United Way

By Tara Cuslidge
Staff Writer

Judith Chambers understands the importance of the United Way. The Special Assistant to the Vice President of University Advancement was the countywide president of the United Way’s board of directors fifteen years ago. She knows how much impact the organization has on the community.

This knowledge is important because Chambers has been chosen to head up Pacific’s United Way Campaign for the second year in a row.

“I have been involved in the United Way for a long time and am very much committed to it,” said Chambers. From Oct. 17 to Nov. 24 members of the faculty and staff hope to donate $50,000 to the local San Joaquin County chapter.

“We are part of a very large effort across the community,” said Chambers. Pacific faculty and staff raised $45,000 for last year’s cause. The theme for the 2002 campaign is “I Pledge to be Someone’s Hero.”

Support from Pacific administration to achieve the goal is great. In a university-wide letter released Oct. 4 President Donald DeRosa said that the goal is $5,000 higher than last year, but he is optimistic that it can be met.

Last year, 20 percent of faculty and staff participated by either donating a flat sum, or having payroll deduct the gift amount. Chambers is

History Speaks

By Jesse Merkel
Staff Writer

The Asian studies program of College of the Pacific (COP) presented a lecture by Ken Pomeranz last Thursday night at the Bechtel International Center.


The large audience filling the floor of the Bechtel Center was taken on a journey that began with Pomeranz’s assertion that many discussions focus on what is commonly recognizable, while ignoring the fact that we today, with all of our accumulated technological advancements, work harder than our ancestors. Addressing this paradox with the idea of a gradual evolution toward modernity, Pomeranz continually presented a view that throughout this process, “China was no worse off than the whole of Europe.”

He then continued to highlight the cause and ef-

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The Pacifican staff goes to Hollywood

Networking can help open doors into the professional world

The professional world

Not everything is work here at The Pacifican. While we are busy, meeting deadlines, asking questions, writing stories and editing, we also manage to escape for the weekend. Even if it is to work.

On Thursday, Oct. 17, The Pacifican staff traveled to Los Angeles for the 24th Annual Journalism Opportunities Conference (JOC). Business Manager Mirella Reyes, Advertising Manager Reyna Navarrete and Managing Editor Elizabeth Vigil traveled with Pacifican Advisor Dr. Keith Hilton to the three-day conference sponsored by the Calif. Chicano News Media Association (CCNMA) and the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ).

JOC’s job fair offered aspiring journalists the opportunity to “network” with recruiters and representatives of different media organizations around the country. The New York Times, The Boston Globe, the Public Broadcasting System (PBS), Channel One and even The Record was present at JOC scoping out the talent.

“It was a great opportunity to network with professional already in the industry and it was fun getting out of Stockton,” said Navarrete.

One thing you should know when you attend a job fair is to not expect to get a job on the spot. That is the main reason to go, but sometimes it is more important to talk to a recruiter and get their business card. Business cards are like gold when you participate in these events.

“I thought the journalism conference was a great network forum. I hope that the students from the Pacific came away from this with lots of ideas and excitement,” said Hilton.

The job fair also gave staff the opportunity to meet students from Texas and Colo. as well as from Calif. After meeting these students it was clear that they share the some of the same fears as students here at Pacific. Number one concern: not being able to find a job post graduation.

Felix Doligoza, from the University of Colorado in Boulder, graduated in May and is still unemployed. Doligoza says it has been tough to find a job straight out of college, though his resume lists various internships in print media including one at Fortune Magazine in New York.

“It is very competitive in the professional world, no matter what your major, attending this event allowed us the opportunity to network and meet people who are in the business,” said Vigil.

The professionals were more than willing to give their advice with us. With the many pearls of wisdom they offered, one will not burn any bridges and never know who you or co-worker will be the road.

The whole weekend not just work, work. In their down time JOC they managed to down to Hollywood, Boulevard and Rodeo. The Standard hotel was a great and different experience. Its colorful furniture and laid back atmosphere were definitely nice change in scenery.

The Pacifican would like to thank the Office of Provost for financing this trip to the Journalism Opportunities Conference. The experience it provides is definitely not something you learn in books or classroom.

Protesters vs. Public Safety

The whole week of the students' protest on campus it was clear that they share the same concerns. Not being able to find a job post graduation, the students were not forced to leave campus. According to Chief of Public Safety, Bob Calloway, “the students were not forced to leave the campus.” He went on to explain that any wrongdoing by public safety could only have occurred because of a misunderstanding.

Calloway said that on the day of the protest, Public Safety handled all actions in accordance to the university’s Tiger Lore. Within the lore, students are guaranteed the rights to protest on campus, he still told them they would have to leave campus.

Students at Pacific were denied their right to exercise free speech on campus at the Promise Keepers convention earlier this month. Students from the Pacific Democrats club and Pacific Gay-Straight Alliance gathered near Zuckerman field equipped with homemade signs expressing discontent against the misogynistic and anti-gay values of the Promise Keepers Association.

Before completing even one trip down Stadium drive, the students were stopped by a Public Safety officer and ordered to leave campus.

“The officer informed us that we were on a private campus and therefore could not protest here,” said one of the student protesters, sophomore Eddie Richardson.

After informing the Public Safety official that they were Pacific students and therefore guaranteed the right to protest on campus, he still told them they would have to leave campus.

After hearing word of the day’s events, Vice President of Student Life Julie Sina contacted Public Safety and told them the students were within their rights.

“Even as a private university, the Constitution still applies,” said Sina.

