More than just reporting
Elizabeth Carranza
Guest Writer

For decades most newspapers did nothing more than just "report the news." Any journalists were very much detached from their communities and its citizens. Traditional journalists were aware of the problems rising up in communities yet stepped away to only be bystanders. Recently a new wave of reporting has reemerged in our communities, called public or civic journalism.

Within the Communication Department, the rest of the journalism emphasis is taking the initiative of teaching future journalists its new and exciting reporting philosophy.

"Public journalism gets the audience and university involved and this makes the university a better place," said Dr. Keith Hilton, professor of communication. Hilton is the professor who is focusing on public/civic journalism as a teaching tool and a craft. Students in Hilton's news writing classes are learning step-by-step what exactly public journalism is and how it makes news writing and reporting better.

Senior David Bunts describes the importance of public journalism, "I feel that public journalism is important because it informs people of what is going on in our community and in our society."

Public journalism emphasizes that journalists should be involved in the public life. They should not only report about problems that occur in the community, but try to solve them.

"Journalism in general has a responsibility to society and in many ways we have not lived up to that responsibility," said Hilton.

The growing public journalism movement is being encouraged by the Pew Center for Civic Journalism in Washington DC. The Pew Center's mission is to enable news organizations to create and refine better ways of reporting the news to reengage people in public life. Veteran journalist Jan Schaffer is the foundations executive director. To get more information on the Pew Center for Civic Journalism, log on to www.pewcenter.org.

Newspapers that exercise public journalism inform the community on issues that need to be looked into. When newspapers do this it sets a foundation for citizens and government to take action on these issues.

One example of a newspaper using public journalism is the Charlotte Observer in Charlotte, NC. This newspaper published articles that pointed out reoccurring crimes in certain neighborhoods which later helped to solve them.

"It would be great if a higher percentage of money went to the students," said Johnson, who is vice president of the Associated Students of the University of the Pacific (ASUOP).

Last week members of ASUOP held two meetings to discuss raising the student activity fee to $75 a semester. Currently students pay $52.50 per term. The raise will benefit student organizations on campus, as well as ASUOP events.

"Student activities have increased on campus," said Johnson. "We hope to cover all these things with the fee increase."

The activity fee has remained stagnant since 1986. Since then inflation, minimum wage and all other campus fees, including tuition, have gone up," said Johnson. If ASUOP paralleled other price hikes on campus, the fee would be $173.

Ninety-four percent of ASUOP's annual income is generated by the activity fee; the other 6% comes from Tiger's Grocer. That amounts to $343,000 a year, which would increase to $490,000 a year.

Last week's meetings were the beginning of an effort to get information to the campus community regarding the matter. Both meetings only attracted a total of eight students combined. Johnson said he was disappointed by the outcome.

"We really did expect these forums to be filled with people who disagreed with the raising of the fee," said Johnson.

Greek Council representatives were at Friday's meeting inquiring about how the additional funds would be distributed to all campus organizations. Johnson encouraged the Greek Council to apply for partial funding of future events.

"Last year the senate requested $500,000," said ASUOP attorney general Ben Laskey. "We only had $343,000 to work with."

Johnson said the money could also go toward making the ASUOP store, Etceteras, into a more student friendly place. Currently the shop offers mainly a Greek selection.

Sophomore Lauren Swanson objects to the price raise. "I don't see the point," Swanson said. "It's not my fault they spend the money ineffectively on bad programs."

Swanson pointed out that many students don't attend ASUOP sponsored events, such as the free lawn movies.

Johnson said many positive things would come from the raise as well, even for students who do not go to many events. ASUOP sponsored arts, entertainment, and recreational events could increase. The money could also lead to the formation of more clubs. Student safety will also increase with the addition of more blue emergency phones around campus. KPAC will receive funding for new computers, making it accessible to radio airwaves.

ASUOP is presently work-
Justin Timberlake released his first solo album last Tuesday, Nov. 5. His new album, Justified features 13 new tracks, including his new hit single, “Like I love you.”

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Disease, asthma, cancer and heart disease, kidney disease, asthma, cancer and other complications are those who are very young, the elderly, and those with chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, asthma, cancer and HIV/AIDS. However, even those who are in good health need the flu shot to keep them healthy and to protect others around them or come in contact with them.

This is why it is important to protect yourself from the flu and to get your shot. It is especially important on a college campus, where students are in close contact with each other for prolonged periods of time.

The virus that causes influenza is transmitted through airborne particles and also through direct contact. “The flu can cause deaths and students can easily catch it by just one person breathing in class,” says Yvonne Lopes, Director of Health Services.

It is not uncommon to see one or two students with the flu on a Monday, and by that Friday, see a dozen more with the same symptoms.

Symptoms come on quickly and include high fever, headache, extreme exhaustion, cough, and generalized body aches. Fatigue may also occur and last for as long as two weeks.

The Centers for Disease Control recommend getting the flu shot in October or November, but even getting it in December or later can still protect you against the flu. Those with high fever, who are allergic to eggs, and have had a severe reaction to the flu vaccine in the past, however, should NOT receive the shot.

Pacific’s Cowell Wellness Center is on the alert and has developed a program

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ASUOP’s Bone Marrow Drive

By Angela Richards
Staff Writer

Today, ASUOP will sponsor its first bone marrow stem cell drive. It will be held in the Pacific Commons Room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to participate. ASUOP, Mary Gutierrez and the Asian American Donor program are sponsoring the event.

The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) is specifically looking for generally healthy people between the ages of 18 and 60. Each volunteer will be asked to fill out a questionnaire about his or her health and will provide a small sample of tissue type blood by a quick prick of the finger. This sample will be added to NMDP’s registry, which consists of millions of donors. A person’s registration will stay with NMDP until they turn 60, although one may call and ask to be taken off the registry at any time.

If someone comes up as a match the registry will contact him or her later. The marrow procedure for a match involves removing bone marrow from the donor’s hip bone, which is then the marrow is returned to the donor with a syringe. The donor will feel some soreness for a couple of days following the procedure.

