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Undergraduate tuition increase for ‘03—‘04

By Elizabeth Vigil
Editor in Chief

Pacific students and parents are about to get a surprise in the mail. The surprise comes as a 4.5 percent increase in undergraduate admissions for the 2003-2004 school year.

In his letter to Pacific parent’s, President Donald DeRosa writes, “Undergraduate tuition for the academic year 2003-2004 has been set at $23,180. The Associated Students of the University of the Pacific (ASUOP) activity fee will increase by $45.00 (the first increase in 16 years) and the double occupancy room rate will increase by 4.5 percent to $3,705. The cost of our basic meal plan will go up by 3.6 percent.” However, this change will only effect the Stockton campus.

With all the increases many students may be wondering what the money will go towards. Nearly 75 percent of the money received from the increase will go towards better salaries and benefits for faculty and staff. President DeRosa feels boosting salaries and benefits will be a way to show appreciation for faculty and staff because “these individuals [faculty and staff] are unusually dedicated and committed to the intellectual and social development of our students.” The money that remains will go towards technology, building renovations and up keep, academic programs and student activities.

The increase will not negatively impact those students who receive financial aid or scholarships because there are also plans of increasing financial assistance for Pacific students.

When compared to other private universities in Calif., Pacific fared well in keeping tuition increases low compared to Santa Clara and Layola Marymount University. “We are very mindful of our increases to keep them as low as possible,” said President DeRosa.

Pacific is still ranked number 29 out of 2000 universities in Best Value. What this means is that the quality education at Pacific is good compared to the cost of tuition, translation: students are getting their money’s worth at Pacific.

While some Pacific students are upset over the increase of what they feel is an already costly tuition, graduating seniors will not be affected by the change. President DeRosa is confident that increase will positively impact the operations of Pacific. He says, “I hope our students and parents recognize that they are getting a quality education at a reasonable cost, and it’s getting ever stronger.”

 Theta Chi charters fraternity at Pacific

By Georgette Rodarakis
News Editor

The men of Theta Chi celebrated recently on their newly established chapter at Pacific. The men gathered this past Sunday, Feb. 1 in the Raymond Great Hall to mark this monumental occasion in Theta Chi’s and Pacific’s history. Supporters of this event included representatives from neighboring Theta Chi chapters at Fresno, Stanislaus and San Jose State, faculty of the Pacific and close friends of the newly initiated members.

Theta Chi is one of the oldest social fraternities in the country and the tenth largest among the number of established chapters. Theta Chi was introduced to the Pacific in the Fall of 2002. Thus far, they have 20 committed members including ASUOP’s current President, Matthew Olson who said, “I joined because it was something he hadn’t done at Pacific and he felt comfortable within this group and that they shared the same values.”

During the colonization, ceremonial words were spoken by several Theta Chi members and followed by all the new members reciting the Theta Chi Creed.

Regional Counselor, Bryan Holcomb said, “I have been doing this for 15 years and it is still exciting; it’s an official family.”

Theta Chi, although new to Pacific, has already made a lasting impression. This past semester they had the highest grade-point average among all the fraternities.

Advisor for Greek Life, Deb Crane said, “[Theta Chi] gives student’s another option on Greek Life[,] Theta Chi put their alma mater first and Theta Chi second.”

Theta Chi hopes for membership to continue its rapid growth. President Sundeep Ambati said, “[Theta Chi] THETACHI see page 5
Dance for a Chance: fundraising marathon

By Elizabeth Carronzo
Staff Writer

Once again Pacific will be putting on one of the biggest parties of the year, the Dance for a Chance Marathon. The dance marathon will take place from Feb. 15 through the 16. It will be an 18-hour dance marathon that will be benefiting The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation was founded in 1988 by Elizabeth Glaser, Susan DeLaurentis and Susie Zeegen. They were three mothers and friends that came together and decided to do something about children with AIDS when Elizabeth discovered that she and her two children were HIV positive.

When this foundation began it was very small in size and 14 years later, it has become the leading national non-profit organization designed to fund and conduct pediatric AIDS research.

The Foundation’s mission is to identify, fund and conduct pediatric research that will help find better treatments for HIV infected children.

Fewer children are being born with HIV and those who are infected with the virus are living longer and healthier lives.

Dance for a Chance gives Pacific the opportunity to help out all these children in need by only asking for donations and dancing.

