Students cheating at higher rate than before

By Alex Wagner
A&E Editor

Just last year, 187 Georgia Tech Computer Programming students were accused of cheating on an assignment and a grade altering scandal at Tulsa Community College has led to the expulsion of 76 students and the arrest of one faculty member.

One study conducted last year by the Rutgers' Management Education Center found 75 percent of high school students engage in cheating.

Whatever we call it, this form of moral decay makes it easy to understand why Enron, Worldcom and Arthur Anderson are now defunct.

Kerry Krueger Devine, Director of Judicial Affairs at Pacific, blames America's "get rich quick" ideal for this surge in dishonesty. She believes students are taught to do whatever they can to get into the best schools in order to achieve the best jobs.

Pacific does not publicize the number of times students are caught for cheating every year, but administration officials say they handle several cases every year.

The amount of cheating varies. School size, academic standards and honor codes influence the amount of cheating that occurs.

At Krueger Devine's previous experiences at other campuses, she stands by her claim that Pacific's close student-faculty relationship is the biggest deterrent of cheating.

"It's not worth it for students here to create a sense of doubt in their relationship with their professor," she said, "especially when it is likely they will have another course with the same professor."

Julie Sina, Vice President of Student Life, was the Dean of Students at the University of Florida before her arrival at Pacific.

While at Florida, Sina dealt with her fair share of cheaters as well as a scandal involving a large group of students in an economics class.

Why would so many students risk being caught in an organized cheating scandal?

Sina explained that the scandal was during finals week, which she describes as, "the time of year when students are the most stressed and vulnerable."

And, in this case, "it is coupled with people you know and respect doing it and telling you it is okay," Sina later adds.

Professors understand the academic pressures students face, and that during exams, students may be inclined to cheat.

This is why many professors like Lee Christanson take all necessary precautions to prevent this occurrence.

Christanson has been teaching biology at Pacific for over thirty years. After several instances of students erasing their wrong answers when their tests were returned, he finally started photocopying every scantron answer sheet before returning them to the students.

He stopped allowing students to use the bathroom or leave the room under any circumstances during testing when he discovered post-it notes on bathroom doors containing test answers.

"We try to make it as hard as possible for a student to cheat on a test without distracting them," Dr. Christanson explains. "We don't want students to worry other people are cheating off of them either."

Despite the precautions Christanson and other professors take, it seems most teachers have faith that the majority of students do not cheat.

While teaching English for many years at Pacific, Krueger Devine believes that most students at Pacific are hard working and give a "full faith effort." "They understand," she explains, "that when one student cheats, they subject the integrity of the whole student body to suspicion."

Still, that has not deterred a percentage of students...
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about their importance of their philanthropy. Perhaps the message would not have an impact if it were slurred at the audience.

The only real concern for Delta Gamma was degrading fraternity men, while demanding they make a mockery of themselves. I am a fraternity man; I refuse to show as little class for my members as the members of Delta Gamma did on Sunday.

The swimming races were inconsistent and so were the placements, for both the men and the women participating. Last year for example, a fraternity won every single relay race, participated in the "Anchor Man" contest and the synchronized swimming, yet they didn’t even place third. Apparently, the Delta Gamma’s plays favorites. How nature of them.

The real reason I am outraged is because Anchor Splash gives the Greek community as a whole an undeserved negative reputation. As Greeks we wonder where all the negative stereo types come from. Perhaps we should thank the ladies of Delta Gamma for giving us an ugly reputation.

I am proud to be Greek, and that is why I am standing up and writing this letter. They can and will deny it all they want, but people in attendance were first-hand witnesses to this debauchery. In addition, this is not the first time Delta Gamma has embarrassed themselves at Anchor Splash. From my understanding, they have a long-standing tradition. It appears that every year it is "tradition" to be intoxicated and belligerent.

Their cause was overshadowed for their need of an ego boost. It is shameful, not only for themselves but also for the entire Greek community. Absolut Delta Gamma has embarrassed myself and many other proud members of the Greek community. To the readers, please do not judge the Greek community on Delta Gamma’s shortcomings.

Respectfully,
Matt Davidson

**CHEATING from page 1**

from improperly trying to boost their grades.

There are students at Pacific that cheat. While they may not do it as often, when they do cheat, they do it for many of the same reasons.

A junior caught of plagiarizing at Pacific last semester explained that he cheated because, “it was the night before an essay was due and I didn’t have one,” he explains, “so I went online and cut and pasted one.”