The registry is not looking for a particular ethnicity or a donor with high blood pressure; it is the cost of the procedure rather than the lack of minorities, the registry is looking for anyone who can donate. Right now there are of 825 registry spots and 399 international or general donor spots. If someone is a donor, the registry will also be accepting donations from non-minorities.

Why has Pacific decided to join this cause? Fortico is a personal reason, she said. However, she hopes that it is a motivating factor for others.

“Why has Pacific decided to sponsor a bone marrow drive? I have a friend who died of cancer, she said. However, the registry is looking for anyone who can donate. Right now there are 825 registry spots and 399 international or general donor spots. If someone is a minority donor, the registry will also be accepting donations from non-minorities.”

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Student finishes 2nd in national competition

By Alex Voile

The Public Relations Student Society of America's (PRSSA) National Conference is scheduled for Nov. 15-19, at the Renaissance Parc 55 hotel in San Francisco. The conference will incorporate a thousand public relations students from across the country under the theme of “Building a bridge to the future.”

The five-day conference will provide many opportunities for students interested in the field of public relations to network with professionals in small-group settings. The conference, primarily aimed at pre-professionals, will include some hands-on workshops that include visiting local public relations agencies to get a better feel for the reality of the growing profession.

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actually make the neighborhoods safer.

With this new reporting tool, journalists should take the time to get involved in the communities and even build relationships with its citizens.

“Public journalism aims to have students participate in issues that affect their lives,” said senior Elizabeth Vigil.

Public or civic journalism has also been found to be somewhat controversial. Some journalists who have been in news writing for years believe that traditional journalism should be the only method of news writing. They believe that public journalism will take journalism into a whole new level that takes away from its tradition. This new wave of reporting will definitely take journalism to a whole new level but it is most likely to be a positive one.

Many newspapers around the country are now using public journalism. They need journalists who are able to use this new tool in their work.

“Students leaving Pacific need to have something that is going to stand out in a very competitive market and the tools that we are teaching are designed to do that,” said Hilton.

Lisa Horton, conference coordinator and Pacific senior said, “Well I can’t wait for the conference. We’ve all put so much work into it I just hope it all turns out to be a success. The chance to network with professionals was what motivated me to get involved with PRSSA in the first place, and now I’m glad we get the chance to show our stuff on a local level.”

The conference schedule includes many public relations professionals that will speak to students on a variety of different topics of what is currently going on in the field. Speaker sessions will run in one hour intervals with as many as five different speakers to choose from in any given one hour period.

Cathy Schieberl, Treasurer of Pacific’s PRSSA chapter said this about the upcoming conference, “I’m very excited for the opportunity to network with so many professionals. I think it will be a great experience to meet so many students and professionals all interested in public relations.”

The conference also gives students in small groups the opportunity to dine for an evening with a professional at select restaurants around San Francisco. This is the first year that this activity has been included in the conference.

“We are hoping that all of the attending students are able to take advantage of the many opportunities that the conference will provide. The Pacific Conference Committee has put a lot of time and effort into this event but it will all be worth it in the end,” said Jessica Curley, President of Pacific’s PRSSA chapter and Communication Director for the National Conference Committee.

Faculty Profile

By David Bunts

Ray Buck is not a complicated person to get to know. He just goes about things in a calm matter. It seems as if nothing phases this man.

Buck begins his second year as assistant men’s basketball coach at Pacific. Coach Buck’s first year as an assistant coach was a promising one.

Under his tutelage, the tigers finished the season 20-10 and reached the Big West Tournament semifinals.

Before coming to Pacific Buck was out of the coaching ranks for a while. A 1975 graduate of Hawaii, Buck spent the early part of his coaching career in Hawaii, with Hawaii Baptist Academy (1976-78), Chaminade (1978-79) and Punahou High School (1979-80). He led Punahou to the state championship in 1980.

Although his last college coaching job was with the University of California in 1983, Buck has been very involved with the college game through scouting and his work with Converse.

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where faculty and staff can receive the flu shot on campus. Flyers have been put into all the dorms around campus to raise awareness on when you receive the shot.

“We developed this reach program to keep the campus healthy. We feel early prevention, more intervention rather than treatment,” says Nancy Lemmer, Executive Director.

Although not all vaccines are 100% effective, it is far better to be safe than sorry. You are far more likely to be less than you would be won’t receiving the vaccine.

Beginning Nov. 4, Monday to Friday, the Wellness Center will provide vaccine shots to students until the supply is gone. They will be for shots from 3-5 p.m. on a walk-in basis. Students need to bring their state ID and $10. They can pay with cash, check, or charge to their student account. The flu shot is free for students with the Pacific insurance plan.

So, rush over to the Wellness Center and get your flu shot quick before it’s too late. It’s quick, easy, and the best way to protect yourself against the flu. But, remember to also wash your hands frequently and drink lots of water.

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ing on informing Pacol and other student organizations about the activity increase. Laskey said he will approach the senate Nov. 11 with the proposal when a vote on the matter will also take place.

Student body officers open to questions and comments regarding the fee increase. Laskey said those interested in having their voice heard can contact asuop@uop.edu.

If interested in voice your opinion there will be a discussion held on Monday, Nov. 11 at 4 p.m. in the Pine Room during the regular senate meeting. The final vote will be on Monday, Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. in the Pine Room.
What is a student newspaper?

By Erica Glaub
Guest Writer

A student newspaper is supposed to be written by the students, for the students.

The Pacifican is a student-run newspaper with articles that relate and concern University of the Pacific faculty, staff, and students. However, does it really accomplish this?

In an ideal world, people would be concerned with all that is happening at Pacific. Articles on faculty news, guest speakers, and ASUOP events, would be in high demand, and everyone would be begging for more.

Surprisingly enough, students as a whole are not the least bit interested in reading about these kinds of things. A quick glance satisfies their curiosity, but a whole article is probably not the most they want to read, a waste of space.

Students want gossip, funny stories, and personal reflections about being a college student. And while a newspaper should have articles on news (go figure), there should be more of what the students want.

