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Governor proposes slashes in education

ASUOP rallies students together to protest plan to cut higher education

By Amber Prochaska
Editor-in-Chief

Part of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's new budget proposal, which reroutes funds originally appropriated for the UC system, will reduce California's budget deficit by $24.8 million.

Governor Schwarzenegger's strategy to assuage the overwhelming budget crisis will also cost many students a higher education. Under the Schwarzenegger spending plan, UC and California State Universities will be losing approximately $750 million for student financial aid grants, leaving limited means for freshman applicants.

The governor has asked public institutions to divert 10 percent of freshman applicants who meet their eligibility requirements to community colleges. Fees are expected to rise anywhere from 10 to 44 percent.

State-funded financial aid would also decrease, causing private schools, such as Pacific, to reduce the amount and number of Cal Grant awards students receive annually. "There is a lot of concern on how this will impact people at Pacific," Vice President of Student Life Julie Sina said. Currently Pacific matches Cal Grant awards, paying up to $19,416 of eligible students' tuition. There are about 800 students who wouldn't be able to go to Pacific if Cal Grants were reduced and that bothers me," ASUOP Senator Chris Tredennick said. Tredennick issued a mass email to engineering students after an ASUOP Senate meeting addressing the governor's plans to cut Cal Grant funding. The email spurred a dozen responses within 24 hours and has continued to garner student reactions.

ASUOP plans to take further steps to ensure student voices are heard by developing a legislative letter-writing campaign, a petition, and possibly organizing a day of lobbying at the State Capital.

"This is really a battle that can be won if enough students express their (dis)content to their assembly," ASUOP Adviser Jason Velo said. "There is a multitude of ways students can get involved."

Further discussion will take place at the next Senate meeting on Monday at 4 p.m. in the Pine Room.

"I'm excited that ASUOP will ask students to lobby for their cause," Sina said. For more information, contact ASUOP at 946-2233.

Anderson Y flooded
Tutoring program relocated to McConchie Hall

The Pacifican

Pacific's tutoring program for elementary school children has been relocated after heavy rains flooded Anderson Y earlier this month. Between six and eight inches of water seeped into the basement through cracks in the foundation of the 70-year old building, causing damage to the furnace.

"It's flooded every year when it rains," program director of the Anderson Y Charlene Wilson said, "but usually it just clears up."

The University owns the Anderson Y building, which is located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and Knoles Way. Its insurance will cover the cost of purchasing a new furnace and sump pump for the building, Wilson said. Repairs are expected to be completed by the end of the month. Until then, the tutoring program will operate on the second floor of McConchie Hall located at 265 Stadium Drive. Around 75 Pacific students work at the Anderson Y Center as after-school tutors for elementary school children. The AYC is a non-profit organization affiliated with the YMCA, YWCA, Youth Service California, the Mentoring Collaboration and the Volunteer Council of San Joaquin.

"As a nonprofit organization we don't have the money to buy a new furnace. We're very fortunate that the University will cover the cost for a new heater," Wilson said.

FLOODED: Heavy rains during the first week of January flooded the basement of the Anderson Y Center, forcing the tutoring program to relocate. They will be working from McConchie Hall.

Photograph by Krista Hatt
Living it up in the great outdoors
Pacific Outdoor Connection offers wide range of activities

By Shane Cipris
News Editor

The Pacific Outdoor Connection, a recent addition to Campus Recreation, will be offering a wide variety of exciting outdoor activities this semester. Through the POC, which is located on the northern side of the Baun Fitness Center, students can attend outdoor trips involving activities such as kayaking, bungee-jumping, cross-country skiing, backpacking and surfing, to name just a few of the programs.

In addition, the POC offers weekend rentals of camping equipment at reasonable rates. To give an example, a six-person tent may be rented for as little as nine dollars a weekend. There is a limited amount of outdoor equipment available for rental, but fortunately most equipment may be reserved up to 30 days in advance. Outdoor equipment may be reserved and rented by any person with a valid Pacific ID card.

In the coming weeks, the POC is offering Moonlight Snowshoe on Feb. 7, Snow Hut Adventure on Feb. 15-16, and Frisbee Golf Tour on Feb 21. The POC will end the month with a Marin County Snowshoe on Feb. 7, Snowshoe on Feb. 15-16, and Frisbee Golf Tour on Feb 21. The POC will end the month with a Marin County Night Hike on Feb. 28. For the especially adventurous, the POC is organizing a summer trip to Ecuador. This particular trip is scheduled to last a week and will include horseback riding, rafting and plenty of hiking and mountaineering, culminating in climbing Mt. Cotopaxi, the tallest volcano in the Andes.

Remembering Brown vs. Board of Education
A decision that altered the United States’ deeply rooted racial hierarchy

By Eddie Richardson
Staff Writer

On May 17, 1954 the United States Supreme Court released a landmark decision regarding segregation in public schools. The case, Brown vs. Board of Education, would come to be known as one of history’s most controversial and socially progressive judicial rulings. Despite its immense importance, few Americans find it easy to comment on the historical facts or the contemporary ramifications of the case. Brown v. Board was rooted in nearly one hundred years of mental and even physical torture inflicted on Black Americans after the legal end to this country’s institutionalization of slavery.

The foundation of Brown vs. Board rests upon the 1898 Plessy vs. Ferguson ruling. In this case black plaintiffs argued that the segregation of public transportation was a violation of one’s right to equal protection under the law, as outlined in the 14th Amendment. History would come to call this the “separate but equal” ruling because the court reasoned, in a 7-1 decision, that segregation was legal as long as the facilities in question were equal. Plessy vs. Ferguson, however, impacted much more than the nation’s system of railroads. Separate but equal was applied to everything from sports fields to libraries to entire neighborhoods, and it cleared the path for a half century of Jim Crow laws that ensured the socio-economic dysfunction of the nation’s minorities.

After decades of educational, spiritual, and economic stagnation, black America made a move. The NAACP’s 1950s campaign to limit the separate but equal policy was the first step toward the complete termination of a system that had brought this country to the brink of violent revolution. By 1952 the NAACP had successfully argued for the legal end to segregation at the graduate school level. On Dec. 9, 1953 the case of Linda Brown, an elementary school student in Kansas, went before the Supreme Court. Thurgood Marshall, of the NAACP’s Legal Defense Fund, argued that forcing Linda Brown to attend an all-black school 21 blocks away from her home, bypassing an all-white school just five blocks away, was an abrogation of Miss Brown’s constitutionally guaranteed right to equal protection under the law. The NAACP’s opinion, however, the inconvenience of the added distance was not the major issue. In fact the “tangible” circumstances were much less important than the psychological effects that separate but equal had on the nation. There was no question that all over the nation, schools for black children were inferior to those for white children. Brown vs. Board was not a response to whether or not children with unequal educational facilities were being denied opportunities; of course they were. Brown vs. Board was about the effect of segregation on our nation’s hearts and minds. All groups suffer when not allowed to interact with and learn from the various cultural and ethnic groups that make up our society. The policy of separation...
Computing Safely

Spyware - snooping on you?

David Lundy
It Security Officer

Not long ago, a student complained to me that her computer was acting up a bit. I suggested she run a program that checks for spyware. She took my recommendation and told me that removing the spyware had fixed the problems for her.

Spyware is another class of program that you should protect yourself against. Spyware is software that aids in gathering information about a user without his or her knowledge. Often the information is gathered to help advertisers target advertising. Spyware is sometimes used by law enforcement to gather evidence.

Spyware can arrive through several means. One of the main methods is through file sharing software such as KaZaA. Grokster or Morpheus. These programs have been widely used to share music and other files on the Internet. But they also bring along extra baggage. Loading KaZaA, for example, can also include loading Brilliant Digital, Cydoor, Double Click, DownloadWare, New.net, PromulGate and Save Now according to PC Magazine. You are not just getting the KaZaA service. The agreement you agree to when installing KaZaA gives Brilliant Digital the right to ‘access and use the unused computing power and storage space on your computer/s and/or internet access or bandwidth for the aggregation of content and use in distributed computing.’ In other words, they have the right to sell use of your computer and disk space to others without your knowledge or permission.