This student failed to cite his sources for the paper and was turned into the Judicial Committee for cheating.

He was forced to sign a document that explained the incident would be on his record until he graduated. As long as he committed no other violations, the incident could be removed.

Plagiarizing is the fastest growing method of cheating. Professors blame the Internet and the fact that many students are unclear as to what constitutes plagiarism.

The Internet has made it easier for students to plagiarize with websites like schoolsucks.com, which charges students almost ten dollars, a page for school projects.

But, teachers are catching on to students using the Internet to cheat. CNN reported earlier this year that thousands of high schools have teamed up with a company called, turnitin.com, which helps teachers catch plagiarizers.

The teacher is able to submit students’ papers to the company and within 48 hours, the company searches the Web for matching prose.

Many efforts are being made to combat cheating at the college level as well. In the College of Computing at Georgia Tech, faculty and students designed a program known as, CheatFinder, to detect similarities among students’ work.

While the program has been used for several years, it received much attention last Jan. when 187 computer science students were accused of cheating after the program found that the students had matching homework assignments.

At the University of Virginia (UVa’s) faculty and students have collaborated to create one of the most progressive and controversial honor codes in the country.

The university employs a system that elects 23 students, both undergraduate and graduate, to an honor committee.

This committee then selects five executives and appoints 200 students that serve as “support officers.”

When a student at the UVa is accused of violating the honor code, they are allowed to meet with a support officer who explains their rights and the procedure for their case.

A trial is conducted and a jury of eight to 12 randomly selected students decides the accused cheater’s fate. If a student is found guilty of cheating, they have 48-hours to leave the campus.

While the honor code at UVa has been criticized for its harshness, numerous studies have shown that students are less likely to cheat at institutions with an honor code.

Professors and faculty all over the country will continue to reform their policies in order to deter cheating on campuses, but that may not be enough.

Many argue cheating should also be addressed by our country’s leaders and by society as a whole.

“Students look at Enron and other corporate scandals and they see what professional adults can get away with,” said Sina.

Students just need to do open any newspaper and they will see numerous stories about people breaking rules.

Whether they are business men who lied about funds or even our own president who is trying to gain approval to violate the rules of the international system with an unilateral attack on Iraq, cheaters have a common place in our country.

The effort to cure this ethical dilemma needs to begin and end in society.

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**THE PACIFICAN**

Alumni Profile

Alumnae advises one of the Nation’s top high school newspapers

By Jacquelyn Rogers
Guest Writer

Bear Creek High School, located in North Stockton, is one of Stockton’s newest high schools. Although new, it has not gone unrecognized. In the past eleven years, Bear Creek has begun to make a name for themselves in certain extracurricular activities.

Among the top activities is their student newspaper, The Bruin Voice. The paper is run by Pacific alumnae Kathy Duffel.

Duffel obtained a bachelor’s degree from Pacific in 1983 and completed her masters degree in 1991. While at Pacific, Duffel was the business manager of The Pacifican her freshman year and a writer her sophomore year.

After finishing at Pacific, Duffel became the business manager for ASUOP. In 1985, she started student teaching and then began her career by teaching for the Lodi Unified School District. In 1991, Duffel began teaching at Bear Creek, as well as advising the student newspaper.

Over the past eleven years, The Bruin Voice and its writers have received many awards. One of the most significant awards received is the Pacemaker award.

The paper has also been a Pacemaker finalist. Duffel said, “The Pacemaker is considered the Pulitzer prize of high school journalism.”

The paper has also received the National Best of Show Award, which is awarded to the top 10 papers in each category. They have also received numerous local awards.

Duffel explained that The Bruin Voice has been successful because many of the students truly care about having their voice heard in the community.

Duffel stated, “The students foster great pride in their work. Each year they set a new standard for the incoming students.”

In addition to student writers, Duffel’s personal experiences at Pacific have also helped her to succeed in teaching journalism.

Duffel said, “I developed a love for the story at Pacific. I learned to do a little bit of everything since we worked with a bare bones staff.”
Students need school spirit

By Alicia Smith

Guest Writer

I sat watching the mens basketball team play and I couldn't help but smile. The game was great. I was surrounded by happy, cheering Pacific students. Many of the students were holding signs and using noisemakers. I felt the school spirit and enjoyed every minute of it.

