dreams of achieving academic glory, or even your dreams of just graduating? According to the Core institute, 300,000 of today’s college students will eventually die of alcohol-related causes and 159,000 of today’s first-year college students will drop out of school next year for alcohol or other drug-related reasons. The average student spends about $900 on alcohol each year. Almost one-third of college students admit to having missed at least one class because of their alcohol or drug use, and nearly one-quarter of students report consuming a test or project because of the after effects of drinking or doing drugs.

One might of heavy drinking can impair your ability to think, abstractly for up to 80 days, limiting your ability to relate textbook reading to what your professor says.

Are you a victim of someone else’s alcohol abuse? Then you are suffering from “secondhand drinking.” It is not uncool of you want a few hours to study or sleep. If someone who lives in your house or on your floor has a drinking habit that interferes with your life, here’s what to do:

- Ask other people on your floor if they feel the same way you do about the situation.
- If you all agree that the drinker needs to be directly confronted with his her problem.
- Mention the problem to your housing representative. Request that your meeting be kept confidential.

Inquire about Wellness Housing or other substance-free housing Pacific provides.

- Get involved in groups doing prevention work on campus. Go global with your issue. The more people who get involved, the more the message gets out.

By Matthew Kemper
Guest Writer

KPAC is looking bright.

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When Ralph Guild and Peter Baldwin came to Pacific on October 7, big steps were taken for the future of KPAC 89.7 FM, Pacific’s radio station. Along with the students involved with the radio station, Guild and Baldwin discussed the steps needed to be taken in order for KPAC to have a successful future.

Guild and Baldwin are two of the leading innovators in the broadcast industry. Guild is a Pacific alum who got his start in the industry right here at Pacific.

“I love Ralph. He has done a great deal for the radio station and it’s future,” Pacific graduate student Brooke Holmquist said.

The Oct. 7 meeting was a collaboration of ideas from students, faculty, along with Guild and Baldwin thoughts. Guild and Baldwin offered those in attendance advice on the direction of the radio station.

“The future of the radio station looks bright. The help of these two gentlemen is only helping the future of the station,” station advisor Dr. Alan Ray said.

The meeting first discussed things that can be done to help organize the station and how it will grow and develop. There are many aspects that must be done correctly in order to run a successful radio station.

“The meeting was good because the radio station students got an idea of what they need to do in order for KPAC to make it big on this campus,” Holmquist said.

In order for Pacific students and community members to listen, they must be aware of the station. The more people involved, the better the station will be.

“I think these positive things with the radios will allow us to point the way,” station director Jesic director, Jesic said.

The radio station looking for Pacific students to get involved and interested in the radio on campus. The radio you can email at aray@ppcc.edu.

“There is a lot of campus radio specific. I am excited and hopeful that this station will develop.”
The Pacifican radio show

opportunity for all Pacific students to have the chance to voice their opinions and learn more about school and community issues that are of great importance.

I think that as time goes on, the show will improve more and more and eventually it will be pretty close to a perfect hour spent laughing and having fun.

Hoover and Peterson encourage students to call in throughout the evening so that they have the opportunity to give feed back and answer any questions that may arise.

Just a few weeks ago, Professor Alan Ray made it possible for KPAC to be heard as far as March Lane.

For all students not currently living on campus but are living somewhere on March Lane or the surrounding areas be sure to turn your FM dial to 88.8 each Sunday.

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The First Annual Hispanic College Fair took place at Pacific on Thursday, Oct. 16.

Stockton Unified School District designed the college fair to give multicultural students information about different colleges.

Connie Valadez, the SUSD Language Development Specialist, was the event organizer with the help of Pacific's Division of Student Life, Career Resource Center, and CIP and Multicultural Affairs.

"It took a lot of people to put this event together therefore it was a big collaboration," said Connie Valadez, SUSD language development specialist.

The event came about after Valadez attended a similar college fair in New York and was surprised of its successful outcome, then she decided to bring a similar college fair to Stockton.

"We saw students that are not the ‘typical’ college students and our objective was to expose them to this," said Valadez.

Stockton students had the opportunity to learn about the different colleges, get information, and speak to an actual school representative.

"The college fair is great because I learned about a lot of colleges that I didn’t know about," said Franklin student, Julio Luna.

Some of the colleges that attended the fair were: Stanford, California State University Stanislaus, California Christian College, Institute of Art, and the Army.

The college fair was also filled with Pacific students and Stockton Fire Department volunteers.

"I am very excited because the event was a big turn out and it gave students the opportunity to get interested in college," said Stockton Fire Department volunteer, Emilio Mautua.

The two-hour event was a huge success. More than 1,200 hundred students attended the college fair. The Hispanic College Fair will be back to Pacific next year and hopefully it will be bigger and better.

"This is another great event where Pacific reaches out to the youth of Stockton," said CIP and Multicultural Affairs director, Ines Ruiz Huston.

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Azusa Pacific University is now using the abbreviation PACIFIC and the abbreviation UOP is being changed to PACIFIC.

This includes all emails sent to and from the university. All new accounts made after Oct. 1 are pacific.edu. Students and faculty using email accounts that have accounts that have uop.edu do not need to worry about telling everyone that they send email to about the change. Brandon Savage, from OIT said, “Email sent to the old address will automatically be forwarded to the new email account.” Also, when sending an email, the “reply to” address will be the address that is pacific.edu.

Students and faculty using the old address will continue to receive mail with that address for the foreseeable future.

Using the old address will only possibly be a problem when you are on a group list for email.

You will have to change your email with the list administrator. There will be a possibility that you might not be able to receive the emails that are sent.

You can call OIT or look on the website already mentioned for more information.

“People know about the university but will take a while before they start recognizing the new Pacific and not UOP,” senior Doug Robinson said.

