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Pacific Fraternity receives prestigious award

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The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity was recently awarded its second consecutive Robert Adger Smythe Award at the Pi Kappa Alpha International Convention in Palm Springs, California.

This is an honor for which the local fraternity is extremely proud to receive. The Smythe Award is the highest honor a Pi Kappa Alpha chapter can receive from the national organization and this year was only bestowed upon the top three percent of the chapters.

Pi Kappa Alpha is an international, social fraternity with over 200 chapters throughout the United States and Canada. The fraternity was chartered on the Pacific campus in 1996.

Accomplishments that qualify Pi Kappa Alpha chapter for the Smythe Award were the cumulative house grade point average of 2.99, a highly effective rush program, and their chapter size of 97 men. It was also noted that Pi Kappa Alpha members at Pacific won overall intramural athletics and were named the fraternity of the year.

Along with their many achievements on campus and in the classroom, the fraternity has made considerable contributions to their community. Each year the fraternity sponsors and runs "Hit of Reality," a fundraiser for the San Joaquin County Food Bank. During this event, the entire fraternity goes home­less for 50 hours while living in the McCaffrey Center.

Each dollar raised by the fraternity is equivalent to 15 dollars in food for the local food bank.

"It was the best feeling in the world, finally all the hard work paid off," remarked Blake Blackwell, Pacific Pi Kappa Alpha member who represented the fraternity at the convention in Palm Springs.

Benjamin Starr said, "We have worked extremely hard over the last six years and are honored to have our accomplishments recognized."

Pacific brews up a new on-campus alcohol policy

BY NICOLETTE DEGUIA
Staff Writer

Several changes occurred over the summer here at Pacif­ic, such as the new food service Bon Appetit, new apartments, and the clock tower on south campus. Most important to note is that several school policies have been revamped and are currently in effect. The one to take note of immediately is Pacific’s reformed alcohol policy. Students have expressed numerous concerns over alleged changes.

"I don’t feel that the changes in the alcohol policy will have the desired effect," said sophomore Jennifer Tay. "Cutting down on weekend parties will not make students drink less, students will just get better at hiding it."

However, it may surprise students to find out exactly how the rules have changed. Public Safety’s role in policy enforcement has actually remained constant. They are mainly concerned with keeping students safe and upholding the law; however, campus police are also bound to a set of regulations. Under most circumstances, an officer may not enter a room without being invited in. In regards to student privacy, Public Safety may not use a key to enter a room without the resident’s consent and they may not search a room for illegal activity.

Underage drinking has always been and will always be considered illegal by Pacific. In the past however, administration has held the position that if you are an underage drinker and you are behind closed doors, no harm no foul. Now that is not the case.

Administration has now adopted the mantra of “do not break the law.” It does not matter where underage drinking takes place, it will still be considered illegal. Pacific’s alcohol policy reads, "If you are under 21, you may not possess, serve or consume alcohol at any time on-campus or imme­diately adjacent to the campus."

If you are 21 or older, you have more leeway. You may consume alcohol in your room with the door closed, providing you are not distributing alcohol to minors or hiding a keg in your closet. Kegs and other bulk containers holding alcohol are not permitted in or around residential communities.

Last but not least, regardless of your age, you may not be drunk in public and you may not have an open container in any public area. Even if you are over the legal drinking age, you can be cited for an open container or being drunk and disorderly.

The same rules apply to minors, but instead of a mere citation for carrying alcohol, you are considered guilty of a mis­demeanor.

Kerry KruegerDevine, Director of Judicial Affairs and Community Service, is optimistic about the freshened perspective. "College is all about assum­ing more responsibility. We at Pacific desire and deserve an environment that is safe, friendly, and fun. I welcome any comments or suggestions that students may have on this issue and any other."

On that note, if any student would like to become involved in the judicial system here at Pacific, the opportunity is available. Contact the Office of Judicial Affairs and Community Service at 946-2365.
The Center for Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE), under the leadership of Assistant Provost Dr. Barbara Shaw, provides an education to over 300 nontraditional adult re-entry students.

An adult re-entry student is a student that is over the age of 25 and returning to college. CPCE also offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Behavior to adult re-entry students.

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Della Richardson, Adult Student Coordinator of CPCE, said, “The program is designed for students that have earned between 60-70 college units.” An Associates Degree is not required for admission, which is designed for working adults. The Organizational Behavior Evening Degree Program began as a four-year pilot program at Pacific in the Fall of 1999, where the first five students graduated in May of 2001.

Richardson said she believes the program will become a “full academic degree program at Pacific” in the future. The program is 18 months in duration and classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Richardson said four of the first five graduates from the program were members of Alpha Sigma Lambda, Pacific’s national honor society for adult re-entry students. Alpha Sigma Lambda recognizes the top ten percent of graduating adult re-entry seniors at Pacific.

Richardson said “Pacific’s re-entry program should be chosen” because of the small classes and the personalized attention if the professors provide to students.

Richardson said the skills learned in organizational behavior are applicable to any industry because it is a “people management” program. The program includes courses in sociology, psychology, communications, business and computer science.

Amanda Ramos, a 27 year-old senior in the program, is also a single mother of two children and works full-time at Kaiser Member Services in Stockton.

Ramos said, “[The most useful thing I have learned] was being able to apply the concepts that I have learned at Pacific to my current job.”

Kim McCormick, also a senior in the program, and an employee at Pacific’s Wellness Resource Center, said “The information [we learn] is so relevant to our work environment.”

Richardson said that the three main issues confronted by adult re-entry students are money, childcare and parking.

Richardson is hoping to help with the childcare issue as a member of the Pacific Childcare Committee. This is the second year that the committee has been working on pre-kindergarten care for students at Pacific. The committee hopes to find funding for a childcare center by applying for state and federal grants.

For more information, contact Della Richardson at 946-2424.

Identity theft: growing problem in today’s society

By Adrena Benjamin
A&E Editor

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the United States, security experts say.

It happens in the brief moment of afterglow at a favorite restaurant, when the waiter takes your bill and credit card and heads to the cash register. In just two minutes, according to insurance fraud expert, Leslie Kim, your name, credit and maybe more can be taken away.

Kim, who publishes an insurance fraud newsletter known as the John Cooke Report in Southern California, says, “Identity theft is the fastest growing fraud problem in the U.S. And it is certainly not only insurance companies that are affected. But it is difficult, if not impossible, to protect people against it.”

Once a thief has your identity, the possibilities for the thief to profit are endless.

The purchasing of airline tickets, cell phones, cars, and even the ability to strip the equity of homes are all possible. These thieves prey on every angle of someone else’s identity.

The New York Times reported last May that there are thieves who, “Locate houses in the metropolitan Detroit area that are owned free and clear by elderly people, assume the identity of the owner and strip the equity out of the houses without the true owner’s knowledge or consent.”