Then ESPN packed up their cameras and the student support went with it. Being a Pacific basketball player, I think it is ridiculous that it takes things like ESPN and Greek week to bring students to Pacific sporting events. It is wonderful to have athletic support but the fact remains that there are over 2,500 undergraduate students at this school who do not show their face at an athletic event.

I single out the undergraduate students because it is free to get into any athletic event on campus as an undergrad. All you need is a Pacific ID and a current ASUOP student activity sticker. The sticker can be picked up at the ASUOP office, and yes, the sticker is free as well.

I often hear people complaining that Pacific sucks because we don't have a football team. I miss the student comradery at football games just as much as the next Pacific student; however, the fact remains that college football will not grace our stadium anytime soon. Get over it. There are plenty of teams at Pacific that are talented and amazing to watch. On the men's side we have baseball, basketball, golf, swimming, tennis, volleyball and waterpolo. On the women's side we have basketball, cross-country, field hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, volleyball and waterpolo. Count them up. Sixteen teams that you can support.

By in large the women's volleyball team and the men's basketball team receive the most student support at our school.

There are plenty of teams that hold exciting plays and create conference-breaking records. For example both Women's and Men's swimming won the Big West Championship last year. Men's golf finished 24th at the NCAA golf championships which isn't too shabby. The list of honors, records and wins across Pacific athletics are endless.

You can take your newfound excitement for Tiger sport further by joining a new club called the Orange Army. If you want school spirit, you better sign up! The Orange Army is all about student support. It is a club that attends Pacific athletic events.

It is free (there's that magic word again) and you could even win a hundred dollar gift certificate to Best Buy. All you have to do is sign up to qualify for the certificate raffle.

Being a part of the Orange Army is fulfilling itself. Why not? You will have fun, meet great people, watch phenomenal games, matches or meets, cop a great orange shirt and possibly even gain one hundred dollars that you didn't have before! There is nothing in Stockton more exciting than that!

Please don't misunderstand me. I appreciate every single person that supports Pacific athletics either student or not. But the fact remains that student participation athletics at our school is moderate to pitiful. Please come out and support your Tiger teams.

We don't just play when ESPN rolls into town or when your organization receives points for attending our games. Show you face. Show your support.

If you would like more information about the Orange Army you can contact the "general" of the Orange Army, Matt Camino at uop_orangearmy@yahoo.com.
Invading Iraq will lead to more Terror

By Ian Armstrong
Guest Writer

Invading Iraq guarantees more terrorist acts, yet President Bush wants to attack Iraq. Like father, like son! Except this time there are fewer concrete reasons behind this planned invasion. But Bush wants to attack anyway, a fact that makes Arab and Muslim people around the world absolutely furious.

In the early 90's when Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and held the world's oil supply hostage, America and her allies rallied around the banner of poor Kuwait to defeat Iraq. We slayed the dragon and claimed our place as the world's illustrious guardians.

This time around Saddam has done nothing wrong. Sure, he wants weapons of mass destruction; The U.S. has hundreds of them! America seems to think that we are the only country that is allowed to have these weapons, so we are going to pound Iraq into dust. No wonder these people call us hypocrites.

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Cult, sorority and fraternity all the same

By Jemilyn Ancheta
Guest Writer

As bad as it may seem, Pacific life is centered on sorority and fraternities. Anyone who is anyone is in either one or the other. It's what opens doors to a new social life or one at all. Coming from first hand experience, just going through spring rush was enough for me. I had my share and taste of sorority life, and I didn't like it. It gave me a different outlook to why they even existed and why anyone, or I would want to be in one. To me it seems as if most of them promote rush and get people to rush just to make their frat or sorority larger. I don't think they are trying to benefit the student but only profiting themselves and funding themselves.

Its just like a cult or a gang. They feed your ego by making you feel important just because you are part of them. They welcome you with open arms, but as bad as it may seem, they turn right back around and talk crap about you when you are not there. It's just too much drama!

I think many do it for the hope to have a special group of friends they can hang out with. But to some even think twice about what it is they are really doing by joining? I think they are just buying their friendships.

Why should anyone have to pay so much money? Why buy friends when you can make them for free. Some just like to take the easy way out. You show them the cash and suddenly they kiss your #@$! I guess if you like that sort of attention but for me I would rather have someone be my friend for who I am not for how much green I have in my pocket.

To me it is just all an act. Even personaliites are altered when you are around fraternities and sororities. I acted just as fake as everyone in there. I even caught myself talking strange as I walked into each of the sorority houses. I had the valley girl high pitched voice and kept saying, "Really that's totally cool, that's awesome." Most people start acting like something they are not.