Perhaps the Pacifican should have a longer Opinion and Arts & Entertainment section. Or maybe there should be a section dedicated to cartoons or jokes. Then again, we are college students, and we should be somewhat intellectual, right? Many people are very quick to say what should be happening, but no one seems to be taking the initiative.

So what can Pacific do to accommodate the needs of its students? The Pacifican is here to voice student opinions as well as offer updates on campus events and news on what is happening in the outside world.

But it takes more than just the Pacifican staff to do this. While the popularity of the paper depends on how often it gets read, if students want to see something in it, they should start submitting stories.

Feedback is important. The Pacifican wants to hear what the students have to say. That is the main reason for distribution. But the situation has two sides. Pacific’s newspaper has a responsibility to seek out these wants and needs.

The Pacifican should be targeting students in classrooms, dorms, and Greek houses to obtain information. I would have to say that this is and is not currently happening. There are some Pacifican papers that I enjoy. Maybe not from front to back, but there are quite a few well-written and appealing articles.

Could some of its issues use improvement sometimes? Of course - I rarely read publications that do not. However, if students want to see these improvements, maybe they should be sending them to the Pacifican staff.

I must admit that as a whole, I think that the Pacifican does a decent job.

While there are many things happening on Pacific’s campus, there is not much that is really newsworthy.

When comparing the Pacifican to other campus newspapers, there does not seem to be much going on. (I guess that all depends on who you talk to.) But with such a small student population, there will always be less to talk about.

So while the Pacifican should try to please its students as much as possible, students should be voicing their opinions loud and clear so the Pacifican can hear them.

Letter to the Editor: How to vote

Upon reading last week’s article entitled, “How will you vote this election?” it became painfully clear that Alex Wagner forgot to conduct basic research.

Her first complaint surrounded Congress’ failure to “deliver” prescription drug coverage. The truth is the House passed a prescription drug coverage bill for seniors five months ago, but unfortunately the Senate has been unable to do the same. In addition, the Senate has failed to pass a budget, while the House completed this seven months ago.

Once again, the House passed welfare reform five months ago while the Senate still has not found time to pass a bill. It would be far more precise for Alex to state that the Senate, not Congress in general, has failed to deliver.

Perhaps Alex has depended too long on the jaded views of academia and CNN. Should he come around to independent thought he will see the true source of obstruction. The Democrat controlled Senate has failed to meet every single item mentioned by Alex while the Republican controlled House has passed a bill on each. This election I hope America will demand more than obstruction from its representatives.

As for Alex’s lamentations on Congress’ failure to uphold its Constitutional authority to declare war, I cannot help but be opine. Where were you on Oct. 16th when President Bush signed the resolution passed by Congress authorizing him to fulfill his role as commander in chief if Iraq continues to avoid compliance with the conditions of its surrender 11 years ago? (Please note - “Congressionally approved”, meaning Congress could have disapproved, so where is the
The Do’s and Don’ts of cell phone use

By Laurel Hoover
Staff Writer

Cell phones have not always been a pet peeve of mine until recently, when I got rear-ended while driving to work by someone busy chatting away on their cell phone.

This was when my feelings towards cell phones suddenly took a sharp turn. Man did not create cell phones for the sole purpose of being used in cars. I believe that cell phones should be used in one situation and that is one that is considered to be an emergency.

Do you ever wonder why there are so many accidents with only one vehicle involved? The reason for this being that the driver of the totaled vehicle was most likely talking on his/her cell phone.

This makes me ponder the question: “What could be so important that it couldn’t wait until you reached your destination?”

A couple years back I believe that we were trying to pass a law that banned people from talking on their cell phones while driving in their car. Did that law ever pass or do we just have a lot of law breaking citizens on the loose?

I am not denying the fact that I have a cell phone. All I am saying is that if you have a cell phone you should be able to wait until you arrive at your destination to put it to use.

Not only do cell phones cause car accidents, they become a necessity in life. In fact, I do not know one person in my life that does not own a cell phone already or plan on owning one soon.

The interesting thing is, this is not just a problem in the United States. Even when I traveled all over Europe two summers ago I noticed that everyone seemed to have a cell phone. Not only were there children talking on cell phones but old men and women as well.

We have to understand that cell phone use can be dangerous if not used properly. We can also consider cell phones dangerous for taking up our whole lives. It seems as though we cannot live without them. That is pathetic!
General Ed: Is it worth it?

By Elizabeth Vigil
Managing Editor

Anthropology, art appreciation, economics, creative writing, psychology, history.
These are all classes that most universities require their students to take in order to graduate. Many of us groan when we find out we have to take English or math in order to get our diploma. No matter how much we hate a subject, there is no escaping it, and we have to take the course. It is not until later in life that we realize that those courses are valuable. I am a big trivia game show fan, “Jeopardy,” “Millionaire.” “The Weakest Link” you name it, and I watch it. The general education classes that I have taken have actually taught me many things. The things that I have learned have helped me become the reigning trivia game champion at home; I am unbeatable.
The movement of tectonic plates form volcanoes. In the Last Supper all the linear planes align to Jesus’ right eye. Clavicle is the medical term for collar bone. The longest mountain range is under the sea. Now tell me, where else could I have learned all these useless facts if not for general education (GE) courses?
The key to picking GE classes is asking friends which are the courses they liked the best. This doesn’t necessarily mean the easiest professors but rather the ones that make their material fun. Take classes that interest you, since most sections offer a variety of choices. Religion, women’s studies, human sexual behaviors are some subjects that sound interesting.

The “useless facts” as we may see them are not completely useless. These facts are key in allowing us to hold intelligent conversation with someone who is not of our same major and has different interests. If you are still skeptical, think about how you can impress your dates with all these fun facts.

GE classes are one of those things that you have to have the: Whatever doesn’t kill me can only make me stronger, mentally. So you have to take the classes, DEAL WITH IT.

By Jamillyn Ancheto
Guest Writer

As students, we usually begin college with general education (GE) classes in order to get a feel of what we like and maybe consider as a future major and career. Even when you take these GE courses, you realize how time consuming they are and how they take the longest to finish.