In a recent case of a stolen identity, a television station in Houston, Texas reported that a thief used a college student’s name and social security number, and with an altered address purchased three cell phones and ran up an $8600 phone tab. College students are especially vulnerable, security experts say, because their college identification number is often the same as their social security number.

Identity theft happens in Stockton and can definitely happen on the Pacific campus, according to Stockton Forgery Detective, Paul Solomon. “Mail theft is the most common way to perpetuate identity theft,” said Solomon, “It is the easiest form and with one stolen credit card bill, you have a credit card number and a checking account number.”

With a checking account number, thieves can create valid computerized checks, he later explains.

Most of the time, mail thieves are never caught, and will continue to cash fraudulent checks until the victim is forced to cancel their account. The same is often true with credit card thieves. There is no easy systematic way to catch identity thieves. But, what happens to people after their identities have been stolen? Does this mean there is also no way to restore their credit and faith that this will not happen again?

Elaine Carey, Senior Vice President for Control Risks Group LLC, explains that the most common approach taken by the police after an identity theft is to set up “sting” operations. After collecting the credit reports from the stolen identities, officials will look for “patterns” in the purchases. If they are lucky and can possibly predict the thief’s next retail center, they will go into the store and start working with the sales personnel to try and catch the criminal when he or she makes another charge.

Credit card companies are usually stuck with the bill after an identity is stolen, but, Carey, “they have started to fight back hard.” How much is the cost to society? Between 500,000 and 700,000 cases are reported each year, the most frequent involve using other people’s credit card numbers. The New York Times reported.

American Express, for example, has gone as far as to demand that stores show proof their charged sales were legal before they will reimburse them. This means that more and more stores are demanding photo identification and checking signatures before accepting a payment by credit card.

Insurance companies are also burdened by the consequences of identity fraud. They, too, have started to advise their customers on how to prevent identity theft from occurring. Some insurance companies even offer coverage on most homeowner’s policies specifically designed to protect against this crime. Kim estimates that the benefit is around $1000.

While there is no way to completely erase oneself as a target for identity theft, there are some cautionary steps everyone can take. According to Kim, the best way to minimize the danger of identity fraud is to, “shred all mail [especially credit card offers]. Deposit all mail into a regular mailbox [do not raise the red flag on your outdoor box]. Never give out your social security number for jobs, students of today have the advantage where anyone can sit in the convenience of their own chair, scrolling through job listings on the Internet. Most students feel that their program will give them a better chance of not finding out about career events, but also looking for the job they want.

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The online literary magazine, The Tiger Paw will release its first issue for the fall semester on September 19. The Tiger Paw was first published in spring of 2002, under Editor-in-Chief Jessica Wakefield and advisor Dr. Keith Hilton. Though an extension of The Pacifican, The Tiger Paw is completely unique; anyone can enter his or her own literary work. For example, submissions could include things such as photography, poetry and short stories.

Each month the Tiger Paw will be published with a new theme. Wakefield and Hilton will award the best submissions with souvenirs from the Society of Collegiate Journalists. "It's hard to see true artists [in The Pacifican]," Wakefield admits, but with the help of Tiger Paw every student has the chance to show off their skills, no matter what their major.

The Tiger Paw is looking for new writers from every department, as well as graphic designers. Wakefield is receptive to ideas on the format. "I would really love suggestions and help," said Wakefield. Because Wakefield is graduating this December, she is also looking for someone who can take The Tiger Paw over after she leaves.

"The Tiger Paw is something different for Pacific," says Wakefield. Here students are allowed to write with more freedom and there is no limit in length.

Four issues will be published this semester. The theme for the September 19 issue will focus on all aspects of campus life, however entries are limited to Hilton's communication students. October's issues will be open to all Pacific students with a Halloween theme. "The Tiger Paw is a great way to get more out of the paper," said Wakefield. This magazine is intended to be a pipeline for students into the expressions of art happening on the Pacific campus.

"Year two should be even more impressive and eye-popping that year one," said Hilton.

If you would like to submit your literary work, or would like more information regarding The Tiger Paw, you can contact Wakefield and Hilton at UOP_tigerpaw@hotmail.com. You can access The Tiger Paw, simply go to www.3.uop.edu.

Media's reaction to the terror, and their mixed views

By Tyler Martin
Staff Writer

"Overall the media has done a fine job on the coverage, but considering how much is going, I think they could provide a little more insight," said Marcus Steele, a senior at University of the Pacific. After the attacks of September 11th the media has played a huge role in keeping us all updated on our current situation in the war against terror. As we approach 9/11/02, our analysis of the past years media effect is important so we are able to get what we deserve as the American public out of the media.

A year after the attacks we look back on how well the media has kept us up to date with the war on terror, monitored the intense showings of the two towers falling, and how most people did not want their children to watch the terror over and over again. There were two students interviewed on campus, the main focus was to get their feelings on the media's reaction to the September 11th attacks last year.

For the most part Marcus felt that the media has done a solid job on warning the people of the United States of further terrorist attacks. He feels that the media could have better information on the terrorists but they have done a good job of keeping people aware of any future problems. "The media would like everyone to initially develop a bad idea about our enemies, but they do not give us enough information so we can learn more about the terrorists and their lifestyles," said Marcus.

Needless to say Marcus wants more out of the media, he looks at the media as if they are obligated to produce more efficient and comprehensible news to the American people. When asking Marcus about the raw footage of the two towers crumbling to the ground, he reacted with concern of the children across the nation. He does not think that the footage of the attack should be shown on 9/11/02 to reenact the pain and suffering of 01. "For adults I don't think that the footage is too graphic, but for children it could be too much, the media needs to hold back on the past and instead show the tribute and love for our country," said Marcus. The second student interviewed was Kristen Cortini, a junior at UOP.

She felt that the media was too overwhelming during the first couple of months after the attacks. "9/11 was on every channel and every talk show, it was too much," said Kristen. Kristen feels that the media should focus more on what America has learned from it, and what positive has come from it. She does not agree with all of the negative vibes that came from the media post 11. While asking Kristen about the information put out by the media, she felt it was too obscure. "I don't even understand how to pronounce Al Qaeda correctly, and I still do not know much about them or that Bin Laden guy," said Kristen.
Construction underway at UOP

BY ANNE FUGLEI
Staff Writer

Pacific's Board of Regents has authorized 41 million dollars of additional investment in student and academic facilities.

Several projects will be completed. The William Knox Holt Memorial Library, the computer center, the Eberhardt School of Business and Baun Fitness Center will be expanded, a new Pacific Humanities Center, a new Monagan Hall and a new university student center will be built and residential facilities will be renovated.