To top it all off you get a label. Each and every fraternity and sorority on campus is known for something why would you want branded or be known as a geek, a jerk, or a slut, I know you are nothing that?

As for living conditions in fraternity houses you don't even sleep in your own room there is some of the sorority hoes you have to sleep with 40 girls. You get your own separate bed up top but you have to sleep with girls other in the same room hearing everyone snore like sleeping with the dwarfs but instead of their 40 dwarfs.

Going through rush is a reality check for me some, Greek life is the reality they chose to go. As for self, it is something I want to get into. It's for everyone. But if you choose to join, make sure what you really want.

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President George W. Bush destined to follow in his father's infamous footsteps.

Extremist Muslims (if you can call them Muslims) are the biggest threat this country has ever seen. With enough time and money they can punish America whenever they feel like it. So why does Bush want to anger these people more than he already has?

These extremists hate us. They H-A-T-E us. To them we are "the great Satan." Our previous actions in the Middle East have convinced them that America wants a war with Islam. What better way to prove them right than by attacking the Muslim leader of a Muslim nation (again) for wanting to build a nuclear weapon of mass destruction.

By the way, how many large Japanese cities has Saddam nuked? By my last count the United States was way out in front, two to nothing. We are not the moral authority on this planet.

If 9/11 showed us anything, it is that the United States needs to change its foreign policy. The 2,801 people that were vaporized over a year ago will have died in vain if we choose to keep this policy and further our involvement in a part of the world that hates our guts. If you think 9/11 was bad, just wait and see what extremists have in store for us if American soldiers march into Baghdad.

Like Kenny Rogers said, "know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em." America needs give up its childish revenge mentality and make nice with the Arab people. Retaliation for retaliation's sake has not worked for Israel; it will NOT work for us. There is no shame in being humbled if it saves American citizens from "the sum of all fears."

Poverty breeds contempt. We should take the money we spend on cruise missiles and use it for humanitarian efforts to help impoverished Arabs instead. Politicians will say that we already help these people, but a tiny bag of wheat from the fattest country in the world doesn't cut it. Our little "care packages" are like a slap in the face to the people who know America has a McDonald's on every block.

Saddam is not the problem. It is the extremist Muslims that are infuriate by meddling in the Middle East who are the problem. Maybe they wouldn't hate us so much if we actually made a concerted effort to help them more often. Until Iraq actually wrongs us somehow, we should tirelessly pursue efforts to make sure a new generation of Arabs does grow up to hate us.

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The committee thought they had found the perfect solution coming together with the Central Methodist Church and their nursery school a non-denominational program with Pacific, but it did not work out.

The committee is back square one. The committee is always looking for help and anyone interested in helping out and giving time back can contact Professor Sparks by phone at (209) 946-2928 or via e-mail DrESParks@aol.com.

One hope for the committee is that will be able to put together a program before the school year starts for those who need childcare.

Also keep in mind the parents want a childcare program/facility will have some sort of development curriculum.
Odd sculpture lands in Redwood Grove

By L.J. Stevenson
Staff Writer

The UOP Interfaith (Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist) Council has added a recent sculpture to the campus. The sculpture was dedicated last month for those students who have passed away while attending Pacific.

This piece is intended to fulfill the long needed ‘sacred space’ for the various religious devotions found among the Pacific student body.

The artist, Dennis Patton, who created the sculpture and the Interfaith Council, decided where the piece should be placed on campus. Several people have no idea what this thing is (including myself) so I offer this article as a review of what I found out for myself.

The sculpture is a simple mobius strip, which is a strip with a twist in itself that doubles back onto itself. In mathematical studies of topology mathematicians explore this idea further when explaining that it only has one side yet exists in 3-dimensions. For the same reason it is also an endless path i.e. you can never say where it begins or ends. You can have 3-dimensional mobius strips (i.e. a strip with a twist in it that doubles onto itself and also curves in on itself to create a self-penetrating cylinder) that are in some way 3-dimensional shadows of a 4-dimensional form.

This mobius strip is supposed to open another dimension or kind of drag another dimension into its dimensional space, maybe this is the significance the artist is looking for i.e. that it indicates the presence of a kind of unseen dimension which may be the memories of those who departed.

