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Student government to censor Pacifican

ASUOP President forms special committee to investigate student newspaper

The Associated Students of Hampton University has removed all 6,500 student-run publications from the campus-owned paper, The Pacifican. The decision comes after Matt Olson, the president of the Associated Student Press (ASUOP) at Hampton University, was asked by the university to self-censor the newspaper.

According to students of Hampton University in Virginia, campus officials removed all 6,500 student-run publications from the newspaper’s office because a letter from Hampton’s president did not make the front page as requested.

Talia Buford, editor of the Hampton Script told the Daily Press of Newport News, “We didn’t print something where they wanted it and they took the papers away.”

According to Buford, the University’s staff had removed the bundles of newspapers from the Hampton Script office after the distribution team was ordered not to distribute them.

“I am very surprised that more faculty did not do anything about the situation,” Pacifican advisor and professor Dr. Keith Hilton said.

JoAnn Haysbert, the University’s acting President said the publication had only been delayed.

“Students, their mentors, and the journalism faculty are all very upset about the University’s interception of the Script and considered the episode an act of censorship and a disregard for the First Amendment.”

If this happened here at Pacific with our newspaper, it would be a big disappointment. If students are running the paper, they should be free to do what they please as long as they don’t violate rules,” junior biology major Holly Harris said.

The Script is a university-owned paper, but some angry students still said the administration is sending the wrong message to journalism students.

Instead of printing Haysbert’s letter, the Oct. 22 issue of Hampton Script reported on how the cafeteria had over 100 health violations. This issue would have come out just in time to reach parents and alumni in town for Homecoming weekend.

“It’s too bad the parents weren’t able to see the health violations because of the cover-up. I’m sure students are wondering, what else is the school covering up,” junior political science major Sundeep Ambati said.

President Haysbert’s letter commended the dining services on the university’s most recent health inspection.

Haysbert requested to reprint the issue with her letter on the front page. Also, Haysbert has formed a task force to look at the newspaper’s operations. The team includes a veteran journalist, a professor, the student staff, and faculty advisors.

The University’s administration has agreed that a faculty advisor will mediate any future disputes regarding the Script.
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damaging to the essence of civic journalism. Students need an uncontaminated outlet for expression," Editor-in-Chief, Amber Prochaska said. "We encourage the Pacific community to stand up for democracy, because without an independent press, democracy will perish."

When the Pacifican heard of Olson's plan to censor the paper, the editors immediately contacted Vice President of Student Life, Julie Sina who agreed to meet Tuesday morning. When the editors arrived at the meeting, they were surprised to see ASUOP representatives in Sina's office laughing with her about a subject unknown to them.

Currently, the Pacifican is guaranteed six percent of the total revenue collected from the ASUOP Fee with a cap set around $20,000. In the Pacifican's Publication Board Charter, the allocated six percent is said to be derived from a "student body fee" so that "papers are distributed to students free of charge."

Olson has demanded "complete and unfettered access to all financial records that ASUOP has in relation to the Pacifican and it shall petition for copies of the Pacifican's annual budget."

The Pacifican's records are open to the public, Prochaska said. "This investigation is a silly attempt to enable Matt to engage in censorship."

As it stands, the Pacifican's annual budget has been presented to the Publication Board and approved on Sept. 26, 2003. Two representatives from ASUOP sit on the Publication Board and were present when this year's budget was approved. A revised copy of the Pacifican's annual budget has been reprinted on the front page as provided by Pacifican Business Manager, Kristin Stern.

"The funds allocated to the Pacifican from the ASUOP Fee do not even cover what it costs to print the newspaper. All of our other expenses must be paid for by revenue from advertising," Stern explained.

At Monday night's Senate meeting, according to Honesto, a plan to reduce or completely withdraw funding for the newspaper was discussed and that the newspaper would be made to rely solely on advertising revenue—if it could raise enough to continue publishing.

The Student Government requires all groups that receive their funds to be branded with ASUOP's logo, Honesto explained. Depending on the recommendations made by the special committee, the Pacifican could be next.

The special committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, Nov. 13. But the meeting may not be open to all students. The committee is composed of seven members: three employees of ASUOP, one editor from the Pacifican, and four non-affiliated. All of the members were appointed by Olson.

"I think that the Pacifican could be doing a better job at covering events in and around the campus," Olson said.

It is unclear whether or not ASUOP even has the authority to interfere with the operation of the Pacifican. "Matt Olson has a lot of power," Sefanov said.
Terrible tragedy in Iraq

By Jemilyn Ancheta
Co-News Editor

On Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003, a helicopter was shot down in Iraq near the Euphrates River by a surface-to-air missile.

Sixteen American soldiers died and 20 others were wounded. Out of the 16 who died, one was known to be a former student here at Pacific. Karina Lau, a student who was headstrong and committed to always being her best died last Sunday as a terrible cost of the war. Lau was reportedly on her way home to surprise her parents and to celebrate her 21st birthday with her family.

KCBS quoted that Lau had just e-mailed her sister two hours before she got on the helicopter, but on Sunday night, representatives from the U.S. Army showed up to inform relatives that Lau had been killed.

Lau’s dream to see the world and try new things convinced her to join the U.S. Army last January where she worked as an Army radio operator.

Lau was very well known for her involvement in music. She sang the National Anthem at her school graduation and played 10 instruments.

All her talent and success paid off and earned her a music scholarship to Pacific.

“I remember Karina when she first came to Pacific in fall of 2001. She wore a black skirt and black boots during the fall when it was still warm. She was quiet but was a wonderful singer,” Silvea Rodriguez, Student Services for the Conservatory said.

Although Lau came to Pacific to study music, she really wanted to focus on musical theatre. She did not want to be identified with the Conservatory, but rather with Theatre Arts.