"It is in the initial fundraising stage and will hopefully be underway soon," said Rick Morat, the assistant vice president of student life.

The renovation is said to total 25 million dollars.

The new Student Center will provide a meeting place for Pacific's student organizations. The facility will contain a 9,000 square foot event venue with the 37,500 square feet of services and program space, which will accommodate up to 1,000 people.

The Event Center will host lectures, concerts, dances, entertainment events, conventions and exhibitions. The center will also provide a mail center and an outdoor campus plaza creating the central pedestrian intersection of campus and home to outdoor concerts.

The Baun Fitness Center will undergo "a fairly significant expansion," said Jennifer Sexton, Director of BFC.

A new climbing wall will greet members at the front entrance of the building. There will be an outdoor rental center for recreational trips and personal interests. Outdoor trips such as rafting and skiing "help to utilize what we have so close by," said Sexton.

This will rent out items such as tents, stoves and any other articles necessary for trips. The floor space for cardio machines will be doubled and showers in the locker rooms will be installed.

Hand Hall, Burns Tower, Knoll's Hall and various residential halls were renovated over the summer.

Carpets and walls were replaced in Hand Hall. Previously, Hand Hall was home to The Pacifican, KPAC and the communication department; however with the new changes it has become an office facility, home to student life, alumni, the advancement division, marketing and the career and internship center.

Burn's Tower will soon be the Center for Professional and Continuing Education.

Media Relations Director, Trent Allen said, "The university is actively pursuing these capital improvements to further enhance the student centered learning experience that we offer."

The first floor of Knoles Hall has been repainted, as well as reorganized. The Admissions Office, Registrars Office and the Office of Financial Aid now have one central desk for the receptionist and more seating in the waiting area itself.

Theta Chi expands

BY GEORGETTE RODARAKIS
Assistant News Editor

 Theta Chi is a national men's fraternity with over 6,000 members nationwide and alumni, such as Film Producer and Director Steven Spielberg. Theta Chi wants to establish another chapter and has set their eyes on Pacific.

Theta Chi was founded by cousins Frederick Freeman and Arthur Chase in 1956 at the University of Norwich, located in Norwich, Vermont. Since then, it has expanded nationally and even into Canada.

One of the first chapters of the west coast was at the University of California, Berkeley. Other neighboring chapters are located at University of California, Davis, Stanislaus, Chico and Fresno State.

Expansion Coordinator Brian Rinker, said Theta Chi has the support of Pacific's administration, as well as various clubs around campus.

In support, various clubs have posted the Theta Chi letters on banners in the McCaffrey Center and on Pacific's Rock.

Theta Chi is looking for, "Leaders, academically-minded and well-rounded students, who can better Pacific and their community," said Rinker.

The Theta Chi recruits would like to break the stereotypical "drunk-frat-boy" image and replace it with a "respected" and responsible icon. They are encouraging all years, including seniors, to join.

Theta Chi has a strict anti-hazing policy. They absolutely condone alcohol. They encourage community involvement outside of fraternity life and require all members to maintain at least a 2.8 grade point average.

Rinker said, "Joining [Theta Chi] is your chance to be a founding-father [and a great opportunity to] leave your footprint in the sand."

For more information on Theta Chi, contact Brian Rinker at brian@thetachi.org or call 932-2809.
The Day to Remember, September 11th

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September 11th 2001, the day we will never forget. A year later we all look back together to remember and to heal. I know, some day, years from now I will be asked by my grandchildren what it was like on that day. I also know that the memory will be dim from all the years’ in-between, so to not forget I wrote...

There was the shock. We are America! No one can attack us. There was the helplessness, I wanted to help so much but there was nothing I could do. To donate blood there were lines around the block, a six-hour wait to donate. Everyone wanted to help. All you could do was sit and watch the reports on TV. We waited for answers.

The media supplied us with everything they could. The cell phone calls from the passengers on the planes were on the news. That was the first time I cried. A husband telling his wife that he knew that he was going to die and saying that he wanted his children to know that he loved them. Those poor children, they will never hug their dad again.

The news showed news clips of people jumping out of the windows, I would see a person jump and think that was a mom, girlfriend, or wife. It was so final; their lives were over. Who can decide that they have the right to take a life? I cannot believe that there is that much evil. I am glad that their souls will spend eternity in hell.

To see the gift of life taken away from so many made me appreciate mine. It made me appreciate the rain, the cold, and even the dreadful dorm food.

More information flooded our TV sets. With this news we found someone to blame the Taliban and Bin Laden. With the blame came the hate and with that came the lack of understanding. Americans lashed out at Muslim Americans. They were crushed by these hate crimes. We were all Americans no matter our race, color, or religion. I loved it. Unity, and patriotism were "in" like bell-bottoms were in the '60s.

Bin Laden set out to show America that we were not invincible and that we could be hurt. He also showed us that we could survive. September 11th brought us closer together and it created a pride that was immeasurable. The attack was cowardly and in the end we were stronger.

Saying I am an American after September 11th now holds so much more value. We showed pride by the stickers and flags on our cars, by the flags flying from our houses, by the massive amounts of donations. For the month of September you could not buy a flag, they were sold out. I loved the feeling of pride and love for our country. Freedom had a whole new meaning. There was so much more respect.

Time went by, and we attacked them. I do not know if we killed Bin Laden. I do not know if bombing was our answer. It hurts to know that we were killing others while at ground zero we were digging out our own. Was death really the answer? But we had to be strong. You cannot just attack America and get away with it! We needed justice. I hope we killed him. It would be nice to know for sure. I want the satisfaction. I wonder, am I a bad person for feeling reassured by the thought that there is a hell for people like Bin Laden.

I have developed a new outlook on life after this; I try to live each day to the fullest and enjoy each and every emotion I feel. Maybe I will enjoy tomorrow enough for two people, that way I will make up for one of those who died.

One day I will go see a movie about 9/11, kind of like Pearl Harbor but unlike that movie, watching this movie will take me back to a time when I was nineteen. A time when I learned about the power of hate, pride, strength, courage, death, evil, but most of all about the power of love.

College is what you want to make of it

BY BEN SCHOETTGEN
Opinion Editor

First off I would like to welcome everyone back to Pacific. I hope everyone had as great of a summer as I did, and everyone is glad to be back. For those of us who are returning to the school there is not a whole lot of new things to expect. However there are a few new faces on campus and I would like to take this time to speak to those of you who have just joined us here.

I have been here for two and a half years now and if there is one thing I would pass on this is it. College is what you make of it. Yes there is lots of work to do that create many late nights and early mornings, and if this is all you focus on you may wind up hating the time that you spend here.