So, basically we have a new portal for the spirit world to travel through or is the piece a ‘blot’ on the landscape? The whole idea of a spirit realm suddenly has me in the Halloween spirit because I envision a business opportunity for ASUOP or Southwest Hall.

They could create an elaborate Haunted Forest filled with ghosts, goblins and maybe a scary chainsaw guy who scares you with his running blade in the Redwood Grove. Hmm?

I do not think, unfortunately, that the Interfaith Council would like that too much but they need to think of all the money it could raise for those who have passed and all the publicity for the finished sculpture.

I have spoken to several students, faculty and employees here at UOP about the new ‘blot on the landscape’ and most knew it existed but many had no idea what it was or what it represented.

I also went as far as to ask what many thought about having the ‘blot’ cemented to natural landscape in the Redwood Grove.

The location of the ‘blot’ on campus derived from a decision made by the Interfaith Council and the architectural firm SWG.

The firm recommended five possible locations total, the decision made by the council took away the peaceful Redwood Grove where so many enjoyed studying or eating their lunch.

I have only one recommendation for the location of this sculpture: bolt it down to the top of the new clock-tower on the South Campus, maybe then it would not be so bad to look at.

Pop music means popular, not bubblegum

By Erica Glaub
Guest Writer

America seems to be obsessed with pop. Everything from fashion to music to sports, society has put an emphasis on being popular.

Adolescents listen to what is popular, wear what is popular, and engage in popular activities in an attempt to be... popular.

Ever since the term “cool” came into play, high schools from all over the country have molded students from all shapes and backgrounds into teeny-bopper pop addicts. It is the teenager conveyor belt: Ingenious children are pumped through junior high and high school and come out with pink hair and a newfound appreciation for teen-idols.

Pop has been associated with teenages for as long as I can remember—then again, I'm only 21. But, for people all over the country, and all over the world for that matter, “pop” has meant a lot more than Britney Spears and American Pie movies.

Before the term “rock 'n roll” was even invented, bands like the Beatles and Cheap Trick were making a name for themselves in the pop circle, the “popular” circle, that is.

Gaining attention from high school graduation puts a screeching halt on popularity.

What is popular now only applies to the pimply-faced, pre-pubescent 12-year-olds. But pop music has taken on so many different meanings that we are confused as to what it really means. Pop is more than *NSYNC, Britney Spears, and MTV’s TRL.

Songs like “Pop” by *NSYNC and shows like “Pop Stars”, help in the pop confusion. This is “teen-pop”: popular music geared towards a teen audience. And yes, Madonna, Nelly, and the Backstreet Boys will coexist on these charts as long as they produce music that is appealing to the younger generations.

Popularity seems to be as
John Mayer is a new singing wonderland

By Erica Glaub
Guest Writer

With a cross-country tour, an MTV special, millions of fans, and two albums under his belt, John Mayer has been rising up the charts with his album, Room for Squares. Although the album made its debut in the summer of 2001, his gradual climb to stardom has been taking over television and radio stations all over the country.

His style has been compared with the talents of Dave Mathews, Sting, and Jakob Dylan.

Aside from his undeniably outstanding guitar talent, his melodic tunes, solid voice, and impressive lyrics, have made Mayer a total hit in today's pop world.

At a young age, John got his love for music by listening to guitar icons like Stevie Ray Vaughan, and at age 19, he enrolled in Boston’s Berklee School of Music, where he told Rolling Stone he had a “great learning experience, but not because of class.”

He realized he was more into playing music than learning about it, and decided to quit school and move to Atlanta.

Within a year, Mayer released his first acoustic solo album, Inside Wants Out (1999).

His appearance in the South by Southwest Music Festival in March 2000, landed him a major label deal. Producer John Alagia, who has worked with artists like Ben Folds Five and Dave Mathews, took Mayer under his wing. They began recording his album under his new contract with Aware Records, an auxiliary of Columbia.

Room for Squares, which was taken from Hank Mobley’s album, No Room for Squares (1963), has made it big, with singles like, “No Such Thing” and “Your Body is a Wonderland”. Mayer’s tour has taken him all over the country, where his fresh sound has been capturing audiences everywhere he goes.

Artists like Jack Johnson and David Gray, who Mayer has also been compared to, share his rusty voice, guitar solos, and deep lyrics that have been winning the latest male talent searches.

It seems as though the pop circle has introduced a new wave of musicians. Where teeny-bob, bubblegum music, like Britney Spears and *NSYNC ruled the charts, now more melodious, melodic, and well-rounded artists have been taking over.