“I think that Dance for a Chance is a great opportunity to get involved and contribute to more than just Pacific but to kids who really need it,” said Dance for a Chance committee Chair, Lindsey Garland. They have organized a very fun 18 hours for all the participants and visitors.

The fundraiser will take place at Raymond Great Hall and the kick off will be at 4:00 p.m. with the Pacific Band. There will be a Family hour scheduled from 6-8 p.m. and it will be $10 donation per family. Family hour will be full of face paintings, music and autographs from our very own Pacific baseball team.

Dance for a Chance will also give you a chance to learn new types of dances such as salsa, line dancing and step dancing. Pi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. will be teaching people step by step how to be “Steppers.”

“Dance for a Chance is a great opportunity for people to get involved and be together for 18 hours,” said Ines Ruiz-Houston past year participant.

Each participant is encouraged to raise $100 from donations. All automaticly be a raffle and get a free prize.

Sign-ups will be available until Feb. 7 at the Lounge. Even if you are not able to participate there will be a special for visitors for only $5. Visitors will be able to join in all the fun.

“If you have the time and the money dollars, do it,” said Ines. “PACS doesn’t do this every year so make sure it helps make a difference.”

President Bush’s State of the Union Address

By Sarah Averill
Staff Writer

President Bush addressed the nation on Tuesday, Jan. 28, with the State of the Union address. The main focus of Bush’s speech was the potential war in Iraq, but he also focused much of his time discussing other issues, such as the economy, medical reform and AIDS.

Bush began his speech by addressing the issue of the economy. He stated that our economy is not growing fast enough and we do not have enough jobs available to everyone that would like to work. In order to remedy this he proposed new tax cuts.

Bush said, “Jobs are created when the economy grows; the economy grows when Americans have more money to spend and invest; and the best and fairest way to make sure Americans have that money is not to tax it away in the first place.”

Bush proposed that this tax package be put into effect immediately, instead of in 2004 and 2006, as originally intended because “If this tax relief is good for Americans three or five or seven years from now, it is even better for Americans today.”

The second goal that Pres. Bush stated in his address is good quality, affordable health care for all Americans.

He said that in order for Americans to get the quality health care we deserve, we need to take control away from bureaucrats and HMOs and put doctors, nurses and patients in charge of American medicine.

Bush commited $400 billion over the next 10 years to reform and strengthen Medicare.

Bush also committed $15 billion over the next five years to combat AIDS in Africa and the Caribbean. Bush said that his “comprehensive plan will prevent seven million new AIDS infections, treat at least two million people with life-extending drugs and provide humane care for millions of people suffering from AIDS and for children orphaned by AIDS.”

He then turned the topic of his speech to terrorism. He spoke of the prosecution and detainment of terrorists across the world and proposed further plans to protect the United States from further terrorist attacks.

He asked Congress to “add to our future security with a major research and production effort to guard our people against bio-terrorism.” This proposal, called Project Bioshield, will make available effective vaccines and treatments for anthrax, ebola, plague and other diseases that could be used as biological weapons.

As expected, Bush focused on Iraq. He explained that 12 years ago Iraq agreed to disarm all of their weapons of mass destruction, but since then has “systematically violated that agreement.” He is pursuing chemical, biological and nuclear weapons even while inspectors were in his country.”

Bush explained in 1999 the United Nations (U.N.) verified that the facilities to make biological and chemical weapons were not accounted for in Iraq's ongoing defiance of the world. Bush did not have any evidence that he had been stroyed them.

The Bush asked the Security Council to consider this on Feb. 5 to consider this of Iraq's ongoing defiance of the world.

He concluded by saying “We will consult, but let there be no misunderstanding. Saddam Hussein must fully disarm for the sake of our people, and for the peace of the world, we will not go to war to disarm him.”

We remember Rick Husband, Kalpana Chawla, Phil, M.D., Ilan Ramon, William McCool, Laurel Clark, M.D., Michael Anderson and David Brown who passed on Saturday Jan. 31 as they descended from space after having completed a two-week long mission in orbit.
The dinners are from various restaurants in Stockton such as Applebee's, Maldards, Subway and Red Lobster. They also have sponsors from One-hour Photo and Caroline's Photography, where the couples can also have a small picture memento to remember their date by.

Clarence Henderson, a student participating in the auction said, "This is a great way to finally get Pacific involved within the community for once and it's a great way to meet new girls!

In order to become a bidder in the auction the cost will be three dollars at the door or two dollars with a canned food item. All proceeds will go to help families within the community.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is hoping to make a substantial amount of money to help two families within the Stockton community. They will use the money raised to buy these families clothes and as well as any personal needs for them.

