Pacifican staff is ready to report to work

The Pacifican

Welcome back Tigers! As we embark on a new semester The Pacifican staff looks forward to bringing our readers an even better publication. Elizabeth Vigil, former Managing Editor, is the new Editor-in-Chief, while Amber Prochaska moves up to Managing Editor from her former position as News Editor. We are an entirely student run publication and we hope to address, lecture, activities for Black History Month, ASUOP events, Greek activities and other newsworthy events. Arts and Entertainment will keep you informed with what is hot and what is not, new movie and music releases, as well as the weekly horoscope. Pacific Perspectives, formerly Opinion, will allow students and faculty to express their views and opinions on any subject (providing they use proper language for publication). Like always, the Sports section will keep you informed of the latest Tiger games and their outcome.

The Pacifican gives a heartfelt thanks to our adviser Dr. Keith Hilton for all his support. Also, we would not be able to survive if we did not have a strong business and advertising side, who keeps us printing and pays the bills. We would also like to thank the Publications Board, President De Rosa, Julie Sina and others who willingly contribute to The Pacifican and help us improve our operations.

With this, we would like to thank all of our loyal readers for their support and hope to make this the best year of The Pacifican.

Our staff is open to suggestions and is looking forward to blood in coming years, to replace our seniors. Those interested in being a part of the Communications Department or in The Pacifican located in the Southside courtyard are encouraged to apply.

Ladies Formal Recruitment took place on Jan. 15-19. This year the ladies added an informational night which explained each of the house’s service projects properly entitled “Philanthropy Night.” Men’s Formal recruitment proceeded on Jan. 19-25. Congratulations to the men and ladies who went through this year’s Formal Recruitment. Choosing to take part in Greek Life and other organizations on campus is a great way to kick off the New Year.

Peace rally draws students

By Daniel Bowman Simon

Staff Writer

Jan. 18 brought swarms of peace-loving people to San Francisco in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday, joining people in 38 countries across the globe in a rapidly increasing peace movement.

With the temperature a comfortable 55 F and a nice breeze running down Market Street, the crowd was exhilarated. Discrepancies arose regarding crowd numbers. The police estimated 50,000 marchers, while organizers International Act Now to Stop War and End Racism (A.N.S.W.E.R.) reported over 200,000 people committed to peace.

Unlike the anti-war movement of the ‘60s, whose core was college-aged students, in this burgeoning peace-movement it was evident there is no central core demographic. Elementary school students and their teachers, former G.I.s and returned Peace Corps volunteers, flight attendant union members, transvestites, Christians, Jews, Muslims, Caucasians, Asians, Hispanics, Blacks, Democrats, Republicans and Independents were all represented.

Of course many college students participated, including at least 20 from Pacific. Sophomore Jenn Plessmeyer, stayed up late the night before. She borrowed a Dutch proverb in designing a shirt that voiced her sentiments: “When two sides quarrel, both are to blame.”

The “sea of peace” flowed down Market Street to the Civic Center. There, many high profile speakers including Grammy-winning singer Bonnie Raitt, West Wing’s “President Bartlet” Martin Sheen and Calif. Congresswoman Barbara Lee spoke out against the war. They urged the crowd to increase their activism and educate their friends about the benefits of peace and the dangers of war, and reminded people to send letters, emails and make phone calls to their representatives in Wash. who are involved in policy-making.

Some DJs and musicians including SPAZ, with a stationary flatbed, reggae system, pumped out tunes for those who still had the energy to dance for peace. Junior Stuart Krengel said he came “with little knowledge of the peace movement, and its aspects, but left feeling a sense of peace and that avoiding war is possible.”

The next march is scheduled for Feb. 15 to make peace events around the world.

To find more information on the peace movement launch your web-browsers to commonsdreams.org, MoveOn.org, indymedia.org.

For local events, and for information on car-pooling to San Francisco, contact the Peace & Justice Network at 4455 South Joaquin County at 4455-4455.
DeRosa’s rapid recovery

By Elizabeth Carranza
Staff Writer

President Donald DeRosa was diagnosed with the early stages of prostate cancer this past October. The cancer was found relatively early, therefore he had the choice of going through surgery instead of radiation. Shortly after DeRosa was diagnosed with the cancer, he let the board members and the Pacific community know about his health problem and his decision to go through surgery.

Once the Pacific community learned about DeRosa’s diagnosis, staff, faculty and students immediately began to show signs of concern and well being towards the President. DeRosa had the chance to observe personally how caring the Pacific community actually is.

“I feel blessed to be part of a community like this,” said DeRosa.

While Pacific’s student body was preparing for finals, DeRosa was scheduled to undergo a delicate surgery. The surgery was originally set for Dec. 12, but had to be pushed back until the following day.

The surgery was a four hour procedure that took place at UCSF hospital. After the successful surgery, DeRosa spend two days in the hospital before he was able to return home to Stockton.

DeRosa had the chance to get some much-needed rest during winter break.

“Holiday break gave me the chance to focus on myself and the recovery,” said DeRosa.

DeRosa has had such an outstanding recovery that he was able to come back to work on Jan. 2, which was something that he truly did not expect to do. “I’ve been surprised at how rapid my recovery has gone,” said DeRosa.

The President’s family has also been a very important source in his recovery, because they have been there for support and encouragement since day one. The Pacific community has also done its best to let the President know that they too are concerned and send their best wishes to him.

DeRosa was glad to report to staff, faculty and students that he received an excellent prognosis on his pathology report on Christmas Eve. He is very happy that everything is going so good and that he is feeling great.

After going through this negative health experience DeRosa is successfully placing it in the past but it has taught him many positive things. For instance, to appreciate more the things you have such as family and friends. It also taught him that Pacific is truly a caring community, which he is very thankful for.