Jim Haffner, Assistant professor of voice and director of opera at the Conservatory

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irreversible deepening of the voice and masculinization of genitalia; men experience shrinking of testicles and impotence.

The ever popular “E” aka Ecstasy or MDMA isn’t as popular as you would think. Only 6 percent of college students have used it in the past year.

Facts about “E.” “E” is a stimulant, it increases the body’s temperature. It’s not enough to stay hydrated; constant cooling down is imperative. Overheating and dehydration are the most common reasons why Ecstasy-users end up in the ER.

In high doses, a sharp increase in body temperature (a condition known as malignant hyperthermia) can lead to muscle breakdown and kidney and heart failure. Even drinking water while dancing on “E” can be hazardous: guzzling too much water can lead to hyponatremia - consuming too much water can cause sodium levels to drop so much that the water is absorbed into the brain cells, causing them to swell—which can be fatal. So water is important to stay hydrated when you’re rolling, but remember - too much of anything is a bad thing!

Some long-term users of “E” have reported muscle tension, involuntary teeth clenching, nausea, blurred vision, rapid eye movement, faintness, and chills or sweating. Ecstasy interferes with the brain’s release of serotonin, which is responsible for regulating your mood.

This can cause depression, sleep problems, severe anxiety, and paranoia and these symptoms can crop up sometimes weeks or months after eating “E.”

Research shows that MDMA damages the parts of the brain used for learning and memory. Ecstasy also causes the breakdown of neurons containing dopamine.

This neurological damage is similar to that seen in Parkinson’s disease, which results in a lack of coordination and tremors. Ecstasy is not legally manufactured, you never know the actual dosage of a tab, or whether it’s laced with something else toxic. Scary. So now you have the facts.

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Time for giving

By Elizabeth Corronza
Co-News Editor

The Multicultural Student Association has been lending a helping hand to the Stockton community by providing underprivileged families with Thanksgiving baskets for the past 14 years. In the past, the MCSA’s Thanksgiving drive has been a huge success. They have been able to provide low income Stockton families with a turkey, pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes, and canned goods—all the essentials needed to cook a full Thanksgiving meal. For years MCSA has had the opportunity to ask local grocery stores for donations but unfortunately, this year Pacific has made some non-beneficial changes that enable students to solicit off campus.

This year MCSA is having a hard time getting donations, but they are determined to continue their annual Thanksgiving drive.

“It is tough, especially when all the MCSA officers are so busy and we don’t have enough money or donations but we are all very committed. We are determined to continue our tradition,” MCSA president Somporn Boonsalat said.

The Thanksgiving baskets will be put together by the MCSA officers and handed them a day before Thanksgiving. MCSA encourages the Pacific community to help out this great cause, “We hope that the Pacific community is able to help MCSA bring a hot Thanksgiving meal to underprivileged Stockton residents,” Boonsalat said.

To donate money for the drive you can stop by the Success office located in Banister Hall and place it in the decorated money jar with your name and address. For more information about the MCSA Thanksgiving drive you can contact Boonsalat at (209) 298-6875.

MCSA president Somporn Boonsalat said.

The goal for MCSA this year is to put together at least 70 Thanksgiving baskets, which will cost MCSA about $1,200.

“We [MCSA] are going to have to use the money from our own account because we have not received enough donations,” Boonsalat said.

MCSA has approached the staff and faculty for donations but has not yet received responses. They also asked ASUP to fund their drive but were turned down because ASUP felt that it did not benefit Pacific students. They therefore denied the fund to Boonsalat explained.

“Although Karina came to Pacific for half a semester, she definitely left her mark within the theatre and music departments. Pacific has definitely suffered a great loss, yet we will always remember Karina Lau for her courage and honor.”
by Shane Cipri
Perspectives Co-editor

The term ‘zero-tolerance’ is one that has been bandied about often in recent years. Whether referring to the punishment of high-school kids with drug problems or to an unacceptable level of street crime in New York City, at times it seems as if our leaders are trying to reinforce the notion that moderation is an illogical response or approach to any societal problem. However, is this attitude realistic? Is it really better to merely attempt to rigidly stamp out a problem 100 percent (as the expression ‘zero-tolerance’ implies), without trying to identify root causes of problems in order to better understand how to avoid repeating them?

Zero-tolerance mentality is the reason that airport security personnel confiscate knitting needles from friendly prune-faced grandmothers, and make five-year-old kids stop squirming long enough for metal-detector checks. It is the reason that a recovering heroin addict, anxious to return to school and improve his life, will be denied federal tuition assistance due to previous drug arrests. It is also the reason that thousands of nonviolent drug offenders are serving lengthy prison terms, under federal mandatory-minimum sentencing laws, which strip state and local courts of any discretion or special consideration.

The very expression ‘zero-tolerance’ is extremist vocabulary, and I am leery of anything that smacks of extremism, whether it’s coming from the Taliban in Afghanistan or from our own domestic policy-makers in Washington. In any case, the expression certainly has an unpleasant new connotation in John Ashcroft’s America—a ‘Brave New World,’ in which certain provisions of the so-called USA Patriot Act can be used to run roughshod over Constitutional rights in the name of national security and zero-tolerance mentality.

This, by the way, is not excessively unrealistic speculation. In a zero-tolerance mindset, the ends justify the means; in other words, if there is even the most remote, miniscule chance that you, your mother or your grandmother is a terrorist, an anarchist or worst of all a French sympathizer, it is the government’s ‘patriotic’ duty to spy on all three of you. Your privacy may potentially be thrown out the window, but hey, it’s for a greater good; the mythical and yet ever-present ‘wild-eyed fanatics’ must be stopped, and only by lightly encroaching on our rights can the government do so. Privacy is un-American, so remember, “Big W. is watching you.”