The changes at Pacific are pretty exciting. When the whole campus can be recognized for one logo and name, it has a unifying affect. Keep your eyes open for the new look of Pacific.
Pacific student lands prestigious grant

By Jacqui Archambault
Guest Writer

Norris Cooper, a senior at Pacific, has truly turned lemons into lemonade. His life has definitely not been easy, but he has been able to overcome many obstacles. All those hardships have shaped Cooper to be a leader and a hard worker.

Most recently, Cooper was selected from a pool of nearly 100 applicants to participate in an internship with California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH). CCRH sponsors talented minorities to participate in the fields of community planning and development.

Cooper started his internship in June of 2003 and was put in the position as the only intern of Villa Real Incorporated, a non-profit subsidiary of San Bernardino County Housing Authority, that constructs low-cost and rental dwellings for low-income families, as well as providing copious support for families.

The non-profit was established three years ago and had not been very active before Cooper began his tenure of employment.

Cooper’s short occupancy has resulted in the writing of several grants, a youth development project, two-four unit housing complexes (under development), one single-family home project, and the near completion of a five-year business plan.

Of the several grants written, Cooper has already been awarded over $10,000, and has established an ongoing relationship with Delta College to help erect structures for low-income individuals to enjoy a better quality of life.

He is working with the college’s applied science and technologies department to provide the students with hands on construction training, while providing a low-income family with an affordable home.

Cooper credited Cecilia Rodriguez, a former Pacific student, and the Pacific Career Resource Center for his access to information that resulted in his opportunity to participate in the internship.

Dr. Mamie Darlington, a professor at Pacific, said, “He is a special young man, academically talented, and truly concerned about others.”

Cooper is currently taking 21 units, assistant teaching in a Multicultural Leadership Issues course (offered at Pacific), writing for the Pacifican, and mentoring at-risk teenagers.

Division of Student Life and Multicultural Affairs Director Ines Ruiz-Huston is enthusiastic about Cooper being her teaching assistant.

“When I first met Norris he was in my multicultural leadership issues class. He was my number one student. Norris is passionate about cultural issues and excellent writer. He’s great when it comes to bringing out key issues for change,” Ruiz-Huston said.

During Cooper’s lifetime, he has portrayed a continuing dedication to succeed. Cooper believes that he has worked hard to accomplish his goals and success comes through perseverance and determination.

“God, my family, and many other good people have seen the potential in me, and through them I was able to maintain my stride to achievement,” Cooper said.

As a young man, Cooper observed the opportunity to thrive and he took advantage of it.

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U.S. injustice

By Poiae Elisha
Staff Writer

"Civil Society must remain vigilant."

Those were the words of the speaker in an after-dinner speech to an audience of School of International Studies students, faculty, and board members last Friday. The audience nibbled on their fruit-topped chocolate cake, and delicately stirred cream into their steaming coffee. Around the crowded room, slight chimes were heard as the silver spoons met the hard white edges of the coffee cups. The atmosphere was surreal and the guests were enthralled—this was no ordinary speaker and his words had extraordinary meaning.

The speaker, who had previously addressed an audience at the McCaffrey Theater, was Richard Goldstone, Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa and former chief prosecutor of the United Nations International War Crimes Tribunal of the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

Justice Goldstone's presentation had implications for the International Court in the Hague, the role the United States should and could play, and the political and economic muscle that would be essential for pressing countries to hand over their citizens who are charged.

However, the U.S. refuses to ratify the Rome Treaty, which underlies the ICC, because it fears an anti-American bias, and refuses to allow the possibility of American military being second-guessed. Instead, Goldstone pointed out, the U.S. insists on blackmailing countries into bilateral agreements.

To me, it seems almost unfathomable that the U.S. would refuse an opportunity such as supporting this breakthrough in humanitarian achievement. I understand the reasons for the U.S. abstention, but as the idealist that I am, I yearn for a society in which countries, especially powerful leading countries, stand up and for what is right, what is morally and ethically necessary.

It took years to progress to a stage that allowed for the tribunals in Yugoslavia and Rwanda, which in turn, helped create the international court in the Hague. How can this progression, this triumph of humanity, go unsupported and perhaps falter as a result?

The onus is placed now upon our shoulders. We as members of civil society must make decisions and take actions to show our support for multilateral achievements. How many times must we shake our heads or shrug our shoulders in disbelief at the actions of our government?

We distance ourselves from the actions and decisions of our administration to a dangerous and disquieting degree.

If the U.S. administration is unwilling to work with the international community, we must exercise our precious democratic right and choose an administration that will.

In the meantime, civil society must remain vigilant and vocal, pressing for smarter and fairer decisions from a government that has the ability of achieving and providing so much.

In more recent news, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton is giving support to the gay marriage issue and using grassroots methods to gain leverage, presenting a stark contrast to President Bush. Furthermore, Republican conservatives on a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

Leaning on his religion, leaders like Bush are making no such attempts to separate church and state as they continue to declare marriage as a holy ceremony meant as a 3/5th person. Democratic leaders like Sen. David Tseng, executive director of Parents, Families and Lesbians and Gays such as the gay people denied as marriage, are granted to heterosexual married couples, even more thoroughly the gay community being wronged.

My final question is can marriage only be between a man and a woman? If there are two people in love and who are married, are they not currently presenting a great job in the keeping-marriage-together department?

We might as well give homosexuals a shot at raising kids and being married; heterosexuals are not exactly doing a great job in the keeping-marriage-together department.

We as well give homosexuals a shot at raising kids and being married; heterosexuals are certainly not currently presenting a great model for those roles. Furthermore, considering all the unwanted children in the world, it seems unfair to deny gays the rights other heterosexual couples have, such as the right to adopt.

Adoption is ironic in that it requires an expensive and lengthy screening and matching process whereas heterosexuals can produce children left and right without much effort to prove their emotional or financial stability to adopt a gay couple. Since a gay couple cannot have a child without adoption, an entire sector of society is denied the human possibility of having a family. In that spirit we are treating homosexuals not even as complete people, but in a disturbing parallel to the black civil rights movement, as 3/5th persons. 