Other ways spyware can arrive is via viruses or when accessing specially programmed web pages. One such program that can be loaded into your system by visiting web sites is Xupiter. Xupiter launches pop-up ads and adds bookmarks to your web browser. It sends back information to xupiter.com as well.

Another example is Gator eWallet included with Grokster (a file sharing program), the stated purpose of which is to help you fill out web forms by remembering account names, passwords and related information. But it also sends information back to the Gator web site about you, your computer and what you do online.

Your best defense against spyware is the regular use of spyware-checking software. One of the best is SpyBot. SpyBot was PC Magazine’s recommended program when they evaluated anti-spyware products last spring. It is a program we use and recommend as well. Best of all, it is free (although donations are accepted). You can download it from safer-networking.org. Run it regularly to find and remove things left on your computer from web browsing.

If you have questions about computer security or ideas you would like addressed in this column, you may email itsecurity@pacific.edu.

CORRECTION:
In the Dec. 11, 2003 issue of The Pacifican, the article “Alcohol policy pending,” incorrectly named ASUOP Vice President Jenise Hennostro as being present at the policy review meeting on Dec. 8. The names of the student representatives at that meeting were: Paul Kozina, Jenny Avon, Adam Raudsep, Sarah Bulley, Lisa Nowinski, Megan Hemmingson and Colleen Farris.

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Student media study

By Alexandra Wogner
Managing Editor

Two months after the controversial attempt by student government leaders to censor The Pacifican, a special investigative task force will begin studying the future of all student media efforts, including the Pacifican.

The committee, formed by Vice President of Student Life Julie Sina and College of the Pacific Dean Gary L. Miller, will be chaired by Dr. Michael Cheney, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Sina said Dr. Cheney will be paid $5,000.

Dr. Cheney’s task force has been asked to advise the University on how best to fund and structure the student newspaper, radio, television department, yearbook, newspaper, and literary magazine.

“What we’ve asked [Dr. Cheney] to do is help us decide how all student media should be run here at Pacific,” Sina explained in a meeting with Pacifican editors last Friday.

In that meeting, Sina emphasized that the Pacifican was in no danger of being shut down and that the University would not seek to limit the freedom of the press by changing the Pacifican’s charter.

“The University has a strong interest in keeping an independent press,” Sina said.

Sina’s reassurance that student editors and not University censors would determine the content and coverage no matter what Dr. Cheney’s task force recommends appeared to end a threat made in December by Miller to force the newspaper to submit to a prior review of its contents by a faculty or staff member in contravention of the newspaper’s charter and the way it has operated for nearly 95 years.

“The University has no interest in taking away the freedom of the press,” said Sina.

Dr. Cheney was asked by Sina to serve as chairman because of his extensive background in journalism and communication. Before becoming Provost at UIS, he was the Dean of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Drake University where he worked not only to expand the media programs, but also advised the student newspaper, The Times Delphic.

According to his resume, in addition to teaching, Dr. Cheney has also served as a commentator for ABC News and editor for CE Software, an international software development company. He also advised the student-run radio and newspaper at Rutgers University.

“I’ve had a whole range of experiences with student media. I’ve worked with those that were completely student run to those that were controlled by the faculty. My job will be to figure out what is right for Pacific. What will fit Pacific’s culture.” Dr. Cheney said during a phone interview.

“The advantage of bringing [Dr. Cheney] into the discussion is that he doesn’t come in with a preconceived agenda,” Sina explained.

The task force, comprised of 13 student and faculty members, is specifically being asked by Miller and Sina to address how student media ought to be funded and structured. However, everything is fair game for conversation, Sina said.

For several weeks the newspaper was under attack by ASUOP, which took steps in Nov. to cut the $20,000 allocated annually by university regents to support the Pacifican. Before the semester break, ASUOP officer Jennifer Avon sent a letter by electronic mail calling for the newspaper’s publication board to fire the editor-in-chief. If they are not removed, Avon stated that ASUOP president Matt Olson would take legal action against the University.

(her letter appears on the Perspectives page of this issue.)

Pacifican editor Amber Prochaska said, "We stand by our stories as factual and true."

Dr. Cheney will be at Pacific on Jan. 26-27 and Feb. 23-24. The first meeting of the task force will be next Monday, Noon-2:00 p.m. in the Hand Hall Conference Room. All meetings will be open to the public.

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rating races implied the inferiority of blacks, as though the mixing of the two groups might have some detrimental effect on the physical, mental, or social condition of white students. This sense of inferiority arguably had an irreversible negative impact on the desire of black students to succeed. Beyond feeling as though they were incapable of success, it ensured that they had nothing for which to strive. The cause of this, the Supreme Court ruled in a unanimous decision that separate educational facilities were inherently unequal. But this was not the end. Although the court agreed that segregation had to be made a thing of the past, Chief Justice Earl War-

ren was weary about a ruling that would spark violent opposition in the south. As a result the court split its ruling into two parts; the first, known as Brown I, affirmed that "separate but equal" education was a violation of constitutional rights. The second decision, Brown II, was considerably more ambiguous. The justices ordered that desegregation should commence "with all deliberate speed," and that the "vitality of these constitutional principles cannot be allowed to yield simply because of disagreement with them." Unfortunately for black students, with a stroke of the same pen, the court gave discretionary power to states and local school boards, setting no time limit for compliance. As a result, ten years after the case only nine percent of southern students were attending integrated schools. Had this pace continued, not even half of the black students in the south today would be attending integrated schools.

It is difficult to verbalize the true importance of the Brown v. Board decision. When speaking of the lack of diversity at Pacific it is easy to overlook the socio-economic barriers to education that have taken the place of legal segregation. It is our responsibility as citizens to challenge these new, less glaring barriers, just as generations before us challenged openly hateful social norms that confronted them.

Chamber Orchestra Festival
St. John’s third annual chamber orchestra festival this Sunday

By Brenda Martins
University Administrative Assistant

The west coast premiere of Requiem in Memory of Those Who have Died of AIDS is featured in the concluding concert of the St. John’s third annual chamber orchestra festival this Sunday, Jan. 25, at 5 p.m.

Gareth Valentine, a musical director/arranger/composer in Britain’s West End, has an eclectic musical background, including classical and opera, which is reflected in this compelling work. He wrote the Requiem during a time when his partner was dying of AIDS. One reviewer writes: “The sense of hope and peace at the heart of this lovely Requiem lingers long after its conclusion.” Distinguished by a continual flow of beautiful, gentle melodies, the work’s welcome air of compassion and consolation makes for a moving, life-enriching experience.”

The program begins with a J.C. Bach cello concerto performed by retired Conservatory professor Ira Lehn. Annette Johnson Hutton (Conservatory ’75) performs Howard Hanson’s “Fantasy Variations on a Theme of Youth” for piano and orchestra. The Requiem features four local soloists, including tenor El Souza (Conservatory, ’94), chorus, chamber orchestra and two pianos. Festival Musical Director George Buckbee (retired, Conservatory) conducts.

Tickets are available at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 316 N. El Dorado, 466-6916. More information may be found on the Chamber Orchestra Web site: wileysites.net. Questions and requests for tickets may also be directed to Brenda Martins (bmartins@pacific.edu).

Connections
The Pacifican

If you've visited the web site UOPness.com recently, you might have noticed a new admission statement bolded under the site's welcoming statement: "UOPness is not officially affiliated with the University of the Pacific. Content on this site does not reflect the opinions of nor speak for the University of the Pacific;" the statement reads.

Created last summer out of the minds and pockets of three Pacific students, the UOPness (UOP Network and Event Service System) is intended to give students and members of the Stockton community a place to meet up and chat about a wide range of issues. "It is always good to have a place where students can talk about classes and events that are going on," said Pacific student and UOPness administrator Derek Herboldshimer.

The University asked Herboldshimer and Spencer Frazier, the site's founder, to place the disclaimer after the parent of a potential student apparently visited UOPness.com and mistook it for the official web site of Pacific.