To counter any charge of being ‘Americentric’ and focusing only on our own domestic-policy issues, it should be noted that ‘zero-tolerance’ aspects of our foreign policy affect other nations and peoples, in far more immediate and horrifying ways. Consider the sanctions that were enacted against Iraq after the first George Bush finished bomb- ing it. In a classic example of a zero-tolerance mentality, items prohibited under the sanctions included supposedly ‘dual-use’ materials such as graphite (yes, the kind found in pencils) and chlorine, which is used to sterilize drinking water far more commonly than it is used to manufacture deadly chlorine gas.

The logic was that there was a chance, however insignificant, that these ‘dual-use’ materials could have been used to make weapons. Of course, with zero-tolerance mentality even an insignificant chance is an unacceptable risk, meanwhile, thousands of destitute Iraqi civilians—largely children—have died since 1991 from dysentery and other preventable illnesses related to contaminated drinking water.

Incidentally, to illustrate the fallacy of this ‘dual-use’ argument (and the mentality driving it), consider a short story by the celebrated author Roald Dahl entitled “Lamb to the Slaughter,” in which a wife impulsively bludgeons her husband to death, with a frozen leg of lamb. To my knowledge, currently one does not need to undergo a background check to possess frozen mutton. Yet, under a zero-tolerance mentality such ‘mutton-control’ legislation would not seem entirely illogical.

As long as I am on this tangent, remember the scene from the movie Freeway, in which Reese Witherspoon’s juvenile delinquent character demonstrates how to make a working ‘shank’ (a crude knife, or weapon of minor destruction) from a tooth-brush and scorched plastic wrap? As far as I know, both of these dangerous ‘weapon components’ are available at S-Mart in the Hygiene and Housewares sections, respectively (join me in my zero-tolerance campaign: write to S-Mart and demand they stop stocking such dangerous items). Clearly, an almost infinite range of innocuous items can have sinister uses if one is creative and twisted enough to think of them.

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The metrosexual movement, however, is a negative phenomenon. Traditional gender roles are inhibitors to action that is based on reason and virtue. Unfortunately, the metrosexual movement is birthed neither in reason, nor virtue, but rather, by competition, insecurity and an excess of self-esteem.

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The metrosexual movement, however, is a negative phenomenon. Traditional gender roles are inhibitors to action that is based on reason and virtue. Unfortunately, the metrosexual movement is birthed neither in reason, nor virtue, but rather, by competition, insecurity and a slavish acceptance of contemporary culture. Trying to make oneself look better is a narcissistic process of stroking one’s ego and generating pride. If not, it is the product of envy and competition. Perhaps these are one and the same, given that when one tries to look better for themselves, they are simply competing based on their own standards, disregarding the standards of others, and thus, coming out more successfully in the molding of their superficial identity.

Behind all these actions lies a deep-rooted level of insecurity. The manifestation of this is trying to assert one’s worth through nonessential and superficial actions that give one the sensation of security and confidence. Of course, the more one appeals to their desires to “improve” their false identity, the more insecure they will become.

The metrosexual movement must be opposed. This battle has another front however, for women have been trapped by their objectification and subjugation at the hands of men. Equality is important, but the equal can be born from these two ingredients: reason and virtue. The destruction of traditional gender roles is an important movement, but in replacing the fallen guide,
Environmentalists win Merced River ruling

By Angela Richards
Environmental Columnist

Two weeks ago, a Federal court ordered the National Park service to revise its Merced River management plan after a pair of environmental groups filed suit against them. The plan was originally intended to better protect the river’s wild and scenic nature, but the groups found it had many flaws. Specifically, the fact that the plan did not outline the usage capacities for the river. This includes aspects such as the number of people who could safely picnic, swim, fish, or bike near the river.

Friends of Yosemite Valley and Mariposas for Environmentally Responsible Growth sued the Park Service after they agreed to the management plan in 2000. The groups said that the plan did not protect and enhance the river corridor. At first a federal district court judge ruled in favor of the Park Service. The groups decided to appeal and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the plan violated the Wild and Scenic River Act. It violated the act by not addressing user capacity and the river protection boundaries were near El Portal, which the court said was improperly set. Park Service must now revise the plan, which could lead to holding off on other projects that are a part of the Yosemite Valley Plan. These projects include the removal of the Cascades Dam and the replacement of a South Fork Merced River bridge. It could also affect the Yosemite Lodge redevelopment, which has been quite controversial. Overall, the ruling will have a beneficial impact on Yosemite Valley and will help protect the river.

New England States Take Matters into their Own Hands

On Saturday it was announced that the attorney generals of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut would open a new round of litigation that will force power plants to spend billions of dollars on pollution control improvements.

Under the Clean Air Act, any individual can sue a plant for pollution violations, and seek huge fines. This could force some utilities to bargain and reduce pollutants.

The reason for the fight? It goes all the way to the Environmental Protection Agency. Last week the agency decided to drop over 50 investigations on coal-powered plants that were suspected of violating the Clean Air Act.

State officials said they wanted to move quickly to fill this void. Since the states have fewer resources than the federal government, the ruling will have a beneficial impact on Yosemite Valley.

For everyone’s sake, I hope that is not true!

More bikes stolen; security is still lacking

Bike thefts continue to plague the campus despite efforts by public safety

By Jaimi Corona-Flowers
Guest Writer

Two wheels, four wheels, two legs, or two wings, either way these are forms of transportation that are necessary to get around from place to place. Imagine you are late to class and your friends with a car have already left you, so you decide today is the day to ride your bike that has been collecting dust. You make your way to class and lock up your bike on the bike rack. You notice there is barely any room on the rack for your bike, so the thought of your bike’s safety is not taken into account. Class goes by in a blur, and you are ready to ride home. But when you come outside, you see that there is no bike to ride home on. All the bikes that were on the rack, which yours was on, are still there.