Room for Squares is sure to be accompanied by a third album, which is not yet underway, but when it does, I am sure you will want to “run” through the halls of [your] high school... and scream at the top of [your] lungs.”

John Mayer is America’s new male pop sensation!

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Only in high school...

By David Blunts

Rule #1: you are too cool to get caught crapping in school

I was in a class when I realized what I had been doing wrong. I had violent stomach cramps. I struggled to try and ease them but it did not take long to know that something was wrong. Now, in high school for some reason, it was okay to have to go to the bathroom, but for some reason it would be a sin to get caught doing sloppy work in the bathroom. In high school, kids made up a lot of rules to live that people had to live by.

Rule #1: you are too cool to get caught crapping in school.

I eventually raised my hand and asked to go to the bathroom, cool or not, this could not wait. I was permitted to go to the bathroom.

Luckily no one was in the bathroom. I locked the bathroom door and sat to do my business. But I had to be fast, at any moment someone might knock on the door and I would be caught.

I strained and forced the unspeakable foulness out of my body with the speed of a lightning bolt. It was utterly disgusting, a nasty, reeking odor from an upset stomach. I hurriedly wiped and flushed the toilet.

Instead of whiskeys the reeking deposit away, the bowl filled with more water. I groaned, the evidence would not leave.

Stupidly, I figured if I flushed again, it would all go away. More water filled, and I scrambled off the bowl, zipping up, as my refuse spilled onto the floor. I stood in shock for a second, until the thick, squashing sound of falling clumps sent me into action. A light bulb came on in my head. When in doubt, lie.

I cleverly snuck from the contaminated room, out into the hall (still empty!) and hurried down the stairs to another bathroom with many stalls. I sat in the bathroom for a moment, and come up with a plan.

When I came back upstairs and into my class, I disgustingly announced that some fowl person had filled the toilet with crap, and it was leaking onto the floor.

I gave a great performance, and threw in that I had to use the toilets downstairs. This would explain why I took so long. The teacher nodded and I sat with a sigh of relief. No one would know my embarrassment. I was still cool, for one more day.

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sociated with quantity. You were popular in high school if you had lots of friends, and the popular clothes were the ones that lots of people bought. This is also what popular music is. It is the music that lots of people buy, regardless of age. It is that catchy tune you hear on the radio that you can’t get out of your head. It’s that band you would do anything for, just to get a pair of their concert tickets. It’s the hit single that is talked about in every magazine and whose front-man is on every cover. Age aside, this is pop at its best: a collaboration of people, genres and money that creates what is popular music.
Find out what might happen this week in the NFL

By Ryan Andress
Staff Writer

Atlanta @ NY Giants
Atlanta: If Michael Vick plays in this game Atlanta will beat the Giants. If not, the Giants will probably kill the Falcons. Vick is a tough guy, I think he'll play.

Buffalo @ Houston
Buffalo: Houston is not a good team. Bledsoe and Co. looked good against the Raiders despite the loss. Bledsoe looks really good this season so far.

Green Bay @ New England
New England: Tom Brady will not lose three straight. Antowain Smith needs to take some of the pressure off of the New England passing game so teams can’t cheat the pass like they have been doing. I don’t usually bet against Brett Favre.

Kansas City @ San Diego
Kansas City: The Chiefs look solid right now and San Diego is going backwards. Trent Green and Priest Holmes are looking hard to beat right now.

Miami @ Denver
Denver: This should be a great game. I give the advantage to Denver only because they are playing at home in the thin air. Denver killed a solid Chargers team last week.

Baltimore @ Indianapolis
Indianapolis: Baltimore just doesn’t look like they have this year. Peyton Manning looked confident last week. Baltimore won’t be able to stop Manning and Harrison if they start getting hot.

Carolina @ Dallas
Carolina: I refuse to pick Dallas to win. Quincy Carter does not inspire me with a great deal of confidence to put it mildly. Carolina needs to get back on the right track by stopping Emmit.

Detroit @ Minnesota
Minnesota: Who cares about this game? Maybe Randy will start playing against an equally poor team. The only reason I pick Minnesota is because I think they are capable of putting up more points than Detroit on offense.

New Orleans @ Washington
New Orleans: Washington has a quarterback who is even semi-credible. New Orleans has been finding ways to win. Aaron Brooks should walk all over Washington in this game.