Gay marriage, the topic, hot on the lips of politicians all over the nation, is enjoying a heightened amount of press at a time where the supposed line between church and state is becoming increasingly more blurred.

Essentially, I would like to see the Holy Father and his cardinals address this issue. Gay marriage is equal to heterosexual marriage and how to deny the gay community the right to marry is to rob them not only of a legal right, but also of a basic human right.

A few months ago, the Vatican issued a statement declaring that "Marriage is holy, while homosexual acts go against the natural moral law."

First of all, considering the corruption and pedophilias currently associated with the Catholic Church, it hardly seems right to be getting a lesson in morality from them. Secondly, to say that homosexual acts are deviant is highly disturbing—it reduces homosexuality down to a sex act and rids it of any vestiges of other things aside from sex that make us human, like emotional and spiritual bonds.

It is best stated by Coretta Scott King, widow of famous civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King who said "Homophobia is like racism and anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry in that it seeks to dehumanize a large group of people, to deny them their humanity, their dignity and personhood."

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"As a human being, every person should have the freedom to love who they want and they should have the right to marry. Anything less is to degrade the quality of the human experience and of life."
Taking a stand against the death penalty

By Robert Christianson
Staff Writer

I have both moral and secular arguments for why the death penalty is an ill of our society. I could list them for you. I could write an article that includes all of them. Would you listen? Perhaps. But you may feel like I am not speaking directly to you, like I have not addressed you and your beliefs in particular. So instead I will address you based on your own arguments in the abortion debate.

One of the main premises for opposing abortion rights is to protect the sanctity of life. Often laced with the religious belief that God, not man, has authority over life and death, this is a central argument in the abortion debate. So, why would it be legitimate for a government composed of men and women to determine a man’s death? Oh, they forfeit their mortal sin. I see. Because they have sinned, they lose their humanity and fundamental worth. That argument holds up like a house of cards in a hurricane. The whole premise of sanctity for human life is that it is universal, undeniable, non-negotiable, and everlasting.

Staying with the religious theme for a second, if you are a Christian, what does your church say? If you do not know, I will tell you. The Catholic Church and all major Protestant denominations, save the Southern Baptists, have taken a stand against the death penalty. While it is in vogue to defy religious authority, many of you are not the ones that have set this standard, but rather embrace the idea of some moral authority. The hypocrisy of attending church and defending executions is the type of thing that makes people lose respect for organized religion. It also encourages people to create personal moral codes, which can be changed at a whim. So, as you defy your church’s teachings, you should feel accountable for furthering the decline of moral authority.

Even if you reject your church’s authority, you must follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. For one who does not follow Christ surely cannot be a Christian. Would Jesus pull the switch? I guess he would. That is, if he defined almost all of his teachings and the major themes of the gospels, notably forgiveness, loving your enemy and casting the first stone, when you have sinned yourself.

As far as non-religious, anti-abortion rights, you gripe about how abortion is murder by a different name. What is execution, but the same thing? A constant life ethic would require that you protect life from the womb to the tomb. If you care about people, this should remain, regardless of the errors they make.

People who support abortion rights often base their decision by valuing freedom and equality over any other set of moral virtue. At this point, I will accept this decision, and address you from this framework.

Presumably, none of you will ever have to face the possibility of the death penalty. Why, then should you partake in such moral imperialism as to determine when another person should die? Just as my being a man predicates that I will not face the issue of abortion, a woman can; most of you will almost certainly not face the possibility of being sentenced to death or life in prison.

This is especially true if you are white, affluent and a woman, because death row is not too familiar with that combination. Now that I have briefly raised these issues, let us turn directly to your love of equality, and how the death penalty spits in face of it.

It is random. The death penalty is only given in two percent of all eligible cases. This two percent is not reserved for the most heinous crimes eligible, which sets a precedent of unpredictability, arbitrariness and capriciousness.

It is fundamentally unfair.
Up in smoke: Cheech is convicted
By Shane Cipris
Perspectives Co-Editor

“Marijuana is a harmful and illegal drug, and if you don’t use it, you don’t have to worry about it.”
—Ronald Reagan

If you happen to agree with the above quote by Reagan, well, this article is not for you. You should probably put this paper down and go do something that you would enjoy more, like writing a letter of congratulations to the intrepid politicians who keep dangerous criminals like actor Tommy Chong off of the street (wealthy, connected politicians like Bill Ladden are still running loose in the world, but thank god they got Chong). If you believe that it is the duty of citizens to obey all laws unquestioningly, any words will be lost on you. If, however, you happen to have a mind of your own, please read on.

As was mentioned on a recent Pacifican front page, Tommy Chong, the actor who made up half of the space-cadet pothead comedy team “Cheech and Chong,” was convicted in September of selling pot-smoking paraphernalia on the Web and sentenced to nine months in prison. At his sentencing, Chong described himself as a “former marijuana abuser” who kicked the habit in part by learning how to salsa-dance (he gave up the drugs, but retained his sense of humor). He was subsequently fired from his recurring role as a terminally stoned photo-shop owner on the TV sitcom, “That 70s Show.”

Tommy Chong has been in a minimum-security federal prison in Bakersfield, Calif. since early this month. Every single day, across the country dozens of productive and otherwise law-abiding citizens are arrested for the questionable offense of smoking possession marijuana. NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, estimates that nationwide, someone is arrested for a pot-related infraction every 45 seconds. More marijuana users—over 700,000 a year—are arrested than the total number of people arrested for some violent crimes such as murder, robbery, rape and other assault.

Like Chong, these people arrested for marijuana offenses often lose their jobs; unlike Chong, most are not blessed with celebrity status that ensures their employment after serving jail time.