This is actually a reoccurring scene that Pacific deals with daily, either during the day or at night.

Now, take into account people who rely on their bikes to get them places all around Stockton. This is an issue that people have to worry about. When you come out of class you expect your bike to be on the rack where you left it, along with the other bikes. Then when you see, or should it be put; when you do not see your bike, you panic and can only wonder where and why someone has come up on your bike. What is it that is luring bike thieves to Pacific’s campus? Is there something that the students or staff of Pacific can do to render support for students who have lost their bike? Unfortunately, the answer is no, because bike theft is not an issue on a university campus. When it becomes a problem that should not be an issue on a university campus.

To doubt, speculate, worry, or even stress about a mere possession while trying to further your education is a problem that should not be an issue on a university campus. When it becomes a real stress case because you have had your bike stolen, you continue going forward and when a gap is placed in the day, you put yourself on pause.

Junior Jesse Mays reflects on his freshman year when his friend JC Elliot was a victim of bike theft.

Mays remarks, “I could not believe that I was a freshman and my friend’s brand-new Schwinn bicycle was stolen and we had no way of getting it back. We had to focus on fewer utilities and have to focus on fewer utilities and have to focus on fewer utilities and have to focus on fewer utilities. Still, the states are to inspire other states to follow. The trend. They need to work with other environmental groups to gather more power.

Usually the EPA would order coal-fired plants to modernize and add equipment that would help with pollution control and cut down emissions. However, more lenient rules are coming into effect next month.

Industry lawyers have commented by saying that the suits will only be counterproductive and will cause delays in air quality improvements.

For everyone’s sake, I hope that is not true!
**Perspectives**

**The Philp Side**

**Pacific Rugby**

By: Arash Scott Behnam

Being an athlete all my life, it’s been a lonely ride these last couple of years not playing a sport. Through intramural sports, one can live in the glory days for a quick second. Yet for some, athletics is not just something to do; it is a livelihood.

Real life is as cold as a warm day in Antarctica. Most of us are here trying to prepare for it, but sometimes through chance or faith you stumble upon something that reminds you of the good ole days. Welcome to Pacific Rugby.

Rugby is football and soccer with a twist. With no pads, rugby is by all means the ultimate contact sport. It is by far a game made for the physical athlete or the most pure athlete who plays for the rush and the team. Rugby is also more than just a sport; it’s a gentleman’s game.

Rugby has its own culture, for example, the home team throws a party for the visiting team. Both teams socialize and come together through food, singing and most importantly tradition.

Rugby is as Greek as Aristotle. Rugby is a great society for a true athlete, and the glue in the lives of these different athletes coming together for one common goal.

My personal experience with Pacific Rugby, although very short, has been most enjoyable and reinforced my belief that rugby is truly a team sport. Case in point: scrums and rucks. Yet, there is something else that makes Pacific rugby special, in fact, it makes the sport in general special. A bond is built when 25 different individuals come together in unison for one common goal. This unity is critical for growth and is a great form of education.

As it’s only a club, Pacific Rugby does not get nearly the financial backing it needs to compete with other rugby programs or for that matter, with the majority of other clubs.

The coaching staff volunteers and spends many hours helping the athletes understand the game. Many of us are new to the sport and love it with a passion. I myself have personally fallen in love with the sport.

Most of the guys give more than they’re asked, helping other guys who might be short. It’s a special bond these guys have and it’s amazing to join such an atmosphere.

There are Frenchmen, Australians, Christians, Atheists, Phi Deltas, Pikes, Asians, South Americans and Persians (that’s me). Oh, and we have people who talk a lot and people who don’t talk at all.

In large part, most guys are out here not only to play a great game (and that’s a tradition that is honestly fascinating), but the camaraderie is built by being part of a team.

We carpool to and from games together, and long car rides can get very boring without conversation, so we talk. We bleed andiations play on each other, hug and yell at each other, win and lose together and share jerseys because we do not have enough for everyone to have their own.

We do not have scholarships or trainers. We rely on each other mostly when we forget things like mouthpieces and tape (thanks guys). We know the risks involved as rugby is a very physical game, and we also know that sometimes all we can do is lean on each other for support, both on and off the field.

Most of us play because we are athletes; it’s what we know best and what we are most. We cannot help but play for each other. We do not play to win, that is our goal, our mission, that is our expectation.

We play for glory and for our school as we wear the orange and black with pride (well not all of us as jerseys are very expensive, how ironic). We play because of enjoyment and the brotherhood we become a part of.

We are a fraternity within fraternities. All that is asked of us is that we play hard and work together, representing the school we play for.

Together we work for this goal. That in itself is something worth being a part of. I encourage anyone interested in playing in checking out what rugby is all about to come to a practice.

We practice Monday and Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. at Brookside Field. Come check out our game this Friday against the Pacific alumni at 7:00 p.m. at Brookside Field.

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We must be wary of promoting sin, insecurity and superficiality. We should not judge on our easy and ever-changing appearance or any other superficial element of the self. It is how you fare in your personal battle between good and evil, virtue and sin, truth and ignorance. For this is what makes the world better and a person fulfilled, secure and joyous.

This is where we should see the crossover in gender roles. Men should learn how to be sensitive, compassionate, caring, loving, affectionate, to communicate openly, to cook, clean, take care of children and embrace other virtuous actions that are commonly associated with women. Likewise, women should be courageous, unafraid of voicing their opinion, and embrace other virtuous actions that are associated with men.