"It is not just an auction but an event for everyone to mingle and come together for a greater cause. It will not only help raise money but benefit the community as well," comments Myisha Johnson, President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

If you are interested in being the one auctioned off you must submit a biography of yourself containing your name, major and what makes you a good date. Information about how to submit your essay is posted all around campus.

All residential housing has been informed of the event as well as clubs and the Greek community. If you have any questions about the event you can contact Myisha Johnson, President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. at (209) 954-1429 for further information.

- Contributed by San Joaquin Delta College

**To observe Black History Month the following events have been scheduled:**

Feb. 6  - African American Student Union (AASU) Pacific Hour Event in the McCaffrey Center.
Feb. 8  - 2003 Gospel Fest at 3 p.m., Central United Methodist Church Featuring: Catch 2 and Covenant Worship Center of Berkeley, Ca.
Feb. 10 - Delta Sigma Theta's Valentine's Day Auction at 7 p.m. in the Raymond Great Hall
Feb. 11 - Movie Night at 6 p.m., Channel 2
Southern Soul Food Redwood room, Lunch $5.82; Elbert Cowell, Dinner $6.95

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Juan Casillas is a son, father and student before he becomes professor here at Pacific.

Casillas, a native of Guadalajara, Mexico, recalls migrating to the states at the age of 8. He grew up in a migrant family who traveled from Cutler, Calif. to Wash. twice a year to harvest apples and cherries. Casillas did not let his family's constant moving get in the way of his education. He describes the hardest part of coming to the United States was "not being able to communicate" in English.

After graduating high school, he went on to earn a double major in Spanish and Biology from CSU Fresno. He began teaching high school while earning his master's degree and is now completing his doctoral dissertation at UC Santa Barbara while teaching here at Pacific. Here Casillas teaches classes in Chicano Literature, Literatura Hispano-Americana and Spanish, among other things.

Married with children, Casillas admits it is hard to find time to relax. "It's a constant struggle to try and balance my three way life; my family, my job at Pacific and finishing my PhD is very demanding and just a lot of work," said Casillas.

One person Casillas has to thank for his success is his mother who he praises as his hero. He gives her credit for "not letting her kids get lost in the circle of drugs, violence and sex."

Casillas admits that he enjoys his job at Pacific and hopes to stay here but says, "my true passion is not academia, it's creative writing...and one day I will be publishing my novels."

Students at Pacific enjoy how Juan, as he likes to be called, teaches his courses. Senior Alma Barocio, Spanish major, said, "He really enjoys his subject and has enthusiasm for it." She adds, "He has been a mentor to me and he makes time for his students."

Juan Casillas is not afraid to dream, but for him it is more then a dream it is a promise. He said, "I have to be the scholar, the producer of artistic information. I have to be the producer of artistic expression."
PRSSA recruits Affiliate

Pacific’s chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is hosting a Membership Recruitment Potluck today at 7 p.m. in the McCaffrey Center Sprouce Room.

“As a PRSSA member you will have a multitude of opportunities that will be beneficial for your future,” said Jessica Curley, PRSSA president. “You will have a chance to network with peers and professionals, enhance your resume and interview skills and develop you knowledge of the public relations field.”

PRSSA is a preprofessional organization for students interested in the fields of communication, business, public relations, marketing, advertising and event planning. In addition to hosting the PRSSA National Conference last November in San Francisco, the chapter has numerous events planned for the rest of the semester, including the hosting of an event at the Stockton Asparagus Festival.

“PRSSA is a wonderful way to gain knowledge, hands-on experience in the field of public relations,” Dr. Carol Ann Hackley, PRSSA faculty advisor, said for students looking for a way to gain knowledge and experience in business can benefit from this organization.”

The Recruitment Potluck will feature food, games, prizes, as well as information about the upcoming semester. Any student interested in attending the event can contact Hatschek at (209) 946-2443 or prssauop@hotmail.com to call 946-3045 for more information.

Pacific Receives Affiliate

The Conservatory of Music and Eberhardt School of Business at Pacific are pleased to announce that the school’s innovative Music Management program has been granted Affiliate status by Carlsbad, CA-based NAMM, the International Music Products Association.

The affiliation takes the form of institutional membership in NAMBI (NAMM-Affiliated Music Business Institutions) for Pacific. It was announced at the recently completed NAMM Convention held in Anaheim, CA (Jan. 16-19), which was attended by more than 65,000 music products professionals from around the globe. Of the 34 institutes of higher learning affiliated with NAMM, Pacific is the first Affiliate west of the Rockies to win the distinction.