However, college is not all about the studying and the homework and the classes. Do not get me wrong, all of these things are important, but this is a period of your life that you are going to reflect on forever. For many of you this is the first time you are truly free to do what ever you want. So go out and do it. Join a club, go greek, play intramurals, go dancing, take trips, or play a sport.

There are so many possibilities and there will probably never be another time in your life when you are a free as you are now. So for your own sake take this opportunity to do everything you have always wanted to do and more.

The other important idea to remember as you spend time here is that we are a
A True Patriot, the definition of what really is a hero

BY ALEXANDRA WAGNER
A&E Editor

It seems that after September 11th, teachers, parents, and education officials believe it is necessary to remind the nation’s youth what it means to be a hero.

So what does it mean? Are we heroes because we have emptied our piggy banks and donated our hard earned money to charities in the aftermath of the nation’s greatest tragedy? Is that all a hero does?

Perhaps we are heroes because we drape ourselves in the American flag and paste bumper stickers on our Ford Explorers that say, “God Bless America.”

Certainly only heroes have the courage to be so patriotic. Maybe we need better definitions for the words “hero” and “patriot,” because it seems that many Americans, including our President, have forgotten what they truly mean.

To be a patriot means to stand up for democracy because that is the ideal that makes this country great. However, being patriotic does not necessarily make one a hero. Heroes, in this situation, are those like the Egyptian academic and political leader, Saad Eddin Ibrahim.

Ibrahim was arrested and thrown into an Egyptian prison for “tarnishing Egypt’s reputation.” Known as a supporter of human rights, Ibrahim was educating the public about democracy before the country’s upcoming elections. To Egyptian officials, Ibrahim is a troublemaker, but to those of us with democratic ideals, he should be considered nothing less than a hero.

Americans are living with a skewed sense of patriotism. Even our beloved President George W. Bush, does not seem to fully grasp its meaning. If he did, he would have not sacrificed the values of our democracy by abiding to the Saudi Arabian President’s demand to dismiss all female traffic controllers when flying into Texas last summer. A true patriot upholds the fundamental principles of democracy no matter the circumstances.

After the tragic attacks on our country faced a year ago, it is no wonder that many of us felt angry and motivated to act out against countries and groups of people that take for granted the greatness of our country. At the height of our suffering we wanted to do something to help. We wanted to be heroes.

We will not become heroes, however, simply by waving flags. We must do more. To be true patriots and supporters of human freedom, we must make sacrifices. Pasting a bumper sticker of the American flag across the back of our SUV is not a sacrifice. Refusing to drive our gas-guzzling SUVS is.

In an editorial for the New York Times published last August, Thomas Friedman spilt the coffee in the face of the government’s Middle Eastern policy when he said, “Nothing has subverted Middle East democracy more that the Arab world’s and Iran’s dependence on oil, and nothing will restrict America’s ability to tell the truth in the Middle East and promote democracy there more than our continued dependence on oil.”

We are “Drowning Freedom in Oil,” Friedman appropriately titled his editorial.

The Bush administration wasted no time when it invaded Afghanistan following the September 11th attacks. There was no real reason for it, but one cannot help but wonder if it is just coincidence that the U.S. imports 51 percent of Afghanistan’s crude oil. And, in the administration’s continued attack on terrorism, is it also just coincidence that our next victim, Iraq, also happens to be highly embedded in the oil business? Our dependence on Middle Eastern oil has subverted our attempts to promote democracy there. As Americans we can neither call ourselves patriots nor heroes until we have made ourselves independent from the countries that oppose the spread of democracy and human freedom.

Take Saudi Arabia. Fifteen of the 19 suicide bombers were Saudi citizens.

My intention is not to bash the September 11th attacks it is that the need for the protection of human rights is greater than ever. Our world, and our country needs heroes. Unfortunately, our own leaders have failed to provide us with examples of encouragement to become one.

So, in the aftermath of our country’s greatest tragedy, let our heroic voices sing out, “God bless America,” or perhaps more appropriately, “God save America.”

A few words of advice for Transfer Orientation

BY JACQUELYN ROGERS
Guest Writer

Imagine coming from a school hundreds or even thousands of miles away, hoping that you can rely on an informative and helpful transfer orientation. You hope to become acquainted with the way the school works and all the new students. But two days prior to the start of the semester you begin to feel ill equipped and unprepared.

My intention is not to bash the events of transfer orientation, but rather explain the faults and offer some solutions. For the most part, orientation was a positive experience. The student advisers were enthusiastic and willing to help. Furthermore, the event was well organized. However, there were some key elements that were missing.

First of all, transfer orientation began at noon on Saturday, August 24, 2002 two days before the beginning of the semester. Adjusting to the move is tough enough and not being prepared for what to expect is even worse. Being the cautious person I am, I began to stress out when I did not feel prepared enough ahead of time.

Another problem during orientation was the inability to provide basic information to students. If you are a student completely unaware of how Pacific works it might be nice to include some key facts. For example, I do not remember an identification card ever being mentioned. Do we need one? When and where do we get one? The only two things that clued me in was a sign on the Bookstore door and the fact that I had an ID card at my previous university.

Second of all, a campus tour was never given. Yes, it is easy enough to find your way around campus with a map; however, maps are not always easily accessible, especially on the south part of campus. But on the first day when classes are moved and you don’t know where the best spot to park is it can be a little frustrating.

Another flaw with orientation was learning how to register for classes. This was the only part of orientation that was somewhat chaotic. We arrived at 9:00 am on Sunday the 25th and met by the library. There was no check-in point and we did not have to meet with our student adviser. A card was handed to us with a registration group number. Some of the advisers had these cards to pass out while others did not.

When the United States government was attacked on September 11, 2001, the nation was united in its response. However, the war on terrorism is not only a war on Islamic extremists, but a war on the entire Muslim world. As Americans we must be cautious of whom we call heroes. As such, we must be cautious of whom we call patriots.
**The hunt for perfection: our obsession with beauty**

*BY VALERIE SEIMAS  
Opinion Writer*

Vanity seems to be at an all-time high. Everything is moving into a state of attempted perfection. The perfect outfit, the perfect makeup, the perfect pancake (courtesy of annoying commercials). Society is trying to beat nature at a battle of the perfect outfit, the perfect make-up. The universe is supposed to beat nature at a battle of appearance. Let us take my new disorder, not order (does is...

Ty Murray, the hunky carpenter from Trading Spaces works hard to make each piece of furniture.

**New clock tower a perplexing addition to Pacific**

*BY IAN ARMSTRONG  
Guest Writer*

Surprise! You now have a new clock tower. You may not need it or want it. You may not even have even known it was coming, but its here in all its time telling splendor. A lot of things occur on campus without the input of even the knowledge of the students (tuition hikes for example) but most of these things are inconspicuous.