Clothes should be worn for necessity and comfort. Makeup has no place in society, as it is a tool for deception and masking insecurity. Working out should be reserved for those who are interested in their health and the strength they need to live their life. Hair products are without worth. If you need them, get a haircut. Jewelry is without need. Personal cleaning products should be used to keep the body clean and healthy.

The misuse of all of these creates a culture that is drenched in insecurity and unhappiness. A second threat is that it flies in the face of frugality. While you buy hair gel, some people sleep in the streets. While you buy stylish clothes, people suffer from AIDS without treatment. While you buy makeup, children starve to death. If you continue to choose the former over the latter, knowing what you now know, the blood is on your hands.
Fishy tomatoes

By Paige Elsho
Staff Writer

In the past week, the Food and Drug Administration tentatively concluded that meat from cloned animals would be safe for consumption. Gross.

If cloned meat is safe for use as food, it opens the way for the meat to find its way to supermarkets, restaurants and, my dinner plate.

Becoming a vegetarian is looking more and more appealing everyday. It only becoming a vegetarian solved the problem. The thing is, with all of the technology and scientific advancement in recent years, the chances of eating genetically altered (GA) fruits, vegetables and grains, is greatly enhanced.

Nothing like eating a hybrid tomato that is a crossbreed between the original fruit that nature intended and say, a fish. You see, scientific progress allows a tomato to be crossed with a fish (adapt to living in cold water), to create a tomato that could withstand frost and cold.

We could make a hamburger with cloned beef, fish tomatoes and who knows what else to go along with it.

An article in the New York Times which discussed this travesty reported that it is possible that cloned meat may not be clearly labeled. In other words, we as consumers could easily lose our option of deciding whether we eat this new product or not. Already, we are un-aware when we consume food hybrids.

The U.S. currently has more strict rules on labeling the ingredients in food. Even the backs of water bottles have extensive tables of nutritional content! However, the nature and origin of the ingredients is slipping through the cracks.

What kind of world are we living in when a select few pay a higher price in order to avoid the daily consumption of chemically grown and genetically altered foods?

The movement away from unnatural alterations to food is strong in Europe and is even recognized in the developing world. African nations refuse to accept aid in the form of the threat GA strains poses for their agriculture systems. Recently, according to www.earthsave.org, the British Medical Association warned of the possibly that genetically altered food could create new allergies and antibiotic resistance.

There lies the key difference between the U.S. and in other nations. In other countries, there is a push for the actively push for some changes, consumers also are more informed. They have put pressure on both the government and industry to ensure that they consume only what they want.

Some people may want to eat this stuff and they may even make some convincing arguments for its attribution. Fine. But I know that I don't want to, and I know that should at least be given choice.

The key to such a system is the active participation of the population to push the government and industry to make changes in policy and practice. Let's follow the example set before us and push for some changes. We don't make a strong argument to convince the government and industry, we don't make a strong argument for its attribute.

For tomorrow.

By the way, the New York Times thankfully reports that cloning meat for consumption would be too costly to merit its implementation in the near future. Let's enjoy a few last hamburgers while you can. Skip the tomatoes.
A fitting end

Agent Mikey Yu
Movie Critic

The Matrix Revolutions takes place exactly where the Matrix Reloaded left off, twenty-four hours before the destruction of Zion. Everyone probably knows the story of the previous Matrix films, so if you haven’t seen them...then why did you even watch this movie, much less read my review?

In Revolutions, Neo (Keanu Reeves) must find a way to save the city of the humans from the impending attack of the machines. Along the way, he must deal with Smith (played wonderfully by Hugo Weaving), a computer virus that has infected and taken over the entire matrix itself. This all boils down to a final fight that will decide who will take control of the matrix.

The action scenes in Revolutions aren’t as flashy as the ones in the previous films, mainly because most of the movie takes place in the human world. True, there isn’t as much bullet time or a cool techno laced chase scene, but the action is much better. Because we are put right in the middle of the fight between humans and machines, we can sense the urgency in the scenes. There are actually living riding on the outcome of the fights, as opposed to almost all of the pointless, but cool scenes from Reloaded.

The defense of Zion is intense, people are dying left and right, the machines are destroying the city; meanwhile, we are worrying over whether or not Neo will survive his journey. What the characters are doing on-screen actually have consequences, and this makes us care. To see the fight of Zion alone is worth your $8.

The one thing that really drags down Revolutions is the overdramatic and often times cheesy dialogue. Some of the lines actually read like this:

Trinity: Six hours ago, I was ready to give my life for you. Do you know what has changed in the last six hours?

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Hail King James

By Jesus Hernandez
Guest Writer

Nike’s most important creation since the Air Jordans (two decades ago) will be hitting stores late next month. These shoes won’t carry the name King James, but rather the Air Zoom Generation—since the company is looking forward to the new generation led by their newest and youngest endorser, Lebron James.

James cost the company $90 million for a seven-year deal which is believed to be the most given as an initial endorsement contract.

The inspirational design for Lebron’s initial signature shoe comes from his Silver Hummer H2, his interest in military life, and from his Tim’s (Timberland Boots) that he loves to wear.

The holes for the laces look like the door handles from an H2, as well as the Nike logo on the side of the shoe is the font style of H2. The Air Zoom Generation also has the rugged look of Timberland boots, which gives them their boxy look.

Reactions to the Air Zoom Generation have differed from person to person.

Graduate student Alicia Lowery said, “I think it’s ugly and needs to have more curve to it; it looks like a brick.”

Senior Jaquie Roger said, “It’s quite trendy and not as bulky like your typical basketball shoe.”

The Air Zoom Generation release date has been set for Dec. 20, and will cost $110, which will make them a hot item for the Christmas season. Junior Alex Lupon said, “It’s got the swoosh so I know why it costs $110 and its endorsed by a really good player.”