One of the first classes I took at Pacific was Mass Communications. This class was not only a requirement for my major but also GE course.

As I walked in the first day I thought the class was adequately sized until I compared it with classes within my major. I discovered major classes are so much smaller and personal. Being in such a large class made me feel very uncomfortable and less likely to ask questions. The one-on-one relationship I had hoped for with the teacher was now a challenge because of the class size. I was lucky if my professor even remembered my name without asking me embarrassingly in front of class.

A lot of the time GE courses can be boring to students. When students tend to like their classes they do well in them, but when they take courses they do not enjoy and are forced to take, they obviously do not do as well.

Students tend to skip classes more often, put less effort into anything and hope for at least a C in the class. Sometimes the “busy” work put into the class can lead to failing grades forcing the student to retake the class and suffer through the same boring class material.

We cannot, however, put all the blame on the students. A lot of the time professors do not do as great of a job teaching GE classes. Most professors know that majority of the students are just taking the class for GE requirements. They seem to try to get them in and out as fast as possible.

For as long as we are at an university, many of us pay thousands of dollars to take 2 years of GE classes when we can easily take them at a junior college for less that half of Pacific tuition. It seems ridiculous to even have GE’s within universities.

Unfortunately, being Pacific students, we cannot escape these courses. We each have to suck it up and move on. It is something we all will face whether we like it or not.

Daniel Ainslie
By Ian Armstrong
Guest Writer

"Jackass: The Movie" is finally out in theaters, and boys are people mad.

Parents and "concerned" politicians have no loss for words about how shows like this corrupt our youth and undermine family values.

The film is merely the latest in a long line of controversial entertainment. Much like "Beavis and Butthead," "South Park," and the "Tom Green Show" that came before it, "Jackass" receives its fair share of detractors.

The opposition is insisting that "Jackass: The Movie" will, in at least some small way, contribute to the downfall of America's moral fabric. They say that a movie like this is a bad influence for young children and teens, and these innocents will be driven to commit dangerous or unlawful acts.

Apparently the statistics that show crime decreasing every year have no bearing come election time.

Parents said the same thing about Bart Simpson after his debut. Well, "The Simpsons" has been on air for almost ten years now, and impressionable youths, who were practically raised by the show, are no worse behaved than normal.

If TV, video games, and movies turn kids into criminals and delinquents, why aren't we seeing more sniper copycat killings? The images of body bags and blood stained asphalt from the D.C. incidents that were shown on the nightly news were every bit as disturbing as anything else on TV. Why isn't anyone picketing the networks for showing these images of real death and suffering?

What is so wrong with the boys from "Jackass" anyway? So what if Wee Man kicks himself in the face or Steve-O stuffs raw meat in his shorts and tightropes over alligators? The people who we should really be worried about are the terrorists trying to sneak bombs into this country.

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People need to realize that not every idiotic stunt kids get into is a result of the content in the media. Sometimes kids are just good old-fashion stupid.

My friends and I used to shoot firecrackers out of PVC pipes at each other, but we didn't get that from the "A-Team," we were just boys being boys.

If there are kids dumb enough to try dangerous stunts they see on "Jackass: The Movie," they are probably dumb enough to do those kinds of things anyway.

If little Timmy tries to kick himself in the face because he saw Wee Man do it, he is probably the type of kid who eats paint chips on a regular basis. Foolish things from this child can be expected. We've all heard the same arguments about how "acts of violence" a child sees on TV, but the stats do not concern us anymore. Nobody is shocked by them because there is cause for alarm. The paranoia is not falling. "Beavis and Butthead" and the "Tom Green Show" have come and gone but "poor, impressionable youths" are still here, just fine.

Santa Claus does not exist, recognize!

By Elizabeth Carranza
Guest Writer

When I was growing up I remember that every Christmas my parents would ask me, "What do you want Santa Claus to bring you for Christmas?" Never understood exactly why he would bring kids toys, but that kid's questions getting free toys?

The only thing I was aware of during Christmas was the presents that Santa Claus was obligated to bring me. Every year I would make this huge list of toys that I wanted, expecting to get every worthless toy on that list. When it was finally the big day to open the presents I would always end up angry at the whole world because I did not get one of the many toys that I had asked for. I didn't understand why this had happened to me.

By having children believe in Santa Claus they start to think that they should get everything that they asked for. Why shouldn't they if they have been good boys and girls?

I know that there are many children who believe in Santa Claus, and if you think about it the only thing that he stands for are "free presents." Christmas is not about all presents it is about spending time with your family and loved ones.

Very soon kids become selfish because they are so focused on Santa Claus and his gifts that they forget or perhaps never learn the true meaning of Christmas. I do not see anything wrong with letting children know that the adults buy the presents. Kids need to understand at a very young age that Santa Claus does not exist.

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In conclusion I don't want people to tell me "Santa Claus hater" but I just want that people should not be kid's to this image. Once people come to a child for let's say 8 years they will always know that family is the most important thing in their life.
Get ready to hit the slopes in Tahoe

By Rachael DeRonde
Staff Writer

Winter season is approaching faster and faster! What better way to relieve that "cabin fever" than to leave scenic Stockton and head for the mountains! Grab your board and get ready, because Tahoe's finest ski resorts have been busy planning and booking to make this 2002-2003 season better than ever!