Jacksonville @ Tennessee
Jacksonville: The Jags are underrated. Anyone who bets McNair deserves some credit. The Titans are simply not good. They lost to the Redskins last week, which included them not scoring at all in the second half.

Oakland @ St. Louis
Oakland: I can imagine nothing pastier than seeing 0-6 attached to the Rams name. They have little chance against the Raiders. I can’t wait to watch this game.

San Francisco @ Seattle
San Francisco: The 49ers offense is alive, look out Holmgren. The Seahawks are in danger of receiving a semi-stomping from the 49ers this week. San Fran will not lose a game to another team in the NFC West.

Week 6 predictions
Record: 48-26

Career and Internship Center

| Monday, October 7 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | On Campus Interviews | Northwestern Mutual Financial Network
| Name: Northwestern Mutual Financial Network | Location: Career Resource Center - Hand Hall | Space Available: n/a
| Wednesday, October 9 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Interviewing / Networking Workshop
| Name: Interviewing / Networking Workshop | Location: CRC Conference Room | Space Available: Yes
| Thursday, October 10 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | On Campus Interviews | United McGill Corp
| Name: United McGill | Location: CRC - Hand Hall | Cancelled
| Tuesday, October 15 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | On Campus Interviews | EJ Gallo Winery
| Name: EJ Gallo Winery | Location: CRC - Hand Hall | 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM Resume Review Day
| Name: Resume Review Day | Location: McCaffrey Center
| Wednesday, October 16 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Preparation for the Career Faire
| Name: Are You Ready? | Location: CRC Conference Room | Space Available: Yes
| Friday, October 18 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Career Fair
| Name: Career Fair / Graduate and Professional Schools Day | Location: Knoles Lawn | Space Available: n/a
| Wednesday, October 23 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | On Campus Interviews | Northwestern Mutual Financial Network
| Name: Northwestern Mutual Financial Network | Location: CRC - Hand Hall | Space Available: Yes
| Thursday, October 24 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | On Campus Interviews | Moss-Adams, LLP
| Name: Moss-Adams, LLP | Location: Career Resource Center | Space Available: Yes
| Monday, October 28 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Information Session | AXA Advisors, LLC
| Name: AXA Advisors, LLC | Location: Career Resource Center | Space Available: Yes
| Tuesday, October 29 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Etiquette Dinner / Dress for Success
| Name: Are You Sure Which Fork to Use? | Location: Regents / President’s Room | Space Available: Yes
| Thursday, October 31 | | Resume Deadline | Schenone Specialty Foods/Chocoholics Dining
| Desserts | Job: Marketing Assistant |
Polo edged by Stanford

By Matthew Feeney
Staff Writer

Senior Jarrod Cruzat looks for an opening against #1 ranked Stanford.

Photo by Geoffrey Parker

In front of a standing room only crowd of about 500, the 6th ranked Pacific Tigers Men's Water Polo team hosted the defending NCAA champion and currently #1 ranked Stanford Cardinal, in Wednesday, October 2nd. The Tigers faced a big challenge in containing All-American and Olympian, Azevedo, who most consider one of the best all round players in the world.

The Tigers came out of the gates a little bit slow, falling behind 2-0 in the first quarter. At the start of the second quarter the Tigers got on the board behind the sharp shooting of Sasha Maese, who scored two goals on consecutive possessions. The Tigers then tied the score at three apiece, as Brady Norvall provided a swift cross-cage pass to Eddie Wisniewski who rifled in his 15th goal of the season.

Nearing the end of the first half, the Tigers trailed 5-3 but got their final goal of the 2nd quarter from Kraig Jorgensen, making it 5-4 heading into halftime.

Upon entering the 3rd quarter, Stanford received some breathing room, as Azevedo notched 2 goals to make the score 7-4 in favor of the Cardinal.

At this point in the game, Tiger Nic Hennepin, certainly lived up to his All-American accolades by providing three goals on an awesome shooting display that made the crowd go crazy. Defensively, Laurie Trettel continued to establish himself as a dominant force in the cage for the Tigers, recording a match high eight saves.

Unfortunately the Tigers efforts came up a bit short, as Stanford's Mike Derse netted two of his three goals in the final quarter to give the Cardinal an 11-8 victory over the Tigers.

With the defeat, the Tigers record moved to 5-4 overall and 1-0 in Mountain Pacific Sport Federation play.