Junior Brandon Anthony said, “Other students would dish out the money for them, but I wouldn’t pay $110 for those shoes.”

Nike is hoping that Lebron James’ shoes can rival the popularity of Jordan’s signature shoes, which have been a staple in the urban market, as well as a hit on the court.

Sophomore Matt Zahodne said, “I think in the long run [James’] signature shoes will rival Jordan’s because he is the next Jordan.”

Junior Clint Edmiston said, “They’ll probably rival Jordan’s as he gets better.”

Freshman Will Stevenson said, "They could possibly rival Jordan’s, but Jordan’s are hard to top, they have a deep legacy.”

Will Lebron James’ shoe line topple Jordan’s in the long run? Who knows; but as of now he’s in King Jordan’s court and he’s only a jester.
G-Unit releases its debut album

By Mikey Vu
Movie Critic

G-Unit’s Beg for Mercy is their first major record release. It comes with major hype with tracks produced by the likes of Eminem and Dr. Dre. G-Unit is made up of platinum artist 50 Cent as leader, metaphor spitter Lloyd Banks, and former Cash Money Millionaire star Young Buck. Lyrical, it is Lloyd Banks that consistently brings the most to the table with stand out verses on the single “Stunt 101” and “Wanna Get to Know You”. 50 Cent is always good but with the success of his first label CD Get Rich or Die Tryin’, it sets the standard very high for his verses on Beg For Mercy. With such good parts on mix-tape tracks like “Realist Niggas ft. Eminem and B.I.G” it’s a wonder why he didn’t spend as much time making his own group’s CD just as hot. When 50 comes out on the first track “G-Unit,” I laughed out loud. His verse is extremely awkward and his rhyme scheme is out right stupid; Lil’ Romeo could have written a better 16 bars. The only thing that really saves the first track is the chorus, which is sung by the G-Unit girls. I know that everyone wants to know what the best tracks on this CD are so they can run to their computer and download them. Well, the stand out tracks that you should bump as you drive down the street are “Groupie Love”, “My Buddy”, “Stunt 101”, and “Betta Ask Somebody.” Any one of these songs could easily be the next single released; so don’t be surprised if you get sick of these songs in the next few months (case in point “P.I.M.P.” remix...played to death.) Since I’ve been talking about 50 Cent and Lloyd Banks on every track, you may be wondering about Young Buck. Young Buck is the real deal in this group. Not only that, he adds a very gritty street feel to G-Unit. Lloyd Banks definitely saves the first track is the chorus, which is sung by the G-Unit girls. 50 Cent? Young Buck’s gravely leader, metaphor spitting “Stunt 101” and “Wanna Get to Know You”. 50 Cent is always good but with the success of his first label CD Get Rich or Die Tryin’, it sets the standard very high for his verses on Beg For Mercy. With such good parts on mix-tape tracks like “Realist Niggas ft. Eminem and B.I.G” it’s a wonder why he didn’t spend as much time making his own group’s CD just as hot. When 50 comes out on the first track “G-Unit,” I laughed out loud. His verse is extremely awkward and his rhyme scheme is out right stupid; Lil’ Romeo could have written a better 16 bars. The only thing that really saves the first track is the chorus, which is sung by the G-Unit girls. I know that everyone wants to know what the best tracks on this CD are...
Afeni Shakur approves documentary, soundtrack

Paramount Pictures

Tupac: Resurrection, a documentary celebrating the life of Tupac "2Pac" Amaru Shakur, one of the most extraordinary hip-hop artists of our time, is being released tomorrow in selected theaters.

Shakur, whose life was cut short at the peak of his career seven years ago, continues to be influential in the hip-hop culture.

Numerous documentaries have been made following the events of his tragic murder, though this is the first ever to be authorized by Shakur's mother, Afeni Shakur. Amaru Entertainment—Afeni Shakur's production company—named for her son who was named after Tupac Amaru, (the last Incan ruler who was executed by the Spanish in 1572) in collaboration with MTV Films made the film's debut earlier this year at the Sundance Film Festival.

The documentary is told entirely through the words of the slain rapper and includes never-before-seen concert footage, private home movies and excerpts from his poetry and journals.

Along with this documentary, the Tupac: Resurrection soundtrack was released earlier this week and features never-released music from Tupac Shakur. Also featured on the album are B.I.G., Eminem and 50 Cent.

The single, "Runnin," remixed by Eminem and featuring B.I.G. already hit the air waves.

The chorus captures the irony of Shakur's feelings:

"Why am I fighting to live, If I'm just living to die
What am I trying to see, When there ain't nothing in sight
Why am I trying to give, When no one gives me a try..."
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**TOON IN PACIFIC**

STARRING: GEORGE

THIS WEEK: "AW, CRAP!"

BY: HARTWIN CERRANOVIC

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**HOW DO I ALWAYS MANAGE TO STEP IN THE DOG POOP!?**

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**HOROSCOPE**

**By Sally Nichols**

**Galaxy Guru**

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**TAURUS**

Your bull-headed tendencies might cause the best of you this week. Don't forget your troubles are supposed to be resolved, as well as your strengths. Don't keep the stress clean.

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**GEMINI**

As Jupiter is crossing overhead, don't forget to set the tone, be there at night for you. Know to frequent the week! Try to keep them on the edge if you don't want to get it about your head.

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**CANCER**

Having the sun in love with Neptune is creating some issues with your coping abilities. Remember that the end of this month is going to be fabulous and stress will be handled.

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**LIBRA**

Don't freak out just because you hear a rude comment, but you from your neighbor's house. They might have lost a bad book in a bed. It's not your fault. No, M?.

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**SCORPIO**

Now that the sun is crossing, it is the perfect off your and enjoy a book. Good health, good health, and enjoy this.