According to Media Relations Coordinator for the University, Lauren Hersh, it's standard practice for institutions to ask organizations that use similar names or references of their own to include disclaimers in order to prevent confusion. "We never intended for people to think we are a university site," Frazier commented, "we're just here to help the students to have a place to go." Since Frazier and Herboldshimer added a disclaimer, the site's membership has continued to grow and currently connects 350 people and around the Pacific campus. Through UOPness.com members can participate in chat room forums on issues ranging from what students think about certain professors and classes to fraternity parties. There are also useful links on the site to online encyclopedias and online trading networks. The site also sells merchandise with the UOPness logo including shirts, coffee mugs and key chains. However, any revenue gained from sales go directly to the private-venture company Cafeshops.com. Frazier and Herboldshimer have even toyed with the idea of asking businesses around Stockton to post coupons that students could print out for discounts.

"[UOPness.com] is a place where students can get together, a community for UOP. I saw a lack of community here and thought kids need a place to talk to each other about what is going on. It's pretty much a way to stay informed," Frazier said.
Phi Sigma Tau at Pacific
Philosophy Honor Society reinstated

By Suzanne Veborne
Perspectives Editor

Last spring my friend Jaime Denison and I realized that while there were many honor societies for majors such as Business or Chemistry, there was no such group for Philosophy majors. While Philosophy majors represent a minority on campus, they also represent a strong and opinionated group of people. After researching various groups, we decided to seek acceptance from an International Honor Society, Phi Sigma Tau. Headquartered at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, it has a network of chapters in over 140 states throughout the United States and Canada. It publishes a refereed undergraduate journal called Dialogue and it accepts submissions for review from undergraduate and graduate students. With the motto of “Philounton Sophia Time,” which means “Honor Those Who Love Wisdom,” we felt that this would be the perfect haven for philosophy majors and anyone interested in philosophy. Phi Sigma Tau was founded in 1930 and University of the Pacific was actually one of the first California chapters back in the 1950’s but was removed due to inactivity. We are delighted to have been approved as an active chapter again and look forward to rigorous philosophical discourse and activity with its reinstatement. Our chapter’s advisor is Philosophy Department Chair Dr. Lou Matz. For further information and meeting times, please e-mail me at absolutzitropa@yahoo.com.

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Social Justice:

Social Justice Community leader Dustin Winkel during the club's first meeting last Thursday. See Perspectives section for a detailed account of Pacific's first social justice club.
**Schwarzenegger sucks money out of the education system**

By Sarah Schuppisser
Copy Editor

“My relationship to power and authority is that I’m all for it. People need somebody to watch over them. Ninety-five percent of the people in the world need to be told what to do and how to behave.”

Isn’t it wonderful that California has such an articulate and intelligent leader? Now, before images of a pretentious college student start swirling around in your brain, I would like to make something perfectly clear. I understand that the mere fact Gov. Schwarzenegger was a ridiculously violent movie star does not necessitate his political ineptitude. However, as it turns out, he is, if not inept, then certainly unqualified for the post and an irritating presence for those of us who are trying to cling to our dignity in a country run by a bumbling, ill-equipped president and an arguably less capable governor.

Now, though my stomach turned at the thought of the Predator’s star leading the seventh largest economy in the world, I was prepared to withhold my scathing judgments until he actually did something which merited such a reaction. It certainly didn’t take long. Schwarzenegger’s new budget proposal—which, by the way, is nothing spectacularly new or inventive and thus could have been proposed by the incompetent Gov. Davis, preventing the millions of wasted dollars spent to oust him two years early—is, as was expected, lacking in proposed taxes and full of spending cuts. Spending cuts you say? Fantastic! Perhaps we can get rid of the frivolous expenditures made by our wasteful state, such as education, health care, and payments to local governments.

The problem with a budget deficit is that someone has to suffer in order to correct the problem. Unfathomable to me, however, are the groups the governor deems worthy of suffering and which (rich) groups he seeks to protect. While I would argue his goals to reform the workers compensation laws, which have made maintaining a small business in California extremely difficult, are admirable, the meat of his proposal is worrisome.

Through propositions, California has become a state with limited ‘movable’ budgetary funds. Proposition 98, for example, mandates a certain percentage of the budget to be reserved for educational spending, yet the governor’s new deal with an ‘education coalition’ including the California Teachers Association, Parent-Teachers Association, California School Boards Association, California Association of School Business Officials, Association of California School Administrators, and California County Superintendents Educational Services Association has suspended the provisions outlined in the proposition.

While he has eked out the approval of educators for this $2 billion decrease in funds in return for the governor’s “promise” to return levels back to normal in the next fiscal year, he would be hard-pressed to find a significant percentage of students who find his proposal even slightly beneficial. Who suffers when education funds are cut? It certainly isn’t the wealthy who can afford to pay high tuition rates for their college-age children and private school for the younger ones. Middle and lower income families who can barely swing college tuition as it stands will not only suffer because of the decreased state funds available to them personally, but will also be less likely to obtain entry to these colleges which will be forced to cut the number of freshmen admitted to their institutions.

One might ask what possible alternatives we have when faced with a multi-billion dollar deficit. The answer is not clear-cut, but it is less complicated than one might believe. Oftentimes, people and politicians overlook the fact that if we want to maintain basic services, such as schools, minimal health care, or any type of social welfare program, we must have taxes to pay for them. While California is highly taxed, it is certainly not the most taxed state (per capita) as many Republicans would claim. We don’t like the extra money taken out of our pockets, but amazingly enough, we are willing to enjoy the fruits the taxes produce. I believe the governor needs to have his priorities seriously realigned. When looking to expendable items, education and health care should not be the first on the list, they should be the last.

**Unforgettable weekend spent at Sierra**

By Jeff Swartz
Perspectives Co-editor

After one week of class, I was ready for a vacation again. Thankfully I was fortunate enough to escape the “delights” of Stockton for a weekend full of skiing in Tahoe. While growing up in the suburbs of L.A., I never really got the chance nor did I have the interest to pursue anything like skiing or snowboarding. My background and interests were designed around the beach rather than the mountains. It wasn’t until my first year in college during my spring break that I really acquired the desire to follow the practice of skiing. I spent the week at a friend’s house in Washington mastering the art of skiing. It had been a little less than a year since I had last hit the slopes and as we drove away from campus, and I realized that the weekend could be much more challenging than I had first expected. What if I lost all the basic skills that my friend taught me a little less than a year ago? What if I made a complete fool of myself in front of everyone at the resort? I set my mind on other sights to keep me from overanalyzing my fears and my worst expectations. Driving the curved roads of the 88 all the way to Tahoe in the pitch-black darkness, with only the stark whiteness of the snow along the highway resembling something like what it would be like to drive on the moon. Once we reached our humble cabin for the weekend and after a long night of rest, we started the day early, hitting the slopes around 8:00 a.m. Being the only skier in a group of mostly brand new snowboarders, I felt somewhat out of the loop but my pretensions were soon eroded as we reached the top of the mountain. The sun never seemed so bright, and the snow sparkled as if on cue when glanced upon. At last the mountain was mine again as I made some sweet cuts down the run with my friends. I didn’t want the day to end; I wanted to ski forever. I realized on that first morning that it doesn’t matter how bad or how good of a skier you might be. It is the practice of engaging in a magnificent craft such as skiing or snowboarding that brings friends together and eliminates one’s judgment of oneself and others. It didn’t matter to my friends if I fell over four or five times each time we tried a new run. We all just wanted to have a good time and get our minds off the daunting tasks of the new semester.

As for my friends who had tried snowboarding for the first time last weekend, it was evident that after two full days of learning new tricks and nearly killing themselves over and over again, they no longer belonged on the bunny runs. It was with great satisfaction that we all came down the mountain like pros.
Letters to the Editor

Dear members of The Pacifican Publication Board,

This semester I have not been proud of what The Pacifican has been publishing. I feel it has been representing the voice of the editors not the voice of the students. The Pacifican Publication Board needs to hold the editors responsible for their actions.