Considering that the evening news programs can’t run one single episode without making mention of some violent street crime, it’s obvious that the level of violence in our society has no correlation to how many dozens of pot-smokers are locked away every day. Stereotypical potheads are as infamous for their passivity, as opposed to some users of harsh chemical drugs (such as PCP) that have been known to induce violent behavior.

No pot smoker is out running wild on the streets trying to cause trouble for other people; on the contrary, after a few bong-hits all a ‘stoner’ wants to do is tear through two cans of Pringles and a bag of Oreos while watching television (perhaps “That 70s Show.”)

People like Reagan (who had so many instances of memory failure during his administration that one wonders if he wasn’t secretly smoking dope) insist that marijuana is dangerous and should be strictly regulated by the government.

The proven medicinal benefits of marijuana for people with fatal wasting diseases are all but ignored. While I cannot deny that inhaling any type of burning material is not healthy, I ask you this: if the government really, truly believes in an obligation to protect citizens from harmful substances, do you think for one second that cigarettes and booze would be legal? No way! Cigarettes alone cause over 300,000 gruesome, disease-related deaths a year, to say nothing of the additional thousands of people who are maimed or killed by the accidents, random violence and domestic abuse fueled by alcohol.

A prestigious European medical journal, The Lancet, has stated that “It would be reasonable to judge cannabis [marijuana] as less of a threat... than alcohol or tobacco.” However, the alcohol and tobacco lobbyists are so firmly entrenched in Washington that it is assured neither of these vastly more harmful substances will ever be made illegal.

The problem with presenting marijuana as dangerous is that if some young lad should try smoking a joint and experience god-awful suffering as the TV ads would have him believe, he would start questioning the validity of other information he was presented by the media.

Of course, once young kids start questioning what they see on TV, the word of any other ‘authorities’ figure is soon suspect. This, of course, is an anathema to those who like the status quo exactly the way it is; thank you very much.

The NORML Web site estimates that approximately 20 million American adults had smoked marijuana last year in a country where it is often hard to get 20 random strangers to agree on any one issue, these millions of citizens who work, raise families and admit to occasionally smoking marijuana are potentially a huge political majority.

Every single person helps, and is appreciated—there is strength in numbers, and change does not come without a commitment.

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to give a harsher sentence to a lesser crime, especially when one’s life is on the line. The American Bar Association has spoken out against the lack of internal consistency and the “maze of unfair practices.”

The issue of race is glaring and unnerving. Since the death penalty has returned to California, no one has been executed for killing a black person. Eighty-two percent of executions were for the murderers of white people, while victims were equal in number. That sets the standard that a white life is more valuable than any other type. I do not think that that is a message you would care to send.

Death row is 42.8 percent black, while blacks represent approximately 12 percent of the population. Judges and lawyers are disproportionately white, as well. The USGAO reported “a pattern of evidence indicating racial disparities in charging, sentencing, and imposing the death penalty.” One fourth of all the people on death row were tried in front of an all white jury. If you want abortion rights, because you want equality, surely you cannot turn your back on such racial inequality.

Staying with the theme of inequality and unfairness, the death penalty is not equally applied across class lines. The United Nations has investigated the death penalty in the United States and concluded that it is economically prejudiced here. The biggest reason why is that the poor cannot afford proper defense. Most good lawyers can put enough doubt in everyone’s mind so that they will feel uncomfortable sentencing a person to death.

But good lawyers are expensive. 180 cases on death row have no legal representation. 90 percent of those facing the death penalty cannot afford their own attorney. Fewer than two percent of the death row population were represented by retained council at trial. For every execution, seven convictions are overturned. Inadmissible evidence is the primary cause.

In the end, there are many things on which both sides can agree. Four countries committed 80 percent of the world’s executions: China, Iran, Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United States. Hmm, no one probably feels all that comfortable having these nations as the company keep. One-hundred and four countries have abolished the death penalty, including all of Europe and nearly all of the US.

And to think, you were worried about fundamentalism abroad.

The death penalty is unjust because taxpayers should not have to pay to keep someone in prison for when it is cheaper to execute them. That is one good argument. Well, it is a good argument at an argument, since a wrong. The Sacramento Union has determined that $90 million will be saved annually if the death penalty was eliminated. A New York study estimated the cost of an execution as three times the cost of life in prison.

Well, the cost is so high, because the appeals process is so long. How about they shorten it? That way we kill innocent people. Good idea. The Governor of California cleared death row 13 men had been wrongly convicted to, and promptly freed from, death row. Since 1973, 102 people in 25 states have been freed from death row with evidence of their innocence.

The simple fact that might kill innocent people alone, should be enough to oppose the death penalty. Imagine yourself in that position, and I ask you to consider the nature of justice. Would you do something irreversible when an equally effective alternative is on the table? Because it is a deterrence. Wrong again. Scientific studies have shown that the death penalty is no more deterrent than life in prison without parole.

The homicide rate in states with the death penalty is...
to the slippery slope fallacy where allowing things like gay marriage would be tantamount to endorsing illegal drug use, promiscuity, child molestation, etc. Seen in these terms, the irrational nature of those who oppose gay marriage becomes apparent.

It is sad to see the closed minds of people out there who are bothered by gay marriage and feel as if letting homosexuals get married somehow devalues the sanctity of their own marriage. Aside from being logically unsound, it is patronizing, elitist, and disgusting for heterosexual people who feel they inherently have the sole claim to marriage because of the way they were born. Why it would bother heterosexuals so much to let two human beings affirm their commitment to each publicly and legally is a question I have not found a satisfactory answer to. As a human being, every person should have the freedom to love who they want, and they should have the right to marry. Anything less is to degrade the quality of the human experience and of life. To be human is to know love and marriage should be for anyone who is in love.

"Quotes were taken from nytimes.com, uk.gay.com, indystar.com, and libertyaction.com.