“What this means for our students is a direct connection to the 7,000-plus NAMM member companies who rely on NAMBI schools for job applicants, interns and new ideas,” said Conservatory Dean Stephen Anderson. “The music products sector is one that has very good job prospects for qualified graduates. NAMM also supports our program with an annual NAMM Scholarship Award for upper division students planning a career in the music products field, as well as faculty stipends and support.”

Nine Pacific students attended January’s NAMM Convention under the guidance of their faculty advisor, Professor Keith Hatschek of the Department of Music Management. During the convention, they attended a number of workshops and seminars, as well as spent time exploring the more than 1,300 exhibitors of all variety of music products.

For more information on music products studies at Pacific including internships, the NAMM Scholarship, and information about career opportunities in the music products field, please contact Keith Hatschek at (209) 946-2443 or khatschek@uop.edu.

 Contributed by Keith N. Hatschek

Second in poetry

This past weekend, Pacific Speech and Debate Society (PSDS) went to its first event of the year, an individual events tournament held at Diablo Valley College.

First-year members, Brennan Doyle (’05, Comm.) and Natalie Lewis (’06, Speech Pathology) came home with finalist awards in Dramatic Duo Interpretation.

Lewis was also a Finalist in Prose. PSDS Captain Andrea Borcea (’03 Business) earned second place in Poetry Interpretation.

Despite the entry of only four people, including first-year member Jabari, Pacific placed fifth overall in every category.

Congratulations to everyone!

Compliments of Shi batt, Prof. and Dir. Forensics

Lena Barnum-Everett Scholarship available to Pacific students

Every spring the Lena Barnum-Everett Scholarship is awarded to students at Pacific for the following school year. The $1,000 scholarship will be coordinated with other financial aid if necessary.

Applications may be picked up at the Financial Aid Office in Knoles Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applicants must complete an application, obtain two letters of recommendation from professors and get an unofficial transcript from the Registrar’s Office. Submit the original and four copies of the application package to the Financial Aid Office no later than March 7.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Johnson, donor relations and stewardship coordinator in Hand Hall 3rd floor, room 319 or call 946-2996.

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By Angelo Richards
Staff Writer

The Christian population in Mandate Palestine is rapidly decreasing. In the 1920s about 22 percent of Arabs in the area were Christian. Now the population is down to 1.8 percent.

Most Christians have migrated to the Americas and Europe, for some believe that they are under "religious persecution." Christians still celebrated Christmas under the eye of the Israeli Army.

However, St. Nick himself broke curfew in Beit Jala and walked down the street trying to put spirit back into the holiday.

Chinese Paleontologists have found fossil remains of a four-winged dinosaur in the Liaoning Province, Northeastern China. They believe that the six specimens found are between 124 and 128 million years old, from the early Cretaceous period.

The new species is called the Microraptor gui and is said to be the ancestor of the modern bird, for it is speculated that these dinosaurs had fully developed feathers.

In Peru, an explosion at an army base weapons depot killed seven soldiers on Thursday. It has also been reported that about 100 other people were injured.

The explosion was felt throughout the whole city with a number of shock waves. The fire was said to be an hour and a half long before it was brought under control.

16 suspected terrorists were taken to prison in Spain. The specific charges have not been announced, but the group was suspected of a possible attack on Europe. The government also speculates that the group is somehow linked to al Qaeda and were "planning explosive and chemical attacks."

The 16 were arrested Friday Jan. 24 during raids on 12 houses in Barcelona and other nearby Spanish towns.

The group had already been incarcerated once before when France accused them of criminal activities, and again on Sunday by the Spanish government. When the police made the arrest, they found many electrical devices, like remote controls that could set off bombs.

Zai Kakal of Afghanistan received her driver's license at age 48. Women have not been allowed to drive in Afghanistan since 1992, but Kakal was one of 12 women that took their tests on Saturday.

### CPCE offers more

By Elizabeth Vigil
Editor-in-Chief

Many students have had the experience of being a couple of units shy from being considered a junior or senior. Others have had the experience of, come graduation, not being able to walk across the stage with full honors because they are short from the 124 units you have to have to graduate.

What Pacific student's do not know is the Center for Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE) can help. CPCE is an alternative for students who need units but do not have the time to take another class during the regular semester. Barbara Shaw, Assistant Provost for CPCE, said, "The courses that we offer meet for a couple of hours a week and are more flexible because they are evening and weekend courses."