There have been a plethora of errors and various facts that were printed. In the November 13 issue the story, “Student government to sensor [sic.] Pacifican,” was printed and then on November 20 the story, “Attempted censorship turns ugly,” was written. Both of these front page stories and many more have boasted blatant dishonesty.

On November 21, 2003 Amber Prochaska and Matt Olson both received letters from Dr. Julie Sina, VP for Student Life and Dr. Gary Miller, Dean of COP. This letter did not “order” the Matt Olson-led student government to “cease” its investigation of this newspaper, as stated by Alex Wagner, in the December 4, 2003 issue of The Pacifican, article entitled “Pacifican: Olson and publica, public.”

This letter actually states, “We have considerable respect for both The Pacifican and ASUOP. Since The Pacifican is a responsibility of the Communication Department of the College and ASUOP is the responsibility of the Division of Student Life we have concluded that the appropriate course of action is to convene a special commission to address the issues of funding and accountability that have been raised...In this letter we are requesting that all activities to review the funding of The Pacifican cease and that The Pacifican respond in kind.”

December 11, 2003
To the editors of the Pacifican:

First of all, I would just like to request that you print this article in your next issue. Since I know many people who have written letters to your paper have not had them printed. I just want to be sure that the campus knows what they have to say in order to have their voice heard in this newspaper that is “serving the University of the Pacific community” (thepacifican.com).

I must say I am severely disappointed in the recent articles that you have published. By calling Matt Olson out of the crowd of people running student government at the university, you have made things personal. Instead of being upset with ASUOP as a whole, you have made this whole “censorship” non-issue a personal attack directed solely at Matt Olson. I am appalled by the lack of ethics displayed in the Pacifican every Thursday.

Now, to set things straight, regarding the way student government is run here at Pacific: yes, Matt Olson is the President of ASUOP. He, however, does not have voting rights during Senate meetings. Therefore, although Matt does author the resolution passed by the Senate, which revoked in their approval of the Pacifican’s charter, he in no way contributed to the passing of the resolution. In fact, I do believe that the Senate has already sent you a letter informing you of these facts.

Also, for clarification’s sake, Jennifer Hone, has run all of the Senate meetings, with the President Pro Tempore (Binh Dao) running the meetings in her absence. As you can see, Matt Olson plays no significant role in Senate meetings other than to provide an executive report. I would encourage you to research such matters before printing articles stating “facts” such as these.

I would also like to address the allegations put forth in your paper stating that “Olson’s government suddenly revoked the newspaper charter” (The Pacifican, 93 no. 13). The truth is ASUOP does not have the power to revoke The Pacifican’s charter. Senate Resolution 2003-2004: 02, Relating to The Pacifican Charter, explicitly states that “the Associated Students withdraws its approval of the Pacifican Publication Board Charter.”

Nowhere in the resolution does it state that ASUOP is even attempting to revoke the charter. It should also be indicated that this Senate resolution was passed...See OLSON pg 9


My Dear Republican Friends-

Thanks for coming out of the closet. Let me be the first to welcome you into the all-embracing light of day. Good for you.

I am surprised at your reading of the locality as one not conducive to the pursuit of conservative values. As you said yourself, 70% of students who are registered to vote on this campus are registered Republicans. I dare say that figure likely reflects the demographic of the city of Stockton itself and doesn't even take into account the vast, uncounted members of the Aryan Brotherhood who are likely to outnumber the flaps of the conservative tent. You have us surrounded.

Then let me take a moment to disabuse you of your notions regarding the origins of the Democratic and Republican parties. The Democratic Republicans were the party of Jefferson early in the 19th century. The split between the two was generated primarily by disagreements over tariffs imposed on imported goods: northern, industrial, soon-to-be Republicans, yea; southern, agricultural, slave owning, soon-to-be Democrats, nay. This divergence of opinion, culminating in the Civil War, was ostensibly and historically recognized as a violent referendum on slavery. It was also the imposition of Northern (Republican) industrial control over the material rich, agrarian Southern Democrats. Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, was a rock ribbed, bleeding heart Republican. And you think McCain is an odd duck.

Etymologically, you err as well. Check your Websters. Democrat comes from the Greek, demos, people and kratos, strength. The word republican traces its roots to the Latin; res as institution and publica, public. Republicanism does not ascribe to universal suffrage (one individual, one vote) choosing instead a more oligarchic structure stressing rule by speaking, land holding, white men, like himself. In theory, if Democrats promote a government by and for the people, Republicans see a government run by, and for, wealth, white guys. In theory. Spending money foolishly is endemic to both parties. As is corruption, hypocrisy, pandering, philandering, greed, and the general associated fatheadness that comes from thinking one is much more gifted than the facts...See REPUBLICAN pg 9
Social Justice WEEKLY

Social Justice Club At Pacific
By Suzanne Vbhorney
Perspectives Editor

On Jan. 15, 2004, I had the privilege of attending the second official meeting of the Social Justice Collaborative. Headed up by Social Justice Coordinator Dustin Winkel and under the guidance of Chaplain Joy Preisser. While Chaplain Joy has long had a student representative who would seek out social justice groups to keep abreast of their events and offer resources and support, a club where all groups could come together and combine their efforts and resources has sorely been lacking and desperately needed.

Winkel opened the meeting with the declaration that the purpose of this community gathering was to work collaboratively with groups on campus who promote social awareness. There was representation from a large variety of groups on campus including the African-American Student Union, the Anderson Y Center, Circle K, the Jacoby Student Center, Orange Army, Pacific Christian Alliance, Pacific Democrats, the Pride Alliance, Rotaract, Students for Environmental Action, Thetas Chi and the Tibetan Alliance. The goals and initiatives of the Social Justice Collaborative were discussed and all clubs agreed that through community cooperation, they could reduce the sorts of problems experienced by all groups, mainly a lack of resources, participation, and publicity.

To this problem, Winkel said “this campus is unfortunately plagued with apathy and there is not a lot of action. Hopefully this will help with that.” The meeting attendees agreed that larger activities were needed to promote social awareness. Further, the purpose of the Social Justice Collaborative would be to meet the needs of the students more comprehensively, arguably in a way that individual clubs, due to their small size, could not.

In order to meet the challenges all groups have faced, an agenda was set which included enhanced recruiting efforts both informally and formally by collaborating at events such as activity fairs, and sharing resources including publicity materials and meeting spaces. In order to address the problem of viability, continuity and corporate memory, the Chaplain’s office will record and document the accomplishments of all social justice groups thus far. Upcoming events and ways to cooperate on future events were also discussed and a comprehensive calendar of social justice events was laid out.

For Pacific students participation in the Social Justice Collaborative is an exciting and revolutionary opportunity to be a part of a group that will combine resources and talent to impact a meaningful and important change. This change will meet the needs of all types of Pacific Students. If you are interested in more information about the Social Justice Collaborative, feel free to call the Anderson Y Center and ask for a brochure or email socialjustice@pacific.edu. If you would like to attend future meetings, they are held the third Thursday of every month in the basement of John Ballantine Residence Hall; we are looking forward to your attendance.

Letters to the Editor

If you would like to voice your opinion about any of the articles or issues printed in this newspaper, email a letter to:

pacificaneditors@pacific.edu

All letters must be self-edited and signed.
One thing I would like to address is the obvious bias in your newspaper. I'm not talking about the Perspectives section of the paper, but rather the front page. This is not an appropriate place for biased, opinion pieces, but rather the place to present undisputable fact. The recent articles printed about ASUOP should therefore never have been published on the front page, seeing as how there was a very obvious slant in every article. How can you expect to eliminate the bias and emotion from articles written about yourself and "the extraordinary context" of the recent news? The only way you can provide students with unbiased, factual articles regarding these recent events is to have outside journalists present the information.