Kirkwood is the closest mountain to Pacific. The resort has some of the best snow due to its location at the base of the mountain. Kirkwood's tentative opening date is Nov. 22. Look forward to the USSA Giant Slalom and Slalom Races on Jan. 4 and 5, and then again on the 18th. This competition consists of amateur snowboarders "duking" it out in hopes of qualifying to compete in the annual National Championships. (www.kirkwood.com)

Sugarbowl is set to open on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Look forward to skiing with the President the weekend of Feb. 15-17. Also, SnowJam 2003 will be held on Feb. 22 where you can engage in product demos, give-aways, games and live entertainment. (www.sugarbowl.com)

The Boreal ski resort has the honored tradition once again by being the first resort to open their mountain. Boreal is open daily from 9am-3pm with 14 to 16 inches of manmade snow covering one "Claimjumper" chair run. "Boreal Nights" will also begin soon where you can ski from 9am.-9p.m. (www.ski-boreal.com)

Northstar began making its own snow on Monday, November 4th. Opening day is scheduled for Nov. 23. On Jan. 25, get ready for the "Sick and Twisted Superpipe Competition" and the "Sick and Twisted Boardercross Competition" on February 23rd, both sponsored by Snowbomb. Don't pass up your lift ticket discount with a valid college ID during College Week, Mar. 30 through Apr. 6th. (www.ski-homewood.com)

Sierra at Tahoe is having the "Sick and Twisted Superpipe Competition" on Mar. 8 where all ages and abilities try their luck in the 17 foot Superpipe in hopes of winning cash and prizes. On Sunday, Apr. 18 be sure to not miss Boarding for Breast Cancer. This is a snowboarding and music festival to raise awareness about breast cancer prevention. (www.sierraat-tahoe.com)

Homewood is located on Tahoe's west shore and offers magnificent views of the lake as you ski down the slopes. Homewood hopes to open on Nov. 29. Events for the season include a St. Patrick's Day party with live music, $10 lift tickets on Dec. 19th if you bring a new, unwrapped toy, and Customer Appreciation Day on the Apr. 1 where lift tickets are only $20. (www.ski-homewood.com)

Mr. Rose, the highest based resort, has some ridiculously fun events planned. "The King" lives on Elvis Day, Jan. 4. Mar. 29 is the 8th annual Bud Light Ladies Day where men, hairy legs and all, dress like women and get ladies day priced lift tickets ($19). Compete in the "Drag Race" and the "Beauty or the Beast" pageant and possibly win big! (www.mtrose.com)

With so much to do this season, bring out the hidden ski bunny in you and hit the slopes.

Spend "Eight Crazy Nights" with Sandler

By Amber Prochaska
News Editor

Share some holiday cheer with Adam Sandler in his animated musical comedy "Eight Crazy Nights."

A good-kid turned bad, Davey Stone (voice by Sandler), 33 years of age when the story takes place, finds himself in trouble with the law in the town of Dukesberry. In light of the holidays, the judge gives Davey one last chance to redeem himself by doing community service for the youth basketball league, where he meets the head elf-like referee, Whitey Duvall (voice by Sandler).

Whitey, a 70-year old dwarf, wins the hearts of audiences with his heart-felt good intentions. He not only teaches children good sportsmanship, supports his sister and does all of the odd jobs, nobody else will, he invites Davey into his home after Davey's trailer burns down. Here is where we meet Whitey's fraternal sister, Eleanore Duvall (voice by Sandler).

Eleanore, a wig wearing, owl-look alike is definitely the oddball of the film that the audience cannot help but love.

This humorous musical includes not only great lovable characters, but cute forest creature lifesavers. A herd of deer, always in the right place at the right time, get Whitey out of sticky situations and help Davey out in his time of need.

Davey teaches Ben Brodsky, a shy self-conscious boy in the youth basketball league, how to shoot hoops, while eyeing his mother and Davey's first love, Jennifer Brodsky, a single parent who just moved back to Dukesberry.

Nevertheless, it has been too long for Jennifer and Davey and you find that they may have too much history to mend broken bridges.

Whitey's optimism and Davey's trouble-making collide and have them wondering if jail should have been what the doctor ordered. With basketball, old girlfriends, holiday spirits, humor and the mall "Eight Crazy Nights" proves to be a great holiday film for those thirteen and over.

Empire Movies and Meatball Animation not only have Adam Sandler playing three characters, but also include Jackie Titone, Austin Stout, Tyra Banks, Jon Lovitz, Kevin Nealon and Rob Schneider as cast members.

"Eight Crazy Nights" will be released on Nov. 27, just in time for some holiday laughter, as well as a new collection of Adam Sandler songs.
You might have noticed hundreds of kids running up and down miracle mile last Thursday dressed up as their favorite superhero. Or, for those of you who live off campus, they might have even knocked on your door expecting you to give them candy. Well, this can all be explained because it was Halloween last Thursday.

Besides Christmas, Halloween is every kid's favorite holiday. It allows for you to walk around to as many houses as you can and by saying just three words, candy falls into a pillowcase. Your neighbors supply you with enough free candy to drive your parent's nuts for the next month.

Now that you're all grown up, however, Halloween just isn't the same. I think if I was to show up at my neighbor's door dressed up as Mike Myers I would either get arrested or sprayed with mace.

So now that we are at that age where we don't have children and are too big to go door to door, what is there to do? Party! We choose to drop our bags and grab a beer.

We have all heard the stories of Chico on Halloween night. Some of you might have even experienced it. Everyone knows that Arizona State and Pacific are fraternities.

All in all, it was left up to the fraternities to entertain the campus, with their hands tied behind their backs.

Being a dry campus now, the best a fraternity can do to entertain its guests is open the front doors and play music on the dance floor. We needed to see the "Shinning" and "Friday the 13th" movies. It just isn't Halloween without them.

We need something more than just an open dance floor. What options do the students here have to celebrate Halloween? Unfortunately this year, there wasn't much.

At Pacific, you better hold on to your bag and forget that beer. The university's new alcohol policy should erase that idea from your memory bank for you might have even experienced it. Everyone knows that Arizona State doesn't entertain the campus, with their hands tied behind their back.

This year the movie theater happened to be under construction, so we couldn't go there. All in all, it was left up to the fraternities to entertain the campus, with their hands tied behind their backs.

But, unfortunately that is all we got this year. Hopefully we can experience it. Everyone knows that Arizona State doesn't entertain the campus, with their hands tied behind their back. And, since Halloween was on Thursday, options were even more limiting as students could not leave the campus and head to one of those other colleges to celebrate Halloween.

There are times when a person cannot rely on smashing good looks alone and they are forced to use his or her personality to gain recognition. Not everyone has fabulous conversation starters at any given moment, therefore, listed below are factual secrets that very few people are supposed to know. So, without further ado, let the conversation commence.