“I simply thank the Pacific community for their support, prayers and encouragement, both before the surgery and since the surgery. I am certain it has had a positive effect on my rapid recovery,” said DeRosa.

Spike Lee comes to Pacific

Pacific Media Relations

Spike Lee is one of the film industries most respected and controversial talents is scheduled to come visit the Pacific community to present an evening entitled, “America Through My Lens” on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at the Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

The event is sponsored and produced by ASUOP and co-sponsored by the James Irvine Foundation Diversity Grant, the African American Student Union and the Division of Student Life.

Producer, director, writer and actor Spike Lee has established himself as one of Hollywood’s most important and influential filmmakers over the past decade. His work is technically original, politically inspired and often highly controversial. Since his film debut in 1986 with “She’s Gotta Have It,” Lee has directed or produced many critically acclaimed films including “Jungle Fever,” “The Original Kings of Comedy,” “Malcolm X,” “Clockers,” “Summer of Sam and Crooklyn,” as well as the critically acclaimed “Do The Right Thing,” for which he received three Golden Globe nominations as well as Oscar nomination, and the feature length documentary, “A Little Girls,” which he directed and produced for HBO, and which earned him his second Oscar nomination. His most recent film, “25th Hour,” starring Ed Norton, has already begun talk of another possible Oscar nominations and is currently in theatres.

Greg Lehr, Associate Director of Student Activities said, “Whether or not you like Spike Lee or have ever even seen one of his films is irrelevant. You’ll have an opinion about him as an individual. Over the course of his eclectic career, the media has created about him an almost mythical persona, one that is often called angry, brilliant, or controversial, but it is often left out that he is one of America’s most talented, intelligent, and original filmmakers.

Dave Belman from ASUOP said, “We like to bring individuals who challenge their world as well as our world. It is a great opportunity for students to listen to a person with a unique perspective of America.”

Ted Robb from ASUOP said, “It is awesome for someone of his caliber to come and inspire the artistic students here at Pacific. He will definitely be artistically enriching as well.”

The lecture will begin at 5:30 p.m. and doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Admission for this lecture is free. Due to an anticipated large audience, the lecture will be filmed and the Recital Hall will be open with a projector screen showing the lecture.

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Faculty Profile

Diane Canciini: A Shining Secretary

By Jessica Wakefield
Tiger Paw Editor

Lock her in a cubicle and she will suffocate. Let her interact with people and she will shine. The Communication Department has run like clockwork since 1998 when Diane Canciini began as secretary.

Canciini is more than an administrative assistant; she is the cheerleader of the department, greeting every student and professor with a warm smile.

Canciini was born in Stockton, in a house where her mother still lives today. She was a part of the very first graduating class of Stagg High School. This provided her with wonderful memories of a very spirited and proud class.

After graduation, Canciini attended Stockton College, which was a junior college located on Pacific’s campus. Stockton College later changed its name and moved to its current location at Delta College.

Diane went to school for one year and then, “fell in love and got married.” She has no regrets about the decision, but learned later how difficult it was to go back to school.

Canciini stayed at home with two of her daughters until they were both in grammar school. She then decided to work in the office at her children’s school.

In 1992, Canciini returned to Pacific working for the Success Program. At the time, this was the only program on campus that was supported by the U.S. Department of Education. At this point, Canciini felt like she needed a bit more job stability and needed to get away from “politics and paperwork.”

In 1998, Canciini made what she considers “the best decision [she] has ever made,” and transferred to Pacific’s Communication Department.

Diane’s job description is a unique one. She says she likes to, “keep harmony in the building and keep things on an even keel.”

Answering phones, ordering supplies, helping fellow faculty members, as well as directing and helping students is what she does on a daily basis.

Most importantly though, Canciini is able interact with people. She really enjoys talking to new and familiar faces and enjoys the interaction that she receives from each friendly face that walks into her office.

“I am very fortunate,” said Canciini. “I feel very blessed.”

Canciini hopes to stay in the Communication Department until her retirement. After retirement, she wants to have fun and live life with her husband in Linden.
We sorrow in the loss of one of Pacific's own. Anita Mae Wolters passed away in the hospital after a long battle with cancer on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002. Anita was 61 years old and served as an accounting clerk in Pacific's finance department for 25 years. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She is survived by her children Sherri Vitali, Dennis Kilgore, Robert Wolters, Stephanie Alegre and Rachell Busby, as well as seven grandchildren, brother Leo Cravca and sister Rose Martorelli.

Memorial gifts may be sent to: Trinity Lutheran Church, 444 N. American Street, Stockton, CA 95202 and the A.M. Cancer Society.

Cineplex construction underway

By Jenny Avon
Guest Writer

Stockton dignitaries and developers arrived on set for the groundbreaking of long-waited 16-screen movie theater. This past week's groundbreaking is part of the downtown revitalization effort.

The cinema is encompassed by Weber Avenue, Miner, Hunter and El Dorado Streets. City officials expect that the new multiplex will stimulate new development downtown.

Stockton Mayor, Gary Po
desto, said, "This is going to bring a million people down here."

The idea of bringing a cinema to Stockton has been in the works for nearly five years. The developers operating on this $16 million city-subsidized deal are cousins, Anthony and Edward Barkett and their Signature Theatres, operator and partner, Phil Harris. City officials are adamant that the development casts are going to be successful. The 16-screen movie theater will accommodate 18,000 square-feet of retail

Lot #7 receives a safe makeover

By Ki Kallbrier
Staff Writer

Over the course of holiday break, many changes and additions have been made to the parking lot behind sorority circle, also known as Lot #7. The parking lot used to consist of a few rows of parking spaces and minimal lighting scattered around the perimeter of the lot. Due to a rising concern, multiple new structures have been added along with a different layout of parking spaces.