The depleted value of MTV's shows are the most damaging to adolescent girls as they determine what it means to be a successful woman. The network used to hype up concerts—like Lilith Fair, which promoted strong women, but now it seems its definition of a successful woman is one who has a body like Britney Spears and knows how to throw a successful fashion show.

perhaps it's not MTV's message that has deteriorated, however, maybe the channel does provide an accurate reflection of the growing trends in American culture. In a society in which voter participation is below 50 percent and shows like "American Idol" attract more viewers than the President's State of the Union Address, it is quite possible that America is as shallow as the characters on MTV's shows. Still, MTV should not be let off the hook. As a network that attracts adolescent viewers, it has an obligation to society, to reinforce positive value formation. Shows like "Sorority Life," and "Spring Break: Cancun," reinforce the vision that the first few years of college are all about parties and hookups and are just like high school, except without parents.

The recent debates on homosexual marriage demonstrate how far our society has to go in terms of accepting all types of love. Love is not about gender or sex or classification. It's about people, the human condition, and that which removes us from beasts. I hope for the day when we don't see people as categories, but as what they are: human beings.
In case you haven't checked your course catalogue lately, drinking is an elective. It's your choice. And if you're into good choices, how about these: If you're under twenty-one, it's illegal to drink — respect the law. If you're over twenty-one and choose to drink, please drink responsibly. That'll get you through with honors.

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Theatre debut is successful

By Tara Curridge
Staff Writer

The times of composer Kurt Weill have come alive in “Berlin to Broadway,” the Department of Theater Art’s first production of the school year. The 75-minute musical astounded audiences with not only the suburb sounds of Weill’s many works, but also a talented group of nine performers.

Beginning with the lights dimmed low and the sounds of a train coming into the appropriately arranged stage decorations, the songs showcase a grim time period in world history. When the lights come up, the talented vocalists, Sarah Barnes, Jesse Barnett, Jody Bell, Jenn Camp, Caleb Draper, Mary Ellers, Zackary Koval, Heather Lease and Martin Lehman, sang tunes of days gone by in a most dramatic way.

From the opening lyrics of “How to Survive,” it was obvious that the singers didn’t need any frills to get the message across.

The seamless progression from song to song, accompanied by well-choreographed stage movement allowed the viewer to understand the emotional appeals—positive and negative—each time the music began.

The opening scene called “The Three Penny Opera,” was especially highlighted by Draper’s performance of “Mack the Knife,” a somewhat familiar tune for music lovers. Even if the words didn’t ring familiar, the younger members of the audience seemed to get into the spirit of things.

The 32-song set was separated into segments of as little as one song to as many as seven in the first and second scenes. Era-style dressing was one of the many highlights, but the play and message was conveyed through the outstanding vocals of the members in the theater company.

Barnes’ performance of “Surabaya Johnny” was rocked with emotion from the beginning. Her anger was reinforced throughout the song in fervent outbursts. When she sang, “Why did you treat me so bad Johnny,” the audience could easily feel the heartache.

The convincing body movement and passion in this performance were made concrete by Barnes’ soulful singing and poise.

“Berlin to Broadway” may have showcased Weill’s music, but the songs were brought to life by the talented vocalists. The music accompaniment by Paul Staroba also was a positive aspect of the play.

With a mixture of more upbeat tunes, such as “Pirate Jenny,” which was performed by Draper, and slower meaningful tunes, such as “I Wait for a Ship,” which was performed by Bell; the music only got better as the night continued. Without a break during the performance, it was easy to follow the music and become involved in understanding the message behind it.

One notable company performance came towards See BERLIN page 12
MARQUES HOUSTON: Former member of Immature (IMX), attempts to fly solo with his self-titled album.

Roxy's Revelations

Are you looking for advice but don't know who to turn to? Do you have questions that need to be asked, but you are afraid of asking them? Do you find anything that jumps at you; until the bonus remix tracks of "That Girl" and "Clubbin'," Marques only produced "Clubbin'," which explains why this track sounds much different than the rest of the CD.

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The Texas Chainsaw Massacre not anticipated

Taro Custidge
Staff Writer

In 1974 the pinnacle of horror filmmaking was just beginning. The Texas Chainsaw Massacre made the masses aware of the type of horror and gore that would follow in the years to come. The idea of these movies becoming close-ups, as the creative talent of the University of Texas film school sought to push the horror envelope.

Last week, the modern-day remake of The Texas Chainsaw Massacre was released. Just how much this new thriller lives up to the legend of the first movie is yet to be determined, but one Pacific student has anticipated the release, while some just aren’t interested.

“It’s interesting,” said junior Brian Terayama about the newest remake. “It’s part of our culture. I want to see it actually, it looks scary enough.”

But today’s horror movies usually don’t live up to the expectations set by their predecessors. This one, following in the newest tradition of fright flicks, has big names attached and lots of money at stake.

Unlike the previous version, the 2003 follow-up features well known Hollywood stars, Jessica Biel and Mike Nispeletti. The movie begins as a “beautifully photographed and genuinely disturbing” portrayal of a group of siblings out to reclaim their grandfather’s ritually desecrated grave.

The new movie takes on a varied slant, making some of the five travelers romantically involved with one another. Instead of fixing grandpa’s grave, the 2003 version has the young adults set out on a trip to Mexico—according to the Internet Movie Database. The group is driving through the scenic Texas landscape when they pick up a hitchhiker whose presence can only be described as menacing. She tells them “they’re all dead,” provoking the teens to take the distraught girl into a close town. A sheriff then uses the helpful teens as bait to capture the chainsaw wielding maniac “Leatherface.”

Reyes said in general, terror films have become too predictable. There’s nothing to maintain tension, or really frighten people anymore, she added.

“You already know what’s going to happen,” Reyes said. “It’s only the old classic scary movies that scare me.”

Junior Jessica Martinez agrees, adding that a lack of suspense has also caused her to see less scary movies in the past couple years. She can’t even remember the last time she went to see a horror film. “I think that scary movies that come out now are not as scary as before,” Martinez said.