I would like to close this letter by addressing one last lie presented in your paper, specifically, when it is stated that the actions taken by ASUOP "could force the Pacifican to cease publishing for the first time since 1908." I would advise your editors, writers, and advisor to know your own history, yet another "blat from the past." It is clearly stated on your website (http://www.thepacifican.com) that A dark period arose in Pacifican history during the spring of 1976. The Pacifican published a false story regarding a prostitution ring operating from a sorority house. The publication of the Pacifican was suspended through the fall of 1976, not resolving until spring 1977. This is a mistake that must serve as a warning and not be forgotten by future generations of Pacifican staff.

The current editors seem to have forgotten this portion of the Pacifican's history. By now, I hope they realize that libelous statements are unacceptable in this university community.

Sincerely,
Kevin Olson

PS. I would really like to see intramurals covered in the sports section of your paper, since so many students participate in them.

Samuel Scott Behnam

This bud is for you

So have you seen those new beer commercials where a song is sung and beer is drank? Ok confused, well I am talking about the shopping cart collector, or to you, the guy with the wig. Well here is to you, the people who keep our school clean. The other day, I saw a woman vacuuming the hallways of Jessie B. and I thought to myself 'oh what a wonderful life.' But on the real: if you honestly look around, our school is kept up very well. The grass is always cut, the hallways are clean, and even the campus police do a good job keeping our campus safe. I can't hate on the "5-0" considering they are always good to me. Every time I run into an employee of this place of higher education and have seen big happy smiles, brightening my day. We should be thankful for our clean classrooms, trimmed trees, and leafless sidewalks. This bud is for all those who keep our computers connected, our showers clean, and our parking lot safe. When I lock my keys in my car who do I call? We truly have to appreciate the fact that our campus is beautiful. I, like everyone else, am a critic and believe my $35,000 had better produce something memorable. The people who go unappreciated for their daily work need to understand 'this one is for you,' and they all deserve Dad's $35 Gs, even if they get screwd in pay (we should riot for raises for the people we barely notice). So to all those who keep our school intact, I drink to you.

With all this said, the thing I like most about our school are the employees with their warm hellos that feel as good as hot chocolate with Bailey's on a cold Wisconsin night.

The Pacifican

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unanimously by every member of the ASUOP Senate, except for one member who was absent for that meeting. And contrary to what you would have your readers believe, these senators operate under free will.

Another issue that needs to be set straight is regarding the letter sent to Amber Prochaska and Matt Olson from Gary Miller and Julie Sna. Not only was ASUOP asked (not ordered, as is stated in the paper) to cease investigation of the Pacifican, but The Pacifican itself was asked to show restraint in its publications. This, obviously, was not the case.

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Finally, I believe that your editors and advisor should be more thoroughly reading through the paper, identifying blatant errors and correcting them. I recall several issues ago, when a certain article was printed twice in the same issue. Also, the severe misquoting that has been evident in nearly every article printed about ASUOP the past few weeks needs to be addressed. Breaches in the code of ethics you are supposed to be following are unacceptable and prevent the newspaper from establishing any inkling of credibility.

LW.

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I am advising that the publication board take immediate action in the forms of removal of the current editor-in-chief and directing the paper to print a full and complete retraction, authored by Alex Wagner. Both of these options are fully within the power of the publication board and is the only way it can see the integrity of the paper being preserved and the impeding law suit curbed.

Sincerely,
Jenny Avon, ASUOP Representative

* Ms. Avon's request for a retraction was taken into consideration; however, a retraction will not be printed. After the Editors and Advisors of The Pacifican reviewed the articles mentioned in Ms. Avon's letter, no false information or cases of libel were found.

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Allow.

Here's an idea. Drop the blindinges of ideology and define for yourself what constitutes a free, honest and just society. Extend that concept to the entire world, that is, others should not be subjugated or impoverished as the price of your freedom. Think of what you want from your environment and how you think it should be paid for. Again, think what you want, the rest of the world is entitled to. Think of how much compassion and provision you'd want to extend to those less fortunate than yourself. Think about the world twenty years from now and one hundred years from now. Put all these thoughts in order and follow the leaders that address them as you would want them addressed.

And please advise me as to the time of your next meeting. I'd love to attend.

Most Sincerely,
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Clearing up the myths

By Mara Title
College Republicans

“A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself,” Roosevelt proclaimed. “Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people.”

Theodore Roosevelt

For those of you who aren’t aware, the College Republicans club is back at Pacific. It was reinstated last semester, and continues to grow stronger with more students showing their support. We have had guest speakers who are working for local congressmen come and talk to us about why they love their jobs. They relish the opportunity to speak to students who are interested in getting involved because they are passionate about politics and how it shapes the community we live in.

If you have already determined that you don’t hold conservative values because you care about the environment and you do not consider yourself a person driven by greed, then you haven’t truly determined that you don’t hold conservative ideals. Believe it or not, most conservatives appreciate the environment, and are not driven by greed.

Let’s take former President and Republican Theodore Roosevelt, for example. He was the nation’s first conservative president, establishing the first national park at Crater Lake, Oregon, as well as four more: Wind Cave National Park, SD; Sully’s Hill, ND; Platt National Park, OK; and Mesa Verde National Park, CO.

He founded 51 wildlife refuges, passed the Antiquities Act (which led to the creation of 18 national monuments), and established the National Park Service. Overall, he protected nearly 230 million acres of national land. Did I forget to mention that he was a republican?

This idea that Republicans are eager to cause devastation to the environment is simply not true. “What about drilling for oil? Don’t you realize that animals are at risk of extinction?” In his book Let Freedom Ring, radio personality and TV host, Sean Hannity, describes that technology has become so advanced that we are not tapping into, keeping us dependent on other countries. In regard to wildlife, he says that technology has become much more advanced in significantly reducing the risk of possible oil leaks. He also mentions that in Alaska, an overwhelming majority of townspeople near the possible drilling site want the United States to utilize its own oil, rather than having to obtain it from the Middle East. They understand that the actual risks involved have been significantly blown out of proportion by the media and by extreme environmentalists, who are not only against the idea of drilling in Alaska, but anywhere in this country.

Because we still drive gasoline-powered vehicles (not to mention its other important uses), we need oil. It is not about greed; it’s about being practical. If the world still depends on oil, why isn’t it a good idea to continue spending billions and billions of dollars purchasing it from the Middle East, when we have it here in the U.S.? Although we’re currently researching and developing solar-powered technology, we are far from eliminating oil usage altogether. Until then, oil remains the exclusive energy source we depend upon.

Referring back to Theodore Roosevelt, and opposing the liberal idea that conservatives opt for war first in any time of conflict, he won the Nobel Peace Prize for his role as mediator during the Russo-Japanese War in 1906. Conservatives are not against peaceful means to end disagreement. It’s only when peaceful means aren’t effective that they realize the need for physical force.

So let Theodore Roosevelt be an example for what conservatism truly represents. We do care about the environment; we do care about keeping peace whenever possible. Do not let the media be the spokesperson for conservative ideals, because you will only get a biased standpoint.

Omega Phi Alpha goes national

By Brian Neighbors
Member of Omega Phi Alpha

The men of Omega Phi Alpha are proud to announce their re-affiliation with the national fraternity Delta Upsilon. We reached this decision along with the full support of our Alumni Corporation Board. Delta Upsilon International’s Board of Directors made the official decision on Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, when they voted to bring Omega Phi Alpha into the Delta Upsilon family as the Pacific Omega Phi Alpha Colony of Delta Upsilon. Omega Phi Alpha will become the Pacific Omega Phi Alpha Chapter of Delta Upsilon this coming April, making it the fastest colonization period in the history of fraternities at Pacific. Omega Phi Alpha set the trend among Pacific’s local fraternities by initially affiliating with Delta Upsilon in 1959. In 1972, this affiliation ended as the men of Omega Phi Alpha considered being local the most advantageous arrangement at the time. This disaffiliation occurred with no ill will from either side, and many of Delta Upsilon’s traditions continued to enrich Omega Phi Alpha as a local fraternity. Founded at the University of the Pacific in 1921, Omega Phi Alpha has made many contributions to Pacific’s history and to the Pacific community. We are very enthusiastic that this re-affiliation will be stronger than ever and allow us to continue our extensive and rich history at Pacific.
DOWNTOWN: The new 16-plex City Centre Cinema is the latest modification made by the city in an effort to revive downtown Stockton. Other plans include the renovation of the Fox and Royal Theatres.
The "G" Spot

UGG-ly, yet comfy boots, "shaky" music lyrics

By Georgette Rodarakis
Lifestyles Editor

THAT'S BOOTY!