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Public Safety was not only “member of the community” to discourage students’ protest on campus. Toward the end of demonstration, two Pacific Media Relations representatives approached the students.

“They informed us our actions were making university look bad,” Richardson.

Despite the resistance by Richardson and the student protesters, they are pleased and are pleased to hear that Calloway, on behalf of Public Safety gave an apology.
Alumni will speak on Bush's education plan

Angelo Richards

Susan Neuman is in high demand here at Pacific. Dean in Nagle of the education department has been trying to get her to speak here since 2001. After countless checks, she finally found opening her schedule Oct. 2002.

This evening, Neuman, assistant secretary for elementary and secondary education, will be speaking at the Faye Spanos Concert Hall. She will be this year's speaker of the J. William Wente's lecture of education. The subject will be President Bush's "No Child Left Behind" act.

As assistant secretary, Neuman serves as chief advisor to the U.S. Secretary for Education. When she is advising the secretary on all matters dealing with elementary and secondary education, she is overseeing Washington office, which provides over $14 billion a year for the nation's K-12 education system.

Neuman started her career as an elementary school teacher and reading specialist. After receiving her doctorate from our very own University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and Yale University, she was also a board member of the International Reading Association. She is sworn in as assistant secretary in July of 2001.

The "No Child Left Behind" act is a revision of the Elementary and Secondary Education act in 1965, signed by Bush on Jan. 8, 2002, the law illustrates his education reform plan and contains many new changes to America's schools.

It requires states to come up with their own standards for what a student should know in the subjects of reading and math.

When these standards are agreed upon, the student's progress must be tested annually, the tests will then be sorted by the student's economic situation, ethnic identification, disabilities and English proficiency.

This is where the phrase "no child is left behind" comes in. When the reports come out, results will show the achievement of each section, making sure all children are represented.

With this information, federal funds can be distributed to where it seems to be needed the most.

After reviewing all the scores, the schools and districts will publicly be reported in state and district report cards.

If standards continue to not be met, the districts will suffer consequences enforced by the government. This plan is also beneficial to parents.

With the public report cards, parents can monitor the progress that their child's school is making.

If they are not pleased with the results, they can transfer their child to another school or can use federal education funds for services like tutoring.

All this information can be heard by Neuman herself today after speaking at two local elementary schools, she arrives at the Benard School of Education at 4:30.

There she will speak to students and faculty specifically from the school, before she gives her open lecture at 7:30.

The night will end with a small reception at the President's Room in Anderson Hall.

The Pacific

Four music industry leaders will be appearing at the next Pacific Music Business Symposium slated for Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Conservatory's Recital Hall. The morning session will feature renowned music industry mentor, Nadine Condon, presenting her "Common Sense Music Business" seminar.

After more than 20 years as one of the premiere marketing gurus and publicists with 14 platinum and gold albums to her credit, she now provides mentoring to a variety of recording artists such as Smashmouth, Melissa Etheridge and Stroke 9.

PACIFIC TO HOST SYMPOSIUM

The number of donations have doubled and more people have contributed. "There are about 500,000 people in our community, and we estimated that 20 percent give to the United Way," said Prokop. Unlike other chapters across the country all the money donated will go directly to the cause.

This is because local sponsors, such as Alex Spanos and Washington Mutual, have paid the overhead cost of donations.

Chambers said last year's campaign attracted both new and long-time contributors. "About 200 contributed to the campaign and about 60 for the very first time," said Chambers. "There are some people who are absolutely zealous about it."

In addition, thirty faculty and staff members donated above $500 each.

Chambers expects this drive to be just as successful as last year.

The money donated goes towards various community organizations such as the Women's Center, and after school tutoring locations for children. The Anderson Y, which is located adjacent to the campus, is one of the benefited organizations. Without local agencies like these, Prokop said that many people would not receive the help they need.

The campaign is geared towards faculty and staff members, but students can also donate by contacting Chambers.

With over 200 local organizations helping out, Prokop said that $5 million dollar goal is a realistic number, especially when people know the money will go back to the community.

"We try to raise money to help our neighbors," said Prokop.

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A change in patterns of work and consumption throughout Europe and China. This harbinger of modernity increased the speed with which both ends of Eurasia, still on equal terms, headed toward the drastic change of the Industrial Revolution. The critical and final step in defining the ultimate divergence between Europe and China was the limitation and eventual accessibility to natural resources. While Europe was able to outsource to the "New World," China was increasingly looking toward a developing interior and a growing isolationist position.

Pomeranz pondered the possibility that the Industrial Revolution and growth of a global economy could have risen successfully at any number of different places. Pomeranz extended this inquiry by positing that while the above may be valid, there also may have been a funneling of increasingly interdependent factors that propelled one region past another. The following question and answer period saw the Professor field many questions, mainly from Pacific faculty, such as Kenneth Abala’s inquiry as to what role “could have a competitive, European-like atmosphere presumably played in making history different,” in terms of China turning outward instead of inward. Successfully evading posing an alternate version of history, Pomeranz presented the idea that natural phenomena, combined with economic factors made the idea of exploration and land-based development far less attractive to China. In review of this lecture and the importance of Dr. Pomeranz’s work, Professor Greg Rohlf of the Pacific History Department said, “Ken Pomeranz is really trying to explain the history of the modern age from a global perspective. Specifically the idea that the Industrial Revolution could have developed independently anywhere in the world.” This departure from the notion of “Europe against the rest,” in terms of development, makes Pomeranz’s work a valuable and interesting examination of causation behind events.