The clock tower is a very prominent structure on South campus, and not many students have any idea why it is there. Since no one from the University will likely ever tell the student body anything about the structure in any formal capacity, let these few paragraphs let you in on the secret.

The clock tower is actually dedicated to Bill L. Atchley (of Atchley Drive fame), the previous President of the University of the Pacific. He held office from 1987 to 1994 and when he was not busy renaming streets after himself he got some pretty relevant work done.

Atchley was one of the first university presidents in California to champion a four-year graduation guarantee. At the time of the guarantee establishment, many college students in California struggled to graduate on time because classes were too hard to get into for some students. Many were forced to take summer classes or go to school beyond the four-year standard.

Atchley’s implementation of the four-year guarantee increased enrollment at UOP drastically. Many students considered coming to UOP because this was one of the few schools where students were actually guaranteed to graduate on time provided they meet a few reasonable requirements first.

The deal succeeded in reassuring financially strapped coeds, but is that what prompted the powers that be to open their checkbook? It has become a tradition on campus to dedicate a structure to all departing presidents and other high-ranking campus officials. This explains why the McCaffrey Center is the McCaffrey Center and Burns Tower is Burns Tower and so on.

The reason why Atchley only gets a relatively modest structure while McCaffrey gets the considerable McCaffrey Center is that Atchley was only in office for seven years and had a largely unspectacular tenure.

As much as this memorial practice makes sense to the current administration, some students are not sold on the idea of building these monuments. "I think it is a waste of money," Junior, Ryan Haug said. "Why don’t they build something that the students would have known about in advance."
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Question of the Week
What do you think of Justin Timberlake’s solo career?

“What solo career?”
- Freshman Eric Bostard

“Is N’sync still together? Isn’t one of them up in space?”
- Sophomore Rebecca Hoerl

“I don’t think about his career. It gives me nightmares. But seriously, they really suck.”
- Junior Kelli Goya

“He’s greedy and wants more money.”
- Freshman Jess D’anza

TIGER LORE
is available for students

Great news! Your student handbook is now available.

For students residing in any of the on-campus facilities, the handbooks are available through your residential community staff.

For the students residing off-campus, the handbooks are available from the McCaffrey Center Information Desk by the use of your Pacific Card.

The Tiger Lore Student Handbook has been prepared as a guide to help make your academic and social life at Pacific a success.

The Handbook is also available on-line at www3.uop.edu/slhandbook.

OPINION

Justin is about to break out on his own. Will he make it without his back-up dancers?
Center promotes human ties at Pacific

The Nanny Diaries is highly applauded

The Nanny Diaries by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus is a thoroughly entertaining glimpse at the world of Park Avenue socialites and those who make their lives easier. Written by two former Manhattan nannies, The Nanny Diaries is a provocative portrayal of the relationships between hired help, and the wealthy persons who employ them.

The lines between what is acceptable and what is not are blurred and often overstepped. The issue of respect and power is brought up again and again as Mrs. X and her hired help attempt to maintain professionalism in their respective relationships. Laura Shaine Cunningham, author of Sleeping Arrangements and A Place in the Country said, "The symbiotic relationship between parents and hired 'caregivers' is perhaps the most intimate and potentially explosive relationship for hire." Made apparent by this book is the fact that the addition of wealth and snobbery make this relationship several degrees more frustrating for the aforementioned hired help.

Nearly every situation Nanny faces is worthy of a hearty chuckle as she struggles through the duration of her employment with the X's.

The tone of The Nanny Diaries is at times playful and poignant. All events and persons portrayed in this book are fictional, yet the reader is made to be thoroughly convinced of their actuality by the wizardry of the authors' writing.

A light-hearted and enjoyable read, The Nanny Diaries is hereby highly recommended.
Alcohol policy does not limit student’s activities

BY BEAU DAVIES
Staff Writer

University of the Pacific has recently passed new laws dealing with the alcohol policy on campus. These new laws are in accordance with state law, which strictly prohibits the consumption of alcohol by students under the age of twenty-one. For the small portion of the community here that is twenty-one this has little or no effect on them. But the majority of students here at U.O.P. are under the age of twenty-one. What does U.O.P. have to offer them? U.O.P. has a wide variety of recreational activities that are offered to students of all ages, the biggest of these activities being intramural sports.

The intramural sports program provides the students with the opportunity to play a variety of team and individual sports at all skill levels. In the current fall 2002 semester the intramural department is supporting twelve different sporting events including flag football, indoor soccer and volleyball.

For those who are looking for a more serious type of commitment, U.O.P. has many club sports programs. This semester U.O.P. is sponsoring eight different club teams. There are both women and men’s lacrosse teams. Other club sports include men’s and women’s soccer, rugby, badminton, crew, equestrian, and ice hockey. All are available to students here at U.O.P.

The main gym and Raney Recreation area are located next to the main gym is equipped with several outdoor basketball hoops as well as two sand volleyball courts. Sports orientated activities are no the only leisure activities. The Raney Recreation area plans three to four outdoor trips every semester. Any student is allowed to participate in these outdoor trips. This semester U.O.P. is offering a skydiving trip, a hiking trip, a backpacking trip, a wall climbing trip, and a sea kayaking trip.

There are even more available recreational activities here at U.O.P. The Pacific Aquatic Center is open to all students during posted hours. This giant Olympic size pool provides a nice place for students to cool off and hang out.

If you are not interested in swimming then you can visit the McCaffrey Center, which is conveniently located in the middle of campus. The McCaffrey Center provides students with a variety of services. The McCaffrey Center is a place where students can go to interact with one another, study, hangout, and even do a little shopping. The game room in the McCaffrey Center is equipped with pool tables, a foosball table, several video games, and a variety of board games that you can check out at the front desk. If you are just looking to relax, the game room has a big screen TV where you can watch your favorite program or movie.

So, for the majority of students that are not twenty-one years old and are looking to enjoy their college experience, there is still hope. University of the Pacific provides a variety of activities to ensure that your college life is filled with fun and excitement.

John’s Incredible Pizza wins

BY MOLLIE JONES
Guest Writer

John’s incredible Pizza Company, located on March Lane and Pershing Avenue, opened last month with booming success. The restaurant is a great place for families, young adults and college students. Prices range from $5.49 - $7.49, for an all-you-can-eat buffet.

The desert bar has many delectable sweets including their amazing apple crisp, which will no doubt make you go back for seconds. Beer and wine is served for those lucky enough to be over 21.

Once you have loaded your plate up, choosing where to sit is the real challenge. Try the “Hall of Fame” room if you want to watch sports. If you would rather a homier feel, how about sitting in the “Veranda.” Or hit the “Cabin Fever” room if you want to watch movies.

For the kids, visit “Toon Time Theater,” which plays non-stop cartoons!