UGG boots, a traditional Australian sheepskin boot, have been seen on some of the biggest names in Hollywood such as Kate Hudson and J.Lo. These shoes were in high demand this past holiday season which has sparked other shoe companies to jump on the bandwagon, manufacturing their own style of the Australian boot.

Many argue that these boots are less than fashionable, yet they all agree that they are comfortable. And isn't comfort what it's all about ladies and gents? Finally a shoe that is totally unique and ready for any rugged adventure you may find yourself in!

These boots are a lot healthier for your feet too. They can help fight the harsh, freezing weather conditions of Stockton. Also, there is no stiletto heel, just a good sturdy shoe made to walk on nearly any terrain.

These boots have been seen paired up with everything from short mini skirts to being tucked under a pair of slacks. However you wear them, they are sure to catch someone's attention (whether the reaction is a positive or negative one is something that is debatable just like every fashion trend).

Traditionally these boots come in sand or chestnut color but designers such as Steve Madden have produced more feminine colored boots in pink. One pair of these boots are normally about $125 retail, but because of the short supply and high demand they have been seen offered on eBay for up to $500.

While I find these boots to be UGG-ly, I do admire those who do choose to wear them with confidence. That's exactly what good fashion sense is all about.

SHAKE IT!

Shake it like a Polaroid picture! Or are we supposed to shake it like a salt shaker? How about I just shake my milkshake, because it's better than yours? Well, however you choose to shake it these are many of the latest catch phrases and hooks that you will hear in many of the hottest tracks.

Just when you think there isn't any other way to speak your own body, we discover yet another technique, thanks to the creative music Gods. Well, I have to admit while these songs may not be all the boys to the yard, it's difficult to pick up on her following statement about "...maintain[ing] your halo!" You can be sexy while sticking to your good ethics. But so long as these songs keep inspiring you to keep your tail-feather shakin', I don't believe anyone (at least not any man) will complain.
Speculation on Grammy winners, nominees
Lil’ Kim receives Best Rap performance nomination for “Magic Stick”

By Mikey Vu
Movie Critic

Grammies: quite possibly the most prestigious award in any type of media outlet, the quintessential best of the best, and the only award left with any prestige or meaning behind it. I’m just messing with you.

In the last ten years or so, the Grammies have become a mockery of what good music is. They have been given out freely to anyone and everyone who has ever recorded a song, no talent needed. Did anyone honestly think last year that Avril Lavigne’s album was so good that it merited five nominations?

Any over zero nominations would have been overkill.

In case you people don’t exactly know what I’m talking about, some of the nominees for this year include: Fountains of Wayne for Best New Artist, Justin Timberlake for Best Album of the year, and Lil’ Kim’s “Magic Stick” for Best Rap performance.

Fountains of Wayne for best new artist? How many one hit wonders do you know with a Grammy? Let’s keep it that way. Just seeing the words Justin Timberlake and Grammy in the same sentence seems grammatically incorrect, if not morally. When will people understand? An album like Justified is candy music, high on entertainment, low on content. How come Elliot Smith only ever got one nomination? Thankfully the White Stripes got nominated for something, otherwise I would have thrown a hissy fit over The Strokes not getting any nods at all.

This finally brings me to Lil’ Kim’s nomination for “Magic Stick”, an anomaly of sorts that can be filed away under the section labeled “what the f*ck?” For those of you completely unfamiliar with the song, we are treated to such mind numbingly retarded lyrics like “I got the magic clit, If I get licked once, I can get licked twice...”

First off, no one will lick your clit Lil’ Kim because you are a skank ass ho. Second of all, how come rappers with actual talent don’t get any nominations? Nas? Jedi Mind Tricks? Aesop Rock? Hopefully someone will please take note and acknowledge those who have earned it.

Over the years, the Grammies have just become another award show, an excuse to give credit to people who most likely don’t even deserve the hunk of metal they’re receiving. But looking back at everything, I really shouldn’t be surprised at the state of music and the Grammies these days. I should have known the Grammies were a joke when Milli Vanilli received one (Editor’s Note: I am ashamed to say I actually own their CD).

Mario Kart: Double Dash scores points

By Mikey Vu
Movie Critic

Aside from watching loads of movies and listening to a plethora of music, I also play a lot of video games. With school in the way however, I hadn’t had anytime to play any video games. That is until the fateful day my friend brought over his Gamecube with a certain game called Mario Kart: Double Dash.

On the outside, this game looks like another sweet title from Nintendo; it has all the same cute characters ranging from Mario to Baby Bowser, colorful backgrounds, and silly weapons like colored spiked shells. But don’t let this soft exterior fool you, oh no, for deep inside lurks something dark...and sinister. For over a week this game took control of my life, an addiction I couldn’t fight.

The gameplay is somewhat upgraded from the Nintendo 64 version. The notable changes? There are now two players per cart, one person to drive, and the other to shoot just like in real life.

There are some changes in the weapons too; each character has their own unique special. For example, Bowser throws huge shells and Donkey Kong drops huge bananas. The levels are extremely lush with complicated courses, a total of sixteen racing courses and six battle courses.

Many of you may remember the helpful boosts from the N64 version, but in Double Dash, they are a necessity. As you progress through the game, you will have a hard time catching up to the computer if you don’t master the corner boosts. The controls are so simple that one of my friends, an Indonesian foreign exchange student, could pick it up and play in a matter of seconds.

One of the fun features about the game is that when you play with two players, while one of the players drive, you can push anyone else on the course off with shoves from player 2. Mario Kart: Double Dash is a fun game if you really get into it, but the main complaint about this game is that it has no real replay value. Once you play through and unlock all the hidden characters and carts, there isn’t really anything left to do. Granted, I was indeed hooked to this game like a heroin addict, but the only cure short of an intervention was actually beating the game.

My Grade: B+
Roxy's Revelations

Dear Roxy,
I get hives on my chest when I get nervous. What should I do?
Help Me

Dear Help Me,
Not having experienced hives first-hand, I researched your dilemma on the Internet. I was able to find a number of testimonials from people with the same problem as you. Many of them chose to pursue hypnosis in an attempt to control their nerve-caused outbreaks, and found it very beneficial. Maybe hypnosis could work for you too. It may not completely cure your problem, but it just might teach you ways to suppress your outbreaks, and relax in the event that one occurs. Good luck.
-Roxy

Dear Roxy,
I have a problem. My problem is that every time I sit down to read another wonderful edition of The Pacifican all I see is false information and complaints about ASUOP. It is very disappointing! What should I do? I want to read a real school newspaper.
Love, Chuck

Chuck,
Unfortunately, no matter what newspaper you read you are bound to find instances where the credibility of a writer's words is questionable. If false information has been passed on to Pacifican readers, I'm pretty sure it was not done intentionally. Perhaps it was a problem of limited resources concerning the topic at hand.

As for the continual complaints about ASUOP, this could be due to a lack of interesting current events. I have a feeling that this predicament will be over shortly. If, however, you continue to find similar material repeatedly present ed in the Pacifican, you can do one of two things. First, you can write a letter to the editor stating the falsehoods and complaints that you have come across in the Pacifican. This will hopefully make staff writers aware of the importance of sound and accurate statements in their editorials.

If the first method is not adequate in sparking change, you could write for the Pacifican. We are always looking for writers. Even if there is not a staff position open, we gladly accept written pieces from other students on campus.
-Roxy

Drop off your questions and concerns in Revelation cans located in South/West and Grace Covell lobbies, the library, and the dining hall. You can also contact Roxy via email at roxsrevelations@aol.com.