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The student-led Pacific Music Management Club is handling production. Admission is free to Pacific students, faculty, staff and interested alumni. A networking luncheon will be hosted in the Regent’s Dining Room as part of the symposium. A schedule of the day’s events will be posted on the Conservatory of Music’s web-site.

For more information, contact Professor Keith Hatschek at (209) 946-2443 or via email at khatschek@uop.edu.

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ECONOMIES

Science Teachers

Make the difference
Class registration: My advice

By Valerie Seinos
Staff Writer

Academic advising started last week, a time for students to get together with their faculty advisors and tackle the dreaded task of deciding what classes to take once again.

While I am not a senior in the throws of apathy, wishing quite quickly that I could simply take Mentor 3 and finish college, I feel just as anxious with this new task at hand.

What to take? What to take? I still have general education units to complete, requirements for my major, electives for my minor, and somewhere in that mess I am supposed to find time to take those fun classes like drawing and creative writing.

How am I supposed to do it all? It seems like something will have to give and, sadly, it will end up being a drawing class.

Enter Faculty Advisor. As a freshman, I was scared and overwhelmed. I was unsure of everything and being asked to pick my classes exactly one week after I walked across the football field in cap and gown didn't help any. I, the undecided, was asking myself, "Isn't there anyone who can just tell me what to take?"

College is supposed to be fun. I am here to learn, to discover, to experience the different things that the collegiate world has to offer, but too often it seems like I am stuffed into this box, having to take classes that I have no interest in simply because the school says I must.

While I slightly resent this now, as a freshman, that was really all I wanted. Too bad I hadn't yet grasped the lesson of paying attention.

It takes a while to get used to this new system. As a freshman with no direction, no major, and no clue, I took lots of classes that were of little benefit to me. Well, in the name of pure learning, they could be considered slightly valuable. But, I did it at the expense of time.

I took Calculus II simply because I had taken math every year for as long as I could remember. I became an English major. Was it really of the utmost importance that I know how to do derivatives and integrals?

Especially when I foolishly took another class from that same GE category.

The truth about racism at Pacific

By Alicia Smith
Guest Writer

Imagine going to a party on a Friday night and not being able to get in because of the color of your skin. Try to contemplate the emotions that you would feel if you found a racial slur posted on your dorm room door.

Attempt to fathom what it would be like to be placed in a stereotype of "troublemaker" when you have never even been involved in a bad situation, let alone created it.

Unfortunately many people on this earth have felt and continue to feel situations like these. In fact every example just cited has been something that a person of ethnic descent has faced just this semester alone, on campus, at Pacific.

As an African American woman I have fallen victim to racist thoughts and actions. For example in the fifth grade my Caucasian Physical Education teacher called me a "black bitch" and when I was in the third grade I was spit on and called a "nigger" by a truck full of Caucasian males. From every angle I have been criticized and belittled for my ethnicity. Most recently some of my close friends and I experienced racism yet again and SURPRISE! It was right "smack dab" in the middle of our Pacific student community.

My friends and I (all of African American descent) were trying to get into a party at one of the fraternities. When we realized we couldn't get in, we just decided to stand outside of the frat house and converse.

One of us was talking to her friend at the entrance of the party and out of no where someone said to our group, "get out of here, you guys always start trouble." First of all neither my friends nor I have ever started trouble at a party on campus.

I realized that the boy who said these words not only made a hasty generalization because of the color of our skin but also that he had accepted the racist stereotype that black people are violent or always cause trouble.

None of us knew this individual yet he assumed
The Congressional elections are fast approaching and most Americans have yet to realize their importance. Where were the calls of discontent and protest when the Constitutional responsibility to declare war was handed over by Congress to the President? Our representatives have exercised their right to speak on our behalf, but they have failed to act for it.

Within these past two years, Republicans in Congress have caused systemic issues to completely submerge the needs of individuals. This body has failed to deliver a patient's bill of rights as well as solve the problem of prescription drug coverage.

And worst of all, Congress has allowed the perceptions of one individual to overpower all others. Congress has legitimized President Bush's desire to use unilateral military action in Iraq.

Why has Congress allowed the issues most important and vital to the American people to be ignored, and why haven't we stood up for ourselves? Perhaps we have depended too long on the government to dictate to us what issues we should care about. We have allowed politicians to set the agenda for our country.

According to Congress, domestic issues such as economic reform, education and welfare are not as important to the American people as the ambiguous war on terrorism and governments abroad. Is that true? When is the last time we told our representatives what matters are most important to us?

The executive branch has cast a shadow over Congress. The Republican representatives have enjoyed this cover and the Democrats are too scared to come out of the darkness. Since the September 11th attacks, the members of government are discouraged to disagree with the president for fear their patriotism will be questioned. This fear has chased away their memories of the promises they made to us.

The representatives we elect into office become our voice in government. We give them the right to vote in measures that affect our daily lives. They give power to the judges that may someday determine the rate of our taxes. We need to embrace issues that involve making our lives better now, but that will also improve them in the future.

We need to elect statesmen, and representatives that will remember when they cast their vote to send the nation to war, it is the American people who will pay for that vote with the lives of their children.
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that we were going to cause a problem based on ethnicity.
He didn't say anything to the other people standing around literally pushing to get into the party. He just saw color and his ignorance spilled out of his mouth.
In a dorm on campus a "welcoming" letter that had many inappropriate racial connotations on it greeted an African American student on her door one evening. What an accepting thing to come home to.
If you are surprised, you haven't been paying attention. Racist acts on college campuses such as these Pacific examples are sadly abundant across the country.
At Oregon State University more than 1500 faculty, staff and students facilitated a daylong boycott of the school after a student shouted racial slurs at a group of black students and attempted to urinate on one of them.
In addition pictures of African American students that were running for OSU student government offices were defaced.