By Mike Vu
Movie Critic

I hate remakes. With the exception of John Carpenter’s The Thing, and perhaps even David Cronenberg’s The Fly, rarely do remakes hold a candle up to their superior originals.

Being that I am a horror aficionado, I was horrified when I heard that they were remaking Texas Chainsaw Massacre, a horror classic. I was more horrified when I found out that it was going to be directed by Marcus Nispel. First off, who the hell is Marcus Nispel? After some researching, I wondered why anyone would let Nispel—who only directing credentials were Faith No More and a Janet Jackson music video—be in charge of Tobe Hooper’s horror classic? I mean honestly, would you let Carrot Top direct a remake of The Exorcist?

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre starts off with five horny, attractive, pot smoking teenagers on their way to a Skynyrd concert. Along the way however, they pick up a distraught hitchhiker who blows herself away soon after stating that they are “driving the wrong way.” To dispose of the body, they are forced to find the town sheriff, played by R. Lee Ermey of Full Metal Jacket fame. Soon they end up in a very creepy house full of inbred cannibals being terrorized by none other than the chainsaw wielding “Leatherface.”

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Something that is surprisingly kept intact from the original is that there isn’t much gore at all. Granted, there are a few dismemberments and some gruesome torture scenes, most of the killing is done off screen. This is going to piss off all the people who love that full onscreen gore—the kind where you can tell how old someone is by counting the rings on their freshly decapitated neck (yes, I know those are only on trees... shut up). With the lack of gore aside, I promise that there will be some scenes that will scare you and make you feel a bit uneasy. I would have found this movie much more frightening if I was not desensitized from a lifelong love of horror movies.

Even though I predicted most of the little twists and turns up until the very end, there is still some suspense left in the film. There were even a few “jump scenes” (a typical modern day horror trick where music crescendos and then someone jumps out) that actually managed to scare me, and the sound of Leatherface’s chainsaw is enough to terrify most.

When going into see this movie, most people probably have never seen the original, and they will probably enjoy this movie much more because of it. I mean, for any of you that saw Carpenter’s The Thing, there is a good chance that you never saw the 1951 version, so you have nothing to compare it to.

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre however has many flaws when compared to the original. Why was the family of inbreds so big? Did they feel that they needed more underdeveloped characters? Why did she run into the meat factory? More importantly, where was that hitchhiker hiding that gun?

“Sigh” When will Hollywood ever learn, if it ain’t broke don’t fix it. Still worth a watch if you want some good scares.

My Grade: C
FIVE MINUTE FASHION

Eighties dance style still alive

Break dancing was born in the 1980s and continues to be an artistic skill that few possess. Get in the groove and acquire some crazy legs. You are probably never going to be good, but at least you may get some good laughs out of the attempt.

Photograph by Georgette Rodaraki

BUST A MOVE: After the events of Midnight Mania, one attendee still had enough energy to show off his mad break dancing skills.

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Horoscopes

For some reason, this week is on overload for the beautiful process of the Red Sea. Girls are overloaded for the process of the Red Sea. Girls, try to keep your emotions under control, you will regret them later. Boys, try to remain calm and understanding, you don't know what it is like!

CANCER
Now is not the time to make a compromise. There are certain things that you need, and others will have to accommodate to that. If there are problems, focus on the stars and your planets will help you in whatever you need.

LEO
Risks may often cause you uncomfortable, but not only are they a part of life, they are an exciting part of life.

Scorpio
Your ability to stay close with your family members while at school is very much appreciated. People have been missing you a lot lately and need to reconnect to you, even if it is over the computer. Keep your compassion, you make many people happy.

Sagittarius
Philanthropy should be a part of everyone's life, take a part in your community and you will reap many benefits. The people around you will be better off and you will see how you fit into the world.

Cancer
Do not wallow in your own sorrow. Many people in the world are facing the same issues as you, if not worse ones. There are many positive things in your life that I know you could think about. The best way to feel better is by helping others. So go out and volunteer!

Aquarius
What does it take to be nice? Adjusting your attitude involves neither time nor money. Instead of instantly pointing out the worst in others, look for a reason to compliment them. It's an easy habit once you start.
Pacific Sport Briefs

**Golf**
Pacific men's golf team finished in 15th place at the Alistair Mackenzie Invitational in Fairfax, Calif. The Tigers finished the tournament with a three-round total of 881 points taking first place in the Pacific Invitational last weekend, while the men's team scored a total of 773 points to finish second in Division I. Senior Troy McKinley received top overall honors with the most points scored in the meet with 72 points. Freshman Kenny Yamamoto received eighth place with a total of 55 points for the men's swim team.

**Field Hockey**
The Pacific Tigers field hockey team defeated their Alumnae 5-2 last weekend. The Tigers will battle Cal Poly in an exhibition match at 1 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 26.

**Women's Soccer**
The Tigers won their third conference victory last weekend against UC Riverside in a 3-0 shut out. The triumph improved the Tigers to 4-9-2 and 3-2-1 on the season. The Tigers play again tomorrow at 7 p.m. against UC Santa Barbara in the first game of a three-game home-series.

**Water Polo**
No. 5 UCLA sunk Pacific last weekend, 12-4, and moved to 10-4 on the season and 2-0 in conference play. With the loss, Pacific fell to 5-11 on the season and 0-3 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

This weekend, the Tigers will face Long Beach State Sat. at 12 p.m. and UC Irvine Sun. at 12 p.m. at home.

**Swimming**
The women's swim team scored a total of 1,164.50 points taking first place in the Pacific Invitational last weekend, while the men's team scored a total of 773 points to finish second in Division I. Senior Shannon Catalano received top overall honors with the most points scored in the meet with 72 points.

**Men’s Soccer**
The men's soccer team is kicking more than balls around; they are kicking themselves. On Friday, they tied with San Jose Christian, 1-1 and on Saturday, lost to UC Berkeley, 6-0. The next time these boys will be kicking boys around will be this weekend at the UC Irvine League Tournament.