Robert Calaway, Chief of Police, said, "The primary reason this is happening is to make the campus a safer environment and to provide protection for the students, staff and faculty."

Calaway also recognized that several people had helped to make the parking lot improvements. "The people involved in this coming to be are the president, his cabinet, physical plant and ASUPO."

In addition to Calaway's positive attitude towards the changes, many students have expressed their approval.
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The full page JESUS’ CHRISTMAS PAGE in the December 12, 2002 Pacifican was printed incorrectly and failed to provide a contact source.
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Message from the editor:

Opinion section has a new editor and new outlook

I hope all of our readers are enjoying the start of a new semester and looking forward to weekly readings of our school’s newspaper. I am very excited to be editing the Opinion section, which has a new title, Pacific Perspectives.

It is my hope that this section will not only draw more readers over the semester, but that those readers will help shape it into a section that accurately represents the views and concerns of a diverse campus. With this in mind, I would like to invite any student or faculty member to submit any letters of concern or comments throughout the semester.

I am very open to new ideas and perspectives and would like to encourage feedback. You can find my email on this page as well as the rest of the Pacifican’s staff. So please, do not hesitate to tell us what you think.

Enjoy the new semester and keep reading The Pacifican. Also, don’t forget to check out my new column on page 8.

Here is to a new semester and improved paper!

Sincerely,
Alexandra Wagner, Perspectives Editor

Lessons on Homeland Security
What does Bush’s new bill actually promote?

By Jacki Evans
Staff Writer

“Homeland Security” two words I cannot seem to escape. In the morning, “Homeland Security” literates the headlines of the daily newspaper. While running on the treadmill, Tom Ridge’s smiling face on the television reminds me that patriotism means supporting him and his new department. Magazine covers capture the face of Henry Kissenger, while CNN polls the uniformed public.

Most would agree that the Homeland Security Bill moved us in the right direction as we continue the “War on Terrorism” against our new target Iraq. But, how many of the people who answer the CNN’s polls, or nod their head when Tom Ridge speaks really know what they are agreeing with? Most of us do not.

Now, I am not saying that every American should read all 475 pages of the Homeland Security Bill before they formulate an opinion; however, I would recommend that every American claim their patriotism, not by nodding along with the uninformed public. But by doing a little investigating of their own. Even with the slightest amount of digging one would find some interesting amendments that do not seem to contribute to the improvement of our homeland security.

Enjoy the new semester and keep reading The Pacifican.

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Could you pass the test?

By Sarah Averill
Staff Writer

Every year approximately 1.3 million immigrants apply for United States Citizenship. This process requires the applicant to be at least 18 years old, of good moral character and have a strong grasp of the English language. In addition, to become a U.S. citizen, immigrants must pass a test administered by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The idea is that in order to be a good citizen, one must know a little bit about his or her country, as well as the history, geography and political structure. Sadly, many Americans themselves do not know the answers to these basic history questions.

Here are a few sample questions taken from an actual citizenship exam.

1. Which president is called the “father of our country”?

2. Who is the author of the Declaration of Independence?

3. Who becomes President if both the President and the Vice-President die?

4. Who has the power to declare war?

5. How many times could a student pass the citizenship test because s/he failed to participate in democracy, one should know a certain amount about her or her country. Sadly, many Americans themselves do not know the answers to these basic history questions.

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Is justice actually possible in America?

By Jacki Evans
Staff Writer

Our justice system does not work! I know what you are thinking, "Jacki, this is a newspaper and that is not news!" You are right. The fact that our justice system isn't fair is not a new realization. Our justice system has been failing since its creation. But, what is new is that Gov. George Ryan of Ill. finally figured it out. And with his recent enlightenment, he did the right thing by commuting the death sentences of all inmates in his state.

On Saturday, Jan. 11 Gov. Ryan announced in a speech at Northwestern University, "Our capital system is haunted by the demon of error: error in determining guilt and error in determining who among the guilty deserves to die." He brings back who were sentenced to die to life the 156 living dead.

The strongest opposition for his action came from family and friends of victims who now call him a liar and coward. While I can try to understand where they are coming from, the inmates who killed their loved ones are being shown mercy that they never showed their victims. I continue to think Gov. Ryan did a just thing and there is one main reason why.

The death penalty is not implemented fairly. The morality of the death penalty is not what is in question. Gov. Ryan was not trying to force his morals on the state of Ill. I hope he realizes, as do I, that the decision surrounding one's view on capital punishment is an individual one based on one's own moral compass. However, what is indisputable is the lack of equality in the system. I am not going to spew facts at you, though I could. Instead, just think about this. You are more likely to be executed if you can claim one of these statements. You are black. Your victim was white. You are lower class. DNA testing was not used in your case. You live in Calif. or the Deep South. You committed your crime in Texas. You had a court appointed attorney. You were tried for your crime in 1999 instead of 1997. You are male.

Even further, some states execute children, people under 18, the mentally retarded and some states inform juries that there are alternatives to capital punishment. It has been proven that juries are more likely to give life without parole than the death penalty. Would not you like your jury to know about an option other than death? I know I would.

Currently, in the United States 38 states exercise capital punishment. Maybe you support it, but I believe that you cannot simultaneously support justice and the current implementation of the death penalty. How is it possible to support impartiality and support the killing of people through a process that is racially, socioeconomically and geographically biased? No system is perfect, but that should not stop us from our pursuit of perfection or our pursuit of ideal justice.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1976 that capital punishment is not "cruel and unusual," 618 prisoners have been executed across the nation and about 80 have been exonerated. That is one person acquitted for every seven killed" (abcnews.com).

This statistic implies that one in eight people sentenced to death are innocent, equivalent to 12.5 percent of the death row population.