Some of the students put ropes around their necks and had guns placed toward their temples by other surrounding students. Other fraternity members chose to complement their "blackface" with coveralls and pretended to pick cotton.

Unfortunately the list goes on and on. You type in the words "college racism" in any search engine on the Internet and you receive hundreds upon hundreds of matches.
Although it is unfortunate to have these stories the fact that people are showing the world that racism still is a problem is something that is essential in fixing it.
At Pacific acts of racism, as stated above, do in fact occur and sadly will continue until they are acknowledged and transformed. To deny these instances is harboring the problem.
Changing your own racist tendencies is an enormous step. To evoke change internally helps initiate change externally.
Since the reconstruction of slavery a lot has been accomplished. Many people have changed their views and have become a catalyst for change. However we need to stop covering the fact that people are still racist in our society after all of these years.
Making it seem as though there is no problem is a temporary fix. It's like make-up. You may look good after you put it on but the "real deal" is still beneath the concealer, lipstick and blush.
As a whole (including Pacific) our world needs to recognize that racism is still a very real, very abundant problem. We need to realize that it is not just a black and white issue.
Everyone needs to look within himself or herself and realize that skin comes in different colors but inside we truly are all the same.
Although on the outside it looks as though we have bridged the gap between the races there is still a long way to go before the bridge will be strong enough for all to walk over hand in hand.
Trick-or-Treat?

By Allie Wager

These kids are enjoying the free candy! So should we!

By Allie Wager

Guest Writer

So, it's the cool thing; now that we're in college, to not go out, dress up, make fools of our selves, and have a great time trick-or-treating. But it is cool to go out, dress up, and make fools of our selves at a party all the while getting a beer belly, rather than scaring your favorite candy bar.

Why is it "cool" to dress up for parties with themes every month, but not once a year on a certain day? People wrap themselves up in sheets for toga parties and cake on make-up, but never on Halloween.

And if college is a time to rebel, break the rules, and feel free to do and act as you please... go against what everyone else expects you to do. Be crazy, be original, be unique!

If you think about it, it won't be too long before we're actually going to have to work, and by then we'll be too busy to enjoy this tradition. It's not like you can ditch work to go candy hunting anymore once you graduate.

Remember when you were a kid and you would give anything to be your favorite sports star, super hero, or cartoon on Halloween?

Or when you would want to go trick-or-treating all night long even if your feet were blistered or your nose was frost bitten?

Remember sorting candy at the end of the night, and trading with your friends, but secretly finding ways to screw them over some how, so that you get the fireballs and they get the tootsie rolls?

Remember way back to those times... now how far back was that? If it was not too long ago, don't be embarrassed; be ashamed if you stopped when you were in the fourth grade!

The way I look at it is, if you're never too old for presents, then you're never too old to dress up and go trick-or-treating.

By now we should all recognize that Santa Claus has a strong resemblance to Mom. I was in the third grade when I found out that Santa was an excuse for my parents to give me more presents.

Did it suck to find out? Yeah. Was I devastated? Heck no! Why? "Santa Claus" still visits my older brother and I every Christmas Eve and continues to give us candy in our stockings. And as long as I'm able to receive from Santa, I will gratefully take what he gives.

Likewise with Halloween. As long as people are willing to give, I will gratefully accept! Why pass up a present? And must I remind all you college students that it's free food? Call me crazy for taking handouts.

Go all out this October 31st. Try wrapping yourself in tin foil and going as a left over or sticking post-its all over your body and going as a message board.

Dressing up doesn't have to be expensive and the experience you'll have will last a lifetime.

Get with the game plan

Get your competitive edge back. Play sports!

By Mike Feeney

Guest Writer

When entering the University of the Pacific, I considered myself a student athlete. I was a member of Pacific Men's Swim team and spent most of my first semester at Pacific in the pool. After a year of strenuous workouts and stiff competition I realized that it was time to give up the sport that I once loved and start living the life of a regular college student focused on receiving a degree and trying to have as much fun while doing it.

After a couple of weeks of partying and attending some classes, I realized that the competitive side within me needed to come out. I knew that I was a decent athlete and I was willing to participate in almost any sport.

The answer soon came to me, which was to become involved in Pacific's Intramural Sports Program. I was hesitant at first in getting used to playing the various sports the intramural program had to offer but also I loved it at the same time because it brought out the drive and competitiveness in me.

Pacific's Intramural Sports Program offers a variety of sports from inner-tube water polo to miniature golf.

If you are on the more competitive side of sports well, you're in luck because Intramural five on five basketball, soccer provides Pacific students a chance to compete at various skill levels and have fun while doing it.

Not only does intramural sports offer you a chance to compete in many sports it also gives you a chance to interact with other Pacific students.

Pacific senior Lukesh has been participating in intramural sports since his freshman year.

Pacific not only offers Pacific students a chance to compete at various skill levels but also allows me to participate in a variety of sports with my friends."

If you're one of the students out there who's playing sports you're not good enough, don't have enough time, don't want to participate, don't want to put yourself out there to accept the challenge and have fun while doing it.

The intramural program also conveniently schedules most events take place on Friday or Saturday nights. Most events take place in the morning for those who want to sleep in. Students have classes the following day and most events are only scheduled to take place once a week. So if you're one of those students who was a star athlete or have some unique talents what ever your dreams are, you can enjoy the couch, drop your exams, or beers and get involved in Pacific intramural sports.