After stuffing yourself with unlimited servings of food, head over to the arcade. Over half of the building is equipped with games, games, and more games. Do not forget to ride the bumper cars! Built for all ages, the train ride and tea cups for younger kids and the simulators for the “older kids.” If you win big at the games you can redeem your tickets for prizes at the redemption center.

After the tiring, fun filled adventure, take crazy pictures with your friends.

John’s hosts parties for all ages at a reasonable price. Call 209-954-1111 for details on renting out a room. John’s Incredible Pizza Company receives three out of five forks. It is an affordable and fun experience for all.

All the Greek fuss

BY RACHAEL DE RONDE
Staff Writer

Upbeat music, amazing gyros, lots of alcohol, and flirting patrons, were all components of the Greek Festival held in Stockton.

Last weekend, Stockton was overflowed by the rise in the Greek population. Although most visitors at the festival had Greek affiliation in one way or another, it was everyone, Ethos or not, seemed to be in love with the event.

After receiving a handful of free passes from Papafilos, a Mediterranean restaurant located on Pacific Ave, a friend and I decided to see about this Greek fuss. So, on Saturday afternoon we went to grab some lunch at the festival. We were greeted in a most friendly manner by an older man, and made our rounds about the plethora of food booths.

The festival was in somewhat of a farmer’s market style, with tents of vendors selling everything from fried calamari, to pastry-like spinach, and tri-tip pasta. Although it was somewhat pricey, I tried the spinach, a Greek salad with feta cheese, and later that night I had the famous chicken gyro with cucumber, onion, and tomato, along with a generous portion of Greek fried potatoes. All of it was delicious.

Ironically, it was not restaurants cooking the food, but actual families using old recipes, which have been passed down through generations. The dining was authentic and had a pleasing homemade taste.

Towards the front of the festival grounds, a live band was playing all kinds of upbeat Greek songs. People of all ages were dancing, from little children to elderly couples. Most of the music was instrumental, but when there were lyrics, they were always fun and festive. At nighttime, white lights surrounded the tent and lit up the dance floor.

Jenny Avon, a sophomore, who was able to attend the festival, said, “I loved the live music. The atmosphere was so fun and inviting.”

All in all, the Greek festival was certainly a sight to behold. The gyros were kicking, the music was rocking, and the beer was flowing.
Horoscopes: What are they really about?

BY KELLY SILVA
Guest Writer

Have you ever wondered what a horoscope really is? While most of us at one point in our lives have read astrological forecasts from a popular magazine or newspaper, very few of us have the slightest clue as to what it all entails.

In a nutshell, a horoscope is a chart of the zodiac that shows where the planets, sun and moon positions are in relation to the earth at a specific date, time and place. This is the basis of astrology.

You have a unique individual chart of how the planets, sun, and moon are positioned on the day of your birth. Astrologers refer to this as your natal chart.

The natal chart is an astrological snapshot that reveals the potential and natural tendencies in your life. It also shows your personality, talent, luck, and what areas of difficulty and struggle you will have in your life.

So you see, there is more to astrology than just "your" zodiac sign. The time of day or place in the world in which you are born can alter your horoscope completely. Even four minutes can make a difference. In other words, reading that zodiac sign only gives you a very small glimpse of your horoscope.

The makeup of your natal chart is shown by the various placements of the planets in the sky at the time of your birth. The chart is a picture of the sky that is divided up into 12 houses and each house is ruled by a sign of the zodiac.

Each house represents a specific area of your life and depending on the zodiac ruler of that house will reflect how you approach this area of life. Any planets that fall within the house indicate what energies you will bring to that area.

For example, the first house reflects your personality, and how you project yourself in the world. The planets in that house determine whether your natural tendency is passive or assertive. If the assertive planet Mars falls in your first house, you are more apt to be declarative, competitive, and a self-starter.

The most important houses are the first, fourth, seventh and tenth. The fourth house shows where you come from; your parents and home environment. The seventh house rules marriage, partnerships and one-to-one relationships. The tenth house highlights career, status and the highest potential that you can achieve.

The position of the sun in your natal chart tells you if you are a Taurus, Pisces, etc. Most newspapers or magazine astrology columns only give a reading based on that sign. However, obviously there is a lot more to your horoscope than just your sun sign.

For example, even though you and your friend might both be a Scorpio, you may have completely different personalities depending on the alignment of the planets in your chart. It is these alignment differences that make you and your friend two very different people.

Both of you have the same zodiac sign, but that is a very broad and general idea of your natural tendencies. This explains why horoscope readings in daily publications need to be taken with a grain of salt.

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**Weekly Horoscopes**

**Aries**

Look to the future rather than dwell on the past. Helping a friend or coworker who has gotten themselves into trouble is how you will probably spend the majority of your time on Thursday. But meeting new and interesting people on Sunday helps your week come to an exciting close.

**Taurus**

You're more than willing to see things from someone else's point of view on Monday, but once that Bullish pride kicks in on Wednesday. Spending money on Sunday is only a temporary emotional high, so try not to buy anything that will leave you with buyer's remorse and an empty checkbook.

**Gemini**

You are not interested in hearing comments from a judgmental partner or family member on Monday. You may think that communicating your thoughts and wishes with complete certainty ensures that people will not misunderstand you on Friday and Saturday.

**Cancer**

The beginning of the week is an emotional time for the Crab. Try to respond to other people's questions in a logical way. The information you gather on your own will either confirm your instinct to worry or put your mind totally at ease.

**Leo**

Your self-confidence gets a dramatic boost on Monday, but do not let your ego get out of control on 'Tuesday'. You know how great you are, but do you really need to broadcast it to the rest of the world?

**Virgo**

Working hard pays off on Monday, which means you can pencil in more social events as your overtime hours begin to fade away. If you are the recipient of some important information on Sunday, hold onto it tightly.

**Libra**

Someone's in the mood to dazzle most people you encounter. If you can manage to put yourself on a strict budget through Saturday, you should have enough money by Sunday to go on an adventure.

**Scorpio**

You perform best when working in groups and playing on teams as the week begins. On Thursday and Saturday, you have the energy and enthusiasm to dazzle most people you encounter. If you can manage to put yourself on a strict budget through Saturday, you should have enough money by Sunday to go on an adventure.

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Billy Collins reigns as current U.S. Poet Laureate

BY ALEX WAGNER
A&E Editor


American Idol Kelly Clarkson

Kelly Clarkson voted America’s popular new idol

BY ELIZABETH VIGIL
Staff Writer

Fox’s summer hit, American Idol, narrowed their talent search to just one person. A former cocktail waitress, Kelly Clarkson, was declared the winner of a one million dollar recording contract and a chance at superstardom. Clarkson beat out Justin Guerin with 58% of the 15.5 million votes cast Tuesday night, according to MSNBC.