Students can take courses in the regular semester and CPCE also offers three sessions of summer school. The courses they are offer are not what are normally offered on campus.

Their courses range from film appreciation to computer applications. CPCE also offers non-credit courses that students can take for fun. Some of those courses include a class in wine appreciation. This course teaches you what are the different types of wines, which go best with each meal and the difference between sweet and dry wines (students have to be 21 when they enroll in this class).

Shaw said one of the main goals of CPCE is to improve "skills that you are already learning and earn extra units for graduation."

CPCE not only offers courses to students but they also reach out to the Stockton community. They offer programs for individuals to obtain certificates as substance abuse counselors. They also offer programs for students such as E-Camp, which provides junior high and high school students the opportunity to learn how to develop their own web pages. The Journalism Academy is also for high school journalism and yearbook students and teaches them layout techniques to use for their school newspaper and yearbook.

The courses offered by CPCE are less costly then if a student was to pay for an overload of units at Pacific. CPCE course range from $90-$200 for a non-credit to two unit course. Up to eight applications education units can be applied as elective units in computer and academic degree. However, students can only take a maximum of two units per semester.

If students are interested in taking units at the Center for Professional and Continuing Education they can pick up a catalog at the Office of the Registrar.

### Job fair attracts locals

By Tara Cusidg
Staff Writer

Over a thousand perspective employees swamped the Civic Auditorium in downtown Stockton on Tuesday afternoon for the city's 11 Annual Job Fair; which showcased 35 local businesses scouting for 100 perspective openings.

The free event draws 2000 people yearly, said Jay Verdoorn, communications director for the fair's co-sponsor, "California Job Journal". The Sacramento based company held 18 fairs last year in San Joaquin Valley and the Bay Areas.

"If the past is any indication we are looking at a crowd of 1,700," said Verdoorn on Monday afternoon.

Verdoorn said college students, especially at Pacific and San Joaquin Delta College, should attend a job fair before graduation.

He said knowing what a future employer wants can set a person apart from other applicants. Especially in today's job market where competition is stiff and it "might be difficult" to be recruited, said Verdoorn.

The five-hour fair also offered resume critiques and three seminars that included: making the most of the job fair, building a strong resume and interviewing techniques.

In the resume building session, job seekers learned how to make an everlasting impression.

"This is a good way to start getting some leads for job openings," said Verdoorn. Positions ranging from entry level to advanced, and part-time to full-time were showcased.

Among the participants were area business: Bank of Stockton, California Department of Corrections, City of Stockton, Frito Lay, Health Care Services of San Joaquin County, ITT Technical Institute, Stockton Unified School District and San Joaquin General Hospital.

The employers advertised positions ranging from administrative assistants to nurses to bank tellers. Verdoorn said there are over one hundred positions open. The Civic Auditorium was packed to full capacity, with a line of people flowing out the door an hour into the event.

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"California Job Journal" also has an employment magazine that can be found at local grocery stores. The publication is free, Verdoorn said.

"Last year we had 2,300," said Verdoorn of the Stockton event, which is the company's biggest attraction. "We love Stockton, because we get a lot of participation from employers in Stockton."

For students interested in attending the next "California Job Journal" sponsored event, one will be held next month in Modesto, south of Stockton.

Since the turnout is always big in Stockton, Verdoorn said the company is planning to come back to the Civic Auditorium on July 16, again from 12 to 5 p.m.

Verdoorn said the fair is an easy way to meet contacts in individual fields of interest, even if graduation is a few years off. "A job fair is a way to get a feel for what's out there," he said. "It's a chance to explore how the job search works."

For more information regarding the upcoming "California Job Journal" events log on to jobjournal.com.

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hopes to have 45 members by the end of the semester."

When asked what sets Theta Chi apart from other Greek organizations at Pacific, Public Relations Chair, Eddie Richardson said, "Several people have asked me if [Theta Chi] is an honors fraternity. My answer is no. [Theta Chi] has intelligent students and dedicated students but those are individuals that all fraternities should have. [Theta Chi] is about participating in a social environment while still respecting ourselves, our friends and our campus."
The INS oppresses Arab-Americans

By Aditya Puor
Staff Writer

This past December, the print and news media was full of reports that would confound and dismay many. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has arrested hundreds of individuals of Middle Eastern origin in Los Angeles, after ordering them to comply with a compulsory registration order.