Coming Attractions! Intramural leagues: volleyball, bowling, and dart.
Charlie Hunter knows the meaning of jazz

By Paula Krueger
Staff Writer

Along with Pacific students and faculty, the Stockton community will receive once in a lifetime opportunity on Saturday October 1st. Renowned jazz musician Charlie Hunter is set to perform at Faye Spanos Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. as the first performer in the Jazz and World Music Series.

“Steve Anderson, Dean of the Conservatory, wanted to take the series in an adventurous direction in order to set high artistic standards, get the community excited, and attract young people,” says Mike Charasch, who is the Associate Director of The Brubeck Institute.

According to Charasch, Hunter is a unique, innovative jazz musician who will bring a rich mixture of music to the university. He says, “Charlie Hunter is definitely a jazz player, but he’s also very eclectic, bringing elements of rock, funk, R&B, and a little New Orleans groove into his sound.”

Part of Hunter’s inventive approach to jazz is attributed to his ability to play on an eight-string instrument that can play both guitar and bass concurrently. This instrument includes six strings derived from a standard guitar and two strings obtained from a bass guitar. Despite Hunter’s long ownership of the musical instrument, he still finds playing it challenging and a skill that needs further cultivation.

“I’m still developing it. I’ve been doing it for ten years. The skill is still evolving,” says Hunter.

Another component of his uniqueness is his ability to bring in additions to each record. In Hunter’s most recent album, which was released on September 25, 2001 and titled Songs From The Analog Playground, Hunter incorporates vocals for the first time in his album. These vocalists include New Orleans jazz-funk Galactic band member Theryl de Clouet, rapper Mos Def, Blue Note recording artist Kurt Elling, and newcomer Nora Jones.

At a university with such a strong music program, there are many interested students who want a music performance career. Hunter recognizes this fact and gives advice to those students who might want to pursue this type of a future.

“You have to realize it’s uphill because it is not rewarding early in life in our society,” said Hunter. “You have to take solace in the artistic and spiritual wealth it brings. You’re always working and you never really have a vacation, but eventually, it’s going to be rewarding.”

In light of his advice to others, Hunter continues to strive to bring quality music to his fans. For those interested in hearing new developments in his music, a new album is in the making and is set to hit stores in March.

Tickets to Saturday night’s concert are available at the box office or by calling 209-946-2400. The tickets range from $20 to $15, but are half-price for Pacific students and senior citizens. For more information, please visit www.brubeckinstitute.org.

Elephant wins my love

True story about the greatest elephant

By Golden Vansant
Staff Writer

Looking for a good book to read in your free time? Assuming of course, that you have free time. For many of the students here at Pacific, leisure tends to be a precious commodity. Nonetheless, I would like to recommend to you a book that is well worth your time and may just change your life. Skeptical? Well get ready to doubt me even more. This book is about an elephant.

“Modoc: The True Story of the Greatest Elephant That Ever Lived,” by Ralph Helfer, is a truly touching and inspirational epic if you will, that chronicles the lives of a boy and his best friend who happens to be a giant African elephant.

The tale spans seven decades, an ocean, and three continents as Ralph Helfer takes you on a physical and metaphysical journey through the experiences of our unlikely duo. Modoc and Bram are born on the same night in a sleepy Black Forest village. On his deathbed, Bram’s father counsels him to take care of Modoc. From this point, a tale unfolds that includes every element of the human experience from joy to passion to grief.

The two are inseparable and share an incredible person to pachyderm bond that will probably surprise you. This book is an amazing example of the love that can occur between an animal and a human. The intertwined lives of man and elephant form the heart of the book. Any one who owns an animal is familiar with the attachment that can be formed with a pet. Magnify that by one hundred and you will understand the exceptional bond shared by Bram and Modoc.

This story will alter your perception on the relationships between man and the animal kingdom. Elephants become wonderfully intelligent and caring creatures in the mind of the reader.

Told with heart-tugging warmth, that granted at times slips into Disney mode, it feels credible nonetheless. I guarantee that this book will touch you, and anyone who should and will love this captivating tale of love and friendship.

So check it out. Or better yet, buy it, because I know that you will love it and want to read it over and over again.
Thrills are missing in "The Red Dragon"

By Beau Davies
Staff Writer

Anthony Hopkins swings and misses with "The Red Dragon." In his third attempt playing the role of Hannibal Lecter, Anthony Hopkins pairs up with box office draw Ed Norton in this new horror hoping to carry on the Hannibal legacy.

A great cast, however, is not everything. Despite the success Hannibal Lecter has had in the past in scaring the day lights out of the audience, for some reason, the third time was not as frightening.

After the ending in "Hannibal," what could they possibly surprise us with? Besides lack of originality, how many pre-quels have we had in the past in scaring people out of their wits?"Star Wars." "The Ring." "White Oleander." "The Red Dragon," what could they possibly surprise us with? Besides lack of originality, how many pre-quels have we had in the past in scaring people out of their wits? The third time was not as frightening.

"The Red Dragon" stars Ralph Fiennes as a blind photo-lab technician who finds herself falling in love with a mass murderer. Anthony Hopkins are the only two who gave soft performances. Both Harvey Keitel and Anthony Hopkins are the major development in the investigation comes from an instantaneous point of view.

The real blame for the movie's poor quality should be placed on the director, Brett Ratner. If you are going to have a movie based on an FBI investigation, it is probably a good idea to show the audience the agents working for their clues. Instead, every major development in the investigation comes from an instantaneous point of view.