Maybe those men who committed horrific crimes do not deserve another breath of air or the mercy shown to them by Gov. Ryan. In America they deserve a fair trial. Gov. Ryan realized that our justice system might not have provided these individuals with their fifth and sixth amendment rights. The justice system, especially when dealing with capital cases was not working in Ill., and it is not working in this country. We will never have a perfect justice system because it is a system of humans who are always prone to bias, error and who are inherently incapable of being impartial. In a system like this, we cannot allow for such scrutiny when dealing with life or death. Governor Ryan finally figured it out. And that is why I applaud him.

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Homeland Security.

Just days before the "Homeland Security Bill" was passed by Congress last fall, our new Senate Majority Leader, Bill Frist, quietly added four paragraphs to the end of this nearly 500 page document. With the passing of the Bill, including these four paragraphs, the public's avenue for suing vaccine companies for illnesses supposedly caused by vaccines was closed. Parents, whose children may have possibly been harmed by vaccines, are left with no options. This controversy appears to have spurred from lawsuits by parents against major vaccine manufacturer Eli Lilly. Lilly is a major financial contributor to the Republican Party and served on the White House advisory council for "Homeland Security." With the passing of the Bill Lilly is off the hook in the future. Both the Republican Party and Lilly claim no influence.

Furthermore, a provision in the Bill to create the "Homeland Security" Department waived the application of "The Whistleblower Protection Act for Homeland Security" employees. The purpose of this act is to protect government employees who report mishandling, abuse, or fraud. Iowa senator Charles E. Grassley said, "Whistleblowers are key to exposing a dysfunctional bureaucracy." I agree. The opinion, not allowing employees of a new developing department to be watchdogs for possible mishandlings is inefficient and allows for the everything the Whistle blower Protection Act was intended to help expose: fraud, waste, abuse, and poor management of the issues America is most concerned about.

All in all, I am not opposed to the "Homeland Security Bill." I am opposed to those who are unaware of its true implications and consequences. I realize that we live in a nation of uneducated, indecisive and overly patriotic voters. I do not claim to be exempt from these qualities at times; but, many of those same voters will vote without even being aware, or concerned, that legislation prevents government employees from exposing fraud in their department. Parents can no longer sue one of the Republican party's main contributors, that the "Freedom of Information Act" has been limited, or of the list of other provisions in the "Homeland Security Bill" that have nothing to do with "Homeland Security." In short, "Homeland Security" is here to stay. But, we do not have to like it or agree with it. I love this country just as much as anyone else but my patriotism does not come from agreeing with Tom Ridge, and it definitely does not come from agreeing with President Bush. It comes from questioning the leaders who represent me. I encourage you to do the same.

[ U-WIRE] If at first you do not succeed, leave nothing for the next guy to salvage. That has to be written on George W. Bush's family crest. It seriously has to be, considering how the content he runs this country on is so far into the ground that the next president will most likely be sitting eye-to-eye with Satan.

Bush is digging a hole underneath the principles of this country. With any luck, the Bill of Rights will roll over him, burying him in his own mess. Mr. President wants Americans to stand for one and one for all with him against Iraq. All the while he continues to address domestic issues in a way that this country drawing internal battle lines. I must commend the man for the way he stepped up after 9-11, helping out at Ground Zero and keeping his promise of going after the perpetrators. The cause was quite noble at the beginning, but it has been over a year now. Afghanistan was the enemy then, the fight is now with Iraq, and no one was supposed to notice the change in plans?

The country is divided. War, no war. Everyone has voiced their opinions and Bush is oblivious. Even foreign countries have weighed in, with Germany and France refusing to support the Mad Hatter from Texas and his "War on Terrorism." And as the country continues to simmer in a hot bed of conflict, Bush stepped back to the microphone to speak out against affirmative action policies. Once again the country erupted. New battle lines were drawn and protests formed.

Even one of his cabinet members, Secretary of State Colin Powell, said he disagreed with the president's public opposition to affirmative action. This is a perfect way for Bush to alienate minorities from a Republican Party they hardly trusted to begin with. Bush then moves from stirring that cauldron of racial animosity to step in the face of another important piece of legislation.

Bush grazed the podium during the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision to declare Sunday National Sanctity of Life Day. Although my personal convictions do not allow me to support abortion, I do understand a person's right to choose. It is the idea that if one right is revoked, what will go next? The right to equal opportunity? But Bush is already working on demolishing that right, is he not?

So now he has Pro-Life and Pro-Choice activists squaring off. It is as if he has purposely ignited a controversial issue he has ever dealt with. But Bush wants every citizen united in his pointless war he suppose in his mind, going after his mortal enemy who has only issue that deserves full support.

In a speech to the National Press Club Tuesday, Kennedy, D-Mass., said, "The last thing we need is policies that divide us at home in race or riches." As Bush insists on pushing this into war, one would expect the sensible leader to push the country together. But he continues to pop up every national controversy like some ambulance checking for his big payoff.

Bush has already had his 15 minutes of fame by taking the money the parents who want to allow the country its fair share of peace and equality. Even if it only lasts for 15 minutes, it would be 15 more than this country has known since Bush was elected.

It is obvious that the president is a man of strong convictions and has no qualms with voicing his opinions. Even the most vocal sometimes display at least a shred of discretion. But Bush seems to have no regard for the opinions of the American people. And this has become apparent to the public as, according to a NBC Wall Street Journal poll, Bush's approval ratings have dropped in recent months.

His overall job approval stands at 54 percent as opposed to 62 percent a month ago. And 32 percent said their opinion of Bush's performance has gotten worse in recent months. He talks about "Homeland Security," but scoffs at "homeland unity." Bush needs to do a little house cleaning of his own before he resumes telling Saddam Hussein how to run his.
vintage rock posters: about $40 each

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Something is wrong with America’s student-aged generation today. I know something must be backward because my 50-year-old mother has more idealism and passion to change the world than any of my friends. Our nation sits at the brink of war and there have not been reports of any student-led protest against our war-craving government.