Secret #1: Drano can actually predict the sex of an unborn child. During the sixth month of pregnancy, an expectant mother uses a sample of morning urine and mixes it with an equal amount of Liquid Drano. After the concoction has finished fizzing, the color of the liquid will predict the sex of the baby: green for a boy; yellow for a girl. However, this is right only about 50% of the time.

Secret #2: Gucci shops have a secret store-within-a-store called the Galleria. The Galleria is on its own level above the street. It is only accessible by elevator and it is enclosed. There is an entry door that can be used to hide drugs or other contraband.

Secret #3: Rumor has it that at the end of the Beatles, "Strawberry Fields Forever," John Lennon said, "I buried Paul" in a very drawn out sentence. However, he did not say this at all. The actual words that Lennon said were "cranberry sauce."

Secret #4: Chanel No. 5 perfume uses civet, or bold cat urine, as an ingredient. Civet gives the perfume its musky odor.

Secret #5: Samonite luggage gage may be prone to scrutiny from customs inspectors. This is due to the fact that a South American tanned species of the duco can be used to hide drugs or other contraband.

Instead of using cheesy pickup lines or searching your memory bank for something meaningful, these secrets really "wow" an audience.

To read more interesting facts pick up a copy of "The Big Book of Big Secrets" by William Poundstone, pronto.
Beat the lazy season

By Mollie Jones
Guest writer

If you are an outdoor exerciser who has slacked off in the past when the temperature dropped, you may not have been giving yourself enough time to acclimate.

According to a fitness expert, it will be easier to make yourself go outside if you warm up inside first. Take five to 10 minutes and do some low-level aerobic exercise like jogging in place or doing jumping jacks. That way, when you step outside, you'll already be warm.

Dressing properly can also help. Wear layers so that you can peel them off as your body temperature increases.

Some people are dedicated gym-goers, and they shouldn't be affected much by the weather. However, the lingering darkness in the morning and the early evenings can sap even the hardiest gym-bunny's motivation to hit the health club.

If that is your problem, you may need a contingency plan. Try to exercise at home. Exercise videos work well for most! If you do exercise at home, you might want to place a TV in front of a home treadmill so you don't get too bored.

This is also the time to call on your friends. Even if you usually exercise alone, you may need someone to help keep you motivated.

If cold and darkness discourages you from morning exercise, try to take a brisk walk or an exercise class during your lunch hour.

Single in Stockton

Dear Allie,

I think you are one of the prettiest girls on campus, and if I were lucky enough to have a girlfriend I would want a girlfriend like you. That is my problem though; I can't seem to get any girls to like me. I buy them gifts and take them out to dinner but then nothing happens and I end up broke. I try to dress really cool and hang out with other cool guys that the girls seem to like, but they always seem to choose the other guys and not me. And lastly, I am really nice to the girls I really like but that doesn't work either, they just think I am their friend. Do you have any tips on ways for me to become a stronger chick magnet?

Thanks,
Single in Stockton

Dear Single in Stockton,

Thanks for the compliment and it's a nice thought, but the truth is, there are so many girls that are way better looking. Here are a couple of suggestions I have for you.

If you want to be a strong chick magnet, than you'll have a hard time finding a girlfriend. If it's a girlfriend you want, don't concentrate on attracting girls, because in doing so you won't notice the girls that are already attracted to you.

And believe me, everyone has a secret admirer whether they realize it or not.

There is always someone who pays special attention to you because there is a hint of interest. Try being sensitive to those girls and you might find yourself on a promising date.

Another thing, maybe you're trying too hard. Don't buy them gifts and take them out to eat right away. Get to know them better and make sure there is a connection.

If girls know you will please them without commitment, then they will forever want to be your friend because they know they can get the benefits of being in a relationship while still playing the dating game. Save your money.

Also, don't hang out with the "cool guys" unless you really enjoy their company. If you're just hanging around them for a title, then that shows insecurity and lack of confidence and originality.

This also means you should dress in what makes you happy and not what you think would make the majority of females flock to you.

Just act natural and be your true self. In doing this, you will not only find yourself a girlfriend, but you will start to notice that you will become the chick magnet you've always wanted to be.

A negative friend hurts

Dear Allie,

A good friend of mine has a severe eating disorder. I really want to always be there for her, but being around her and her negative thoughts makes me feel depressed and bad about myself, what should I do?

Your friend is going through a difficult time in her life and she is very lucky to have a friend like you who will support her in this time of need. But, if she is making you feel bad about yourself, than it can be hard to continue supporting her or even maintain your friendship with her. Something needs to be fixed.

People who have this disease are very controlling and think about themselves constantly. Their mind is warped which is why they need help. First understand that her negative thoughts and comments are made without thought. She's not intentionally trying to hurt you. With that in mind, tell her that because she is so negative all the time, it is difficult for you to be around her. She probably doesn't realize that she's affecting her friends and family in this way.

When you tell her that she is pushing you away and damaging your friendship, explain that because you are her friend, she is taking you down with her when she is depressed.

Although you love her and want her to be well, she doesn't have the right to make you feel bad about yourself. Give her some kind of ultimatum. If she doesn't see some kind of consequence, than she might assume that you aren't really serious. Tell her that you didn't want it to come to this, but she has pushed you this far.

If she continues to be negative after you have talked with her, then don't hang out as much. Your emotional and psychological state is just as important as hers, if not more. By letting your friendship cool, you will give her the message that she isn't pleasant to be around, something needs to change, and you are serious about the way you feel. As a friend, she should respect you and your feelings.

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New variety show is refreshing

By Golden Vansant
Staff Writer

It is that time of year again. The period when every television network debuts new shows and season premieres in hopes of scoring a hit or keeping up the momentum from seasons past. MTV is no exception, and this time around they are bringing a fresh and funny new show to the table.

For the past several years, programming on this channel seems to have been about one thing: sex, sex, and more sex. This season of the Real World gratuitously portrays seven attractive people with nothing better to do than “hook up”. The show is set in Las Vegas for crying out loud. Sin City! If you have seen even one episode this season you then most likely bore witness to some sort of tasteless activity.