By William Grove
Guest Writer

Who said it does not pay to be a Pacific student? For those of you thinking it doesn't, think again. All registered Pacific students who have paid their ASUOP fee are eligible for the ASUOP student discount program. This deal is a promotional discount program in conjunction with local businesses to students to receive money-saving offers.

All students need is their ID card with a current ASUOP sticker on it (which are available to students in the ASUOP office located 2nd floor McCaffrey Center). The businesses involved are:

Dining-
*The Creamery ($1.00 off any meal for all students. Limit one per customer. Not valid with any other promotions or to-go orders.)
*Vinzencos (10% storewide discount)
*Guidis (5% storewide discount; 10% off pizzas, sandwiches, and salads; Buy one large pizza and receive a pitcher of soda free; Monday and Thursday night any style pizza $10 and $2 pitcher soda)

Automotive-
*Fit Shop: Lube and Tune (15% storewide discount; Plus Oil Changes at $24.99 plus tax and waste fee ($3 off regular price); $10 off smog inspection)
*SpeeDee Oil Changes and Tune Up (15% discount on Oil Change, Tune-Ups, Smogs, Transmission Finishers/Services, and Coolant Flushes), Performance Auto and Marine Services (15% off all labor on all)
*Firestone (10% storewide discount; 15% off wheel alignments; Lube, Oil, and Filter $19.99 (most cars), Cherokee Smog and Repair (20% storewide discount)
*Steven's Auto Service (10% Storewide discount)
*Midas Auto Service Center (10% student storewide discount)

Storage and miscellaneous-
*Space Station Mini Storage (15% off any rental for the first months)
*Big E Self Storage (Buy one and get one free on 10 X 10 Storage, 10 X 15 Storage Units, 10 X 20 Storage Units; Pay one month and get one free, pay for two months and get two free, pay for three months and get three months free; free locks will be provided with all new rentals)
*Carter's Pet Mart (15% off grooming full service, 15% off all pet supplies, No discount on live animals, No discount on pet food or cat litter, excludes sale items)
*Manju's Satin Touch (10% storewide discount; 15% discount on all skin treatments, facials, name brand hair products, and gift items from our catalog; Buy one Ahari Skin Care Products and get one free)

by William Grove

"Who said it does not pay to be a Pacific student?" Chuck, it does! It pays for things from the Creamery to Carter's Pet Mart! For more information about the ASUOP student discount program, call Christina Bluck, ASUOP Campus Affairs Commissioner at the ASUOP Office @ 946-2233.
much on your plate. Re-evaluate your options and make sure you can handle it all. Remember that you don't tend to follow through if you feel overwhemed.

Taurus
Ever thought of culinary school? Obviously not if you go to Pacific anyway, make a meal for your roommate. You'd be surprised with the creations you can make in a microwave.

Gemini
Hurry up and decide which classes you're going to stick with, the deadline is right around the corner.

Cancer
Procrastination is one crabby trait that all you crustaceans share. Remember to go and buy a calender from the bookstore and budget your time so that you get your work done.

Leo
Try to get on the good side of your professors. But remember, don't overdo it. Your fellow classmates and even your professors don't always appreciate a brown-noser.

Virgo
Don't let people take advantage of your sympathetic nature. Don't spread yourself too thin, or you may find yourself bitter.

Libra
Slow down tiger! Don't wear yourself out too early, you have a whole semester to go.

Scorpio
Try not to be so critical of your friends. Don't let your emotions guide your judgments so much.

Sagittarius
Hey drama king/queen! Try showing your true colors and don't worry so much about what other people are going to think.

Capricorn
Your laid back style is appealing to many people. If you are thinking about getting a job, now is the time. Your future employer will be lucky to have you.
The Pacifican

Men's Tennis

The Pacific men's tennis team opens their spring dual match season at Washington on Friday, Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. Pacific sophomores Lennart Maack and Arnar Sigurds­son each received West Region singles rankings in the 2004 Intercollegiate Tennis Association preseason poll. Maack was ranked No. 25 in the region, while Sigurds­son was selected No. 26. As a whole, the team was ranked No. 70.

Men's Volleyball

Last Sunday, the Pacific men's volleyball team lost at home to No. 2 UCLA, falling to a 1-5 on the season and 0-2 in MPSF play.

In the first game junior Nils Dauburs' game-high five kills allowed the Tigers to capture the game, 30-27.

Game two ended with a quick 30-11 Bruins victory.

The Tigers dropped game three, 30-19.

Freshman Mitch Hazelette produced 14 assists on 15 kills for the Tigers; however, that was not enough to beat the Bruins in game four falling 30-27, UCLA.

Men's volleyball will play at Long Beach State tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Key players: juniors Nils Dauburs led Pacific with 14 kills and Mike Gavrilik produced 24 assists.

Women's Basketball

Last weekend, the Pacific women's basketball team marked the 15th straight home conference win for the Tigers improving to a 7-8 overall and a perfect 6-0 in the Big West as they defeated the Idaho Vandals, 74-73.

The inside and outside offense was impressive in the first half as Pacific opened the game on a 13-3 run by hitting their first five of six shots from the court, including six points from senior Andrea Nederostek.

The Tigers were ahead the entire game until the closing seconds when Idaho began to chip away at the lead, scoring 12 points in the remaining three minutes of the game.

The Tigers will be on the road today as they face Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo tonight at 7 p.m.

GET UP: Senior Alicia Smith gets the upper hand in the opening tip off against Utah State.

Key players: Senior Andrea Nederostek with a career-high 24 points and a season-high 12 rebounds, senior Corinne Womp and freshman Jessica Brantley both scored 12 points each.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team will begin their 2004 season on Friday, Jan. 30 at Arizona State.

Women's Softball

The women's softball team will begin their season on the weekend of Friday, Feb. 6 at the Baylor Invitational.

Women's Water Polo

The women's water polo team will begin their season on Thursday, Feb. 5 against Hawaii.

Men's baseball

The men's baseball team will begin their season on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Pacific Invitational.

Photograph by Kristen Hess
College Rankings

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Thoughts of the Week

By Arash Behnam
Staff Writer

With a 7-0 record, the suspension of their best defensive player, and their only preseason all conference player on the shelf, the Pacific women's basketball team showed character with the victory over Idaho and proved their undefeated conference record is no fluke.

The way the women's basketball team is playing, with a healthy Gillian d'Hondt and hopefully the reinstatement of Jasmine Ewing, the Lady Tigers have the potential to get into the big dance and C-walk to the sweet sixteen.

The men's basketball team can play D but needs to be able to improve on their 2 for 22 shooting in the first half to be able to beat teams with credibility and do their own C walking in March.

From hero to goat, the Payton Manning playoffs?

Patriot's cornerback Ty Law had as many catches as Colts star receiver Marvin Harrison.

Two feel good teams in the big game; congrats to the Patriots and Panthers.

Two unlikely heroes for the Panthers; Deshuan Foster and Ricky Manning Jr., teammates at UCLA.

Pete Rose should be ashamed of himself, but still deserves to be in the hall of fame based on his performance on the field.

Former Pacific coach Greg Robinson announced his resignation. Robinson was the defensive coordinator of the Kansas City Chiefs.

From Louisiana-Lafayette, undrafted and unable to crack the starting lineup while playing in the world league, Carolina Panther quarterback Jack Delhomme is worth rooting for.

Pacific softball has been picked to finish fourth in its conference in the coaches poll.

Congrats to the baseball team, picked to finish last by the coaches poll.

College football needs a playoff system. Have the BCS rank the top eight teams and have those teams play playoff games at major bowl stadiums.

Besides Tom Brady who are these Patriots anyway?

Pacific Rugby faces its first test of the season traveling to powerhouse Cal State Maritime.