In the sixties, college campuses were the bases for some of the largest and most influential protests for everything from civil rights to environmentalism. To this day, the University of California at Berkeley is known for its free speech and anti-war demonstrations held more than thirty years ago. Globalization has given us the power to organize and become more involved than our parents could have ever dreamed, and yet, we do nothing. Students have no voice, not because we have been silenced, but because we have nothing to say.

Students have nothing to say because we are not informed. We do not know that 60,000 U.S. troops have already been sent to Iraq and that everyday thousands of North Koreans pledge their allegiance to an oppressive dictator who vows to defeat the Evil West. We do not know that since 9-11 over 100 foreigners, many of whom are American citizens, have been arrested and detained without a charge or access to a lawyer. And we do not know that every time we pump gas into our SUV’s, we are increasing the country’s dependency on Middle Eastern oil.

Our parents would never have sat silent while these things occurred, so why do we? Perhaps we have lost that feeling of urgency to know about our government and the rest of the world because we do not have a draft to fear as our parents did. But, if the Sept. 11 attacks showed us anything, they showed us that random violence can hurt just as much as a formal war. They also offered us the stinging reality that people will hate us simply because we are the most powerful nation in the world and will use terror in order to stop the expansion of what they see as an American Empire.

We may not have a draft to fear, but that does not mean that we should allow our government to go to war with out a show of resistance. Anti-Americanism is growing throughout the rest of the world, and it is not just because we are the most powerful nation in the world. People dislike us because they see us as bullies that cannot be trusted. And why should they not? We have allowed Bush to create global rules on everything from markets to weapons of mass destruction while exempting America from other global rules such as the Kyoto Protocol on climate change or the International Criminal Court.

It is time for our generation to take a stand in improving the world we live in and revive the rebellious spirit our parents had. Democracy will not survive if our generation continues to remain ignorant and apathetic to political issues. We are the future leaders of this country, but if we do not increase our civic participation, we will lose that liberty.

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**Question of the week**

If you were drafted to fight in the war in Iraq, would you go willingly?

“**No, I wouldn’t go willingly, I don’t agree with the war.**
- Tara Rodriguez, Sophomore

“I’d go willingly, but I don’t agree with the war.”
- Sohrab Amid-Hozour, Freshman

“No. I don’t agree with our motives for going to war. It seems the country has alternative aspirations such as oil, for being there.”
- Jeffrey Beck, Sophomore

“You wouldn’t have to draft me, I’d already be there.”
- Bo Leland, Freshman

“Yes, I’d volunteer because it’s my civic duty.”
- Mike Baker, Sophomore

“No, I’d hide out in my mom’s closet. Mike is lying.”
- Blake Ishikawa, Sophomore

“No, because the war is about oil and not freedom.”
- Joe Passamano, Sophomore
By Sarah Nakaji
Staff Writer

Lena Katina and Yulia Volkova. Do these names mean anything to you? If you lived in Europe, you might start shouting, “Oh my God! I love them!”

However, over here in the States, these young Russian sensations have just started to scratch the surface of pop stardom. T.A.T.u. is one of the most controversial music groups today.

Not even gyrating Britney or scantily clad Christina can top these two. T.A.T.u. is the first group to bring homosexuality to the music scene.

The video for their first single, “All the Things She Said,” is full of symbolism for the struggles of the gay community.

The girls are trapped behind a tall, black, chain-link fence, while a crowd of people watch them, all frowning. The girls sit huddled together in the pouring rain, looking for a way out.

The lyrics of the song convey the inner struggle between wanting to be with the each other and society’s acceptance of homosexuals.

While many people think the young Russians are trying to play on the Penthouse fantasy of lesbians, T.A.T.u. says they have a different message.

18-year-old Lena says, “T.A.T.u. is about saying what you feel, not what others expect. Be in love. Be yourself, we are.”

No one knows if the girls are actually gay, but that is not the message that the girls want to give. Their debut album, “200 km/h In The Wrong Lane,” is full of opinionated lyrics and euro-electronic beats.

Many of the songs will make you dance, but there is an underlying meaning in their music. This album is soon to be a pop sensation, with an uplifting rhythm and encouraging message.

“Real World/Road Rules, Battle of the Sexes”

By Beau Davies
Staff Writer

MTV is at it again. “The Real World/Road Rules, Battle of the Sexes” has brought back our most loved and hated cast members from past “Road Rules” and “Real World” seasons.

There are 36 cast members: half female and half male. The show was taped on a beautiful island in Jamaica. The cast members will be competing against each other and eliminating other cast members from the game. The three highest scoring people of each team will be in the inner circle and must decide on a person to eliminate from their same sex team. The top winner of each event receives the Ion Lifesaver and can save another member of either team from being sent home.

It is a mix of physical and mental competition and the politics of voting people off the show. The winners of each competition win prizes for their whole team and after all have been eliminated, only three people per team will win $50,000.

The girls have already scored VIP passes into movie theaters and one year of free Blockbuster video and DVD rentals, while the guys have scored a Razor gift pack that includes a mini bike, scooter and pogo stick.

The show just finished its fourth episode. The first episode shows how Melissa really feels about Julie, her former New Orleans castmate and ex-friend. She states very clearly to Julie that she does not like her and does not want to speak with her. Word is that there was drama there before the show even started.

David and Puck start a squabble that quickly turned in to a situation where the producer had to be brought in. A quick summary: David insulted Puck, Puck spit in David’s face.

Puck almost got sent home, but David did not end up getting his beloved wish. In the end, David chooses to go home.