Perhaps MTV’s sex-obsessed shows are due to the way our society is oriented, and perhaps it is time for a shift in another direction.

Enter the quartet of Dragon, G.Q., Jordan, and J.A.Q. Their new half-hour sketch comedy show is not raunchy or especially sexual but it still manages to be impossibly funny. What a concept! Not to say that this show is conservative in any way. In fact it attacks every issue from politics to pop culture, but at least it is entertaining.

“Scratch and Burn” is a fast-paced and satirical variety show that is definitely worth thirty minutes of your time. It features humorous sketches wherein the main characters have such a broad range of ability that they portray everything from middle-aged women to young children.

But, the real gems of the show are the comedic hip-hop music videos that will have you laughing so hard that you will probably miss some of the jokes laced within the rhymes. One sketch portrayed the four actors staging a one-minute rendition of Shakespeare’s “Hamlet”, playing every character and conveying the whole plot through a comedic rap.

The style of the actors is a quick-witted combination of comic actor John Leguizamo’s stand-up mixed with the Beastie Boys’ in-your-face music. “Scratch and Burn” is a welcome change from the programming that has inundated the original music channel.

Photo by Michael Yarish, Courtesy at MTV.com

“Scratch and Burn” cast members need “Bling Bling” to start their day off right.

Tips from a waitress
By Morissa Dupree
Guest Writer

10. Chump change: 15% is standard—not generous
9. Move it or lose it: Plates are hot and you don’t want them in your lap
8. Wanna keep the finger? Remember that kindergarten rule? Keep your hands to yourself
7. The name game: My name is not “Doll” or “Hon”
6. Forget me not: Remembering who your server is will land you quicker service
5. A labor of love: We do lots more than just refill coffee. Always remember that.
4. Your attention please: Put down that cell phone if you want me to take your order.
3. Bussing rights: Germs can lurk, so let the busser clear off your table first.
2. The leash law: Dining out with children is a risk to be taken at your own expense.
1. Inalienable rights: Treat your server like a human being.
Senior Nicolette Wiegand has been selected to appear in the NFHCA Senior-North/South Senior All-Star Match on November 23rd at the University of Louisville. In the 2002-2003 season, Wiegand scored three goals for Pacific as they recorded a 3-12 record on the season.
Women’s Basketball: 2002-2003 Preview

By Brandon Winslow
Staff Writer

The upcoming season for the Pacific Women’s Basketball team is upon us; in fact the Tigers will host their first exhibition game versus nearby Cal State Stanislaus tomorrow, Friday the 8th at 6 p.m. and then play their second of two exhibition games on Saturday November 16th at 5 p.m. against Cal State Bakersfield. Both games will be part of doubleheaders with the Pacific Men’s Basketball team.

As we enter into the basketball season, you’ll notice some changes on the women’s team. The most obvious is in the coaching staff, with Craig Jackson taking over as head coach after serving four seasons as an assistant coach after serving four seasons as an assistant and primary recruiter for Sherri Murrell who has since moved onto coach at Washington State. With the change, Jackson becomes the seventh head coach of the Pacific Women’s team.

While serving as an assistant coach, Jackson and the Tigers had an overall record of 68-46 and were 40-20 in Big West Conference games. Coach Jackson said, “I look forward to continuing with the path that the program has taken to what should be a very exciting future.” Jackson’s staff is also new, with assistant coaches, Milena Flores, Donna Carrell, Gary Dean, and Jeff Gardner.

Each new member of the Pacific team bring with them different types of experiences which will no doubt help the Tigers during their season.

“Coaching staff here at Pacific is wonderful. They care about each player and want the best for us. They push us so we can achieve our potential as a team, player, and as people,” said Junior Nancy Dinges on the Women’s Basketball coaching staff.

As for the talent on the court, the Tigers are lead by a large group of juniors and seniors that will come to play hard each and every game. The Tiger players this season include the only returning All-Big West team member within the conference in junior, Gillian CL Sharp shooter Nancy Dinges hopes to lead the Tigers through a successful 2002-2003 season.

As the Tigers are lead by a large group of juniors and seniors that will come to play hard each and every game. The Tiger players this season include the only returning All-Big West team member within the conference in junior, Gillian d’Hondt, as well as seniors Alissa Tarsiuk, Ahsha Johnson, Vanessa Dupont, and Mischa Clark. Juniors include Dinges, Corinne Wong, Jasmine Ewing, Andrea Nederostek, Alicia Smith and newly transferred Shelle Stigler to go with sophomore Tanya Green, and freshman Darlene Gibbard who red-shirted last season due to injury, and Sarah Feely.

Senior Tarsiuk said, “It’s awesome to play with a team that works as hard as we do and has fun while we’re doing it. Our coaches and teammates all have a great time accomplishing our goals, and it’s a pleasure being part of this team.”

This season’s team gives the new coaching staff a very dynamic, exciting, hard working and experienced team to work with as they face their most difficult schedule in the history of the Pacific. This year’s squad will match up against nationally ranked teams for the first time ever before home games against Stanford (Dec. 18), and UC Santa Barbara (Jan. 8), and road games against Purdue (Nov. 24), and Texas Tech (Jan. 5).

This season will fully go down in Pacific history books as one of the greatest seasons of all time. Join the bandwagon now, a part of the action and support your fellow Tigers.
Senior Megan Pickering is the Big West Conference all-time leader in career saves with 359.

**Soccer**
*By Merry Au-Yeung*

Staff Writer

The Tigers got tossed by the 49ers from Long Beach. Pacific was outshot 23-10 with three goals scored in six minutes of the first half. There were no mental errors for Long Beach as they added two more second half goals in the Big West win 5-0. Goalie Megan Pickering had seven saves.

In the Big West Conference finale versus University of California Irvine, Pacific lost 2-1 and was outshot 19-6. Early in the first half, UCI’s Sara Henderson scored the first goal. Pacific Sophomore Maggie Barsotti answered back, tying the score 1-1 with an unassisted goal. Late into the second half the Anteaters scored again, this time by Tara Weldon from a pass by Hayley McNallan.