The second biggest mistake was Ed Norton. Despite these shortcomings, the movie did occasional scare moments of suspense, but it was not work for the audience.

Finally, Ratner and the cast were trying to off the success of the Lambs," width="500" height="500" src="https://example.com/thrills.png" alt="Thrills in The Red Dragon">

"The Red Dragon" movie poster portrays its horror. "It was the same old stuff," said Pacific student Blake Burnham. But, you cannot blame these short comings on the cast. In fact, the cast should be given all of the credit for the success the movie is having in the theaters right now.

The main character, William Graham, is played by Norton who is never a bad choice. I don't think that the man knows how to act badly. Norton plays the hero cop that uses his special gift of seeing through the eyes of the killer, to save the day. Both Harvey Keitel and Anthony Hopkins are the only two who gave soft performances. Keitel plays a disappointing role as Norton's superior who understands his pain, but desperately needs his help.

Of course, Hopkins plays his role as Hannibal Lecter, but this time it was more like a Lecter impression rather than Lecter himself.

The rule is that the movie's poor quality should be placed on the director, Brett Ratner. If you are going to have a movie based on an FBI investigation, it is probably a good idea to show the audience the agents working for their clues. Instead, every major development in the investigation comes from an instantaneous point of view.
Dating advice for all

By Golden Vansant
Staff Writer

If you have watched television at all in the past year, then you have probably seen a dating show. In our post-9/11 society they are everywhere. From “The Bachelor” and “Tail Daters” to “The Fifth Wheel,” the American people have become obsessed with the pursuit of love.

All of this is completely understandable. No one wants to be lonely, and since your world is becoming a more frightening place to live, it makes perfect sense that this fixation on dating is so prevalent.

This is not to say that the only purpose of dating is to find a boy/girl friend. Instead, it can be a great way to get to know someone new. Now the question is: What can you do on a date in Stockton?

There are many options so get creative. Sure, it may be just fine to sit around in someone’s room and talk, but it gets old. Get out and explore the town!

One suggestion is for those on a limited budget, start out with a picnic in the park or on one of Pacific’s beautiful lawns.

Guys, this old fashioned idea will win major brownie points with your girl. Next, you can take a walk to Tiger’s Yogurt and have a cone, which will set you back about a dollar and a half.

Or for the Romeo with a little more spare change, head over to one of Stockton’s fine restaurants.

A few to consider are The Old Spaghetti Factory, The Garlic Brothers on the marina, or for the adventurous, try some sushi at Shomi’s in Lincoln Center.

Next, head over to Golf Land and play some arcade games or a round of miniature golf.

Do not take your etiquette cues from those shows that portray couples hooking up on the first date.

This is acceptable on television, but your date might not appreciate it. Guys, be charming and respectful and your date will swoon over you. Plus, your chances of getting another date will multiply. Good luck, and happy dating!

By David Bunts
Guest Writer

If you think “Brown Sugar” is some sappy chick flick you are wrong.

Director Rick Famuyiwa (“The Wood”) and his co-writer, Michael Elliot, have a movie that may be funnier than “My Best Friend’s Wedding” and as heart warming as “Love & Basketball,” two films with similar story lines.

“Brown Sugar” is a delightful love story set in the world of hip-hop. Dre (Taye Diggs) is a hot music executive in New York’s “urban scene,” and his “homegirl” Sidney (Sanna Lathan) is the editor of an urban music magazine.

The entire film is linked to the one moment in their lives when, as children, they discovered and fell in love with the art of hip hop. People should not expect an urban re-make of “My Best Friend’s Wedding.” However, you will be surprised when Dre and Reese (Nicole Parker) tie the knot less than halfway into the film, leaving an hour or so for Sidney and Dre to wreck the bonds of marriage.

Dre’s marriage starts to fall apart along with his career, when he is forced to work with a ludicrous “crossover” rap act represented by his wife, instead of the underground rapper played by rapper Mos Def.

Sidney tries to escape her feelings for Dre by getting into relations with Kelby, an NBA hunk (Boris Kodjoe). That does not work out as Sidney and Dre were meant for each other, and the ending is a foregone conclusion.

“Brown Sugar” is a delightful film that, although comedic, still manages to strike a cord with its audience. This film does have some strong language, but I especially think people should see this film because if you think you should be with that special someone, then this is the movie for you.

“Brown Sugar” Baby!!!
Musical opens on a high note

Unlike most plays, the beginning of Friday night's performance of "A View From The Bridge" had the audience engaging in song. Director Gary Armagnac encouraged the audience to stand up and sing "Happy Birthday" in honor of playwright Arthur Miller's eighty-seventh birthday, which was last Thursday. Miller's play, presented at DeMarcus Brown Studio Theatre, tells a story revealing the dark side of the American family and the issue of illegal immigration.

As the production begins, the audience is introduced to the Carbone family. The protagonist is Eddie Carbone (Dustin Herboldshimer), who is the patriarch of the family working hard as a long shore man to support his family. His wife Beatrice (Leah Wellisch) portrays the traditional wife staying at home to cook and clean the house. Both of them raise their niece Catherine (Heather Dooley), who is eighteen and trying to find her place in the adult world.

Eddie, however, is not a typical uncle as he is very protective of Catherine. At first, it seems similar to any protection a father would exercise on his own daughter. This is exemplified when he objects to her going out in the real world to work.