After all that gets settled, we hear that Gladys is pregnant and is very happy about becoming a “mommy.” Gladys was part of “Road Rules Latin America” and was kicked off for physical violence. On the girl’s side Julie has already been kicked off, while Beth and Gladys are next in line. On the guy’s side Laterrian, Erik and David were the first out.

The show is not much different than all the other reality programs shown on MTV. It is the same people that we have already seen, but it promises to have a lot more drama, hooking-up and fighting along with a healthy dose of competition.

To catch the rest of the show it airs Mondays at 10 p.m. on MTV. If you have not been watching, you have missed a few episodes. You will have to wait for the reruns or when it is on marathon style.
Saigon

By Amberlee Avina
Staff Writer

The Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant is having a special Vietnamese dinner, featuring a unique combination of entree’s that are served only on one occasion, New Year’s day. However, this year the Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant is celebrating their New Year’s day on Feb. 1.

The restaurant has been around for six years and serves a variety of plates, such as, lemon crushed chicken, crispy shrimp seafood and even vegetarian dishes like sautéed tofu with vegetables.

The restaurant is located at 1904 Pacific Avenue on Miracle Mile and is open daily from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Preparing the food takes about 12 hours. One of their special Vietnamese dinner, Staff Writer

Pacific is in for a treat! Thanks to ASUOP Spike Lee will be presenting a lecture titled “America Through my Lens” on Wednesday, February 5. The event is being held at 5:30 p.m. in the Faye Spanos Concert Hall, and admission is free. The concert hall will open one hour before the event for those who want to claim a good seat for the presentation.

Spike Lee was born Mar. 20, 1957 and went to school at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga. and the Institute of Film and Television at New York University. He then became an actor, director, writer and producer. He directed “Jungle Fever” (1991) and “Malcolm X” (1991). He was also the director of the film “Summer of Sam” released in 1999.

Acclaimed film director Spike Lee will give a lecture at Pacific Wednesday, Feb. 5. The lecture will be held at the Faye Spanos Concert Hall at 5:30 p.m. The event is free to the public, so do not miss this extraordinary event.

Season’s Hottest

The Coolest Sport for the winter season

By Taro Reinheardt
Staff Writer

For all those boarders out there that are stoked to go tear it up on the mountains instead of listening to lectures, you can check out 5-day forecast for some of the close ski resorts thanks to weather.com. There are some upcoming competitions, so if you think you can hang then you might as well get money for it.

Volcom Stone presents the “Peanut Butter and Rail Jam,” it is the first ever AM rail contest: three rails side-by-side, jam format. Here are the stops: Bear Mountain March 1, Waterville Valley NH Mar. 29, and Mammoth Mtn. May 10. For more information visit volcom.com.

For those of you who may be in Southern Calif. in the beginning of Feb. you can hit up the H2O Winter Classic pro-AM surf and snowboard competition. It is being held Feb. 8, at Huntington Beach and Feb. 9, at Mountain High. For more information visit h2owinterclassic.com.

The event that you have been waiting for.

“The Sick and Twisted” Big Air Festival, “Tha-hoe’s biggest event series.” This is a competition for skiers, snowboarders and mountain bikers.

For both professionals and amateurs, everyone hopes to win the cash and prizes. For more information about this event or to register, visit snowbomb.com. The Event Dates are:

Feb. 8- Alpine Meadows- Big Air
Feb. 15- Kirkwood-Slopestyle
Feb. 23- Northstar at Tahoe- Boardercross
Mar. 8- Sierra-Slopestyle
Mar. 23- Kirkwood-Superpipe

If you go to Heavenly, park free in the Crescent V Shopping Center and walk to the new Gondola next to the Embassy Suites Hotel. This takes you directly to the upper mountain. You can also stash your stuff in the bank of lockers located where you exit.

If you need any more information to help you out this week, check out weather.com to find answers to your questions about which resort has the best snow and cheapest deals.
**Box Office Top Movies**

**In Theaters:**

"Chicago" (PG-13)
This 1975 Broadway musical is about two dreamers, Velma Kelly (Catherine Zeta-Jones) and Roxie Hart (Renée Zellweger). Velma is the Windy City's top nightclub star until the night she guns down her cheating husband, after which she becomes an even bigger celebrity, thanks to smooth attorney Billy Flynn (Richard Gere). Roxie also desperately wants fame, so the solution is simple: shoot her abusive lover dead. After Roxie replaces her, an outraged Velma plots Roxie's demise as she obsessively pursues her goal of being back on top.

"Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" (R)
Based upon the memoir of the same name, this darkly comical biography chronicles the life of Chuck Barris (Sam Rockwell), the man who created "The Dating Game," "The Gong Show," and "The New York Game" and who claimed that he led a double life as an assassin for the CIA (it's never been proved one way or the other). The movie marks the directorial debut of George Clooney, who recruited a couple of his movie star friends (Drew Barrymore, who plays Barris' lover and occasional companion, and Julia Roberts, in a bit part as a mysterious spy) to help him.

"A Guy Thing" (PG-13)
The morning after his bachelor party, a man (Jason Lee) wakes up in bed with a strange woman (Julia Stiles), whom he presumes he slept with. He tries to hide his possible affair from his fiancée (Selma Blair), with wacky comic results.

To be released tomorrow:

"The Recruit" (PG-13)
This thriller from Roger Donaldson (Thirteen Days), Farrell plays James Clayton, a hotshot who has all the tools to be the perfect agent, or so thinks Walter Burke (Al Pacino), the man who helps train him at the CIA's secret Virginia facility. As Walter backs his golden-boy recruit, James quickly rises through the ranks, while also finding romance in the arms of a fellow recruit, Bridget Moylan. Walter eventually taps James for a special internal assignment. But James becomes increasingly suspicious of his mentor and wonders whether Walter's mantras ("Trust no one," "Nothing is what it seems") are warnings that he should have considered more carefully.