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**SAGITTARIUS**

Now that the sun is crossing, it is the perfect off your and enjoy a book. Good health, good health, and enjoy this.

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**AQUARIUS**

Ok water lovers, start drinking and do not forget your body is a temple and this season will soon be over! If you are not being careful of yourself, you are in hot water. There is someone who has been waiting to take your place in the sun that just now getting the chance. Drink, apply the red lipstick and power up! 

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Pacific Sports

Swimming

Pacific's men's and women's swim teams came up victorious against UC San Diego in the dual relay meet Friday, Nov. 7th. While the women's swim team handed UC San Diego a 222-142 defeat, the men's team added a 207-153 victory— as well.

Men's swim teams will be on the road tomorrow as they face Hawaii in another dual meet.

Women's Basketball

Pacific's women's basketball team started the 2003 season with a commanding 89-46 victory over Cal State Monterey Bay this past Fri-day night.

The Tigers ended the first half on a 14-0 run, with five different players scoring. Continuing the momentum, the Tigers took their hot shooting into the second half and jumped to a 40-point lead with over seven minutes still left to play.

The Tigers finished the night with four players in double digits, with senior forward Gillian d'Hondt leading the Tigers with 21 points and six rebounds.

Look for the Tigers tomorrow night at 5 p.m. as they host San Francisco State at the Spanos Center.

Women's Field Hockey

The 2003 season came to a close for Pacific's field hockey team as they ended the year on a positive note, defeating Davidson 3-0. Freshman Vianney Campos topped the scoring effort with her team leading 10th goal of the season. While freshman Megan Hess and senior Alexandra Fiorina also contributed goals in the Tiger's victory.

With the win the Tiger's ended their season with a final record of 9-7, which tied the program's record for most wins in a season.

Men's Golf

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Athlete of the Week

Name: Eddie Wisniewski
Year: Senior
Sport: Water polo

Wisniewski led the Tiger offense against UC Davis last weekend scoring four of the eight goals giving him a total of 64 goals on the year and 153 career goals.
Bust out the brooms, it's time for some sweeping or, at least, it was for Pacific this week. The Tigers came out firing downing UC Riverside, Cal State Fullerton, and Cal State Sacramento all at home and all in three games.

On Thursday, the women's volleyball team added another sweep to its record with a win over the UC Riverside Highlanders while Jennifer Joines added another record to her resume. Joines recorded the 30th block of her career and went on to record her 1,000th dig, 500 kills, and 500 blocks on the night.

Pacific was led by Joines in game two who finished with 18 kills and 13 digs and Molly Mordaunt who put in three aces and two kills on the night.

The Tigers are now 15-9 overall and 9-6 in the Big West. Pacific looked sharp in the match with greatly improved passing, aided by a 47-assist night for Hayley Anderson.

On Tuesday the Tigers faced a challenging opponent in Cal State Sacramento with the season drawing to a close. Sac State has long been a local rival of the Tigers and has handed the team several bad losses in the past. This however, did not happen this year as Pacific took the match in three games 30-21, 30-23, 30-23.

Trailing very early, Pacific answered with a 16-1 run to take game one, led by Joanna Rentz. Pacific scored three aces and two kills on the game. Games two and three followed their own pattern with both games becoming tight around the 20-point mark followed by a Tiger run to take the games. Pacific was led by Joines in game two who finished with 18 kills on the night; Stevie Mussie who had 9 kills and 13 digs and Molly Mordaunt who put in three critical aces.

The Tigers are now 15-9 overall and 9-6 in the Big West and coach Jayne McHugh couldn't be happier for her team. "The group of student-athletes on this team are hard working and dedicated and it is very rewarding for me to see their hard work paying off". The wins could not have come at a more crucial time for the Tigers. With the playoffs approaching, Pacific needed the wins to help move them within striking distance in the Big West Conference.

As the weather gets colder and the semester ends, most of you look forward to heading home to be with your families for the holidays. The basketball team doesn't get a winter break so we have to become our own family for the holiday season. I will be in the gym working out with my teammates as our season is now underway.

Our first game is tomorrow. It is just an exhibition game, but the team cannot wait for the feeling of playing a game against other people. We play against each other everyday in practice, and that can get old.

Last year had its ups and downs, but I learned a lot that will help me this year. We only lost two players from last year's team, plus we added seven new players that will play a big role on the team this year.

This year's team consists of 16 people who are all completely different. Players are from different cities, states, and countries. The blend of the different personalities creates a lot of good times both on and off the court. We have a lot of funny guys on the team, which leads to a lot of laughs both on and off the court. Everyone gets along really well.

I feel as we continue to grow closer off the court, we will play better together on the court. If we combine our talent, hard work, and friendships together we have the opportunity to do special things this year.

The atmosphere of an exhibition game is much better when there are students going crazy in the crowd. Get out of your dorm or apartment and go to the games. All the support is appreciated.

We will continue to practice hard in preparation for the upcoming season. I hope that students and faculty will get behind the team and attend the home games.