**Volleyball**
Pacific's women's volleyball team fell to 10-7 overall and 5-4 in the Big West Conference with a 30-24, 30-22, 29-31, 30-27 loss at Cal State Northridge last weekend. Senior Jennifer Joines and sophomore Ashley Groot huls pounded 15 kills apiece to lead Pacific's attack. The Tigers will play against Pepperdine who finished with three for the day and senior Akerman with six goals for the season in his career.

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Field of Dreams

By Krystine Ongbongan
Staff Writer

Last weekend, the field hockey team completed their trip to St. Louis with four wins. Those wins signaled the best record that the Pacific field hockey team has had since 1989 with seven wins and six defeats.

"With only one game left for conference play, we can at the least be at 500," sophomore Dana Walsh commented about their record.

Surely, the Tigers are excited about the outcome of the last weekend; in the 1989 season the Tigers made their first and only NCAA tournament appearance.

Team captain Heather Kottmeier attributed their success to how they "prevailed over the physicality of the games, came together mentally and became a unit." To get to where they are now, the Tigers defeated a tough Southwest Missouri College once, and Saint Louis University once.

The Tigers did not only endure one overtime game in the last weekend; in the 1989 season the Tigers prevailed over the physicality of the games, came together mentally and became a unit.

The Tigers defense then held off the Davidson attack until 20 minutes left in regulation. The Tigers and Davidson went through two 7v7 overtime periods without a goal and had to go to the round of strokes.

Strokes are taken like penalty kicks in soccer; it is a one on one match-up between a field player and the goalie. Certain players are chosen and have one turn each.

The first players to stroke in this game both missed, then the responsibility fell on Pacific's penalty-stroke specialist, Alex Fiorina, to put the Tigers one up and she came through.

Davidson went on to miss the next two strokes, while Pacific's Vianney Campos finished off the game by putting one in for the Tigers.

Pacific pounded the Billikens with 19 shots in the game, while the Billikens could only muster one shot on goal for the entire game.

Pacific dominated the entire game and two goals were made by Kottmeier, one by Amy Hollenbach, one by Fiorina, and one by Campos. The final score was 5-0, Pacific.
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Athlete Diaries

Featuring writings from Pacific Field Hockey player Kaily McGrath

Field hockey, to me, wasn’t just some sport that was introduced to me in my sixth grade Physical Education class, when someone handed me a funny-looking wooden stick and told me to play. In fact, by the time I was in sixth grade, I already had five years of experience in the sport. I received my first field hockey stick before I had my first bicycle. Field hockey was in my family, my uncle played in the Olympics and my brother played for the National team. It was evident that this sport would, by far, be one of the biggest influences in my life.

Many of the current United States Men’s National Field Hockey Team members are boys that I grew up playing with, in the youth divisions, or teammates I’ve had over the years. Field hockey isn’t just a sport to me. Growing up playing wasn’t just about the competition; the organization gave me a strong foundation of friends and mentors. Many of who were not only supporting my decision to play in college, but many contributed to the player I am today.

Whether I was training with my club team, the National team, or here at Pacific, field hockey has educated me in all aspects of life, not just athletics.

Cheering on intramurals

By Arash-Scott Behnam
Columnist

As the playoffs are now in full swing and the intensity picks up, I have to ask, have you seen any intramural games? Sure, it’s not like going to Pac Bell or the Coliseum, but being a fan of intramurals does have its kicks.

For starters, the athletes can be approached and will sign as many autographs as wanted; they even give their numbers out. It is free to watch intramural games and beers are not seven dollars per 16 ounces. In fact, it is all you can drink as long as you bring your own alcohol.

Finally, a fan can get close and personal with intramural athletes as they are actually allowed to stand next to the athletes while they watch the game.

The general consensus around Pacific is that there is nothing to do. Well, here is something to do: go and cheer on an intramural team! It has more story lines and drama than “Days of our Lives.”

The Greeks have their own intramural rivalries, and other rivalries are quickly building. One in particular that is worth following is rivalry between Pike and P$ The Franchise, in flag football.

This competition has the makings of an ESPN classic. P$ believe last year’s championships were stolen from them by bad officiating. Pike put Pacific on the map with their play in the regional in Arizona, and was one game short of making it into the National Championships.

This year, P$ beat Pike to take home the Tiger Bowl while Pike spanked and humbled P$ in the final league game.

With Pike winning the number one seed, they again seem to be the heavy favorites to win it all, but I wouldn’t count P$ just yet. After all, Pike lose to Pike without a quarterback and best offensive player.

There are a plethora of intramurals out there. So, go there and cheer on intramurals. It is free entertainment and a place to be social.

It brings our community closer and helps Pacific students build bonds and friendships. Intramurals are important and worth being a part of, but if a tree fell and no one heard it, did it make a sound?
NFL: Vikings & Chiefs remain undefeated

By John Alcereh
Staff Writer

Dallas at Tampa Bay-

The Cowboys ride into Tampa somehow, with a better record than the defending champs. They have two game lead in the NFC East after an impressive 38-7 stomping of the hopeless Detroit Lions. Bill Parcells has his team believing that they can beat anyone in the league; and this turnaround has some people saying he might be the greatest coach of all time. I can’t argue that very much. The Bucs, meanwhile, are a disappointing 3-3 after a lackluster 24-7 loss at San Francisco. This is probably the best matchup of the week, with the Cowboys having something to prove and the Bucs trying to get back above .500 at home. I smell an upset. COWBOYS

Buffalo at Kansas City-

The Chiefs escaped out of Oakland Monday night with a close 17-10 win. Once again, the Chiefs were not that impressive in victory, but they do what counts most: Win. They have the league's only 7-0 record, and lead Denver by two games in the AFC West. Buffalo got a must-needed win to up their record to 4-3, and beat the Redskins 24-7. Kansas City is tough to beat at home, and with an undefeated record, I’m going with the...CHIEFS.