But, when the family takes in two Italian illegal immigrants, Marco (Matt Candito) and Rodolpho (Zach Kovall), his relationship with his niece is quite disturbed. When Catherine and Rodolpho start to fall in love and spend more time with each other, Eddie becomes obsessed over losing her and goes to extreme measures to prevent them from marrying each other. In his first attempt, Eddie tells Catherine that Rodolpho wants to marry her only because he wants to become a citizen.

Eddie tries to brainwash Catherine to avoid losing her. But on the contrary, Rodolpho makes it clear to Catherine that this is not true. Eddie, though, is persistent in keeping them apart. He visits his lawyer Alfieri (Casey Kooyman) and tries to find a way to have Rodolpho leave his home. Alfieri advises Eddie to let this go and realize that Catherine is becoming an adult. Eddie refuses this advice and performs the only action that will grant him success. Eddie calls the immigration police and has Marco and Rodolpho arrested. Rodolpho is able to go free because of his planned marriage to Catherine. Marco, on the other hand, will have to leave the country after his hearing is conducted, which is in a couple of weeks.

Alfieri posts bail on only the condition that Marco does not try to fight or harm Eddie. This leads to the end dramatic conclusion of the play, which will not be revealed for those interested in seeing it.

The play continues throughout this weekend. Visit the box office or call 209-946-2UOP for times and ticket purchases.
Binaxime Lacroix brings home the october 24, 2002}

Field Hockey
The Tigers started out the free game weekend with a loss 3-1 to Yale on Friday, topping to 1-11 on the season.

The next game was against Saint Louis University and resulted in the break of the 11 game losing streak the Tigers had been facing. Early in the game, Fiorina, with a pass from senior Nicolette Wiegand, scored early in the game at the 2:42 mark.

It only took her ten minutes later for Fiorina's second goal to enter the goal. With the large lead, the Tigers were able to hold off the Saint Louis offense and collected their first shutout of the season.

The second game against Saint Louis was once again a victory for the Tigers as they had their second shutout game of the season, 1-0.

Junior Cameron Kato was the hero on Monday, as she scored her first goal of the season and nabbed her fourth defensive save of the year to save the Tiger victory.

Kato's goal came on a penalty corner play as she got the ball through the Billiken goalie Julie Moecckel.

Pacific improves to 3-11 on the season and 2-3 in the NorPac conference.

Men's Tennis
Despite having one player in each of three finals at the 2002 Pacific Tiger Invitational on Sunday, Oct. 20, the Pacific Tigers men's tennis team had to settle for only one champion as senior Maxime Lacroix defeated Romain Lachens (St. Mary's) 6-1, 6-2 to claim the Flight B championship for Pacific.

In the remaining two singles championship matches, senior Vincent Kubler fell in straight set to Greg Lee (UC Davis) 5-7, 6-7(2) and in Flight C, freshman Garrett Wyatt fell to Saint Mary's J. J. Whittlinger 6-4, 6-3.

Baseball
The Pacific Baseball team defeated its alumni 5-3 in the annual alumni game on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Billy Hebert Field.

The alumni team jumped out to an early 2-0 lead after two innings. In the third inning, the current Pacific team scored three runs, and never relinquished the lead. Senior Jason Godkin (San Leandro, CA) pitched the first three innings for the current Tigers.

After the game, the alumni and current players hosted a barbecue for all participants and fans.

Swimming
MANOA, HAW - The Pacific Tigers swim squads split a dual meet with Hawai'i on Friday, Oct. 18 as the men's team fell 195-92 and the women's team won 171-113.

The loss drops the men to 0-2, while the victory improves the women's record to 1-1 on the season.

For the men's team, senior Matt Smart (Stockton, Calif.) collected the only victory as he won the 200 Free with a time of 1:42.05.

The women's team took 10 of 16 events from Hawai'i as seven different Tigers won eight individual events. Junior Robin Errecart (Stockton, Calif.) was the only Tiger to win two events as she won the 200 Fly with a time of 2:03.36 and the 500 Free with a time of 5:04.85.

Golf
FAIRFAX, Calif. - The Pacific Tigers men's golf team finished 14th out of 17 teams at the Alister MacKenzie Invitational on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 14 and 15.

Senior Ben Scribner led the Tigers with a three round score of 218, tying for 31st individually.

Find out what might happen this week in the NFL

By Ryan Andress
Staff Writer

Atlanta @ New Orleans
New Orleans: The Saints are quickly beginning to look like one of the better teams in the NFC. I don't think the Falcons can really hang even with a healthy Vick.

Cleveland @ NY Jets
Cleveland: I'm not sold on the Jets still. Cleveland looks like they are on the rise still now that they are getting Tim Couch healthy again. Curtis Martin is looking better finally.

Oakland @ Kansas City
Oakland: The Raiders can't lose three in a row, can they? The Chiefs are the best team below .500 in the league, congratulations I guess. Cannon should tear KC up.

Seattle @ Dallas
Seattle: Dallas is going to put in a new QB this week. That will not help their offense. My only hope is that Dallas not only loses, but that Emmitt Smith is severely injured and cannot break Walter Payton's record.

Tennessee @ Cincinnati
Tennessee: The Bengals haven't won yet, why start now?
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*SOURCE: CORE INSTITUTE 2000

GUESS WHAT? EVERY ONE OF THESE IS TRUE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE MAKING RESPONSIBLE CHOICES ABOUT DRINKING. THANKS FOR MAKING INTELLIGENT CHOICES THE NORM.
After dropping their previous five matches, the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos hosted the Tigers on Saturday, October 19, and the Long Beach State 49ers on Sunday, October 20. Currently standing at 1-2 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play, the Tigers were definitely focused on improving their conference record as they hosted UC Santa Barbara in a conference match on Saturday, October 19.