On DVD:

"The Bourne Identity" (2002)
Starring Matt Damon and Franka Potente. Some special features for the DVD: Audio commentary with actor Matt Damon and director Doug Liman, making-of featurette, alternate endings, deleted scenes, music video of Moby's "Extreme Ways," DVD-ROM features such as "Total Axess"

**"Darkness Falls" hits number one**

The movie opens with the telling of an old tale of a woman that would give children a gold coin for their teeth, which earns her the nickname "the tooth fairy." In a devastating fire, the woman's skin is badly disfigured and she has to wear a porcelain mask to protect her delicate skin from the sun. When two children disappear, the town's people blame her and hang her, however before her death, she curses the town of "Darkness Falls." The next day the children are found. The day a child loses their last tooth the psychotic tooth fairy will kill them, but only if they peek. Kyle Walsh (Chaney Kley) is the unlucky boy that peeks and hides in the light; his unsuspecting mother goes into the dark room and is brutally murdered. Police believe he did it and is taken away.

Flash forward 12 years where Caitlin (Emma Caulfield), Kyle's childhood sweetheart, and her brother, Michael (Lee Cormrie), face the same problem: once you see the demented tooth fairy you can never be in the dark or she will kill you.

Not to give away the whole story or the outcome, "Darkness Falls" offers some terrorizing moments. It brings out the inner child in all of us. Those who think they are to old to be afraid of the dark end up looking over their shoulder when leaving the theater at night. Overall, "Darkness Falls" succeeds in slightly scaring their audience, the trick however, was more the visuals than the storyline.

John Petrakis, of the Chicago Tribune, says the film is "a lame-brained attempt at horror." While Margaret A. Mc Gurk, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, calls it "remotely scary" and gives it a D-.
**Love Triangle**

By Amber Prochoska
Managing Editor

For someone who is "not a girl, but not yet a woman" Britney Spears sure has her hands full. After splitting with former flame Justin Timberlake last March, it has been said that she has asked him to get back together.

Spears apparently went to Timberlake's 2 million dollar home in Los Angeles in hopes to get back together, but was rejected. Spears is in Timberlake's past, not future, as Timberlake has been seen looking lips with actress Alyssa Milano, 'N Sync backup dancer Jenna Dewan, pop princess Christina Aguilera and superstar Janet Jackson.

Although, as rumor has it, Timberlake and Spears spent a night together over the holidays in New York, the two are not back together.

Spears's desperation has led her to rock star Fred Durst from the band Limp Bizket. Durst, who is 10 years older than Spears, admits he "definitely [has] feelings for [Spears]" on his band's web-site.

Durst, who split with his former long-term partner in 2001, Jennifer Rovero, who is the mother of one of his daughters, also has a 10-year-old daughter from a previous relationship.

For Spears not "yet being a woman," she will have her dose of motherhood with Durst's two children.

The two superstars have been spending a lot of time together, as Durst is helping Spears with her upcoming album. On his web-site Durst bags on those who dislike this new celeb relationship: "Anybody out there who has a serious problem with my feelings for Britney should just chill. I have never felt this way."

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*Saigon Restaurant*

**Authentic Vietnamese Cuisine**

Photo by Stuart Kriengkam

main dishes, a special type of ham is cooked for eight hours and is wrapped in banana leaves.

Another yummy dish, "Banh tet," is sticky rice cooked a special way and made into a rolled up rich and colorful arrangement.

Their pork stew is a coconut juice made up of pork, eggs and tofu with bean sprouts to dip into the juices. The whole meal costs only $8.99 per person.

For all of us with a sweet tooth, the dessert offered is a candy prepared in an exceptional way. This meal is special to the Vietnamese because they believe that the spirits of their ancestors come back to the family on this day.

Money is also given to the children in red envelopes in hopes for health and success.

Although we celebrated New Years a month ago, check out the Saigon Vietnamese restaurant, especially on Feb. 1 to experience the Vietnamese culture and their special meal for the New Year.

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**Book review:**

**Exploring Dove**

By Paula Kuegler
Staff Writer

From the outside, 16-year-old Robin Lee Graham seems similar to any ordinary teenager. At this pinnacle time in his life, he is trying to discover where he belongs in the world that surrounds him.

In his autobiography, Dove, Graham recalls how out of place he is in the real world. He was not the best student and hated school. He always savors the time he would spend with his father to work on their ship, Dove.

Eventually, he comes up with the idea to sail around the world on his own.

After he has been sailing for quite some time, he reaches the Fijian Islands and meets a girl named Patti Ratteere, whom he falls in love with while resting there. In the end, he has to leave her and is never sure if he is ever going to see her again.

To his surprise, when Graham reaches Darwin in Northern Australia, he meets with her again and they end up marrying each other. However, there is a problem. There are times in the autobiography where he just wants to sell Dove due to some physical damage it suffers when on the voyage. Despite this fact it says Graham to part with his loved boat, but it is necessary that he sells it.

Before the voyage, if he does not leave his home, do not offer him the chance to come back. Now, that he has seen this world and what it offers him, he has decided to travel around the world alone. If he sails with someone else, then his expedition will not seem as big of an accomplishment. Along with the encouragement of Patti and his decision to encounter the sea, he resumes his life.

Patti and Graham decide to rendezvous at places such as Gorilla and the Virgin Islands. However, it becomes pregnant. Before Graham decides to go on this journey, he is sure that he does not have a family. However, it is proven wrong when he is able to establish his family. When he returns to California, he is not only isolated and different from everybody else.

Even though Patti and Quimby, their 10-year-old daughter, do not have their own home in the middle of Mo. They are still in American society, being able to enjoy the pleasures of nature at the same time.