In the second game of the week, Pickering recorded eight saves in the game, becoming the Conference’s all-time leader in saves for a career. Her total is currently 359, surpassing Mary Gleason’s 1998-2001 record of 355 saves during her time at UCSB. Pickering is also the leader of Pacific’s career saves. She is ahead of her current assistant coach Yvette Valdez who recorded 353 in 1994-1995.

**Swimming**

IRVINE, CA - The Pacific women’s swim team represented as they went 2-1...while the Pacific men went 1-2, on the second day of the Big West Conference Shootout. The Pacific women defeated UCSB (70-25), and UNLV (74-37), and fell to Washington University (51-44). The Pacific men defeated UCSB (65-30), and fell to Hawaii (68-43) and Washington (65-30).

The Pacific women placed first in four events. Junior Robin Errecart took first in the 200 Free and third in the 100 Free. Junior Kris Willey won the 200 IM, and placed third in the 200 Back.

Sophomore Heidi Schmidt won the 200 Breast. Freshman Laura McDonald (finsihed second in the 100 and 500 Free. The Tigers won the 400 Medley relay, and placed second in the 400 Free relay.

For the Pacific men’s team, sophomore Vince Martinez won the 100 Free with a time of (45.92).

Martinez also finished third in the 50 Free. Senior Filip Wronski placed second in the 200 Breast and third in the 200 IM. The Tigers placed third in four other events.

Senior Miles Whitfield was third in the 1000 Free, junior Matt Mills in the 200 Fly, senior Matt Smart 100 Free and sophomore Jonathan Russell 200 Back.

**Cross Country**

Finished 10th at the Big West Championship.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. - The Pacific Tigers cross country team finished 10th of 10 teams at the Big West Championship on Saturday, Nov. 2.

The Tiger finish marked the close to a successful season for new head coach Cynthia Krieger as she and the Tigers qualified for the Big West Championships for the first time since 2000.

To qualify for the Big West Championships a team must have at least five athletes finish, or qualify as a team, in five different events.

Senior Marlene Eegener placed the Tigers as she finished 53rd in the 5K event with a time of 20:23.3.

**Golf**

Tiger Golf Finishes 10th CALIMESA, Calif.- The Pacific Tigers men’s golf team finished in tenth place of 12 teams at the seventh annual 49er Collegiate Classic on Friday Nov. 1.

Senior Matt Hansen led the Tigers with a total of 220, putting him in a tie for 15th place individually at four strokes over par. As a team the Tigers finished 31 strokes over par at 895.

**Men’s Tennis**

MORAGA, CALIF. -- Senior Vincent Kubler highlighted the first day of action at the ITA Regionals for the Pacific Tiger’s men’s tennis team as he advanced to the round of 32 with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Ron Hernandez.

Kubler was the only Tiger to advance to the round of 32 on Saturday as the rest of the team dropped their first or second match.

**WOMEN’S TENNIS**

PALO ALTO, CALIF.- The Pacific Tigers women’s tennis team collected its first win at the ITA Regionals on Saturday, Oct. 26 as freshman Natalia Kostenko (Rostov-on-Don, Russia) was victorious in her first consolation match.

**WATER POLO from page 16**

After dropping a close match to USC a day earlier, the Tigers were looking to get back on track as they traveled to Irvine to face the 5th ranked Anteaters of UCI.

The Tigers found themselves in a hole early, as the Anteaters established a 2-0 advantage in the first 4 minutes of play.

The Tigers would then get on the board, as driver Danny Johnson scored his first of his team high three goals in the contest to move the score to 2-1 in favor of the Anteaters.

Tiger driver Jared Pendergrass was then able to score on the next possession to tie the score at 2 apiece at the end of one period of play.

Entering the second period of play, the Anteaters jumped out to a two-goal lead, as they were able to score back-to-back goals.

Tiger driver Sasha Maese then responded as he beat UCI goalie Doug Finrock on an extra man advantage to move the Tigers within a goal.

On the following possession, Johnson netted his second goal of the match to even the score at 4-4 heading into halftime.

Both teams struggled offensively in the second half of play as only one goal was scored between the two teams. Unfortunately that goal was scored by Anteater Grant Hileman Jeff Powers, which gave the Anteaters 5-4 victory. With the loss the Tigers moved to 9-11 overall and 3-4 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play.
By Matt Feeney  
Staff Writer  
On Saturday, Nov. 2 the Men’s Water Polo team traveled to Los Angeles for a conference match against the 4th ranked Trojans of USC. The Tigers looked to implement the same game plan that helped them defeat USC 8-7 earlier in the season.  
The Tigers offense struck first, as Sasha Maese netted both of his 2 goals in the period, which gave the Tigers a 4-1 advantage. After a slow start, the Trojans offense got going in the second period as they battled back and scored 2 goals to shorten the lead to 4-3 in favor of the Tigers.  
With just about a minute remaining in the second period, Tiger driver Jarrod Cruzat was able to beat USC goalkeeper Bozidar Damjanovic, to give the Tigers a 5-3 lead heading into halftime.  
Entering the third period, both teams were able to score on their first two possessions, moving the score to 7-5 in favor of the Tigers. However, USC fought back and scored 2 unanswered goals to notch the score at 7 apiece moving into the final period of play.  
In the fourth period, the Trojans continued to move the ball well, as driver Jaraj Zatovic scored his third goal of the match, which provided the Trojans with 8-7 lead. USC would later add another goal to make it 9-7 with about a minute remaining in regulation.  
Tiger utility man Nic Hepner scored with about 30 seconds remaining to move the Tigers within a goal, but that’s as close as they would get, as the Trojans won 9-8.  
With the defeat, the Tigers moved to 9-10 on the season and 3-3 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play.  
Some notable performances for the Tigers included the offensive play of holeman Chris Nowak who scored a team high 3 goals, and defensively, Tiger goalie Laurie Trettel who notched 7 saves.