Carolina at New Orleans-

The Panthers fell from the ranks of the unbeaten, falling to 5-1 after a 37-17 loss to the Titans. The Panthers had to resort to the pass after they fell behind early, which wasn’t good for a team whose main strength is the run. But their defense is still one of the best, and should keep them in most games this season. The Saints got a huge game from QB Aaron Brooks. He torched a weak Atlanta defense for over 300 yards and 3 TD’s. The Saints seems to struggle against teams with strong defenses, but a weak Carolina offense should keep it close. CAROLINA

Tennessee at Jacksonville-

Titans QB Steve McNair is making a strong run at the MVP award, after turning in another solid performance to beat the Panthers 37-17. It seems as though the Titans will have to rely on the arm and legs of McNair, since their running attack has been anemic. But so far that equation has given them a 5-2 record, only a half game out of first in the AFC South. The Jaguars had a bye last week, and won’t be able to stop Air McNair. TITANS

N.Y. Giants at Minnesota-

The Giants picked a wrong time to fall to 2-4 on the season. After losing a yawner to the Eagles 14-10, the Giants get to face the undefeated 6-0 Vikings. Kerry Collins has been playing terribly lately, only throwing one touchdown in the past three games. Randy Moss has been unstoppable this year, and the same was true last week. If you saw the lateral he made at the end of the first half for a touchdown, you know what I’m talking about. Unbelievable. VI-KINGS.

St. Louis at Pittsburgh-

The Rams beat the Packers last week 34-24 to improve to 4-2. Marc Bulger had a strong game, and Terry Holt has made himself one of the best receivers in the game. Unless Bulger is injured, I believe we have seen the last of Kurt Warner in a Rams uniform. The Steelers had a bye week, and are hungry to get back in the win column after some tough losses. Tommy Maddox needs to return to last year’s form for that to happen; and I think he will. STEELERS

Houston at Indianapolis-

The Texans have found a new running back in rookie Dominick Davis. Davis had 200 total yards in the Texans 19-14 loss to the Jets. The Texans are not a very good team, but hey, Davis was great for my fantasy team this week. And QB David Carr is going to be great someday. The Colts are coming off the bye week and should be getting RB Edgerrin James back after being out for three weeks for a back injury. If he is healthy, the Colts are a scary team. COLTS

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N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia-

The Eagles squeaked out a win against the Giants last week 17-10. What has become of QB Donovan McNabb? He has been unproductive all year, and isn’t even a top 20 QB. The Jets barely beat the Texans last week, and are not a good team without QB Chad Pennington. The third conference victory for the Eagles can largely be attributed to the team’s amazing freshmen. Pacific’s first goal came from freshmen Shannon Johns (Carmichael, CA) after firing shot to goal 38 minutes into play. Freshmen Kasey Nagel (Lynnwood, WA) headed the ball into the back of the net four minutes later to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead at intermission.

The lead quickly became 3-0 after freshmen Carmen Paddilla scored her seventh goal of the season with only five minutes left to play, leaving the game total 3-0 in favor of Pacific.

Freshmen goalie Laura Guerin had a stellar game with nine saves. Junior Colby Valentine said, “I am proud of the freshmen. They took charge in every aspect of the game, including scoring.”

The Tigers hope to continue their success in the upcoming home games, starting off with UC Santa Barbara tomorrow at 7 p.m.
It's either medical breakthroughs or hidden corks in bats that are the reason for the amazing offensive production of star athletes in the professional world of sports today. Their image and numbers are undermined by assumptions of the use of enhancers or steroids. Just this past week, our beloved Barry Bonds was subpoenaed to appear before a federal grand jury that is investigating a company that prescribes nutritional supplements for elite athletes. In today's era of publicity raids, one would think such high-profiled athletes would be a little bit more careful in the vitamins they ingest.

The cause of this began when an un-named coach sent the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency a syringe containing a designer steroid called tetrahydrogestrinone, or THG, that the coach said he got from BALCO founder Victor Conte. But in defense, the Burlingame-based BALCO (Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative) argued the agency analyzes blood and urine samples from athletes, and then prescribes supplements to compensate for deficiencies in vitamins and minerals. Nevertheless, if it's just about vitamins and minerals, why are peak performers such as Bonds, Jason Giambi, Bill Romanowski, and the U.S. shot put champion, Kevin Toth getting roped into all of this?

While sad, these allegations are beginning to tarnish the quality of sport careers. Take for instance Ken Caminiti, an all-star third baseman for the Houston Astros, who after retirement announced numerous major league baseball players use steroids. What is this to say about Mark McGwire's standout year in 1998 when he broke the homrun record, or Bonds' records today? Undoubtedly, there is a lot of skill that both these athletes possess, but there is also a pessimistic crowd that follows such athletes trying to prove that it is with the help of such enhancers and companies like BALCO, that create such an uneven playing field.

In times like these, all-stars in their respective sport should stand up and volunteer to be tested in order to prove nay-sayers wrong. But instead, you have athletes like Sammy Sosa talk about being tested, then refuse when push comes to shove. What exactly are they hiding behind? Sosa could hit 400-ft. homruns probably with one arm, much less a corked bat or steroids. Oh, my mistake, it was a bat that he uses for batting practice that he accidentally picked up, right? I understand that athletes need to be at the highest peak of performance to demonstrate greatness, but that shouldn't have to involve illegal substances in order to accomplish it. I remember watching a Willie Mays interview when he was asked what he did during the off-season to maintain his physical prowess, he replied with, "Nothing."

It was pure skill that enabled players of that time to demonstrate greatness, not medical enhancements. With what's going on in the Kobe Bryant case, the sports world doesn't need another negative revelation to surface; it needs their athletes doing what they do best on the field rather than filling headlines in newspapers.