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**Tip of the week**

**Fashion Tip:**

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By Ryan Andress
Staff Writer

Pacific volleyball fans have been incredibly fortunate over the years. They have been able to watch the highest caliber of volleyball played by several of the most dominant athletes in the game.

Junior Jennifer Joines is 282 kills away from re-writing the Pacific record books and claiming the most coveted distinction of being Pacific’s all-time kills leader. This record would clearly establish Joines as the “Michael Jordan” of the Pacific Volleyball program.

While this record is still a solid distance away, Joines continues to add to her own legacy. In the month of December, Jennifer Joines was selected to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America Second Team for the third consecutive season, as announced by the AVCA.

Currently, Joines ranks second in kills (1,572), first in kills per game (4.64), first in hitting percentage (.355), fourth in block assists (432), sixth in total blocks (500) and second in blocks per game (1.47).

She is the lone member of Pacific’s 1,500 kill, 500 block club for her career and needs only 282 kills as a senior to become the Pacific career kills record-holder.

Pacific volleyball fans are hoping that superstar Jen Joines has saved her best for last and will lead the youthful Tigers straight to the top of NCAA Division one volleyball next year.

1,572 kills down and 272 to go until the record books are re-written by Joines. One more year of greatness until #6 hangs in the rafters of the Alex Spanos G. Center.

Congratulations Jennifer Joines!
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Setter Chris Tames wins the joust against BYU while recording 66 assists in the match.

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Softball 2003: Coming soon to a field near you

By Krystine Onghongon
Staff Writer

Dust off your lawn chairs and coolers; softball season is just about ready to begin. The Pacific Tiger Softball team enters the 2003 season voted to finish second in the Big West Conference.

The Tigers are returning nine starters and are coming off a 43-17 season.

17 players returning are seniors Brandy Thurman, Aloha Yamaguchi, Barbara Moody, Estée Okumura and Nicole Inouye.

Look to sophomore Michelle Annunciation to provide some offensive power, as well as junior Jennifer Dacre on the mound.

The Tigers have gone to post season play for four out of five years and are looking to extend their streak of winning seasons.

Last season, the Tigers finished only one game behind the Big West Champions, Cal State Fullerton.

The season opener will be a doubleheader at Stanford, versus last year's number fourteenth ranked Stanford team, on Saturday, Feb. 1.

This game will surely be exciting, since the last time the Tigers met the Cardinal was during last year's Regionals, where the Tigers fell to the Cardinals 6-0.

Home games are thing to look forward to, year, students came to the grass behind the Home games will be a thing to do on a Saturday afternoon.

Some of you may remember the Men's Volleyball team bringing in some excitement with their slip n' slide.

So look ahead to the Tigers first home game, a doubleheader versus Sacramento State, on Feb. 4 at 1 p.m.
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Men's basketball destroys Long Beach

By Ryan Andress
Staff Writer

After losing a close game Thursday to UC Irvine (62-66) at the Spanos Center, the Tigers came into their game against Long Beach State on Saturday needing a win to stop a three game losing streak.

Saying the Tigers accomplished this goal is an extreme understatement. Pacific made Long Beach look like they had been out the night before in that fun-filled city we all know as Stockton. At a season high, 3,801 fans were in attendance to watch the blowout.

The Tigers looked sharp, shooting a season best, 61 percent, from the floor and scoring almost 100 points. The win moved Pacific to an overall 9-7 and a 4-3 in the Big West Conference.

This win, however, was more impressive than even these staggering numbers can show. The Tigers played an excellent team game on Saturday and showed what a well-balanced team they can be.

Everyone seemingly got in on the trouncing of Long Beach. Five Pacific players had a 12 points or more, led by Demetrius Jackson's 16. Christian Maraker, Matt Kemper and Jasko Korajkic all pitched in with 13 points each in the 93-56 slaughter.

Tim Johnson also had a significant role, scoring his season high of 12 points. Maraker and Johnson shot a combined perfect 11-11 from the floor Saturday en route to the 37 point victory.

Possibly more important than the offensive performance, the Tigers turned in one of the better defensive performances in recent seasons. The team snagged 14 steals, the fourth highest total in school history.

Demetrius Jackson was a downright thief, recording four steals of his own to go with his 16 points and five assists.

Tim Johnson got it done on both sides as well, recording 3 steals and 2 blocks to join his 12 points.

Jasko Korajkic also pitched in with 3 steals to give the Tigers another well-rounded performance. To put it in perspective, the Tigers scored 21 points in the first half alone off of turnovers.

This latest win may be just what the Tigers needed to regain some confidence before they head down south to play UC Riverside tonight.

Pacific has shown the kind of un-selfish ball they are capable of playing in this most recent game. They will need to keep that up as they enter the upcoming stretch of three consecutive important away games.

The only thing that the Tigers will need to address quickly is their free throw shooting.

Despite the huge margin of victory, the Tigers shot 10-19 from the stripe (52.6 percent), an effort that has to make head coach Thomason a little nervous.

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Volleyball rides high over BYU and La Verne

By Mercy Au-Young
Staff Writer

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Along with ball distribution, Tamas recorded five total blocks on the night further frustrating the BYU offensive strategies.

Freshman Nils Dauburs exploded out of the gate pounding down 20 kills for Pacific while patrolling the net against BYU attackers. Senior Martin Berntsen provided Pacific with persistent leadership while slamming down 20 kills.

Senior Aaron Wachtfoegel had yet another dominant night for the Tigers as he recorded 19 timely kills to lead the up-tempo offense.

The Tigers raced to two game to zero lead, guiding them five consecutive victories.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Name: Nils Dauburs
Year: Freshman
Sport: Volleyball

Nils Dauburs recorded a total of 59 kills in three matches against BYU and La Verne.