Greg Ahlbach had this to say about the Tigers defeat, "Overall I felt our team played extremely well on both sides of the ball." "We came out a bit sluggish, but I think we definitely earned the respect of Stanford and we also continue to establish ourselves as a legitimate contender for a run at a national title."

Tigers fall to Cal

By Mercy Ao-Yeung
Staff Writer

Kandace Wilson was able to break free of her defender and score the game winner with one minute remaining in regulation time. Despite the loss, Pacific's goalie Megan Pickering walked away with an impressive 12 saves in the game, making that twenty three this weekend.

Pacific fell to Cal 6-4 in the second period. "I don't feel our team played extremely well on both sides of the ball," said Greg Ahlbach. "We came out a bit sluggish, but I think we definitely earned the respect of Stanford and we also continue to establish ourselves as a legitimate contender for a run at a national title."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Volleyball takes win streak to Long Beach

By Blake Blackwell
Staff Writer

It seems like the good times are a rollin for the women’s volleyball team again. This weekend would prove to be a continuation of the Tigers’ recent success as they swept yet another team. With the sweep of Cal State Northridge (30-23, 30-24, 30-17) the Tigers have now successfully swept four teams in a row.

In the first game, neither team seemed to build and hold a sizeable lead. That’s when Joines and Hauschild stepped it up to help turn the tide of the game. They also had some serving help from Misty Swails and Hailey Anderson who both recorded service aces as the Tigers closed out the game (30-23).

The second match would prove to be similar with the game tied late at 21-21. But with successive kills by Hauschild and some passing and hitting errors from the Matadors, the Tigers were able to finish off the game with a kill from Joines.

The final game of the match would prove quite different as the Matadors would build an early lead 11-9. But the Tigers put it into over drive and picked apart the Matador offense.

They successfully held the Matadors to a measly hitting percentage of .071 and capped off the match with an impressive service ace from Megan Hauschild.

As a team the Tigers were all over the Matadors. They out hit (45-30), out dug (45-39) and out blocked Northridge (10-2) on their way to their ninth win of the season, and fourth in the Big West.

As in previous weeks the Tigers were led offensively by Junior All-American Jennifer Joines. She recorded an impressive 20 kills with only one error to give her an outstanding hitting percentage of .655. She also had some help from Senior Megan Hauschild who recorded 9 kills, 9 digs, and 2 service aces.

The Tigers were lead defensively by sophomore Joanna Rentz who recorded a team high 10 digs and 2 block assists.

The Tigers have built a lot of momentum going into this week as they travel down to Southern California Thursday night to take on #8 Long Beach State.

Jennifer Joines agreed and said, “Winning in three has given our team a lot of confidence going into next week.”

However Long Beach is a much different team than the last four teams the Tigers have met, but senior Megan Hauschild is not worried, they may be a team, but the pressure is the same. We’re working hard on our and serving,” she said, “everything is coming and our confidence going into Long Beach.”

The 49ers should be a worthy opponent as the Tigers have the advantage with the 49er lost key players that they and the Tigers riding their recent success.

Women’s soccer: Big West challenges Tigers

By Beau Davies
Staff Writer

University of the Pacific’s women’s soccer team comes out of a tough weekend with its first tie and only second loss of this season. The soccer team faced UC Riverside and Cal State Fullerton this weekend for its first Big West Conference match ups this season. To open the Big West Conference, the Tigers hosted UC Riverside Friday night.

Expecting nothing less, the Tigers found themselves in a tough physical battle with the visiting Highlanders. Although the Tigers seemed to have the momentum of the game, UC Riverside’s Renee Scachetti drilled one in the back of the Tigers’ net from outside the 18, putting them one up on the Tigers. The Highlanders were able to stop the constant attack from the Tigers and take their lead into the second half.

Around the 70th minute of the game, the Tigers’ patience finally paid off. Coming off a corner kick from Kristina Fetter, forward Kimberly Jones was able to get her head on the ball and flick it to Pacific’s Jaimi Corona-Flowers, who headed the ball in the back of the net.

The score remained tied at one through regulation time and two 10 minute overtimes, leaving the Tigers with their first tie of the season. With its record now 8-1-1, the team looked forward to facing an even tougher opponent Sunday afternoon at home. Sunday afternoon, the Tigers welcomed to Stagg Stadium, the defending Big West Champs, Cal State Fullerton.

With the taste of blood in its mouth Fullerton attempted to steam roll over Pacific. Battling through the tough physical play, Pacific held on to the tie until the very end. Fullerton's