Games of the week

Today

Men's Volleyball @ San Diego
Women's Basketball @ Cal Poly
Men's Basketball vs. Cal Poly

Saturday

Women's Basketball @ UCSB
Men's Basketball vs. UCSB

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Player Christian Maraker has to establish himself and has the potential to be one of the best post players in the Big West. Maraker needs to be involved in the offense and get plenty of touches. The same could be said about French import Guillaume Yango who also plays the post. Athletic and a talented rebounder, Yango was averaging 11.8 points a game. He has shown great hops with breath taking finishes that would make ESPN proud. Junior Jasko Korajkic needs to give productive minutes off the bench. The European connection will be key in the success of the Tigers. Post players Tyler Newton and Matt Kemper give the Tigers much needed depth off the bench. Newton has been very productive with his minutes. David Doubley is leading the team in assists and will see heavy minutes as long as he continues to play well. Doubley can run the point as well as play shooting guard and needs to feed the big men inside. The Tigers at times use a three-guard set. Senior guards Myree Bowden and Tom Cockle bring leadership to a team that has lots of fresh faces. Bowden is a spark plug with quick feet and Cockle can flat-out shoot. The Tigers have the tools to do some serious damage and snatch away a ticket to March madness, but it will depend on how quickly Pacific comes together and adjusts to one another’s playing styles.

4. U.C Irvine Anteaters

The Anteaters are led by preseason Big West All-Conference pick senior Adam Parada. The seven-foot center averaged 10.3 ppg and 6.0 rpg. Expect those numbers to improve this year. The sophomore guard tandem of Jeff Gloger and Mike Efekweha is young but solid and can definitely score. Gloger set a UCI single-season record with 75 steals last year.

Forward Stanislav Zuzak averaged 12.6 ppg last year and adds another weapon to a potent offense. Sophomore Ross Scrader adds electricity to the bench. The Anteaters are not very deep but have four very dangerous players who can carry the team to the promised land.

5. Cal Poly Mustangs

Cal Poly will rely heavily on senior Christian Maraker has established himself as one of the best swingmen in the west. Junior Morton is averaging 13.3 ppg. Senior guard Kevin Butler has been a surprise offensively with his 12.3 ppg. Sophomore forward Matt Benson has been giving Riverside quality minutes. Riverside has no inside presence, and it will cost them. With no post game The Highlanders will be in the lower half of the league. With that said, the Highlanders do have three players that can put a team on their back and make a run. I would not want to face Riverside in the conference tournament.

6. U.C Riverside Highlanders

The Highlanders have two of the best players in the Big West on their roster. Preseason all conference picks Nate Carter and Vili Morton.

Only a sophomore, Carter has averaged 12.3 ppg last year and adds another weapon to a potent offense. Sophomore Ross Scrader adds electricity to the bench. The Anteaters are not very deep but have four very dangerous players who can carry the team to the promised land. 

9. Cal State Northridge

Northridge's Ian Boylan has not played to the hype this year. A preseason all conference pick, Boylan is averaging only 12.2 ppg. On the other hand, Junior forward Chris Davis has picked up the slack averaging 14.4 ppg. Freshmen center Thomas Shewake has been the real deal giving much needed help in the post. The Matadors have the potential to win some games but need to play unselfishly, something they have struggled with all year.

10. Long Beach 49ers

Long Beach needs to rebuild and rebuild now. The only player worth noting is Senior forward Kevin Roberts. Even a rich past won't help The Beach this year.
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Men’s b-ball hits 5-1 record

By Jesus Hernandez
Staff Writer

A heroic three-pointer by senior Tom Cockle gave Pacific men’s basketball a narrow 63-62 victory at Idaho this past Saturday.

The win pushes the Tigers record to 10-7 overall as they approach the top of the conference standings with a 5-1 record.

Pacific set the tone early and dominated the tempo for most of the first half, ending the period with an 11-point lead.

The second half was a different story as Idaho mounted a comeback to erase the lead and go up 58-57 with 4:24 left to play.

The tug-of-war battle took up the final four minutes until Cockle buried the hearts of Idaho and its fans with his second three-pointer of the night giving Pacific a 63-62 victory.

Senior guard Miah Davis said, “The game was very exciting and heart trembling.”

Sophomore Christian Maraker and senior Cockle lead the Tigers in scoring, with 12 points each.

David Doubley contributed substantially as well with 10 points and 5 assists, and Guillaume Vango offered a helping hand with his 10 points and 9 rebounds.

The Tigers, with their 5-1 record in conference play, seem to be warming up.

Junior forward/center Matt Kemper said, “The team is building a lot of confidence with each win we get in league play.”

Pacific men’s basketball will be hosting Cal Poly tonight at 7 p.m. at the Alex Spanos Center.

Tigers could see a top finish in Big West

By Arash Scott-Bohnann
Staff Writer

This could be the year of the Tiger. The Pacific men’s basketball team has showed early promise and has the tools to make a serious run but will have to get through some stiff competition. Last years conference champs UCSB bring back four starters and tournament champs Utah State return with three. Cal Poly is solid on both ends of the floor and UC Irvine is ready to make some noise.

Don’t count out Riverside or Northridge who could be sleepers this year. In the end the Aggies of Utah will come out on top.

1. Utah State Aggies

Senior point guard Mark Brown ranks seventh in all time assists for the Aggies with 149. Brown has a chance to break that record this year. As one of the top point guards in conference last year, this season promises to be no different. Senior Cardell Butler looks to pick up were he left off last year. Center Mike Ahmad has the capability of producing a double-double every night and is very dangerous in the post. Ahmad, although unproven, will be given a chance to showcase what he can do. Underclassmen Nate Harris will join Ahmad in the post. Harris was voted to the all-big west freshmen team last year. Junior Jason Williams and Senior Chad Evans will share minutes at the small forward position. The Aggies have good chemistry and work well with each other staying within coach Stew Morrill’s system. They have the potential to do major dancing in March.

2. UCSB Gauchos.

Santa Barbara brings 2002-03 Big West Player of the Year Senior Brandon Fulllove back to their squad. Fulllove averaged 14.6 points per game as a junior and made 53 three-pointers. Fulllove earned Honorable Mention All-American by the Associated Press. The Gauchos also bring back Defensive Player of the Year, point guard Jacoby Atako. Atako and Fulllove, both seniors, pair for the best backcourt in the Big West and will be hard to stop. Forward Bray Skultety entered the 2002-03 season ready to contribute heavily after a promising junior season. An injury cost Skultety last year and after a medical red shirt Skultety is ready. Transfer sophomore Cameron Goettsche brings more size to the post. The Gauchos are talented and have a deep bench. It will take a mighty big effort to dethrone the regular season champs.

3. Pacific Tigers.

Ok a little home cooking, but who needs polls anyway (see college football)? Both coaches and media polls have the Tigers ranked in the lower half but maybe they forgot about a guard named Miah Davis. Davis’ intensity is rubbing off on everyone from teammates to fans and needs to get the rock inside. Sophomore post

Swimmers slip up

By Jomoi Corona-Flowers
Guest Writer

The Pacific Men’s and Women’s Swim Teams showed incredible enthusiasm as they approached a head to head competition with another prestigious university.

Despite slipping to the Cardinals, talented coaching and willing athletes gave the Pacific Swim Team the edge needed to excel in the Big West division.

A group of talented juniors and seniors; Robin Errecart, Shannon Catalano, Kris Willey and Lyndsay McNamee placed high in the 200 SC Meter Freestyle Relay with a time of 1:46 at the Stanford Swim Meet January 10-11th. The Pacific Men’s Team was determined and aggressive in an effort to prevent the Bakersfield Swim Team from grabbing the event and running.

The strong and focused performances by Pacific teammates Matt Mills, Jonathan Russell, and Steve Chiaro brought confidence to their fellow teammates.

In the individual 500 yard freestyle competition Edmund Herlihy ranked 2nd with a recorded time of 4:47.

Both teams will compete in a meet against UC Santa Barbara on the 31st of January.

Athlete of the Week

Name: Andrea Nederostek
Year: Senior
Sport: Women’s Basketball

Senior forward Andrea Nederostek had a career-high of 24 points as the Pacific Tigers defeated the Idaho Vandals, 74-73, last weekend.

Swimmers slip up