The finale had many UOP students on the edge of their seats. Jennifer Walton, a Pre-Pharmacy sophomore, was rooting for Clarkson to win. “Kelly is the spunky girl next door. She did really well throughout the whole competition and never got close to getting voted off,” said Walton.

American Idol Kelly Clarkson

The finale had many UOP students and faculty had the unique opportunity to hear Collins read some of his poetry as well as speak of his recent honor as Poet Laureate. Last week, the members of congress as well as many citizens of New York City received the same pleasure when he read a poem entitled “The Names” before a joint session of congress.

In describing Collins’ poetry, the Librarian of Congress, Dr. James H. Billington said, “Billy Collins’ poetry is widely accessible. He writes in an original way about all manner of ordinary things and situations with both humor and a surprising contemplative twist.”

Within the past years, those with the title of Poet Laureate have sought to discover alternative ways to bring poetry in to our national life. Some such as, Gwendolyn Brooks, meet with different groups of children in elementary schools to promote poetry, while others such as Maxine Kumin have held workshops at the Poetry and Literature Center. Collins’ reading before Congress is perhaps one of his own ways to bring poetry to the national spotlight.


Among many fellowship and literary awards, Collins is also a Distinguished Professor of English at Lehman College, City University of New York, where he has taught for the past 30 years. He currently lives in Somers, New York.

Famed writer John Updike describes Collins’ poems as, “Limpid, gently and consistently startling, more serious than they seem, they describe all the worlds that are and were and some others besides.”

(Information for this article was attained from the Steven Barlay Agency)
Bay Area teams continue to dominate on the field

Football and baseball steal the spotlight in the Bay

BY ADAM RINGER
Guest Writer

If you are a Giants, A's, 49ers, or Raiders fan then you are pretty satisfied and proud to call them your team. All four professional Bay Area sports teams are on top of their division or in the thick of a playoff race.

The Oakland Athletics have one of the youngest rosters in baseball and the third lowest payroll, yet they are in first place in the American League West and have put together the most consecutive wins in A.L. history with 20.

They have a Major League leading 91 wins going into Tuesday September 10 and have a chance to take their momentum deep into the playoffs.

A big part of their success is due to their 4 aces on the mound. Mark Mulder, Tim Hudson, Barry Zito and Cory Lidle.

The A's have a legit MVP candidate in shortstop Miguel Tejada, who leads a potent offense that consists of David Justice, Ray Durham, and Jermaine Dye to name a few.

The Athletics Bay Area neighbor, the San Francisco Giants, do not have the same make up of a team. They are a veteran ball club who finds a way to win when they need to. The Giants have been close with the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Los Angeles Dodgers all year.

The Giants enter Tuesday several games back of the Diamondbacks and are tied with the Dodgers for the National League wild card. The Giants veterans have stepped up big during their recent surge at the playoff race. Barry Bonds has a league leading 43 home runs and second baseman Jeff Kent has a .323 average.

“We're not counting,” Giants manager Dusty Baker told Janie McCauley of the Associated Press of the recent wins. “Just every day's victory. It does not matter what the streak is. It's just one more victory and one day closer to the finish line." The Giants might not be counting but we are as they inch their way closer to a playoff berth.

Football season has just started with only two games played but there is excitement and hope for both Bay Area football teams. Both the 49ers and the Raiders are coming off of playoff years with the Raiders making it all the way to the AFC Championship game.

The 49ers won their first game of the season against the New York Giants 16-13. The 49ers have been in a so-called rebuilding stage the last couple of years after losing many key veterans. However, the team has not been fazed going 12-4 last year and making the playoffs to many people's surprise.

They are a young team who is led by Terrell Owens and the arm and speed of Quarterback Jeff Garcia, who is the apparent heir to future Hall of Famer Steve Young. A lot of their success is due to Head Coach Steve Mariucci who has taken a young team stripped of veterans and turned them into a contender.

There were positives and negatives in the season opener but the important thing is that they got the win. "It took us the whole game to get going, but we won," 49ers coach Steve Mariucci told the Associated Press. Coach Mariucci and the rest of the team will only get better as the season goes on and continue to steer for another winning season.

Their across the bay rival Oakland Raiders have a lot to look forward to this year as they try to get one game further than they did a year ago, the Super Bowl. This team is a group of grizzled veterans that know what it takes to win. Lead by Pro Bowl Quarterback Rich Gannon and Wide Receiver Tim Brown, the Raiders should be the team to beat in the AFC West this year.

Their first win of the season was an impressive one over old rivals, the Seattle Seahawks 31-17. Raiders running back Charlie Garner led the way with 127 rushing yards and 64 receiving yards. Their next game will be a good test for this team when they visit AFC rival the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Raiders have a few new faces on their team this year including first year head coach Bill Callahan, who replaces the very animated Jon Gruden. Coach Callahan has a lot to live up to this year as all fingers will be pointed at him if the Raiders fail to reach their ultimate goal, the Super Bowl. For this team of veterans the time is now and it should be an exciting year.

Most Bay Area sports fans are all smiles with the success of all four teams. We will have to wait and see just how far these teams make it this year but it will be and already has been an amazing year for the Bay.
Find out what might happen this weekend in the NFL.

By Ryan Andress

Staff writer

The defense also needs to gain an identity. In week one the run defense looked weaker than the run defense. In week two the run defense was non-existent while the pass defense allowed less than 100 yards passing. Keep in mind that the Niners defense is still very young and reckless and will gain composure and consistency as time goes on.

Stokes and Streets need to also help out and capitalize when the opposing defense loads up on Owens. For the Niners to battle through some tough games in the first five weeks of the season. The Niners still have a legitimate shot at taking the NFC west division.

Stay optimistic for the offense, I really cannot see the 49ers putting three sub-par performances together in a row. Garcia, Owens, Hearst, Stokes, Barlow, Johnson, and the offensive line will mesh soon. Owens will not allow himself to be silent much longer.

We saw a few signs of his awakening in week two as he embarrassed the Broncos in the open-field when he scored his first touchdown of the season. Stokes and Streets need to also help out and capitalize when the opposing defense loads up on Owens.

Cleveland @ Tennessee
Tennessee: I do not make this pick with a great deal of confidence. The Titans did lose to the Cowboys, but the only team the Browns beat is Cincinnati.

Indianapolis @ Houston
Indianapolis: Manning's dad will kill him if he loses to the Texans. Ask the Cowboys how embarrassing it is to lose to an expansion team. Marvin Harrison is dangerously sneaky for the Colts.

New Orleans @ Chicago
New Orleans: The Bears have been relying on something I like to call LUCK. I think Aaron Brooks is close.