The Gauchos took an early 1-0 lead, but the Tigers continued to move the ball well on their front court offense. Eddie Wisnewski provided the offensive spark for the Tigers early in the match, as he netted 2 of his match high 4 goals in the period. The Gauchos struck first in the second period, as Doug Arthur was able to beat Tiger goalie Laurie Trettle to move UCSB within a goal of the Tigers with the score standing at 3-2.

In the second half the Tigers offense began where it left off. Tiger utility man, Nic Hepner, beat Gaucho goalie, Sherwin Kim, for his second goal of the match in which provided the Tigers with a comfortable 6-goal advantage. At this point in the match the Gauchos offense seemed flustered, as the Tigers kept the pressure on and were able to cruise to 10-5 victory.

Some notable performances for the Tigers included the offensive play of holeman Chris Nowak, who scored one goal and drew a season high 5 ejections. Also scoring a goal apiece for the Tigers were drivers Sasha Maese, and Danny Johnson, and holeman Kraig Jorgenson.

Defensively, Tiger goalie Laurie Trettle notched a match high 9 saves. With the victory the Tigers moved to 7-9 overall, and 2-2 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Play.

Coming off of a strong performance against UC Santa Barbara, the Tigers looked to continue where they left off as they played host to the Long Beach State 49ers on Sunday, October 20. The Tigers defense was stellar in the first half of play as they held the 49ers scoreless in the first period, and gave up only 2 goals in the second. With a 1-0 advantage after the first period, the Tigers received 4 goals in the second, two in which were scored by driver Danny Johnson.

On the first possession of the fourth period, Tiger driver, Sasha Maese found the back of the net for the first of his two goals in the period, which gave the Tigers a 6-5 advantage. The 49ers would then respond on their next possession, as holeman Nathan Allard caught Tiger goalie Laurie Trettle of guard and scored on a lob shot. With about a minute remaining in regulation, the Tigers capitalized on an extra man situation, as driver Jarrod Cruzat found the back of the net for the first of his two goals. Unfortunately, the Tigers were unable to hold off the 49ers in last 30 seconds of regulation as 49er holeman, Erik Geoffroy, scored to send the match in to overtime tied at 8-8.

In overtime, each team exchanged goals on their first possessions, but the Tigers were able to seal the victory as Cruzat found the back of the net for his second goal of the contest. With the victory, the Tigers overall record moved to 8-9 on the season and 3-2 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Play. **Come on Down to...**

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Pacific volleyball has its ups and downs

The Tigers split two decisions this week with a sweep of Utah State and a thrilling five-game loss to Idaho. With the win against Utah State, the Tigers recorded the 750th victory in program history.

The Tigers started off the week with an impressive first game against Utah State. The Tigers built an early 16-8 lead and Regina McGee breaks loose towards the goal for Pacific.

Soccer reaches for first conference victory

Sophomore Regina McGee breaks loose before cruising to an easy 30-18 victory. The domination in the first game was exciting to watch and was a great showing of what this year’s young team is capable of.

However, things would be a lot different in game two as the Aggies broke out to an early 10-6 lead, but the Tigers rallied back to take a 15-12 lead. The run was highlighted by outstanding defense and two service aces from senior Megan Hauschild and junior Misty Swails.

Pacific would continue to lead the game, until the Aggies staged a late rally to tie the game at 28-28. With everything tied up, All American Jen Joines hammered away consecutive kills to put the Tigers up 2-0 going into the break.

Much like the second game, the Tigers fell behind early and were down 9-6, but then the Tigers came roaring back to take the lead 13-17. The Aggies were not out of it yet and staged another late rally and pulled back at 26-25. Senior Elaine Goeders would have none of that and recorded two blocks and kill in the final four points to close out the match.

Jen Joines lead the Tigers with 12 kills and eight blocks. Also having an impressive game was freshman Ashley Groothuis who finished them game with 10 kills and a career-high seven blocks.

Unfortunately, the win would prove costly for the Tigers. During the match, Joines suffered an ankle injury that caused her to sit out Saturday’s game against Idaho.

Without Joines the Tigers would be missing one of their biggest offensive weapons. However this did not phase the Tigers in game one. They jumped out to an early 30-24 lead behind a combined hitting percentage of .429, while holding the Vandals to a .171 average.

Idaho came on strong in game two and was able to turn the tables and take the game, 30-26. Fortunately, the Tigers were able to take the third game 30-28.

The absence of Joines would come to haunt the Tigers as they had a tough time offensively in game four. The Vandals were able to hold the Tigers to a .075 and force 10 hitting errors to send the match to a decisive game five.

In the final game Idaho took an early 6-3 lead, only to have Pacific come charging back to tie the score with kills by junior Misty Swails and senior Elaine Goeders. Late in the game, the Tigers were able to push ahead 14-13 on another kill by Swails, but this time it was Idaho that came up with a three point rally to take the game and the match.

In the match, the Tigers were led by Goeders and freshman Ashley Groothuis with 12 kills apiece. Sophomore Gabby Olivares added 13 kills and eight blocks.

Pickering rounded up five saves and needs four more to break the Big West Conference record for saves in a career held by Pacific’s Kim McCaskey.

Her next chance Friday’s game against Cal State Northridge.

Over the weekend, the Tigers look to improve their Big West average.

As they travel south to take on UC Riverside and CS Fullerton in next week’s edition of Pacifican.