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Photograph by Kristen Hess
NFL week 11: QB, coach controversies

by Jebr Alfareh
Columnist

Baltimore at Miami
The Dolphins (5-4) were embarrassed by the Titans last week with a score of 31-7. Titans, Ricky Williams has been ineffective the past month, and Brian Griese made way too many mistakes at QB. Coach Dave Wanstedt is on the hot seat this week to coach his team to a win. The Ravens (5-4) are coming off a wild loss at St. Louis Sunday night, where they outgained the Rams offense 261 yards to 137 but still lost 33-22 because of turnovers. But they are still in first place in the weak AFC North, with Cincinnati right on their heels. I like the Dolphins because of the urgency to win this game at home, and the Ravens might not have starting QB Kyle Boller.—DOLPHINS

Jacksonville at Tennessee
The Jaguars (2-7) shocked the Colts last week in a comeback win, 28-23. Byron Leftwich threw or ran for a touchdown for the 7th straight game, a record start for a rookie. The Titans (7-2), meanwhile, are one of the league's best teams. They were dominant in their 31-7 win over the Dolphins, their 6th straight game scoring 30 points or more. Steve McNair has been the MVP so far this year in my opinion. No team relies on one player so much for offensive production, especially since their running game has been inconsistent. The Jags were able to pull off the upset last week, but it wont happen this week against a solid Titans team who has been on fire lately.—TITANS

Giants at Philadelphia
The Giants (4-5) were beaten by the lowly Falcons last week 27-7, who had a 7 game losing streak coming into the game. They also lost TE Jeremy Shockey for 6-8 weeks, likely the rest of the season. Fans have been calling for the firing of head coach Jim Fassel, since they were a promising team coming into the season. The Eagles (6-3) keep finding ways to win this season. They scored a touchdown in the last minute last week to beat the Packers at home. They have been outscored this season, but are only one game out of first place in the NFC East. I keep waiting for the Eagles to slip up again, and I think this is the week their luck runs out.—GIANTS

Washington at Carolina
Both of these teams pulled off big upsets last week. The Panthers (7-2) 27-24 win over Tampa Bay, sweeping them on the season. The Panthers were up early, fell behind, then scored with little over a minute left to win the game. They havn't been spectacular this season, but they have a 4-game victory in the NFC South with the tie-breaker, and are tied for the best record in the NFC. The Redskins (4-5) lead broke their 4 game losing streak by upsetting the Seahawks 27-20 in week 10. Steve Spurrier pulled out all the tricks, the final one being a lateral to WR Rod Gardner, then a pass from Gardner to RB Trung Canidate for the touchdown. It was the perfect play for the perfect situation. The Panthers have one of the best rushing offenses in the league, and I think they will pull this one out in a low scoring affair.—PANTHERS

San Diego at Denver
The Chargers (2-7) pulled off a huge upset of the Vikings last week by an amazing score of 42-28. Backup QB Doug Flutie looked like he was 21, not 41. He threw for 2 touchdowns and ran for 2 others. It's surprising that the Chargers didn't go to him earlier in the season; maybe they would still have something to play for other than pride. Drew Brees will stay on the bench and give way to much more effective and exciting Flutie. Denver (5-4) had the bye week and QB Jake Plummer should return for the first time in over a month. I like the Broncos to win this one.—BRONCOS

Green Bay at Tampa Bay
The battle of the bays is a must win for both teams. The Buccaneers (4-5) might have let their season slip away against the Panthers last week. Simeon Rice guaranteed a win for the Bucs, but couldn't hold up his end of the bargain. Now it looks highly unlikely that the Bucs will win the division, much less repeat as champions. They need this game and a win streak to improve any chance of making the playoffs.

Green Bay (4-5) is in the same situation as Tampa. They lost a game at home to the Eagles that they should have won. Now Brett Favre and the Pack need this win just as bad as the Bucs do. The team that loses this game will not make the playoffs. With that being said, this game is a tough one to call.

Based on home field alone, I am going with the...BUCS

Dallas at New England
The Cowboys (7-2) are tied with the Panthers for the best record in the NFC after a 10-6 win over the Bills last week. If you would've predicted the Cowboys and Panthers would have the best records in the NFC halfway through the season, you wouldn't have been reading the Pacific, you would be a millionaire in Vegas. Dallas has the number one ranked defense in the league, allowing only 230 yards combined. The Bengals have won more games this season than last year and only 1 game out of first place. But the Chiefs are too strong offensively, and their defense causes more turnovers than anyone else.—CHIEFS

Minnesota at Oakland
The Vikings (6-3) have lost 3 straight after starting the season 6-0. They went to San Diego expecting the Chargers to just roll over as they had done all season, but a little spark name Flutie had other ideas. Now the Vikings need to win to get back on the right track, but are still in first place in the NFC North. The Raiders (2-7) season has been a nightmare. They haven't won since week 4. Their starting QB is Rick Mirer. Their two wins have come against the Chargers and Bengals. They can start looking toward next season, and rebuilding the team.—VIKINGS

Pittsburgh at San Francisco
The Steelers (3-6) finally were able to put all the pieces together in beating the Cardinals 28-15. They will still have a hard time making the playoffs, and WR Plaxico Burress has been a disappointment. The 49ers (4-5) had the bye week and have had some QB controversy, but it looks like Jeff Garcia will be back to start.—NINERS

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Riding the Pine

By Kristen Rocho
Sports Editor

There wasn’t a better sight to see on Sunday, besides the Raiders, than the dumbfounded look on Warren Sapp’s face after they lost their promised victory over the division leader Carolina Panthers. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers came into the 2003 season leader Carolina Panthers. This was a game that Pacific should win big, and they did exactly that as the Otters won 89-46. Pacific looked impressive in its debut aggressively shooting from behind the three point line and showed good ball movement with many assists on the night for the team. CSMB kept up in the beginning and was able to hold the Tigers within four with several minutes left in the half. That was before a 14-0 Pacific run that led to a 47-point Tiger first half. Pacific scored more points in the half than Monterey would score for the game. Pacific continued their hot shooting into the second half.

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Pacific basketball cruises

By Ryon Hundley
Staff Writer

After months of waiting, hoops finally returned to Pacific. Last week both men’s and women’s basketball teams took the court at the Spanos center to open the 2003-2004 season with an exhibition. Both teams looked impressive and easily took back to back victories.

TEAMWORK: A combined effort led the Tigers to victory last weekend.

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