Buffalo @ Denver
Denver: The Broncos beat the Rams and the 49ers, not bad. Buffalo looks close to being a good team. Denver’s defense looks tough.

Green Bay @ Detroit
Green Bay: I do not think home-field advantage will be enough to help the Lions beat Favre. The Lions might want to switch quarterbacks less than a half dozen times in this game.

Washington @ San Francisco
San Francisco: The Niners offense is about to explode, and the defense will follow their example and play with fire. Wake up Owens!!!

St. Louis @ Tampa Bay
St. Louis: I hate the Rams and simply want to see 0-3 next to their name. The Bucs looked good in week 2, really good. But can the Rams really lose three in a row?

amongst the carnage of the 49ers in week two.

The Niners also improved their third down conversion rate from 33% in week one, to 62% in week two. Jeff Garcia also spread the ball well in the loss, hitting 7 different receivers.

So where does all this lead? The 49ers have another strong match-up in week three against Spurrier’s offensively crafty Redskins.

The Niners might want to consider not giving away 114 yards in penalties this game like they did against Denver.

The defense also needs to gain an identity. In week one the passing defense looked weaker than the run defense, and in week two the run defense was non-existent while the pass defense allowed less than 100 yards passing. Keep in mind that the Niners defense is still very young and reckless and will gain composure and consistency as time goes on.

Hopefully this happens sooner than later so that Steve Mariucci stays looking young and healthy.

that there are thousands of luck factors that can change the results of a game.

In the mind of the athlete, a psychological edge, no matter how slight, is indeed still an edge. One pivotal call, one questionable strike, or one missed free throw can change the entire season. Just think how close the Tennessee Titans came to beating the St. Louis Rams in the Superbowl. One yard away from heaven, perhaps they did not have the added edge of superstition.

Superstition provides an athlete with a psychological edge, but more importantly, it dramatically raises their confidence level. It establishes a self-fulfilling prophecy that today is their day. They will not be denied.

Let the numbers speak for themselves. Michael Jordan has six NBA rings, five regular season MVP trophies, and six more finals MVP trophies. Babe Ruth hit 714 home runs and had a lifetime batting average of .342. Wayne Gretzky compiled 849 career goals, 1962 career assists, for a grand total of 2,856 career points. Luck is certainly on their side.

So the next time you take the field, wear your dirty socks, bring your rabbit’s foot, and cross your fingers because today may be your lucky day.
Nike Invitational Wrap Up

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BY STEPHANIE SEGIEN
Sports Editor

After two long weeks on the road, the women's volleyball team was happy to be home and hosting the Nike Invitational. The Tigers welcomed St. Mary's, British Columbia, and No. 15 ranked Arizona Wildcats. The Tigers hoped to even the score with the Wildcats who handed them last year's loss in the NCAA Regional semifinals.

In front of 1,456 fans at Spanos Center, the Tigers could not contain freshman Kim Glass who put away 21 shots and dug 15 balls to carry No. 15 Arizona to a 30-27, 30-20, 32-30, 30-24 victory over the 21st-ranked Tigers in the tournament's championship match on Saturday. After dropping the first game to Arizona, the Tigers rebounded with a strong effort in game two highlighted by precision ball control and more accurate serving. Also, Junior two-time All-American, Jennifer Joines, came to life at the net, blocking any ball hit in her direction. She finished the game with the first triple double of her career tallying 15 kills, 10 digs and 10 blocks. The Tigers cruised to the victory 30-20.

Senior middle blocker Elaine Goeders commented, "we were feeling very confident after dominating the second game. We knew that we could compete, but we could also set the tempo for the rest of the match."

The Tiger momentum carried over into game three as Pacific built a 25-22 lead late in the contest. Sophomore Joanna Rentz realized the importance of the third game. She said, "after we got to 25, I just thought to myself, we are going to win game three. Heck, we are going to win the whole match."

The Wildcats, however, rose to the occasion as they scored four consecutive points to take the lead at 26-25. Game 3 was deadlocked at 30 and thanks to Kim Glass, Arizona was able to break through for a 33-30 victory.

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In Pacific's opening match, the Tigers and UC Irvine Anteaters battled back and forth as the two teams were tied 3-3 at the end of the first period, tied 6-6 after two periods, and tied 7-7 after three periods. Unfortunately Pacific was not able to break through in the final period as Irvine took the match with two goals for a 9-7 victory.

Seniors Sasha Maese and Nic Hepper led the offensive attack for Pacific with three goals each, while Irvine was led by four goals from Dreason Barry.

The loss pitted the Tigers against the Cal Golden Bears in a third place match. Against the Bears, Pacific sprinted out to a 4-1 lead after one period and held a 6-4 edge at halftime. Cal, however, took control in the final two periods as the Bears tied the match at 7-7 after three periods, then shut the Tigers out in the final frame for a 9-7 victory.

Junior Eddie Wisniewski led Pacific in the match with three goals, while Hepper and junior Jarrod Crutzat each added two goals. Cal's leading scorer was Chris Lathrop with three goals.

The Tigers will be back in action next Saturday, Sept. 20, as they return home for a rematch with the Cal Bears in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation opener for both teams at 12 p.m.

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Men's water polo

[Media Relations]-Los Angeles, Calif. - Coming off two upset victories on Saturday, Pacific Tigers men's water polo team couldn't beat the odds again as they dropped tough matches to #3 UC Irvine 9-8 and #4 Cal 9-7 in the final two rounds of the So-Cal Tournament on Sunday, Sept. 15.

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McGee scored two goals within 35 seconds of each other as Pacific led 2-0 at halftime. The second goal by McGee was assisted from Freshman Suzy Peterson and Sophomore Maggie Barsotti.

In the second half, McGee scored two more unassisted goals, with the game winner coming in the 76th minute.

Pacific goalkeeper Megan Pickering tallied five saves in the win. The Tigers outshot the Blue Jays, 25-12.

Krystle Campa, Carrie Randall, and Franny Hylak scored for Creighton. Goalkeeper Jamie Thompson had nine saves.

Pacific returns to action on Friday, September 20, against Oregon at the Oregon State Invitational.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Name: Regina McGee
Sport: Soccer
Year: Sophomore

McGee set a Pacific record by scoring 4 goals in a 4-3 win over Creighton.

Broncos stampeed Niners at Candlestick

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Well...there is some good news, and there is some bad news. The good news is that the 49ers beat the New York Giants on national television in week one 16-13. The bad news however, is that the 49ers were basically thrashed on national television by the Denver Broncos in week two 24-14.

Sadly enough, the game was uglier than the score indicates.

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Denver Broncos sacks San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia in 24-14 loss at Candlestick.

Jeff Garcia was sacked 8 times against the Broncos in a disappointing 24-14 loss.

Catch 22

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