Iranian, Iraqi, Syrian and Libyan born male residents of the United States, over 16 years of age were ordered to report and register with the local INS office, or face deportation proceedings. Upon complying with this order, many found that they had received more than they had bargained for. Several were summarily arrested, and many now face deportation proceedings.

These arrests have sparked widespread protest in the L.A. area, by concerned citizens. Of course, the INS has defended the action, and cited concerns that several of the individuals may be supporters of terrorist cells and networks. However, one can see several flaws in such arguments.

An obvious question that we must ask is whether or not the terrorist actually answered such a summons? News networks were rife with news of men going to the INS to comply with the laws of their adopted country, and ending up in jail. Many of these people have fled just the sort of environment that they are now accused of attempting to foster. Imagine the plight of an Iranian man, who has fled the oppression of the fundamentalist regime, only to be delivered into the hands of that very regime.

Furthermore, the INS insists that these men have been arrested only for visa violations, and not on charges of terrorism activity. However, in attempting this, and citing security concerns in their deportation, the INS is denying them even the right to a proper deportation hearing. Instead, they are being huddled off, with “suspected terrorist” tags. What is so disconcerting is that several of the people have been living in the United States for over 16 years, however, and feel sorry for Ms. Rousseau, who would have still stood to receive upwards of $10 billion just for waking up on her birthday.

However, she is an exception to the rule. According to the National Federation of Independent Business, “Small businesses have accounted for roughly two out of every three jobs created since the 1970s.” The American economy has flourished thanks to the small business and family farm. The elimination of the Estate Tax will help keep it that way.
Dear Mayor Podesto,

I am writing to express concern about the city’s possible decision to hire a private company to operate and maintain, make capital improvements to, and provide billing services for water, wastewater, storm water utilities in Stockton. Before expressing those concerns, some information about my background and the Pacific Institute, my employer, may be helpful.

I am a licensed civil engineer who has worked with municipalities and special districts in Calif. since 1984. I have been involved in procurement processes with similar size and structure to the one you are currently engaged in. My firm performed the technical work necessary for several private companies to submit bids of the type you are now reviewing. My firm also wrote the technical proposal for Western Waste, the one you are currently examining.

We have published reports in both The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times. Both of these reports urge fact-based decision making rather than decisions based on abstract ideology such as “the private sector is more efficient” or “water must be publicly provided.” To put it plainly: neither the Institute, nor I, is for or against privatization. We are against hasty decisions that involve hundreds of millions of dollars of public funds, based on apple-to-orange comparisons. Please consider each of these concerns:

Hasty decision-making

I am unaware of any procurement of this size (about $600 million) and duration (20 years) that has taken place in Calif., in the time frame being employed in Stockton. Hundreds of pages of written proposals that took months of effort, and tens of thousands of dollars to prepare, were reviewed in weeks. This is unfair to the losing bidders, as well as the public. To make matters worse, the scheduled duration between a recommendation from the outside consultant and a decision by the City Council is less than a month. I would not be surprised if the average public works street improvement contract in Stockton allows more time for staff review and public input than is being allowed here.

Furthermore, some issues have not been reviewed at all. The environmental implications of the three proposals and the “no action” alternative of continued public operation are probably different. There are numerous instances of public and private entities failing to meet their legal and environmental obligations due to mismanagement, short staffing, or other governance problems. The review by city staff and consultants has not even touched on this concern. For example, might the lowest bidder’s bid be as low as it is because they have underestimated what is required to satisfy regulatory requirements? Is the risk of environmental damage higher under one proposal than another or under private operation as opposed to public operation?

The claim that a contractor will be financially and legally responsible for any violations misses the point. CEQA requires that the potential environmental consequences of the project and its alternatives be investigated and discussed through a public process, no matter how responsibility for those consequences is allocated.

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The evaluation report prepared by Alternative Resources Inc. Hawkins, Delafeld and Wood (ARI), claims that the proposal by OMI will save the city about $154 million on a nominal dollar basis over 20 years, or about $85 million on a present value basis, in comparison with improved efficiency of public operations. Potential savings of this magnitude are, understandably, attractive. However, there are numerous instances of public and private entities failing to meet their legal and environmental obligations due to mismanagement, short staffing, or other governance problems. But the review by city staff and consultants has not even touched on this concern. For example, might the lowest bidder’s bid be as low as it is because they have underestimated what is required to satisfy regulatory requirements? Is the risk of environmental damage higher under one proposal than another or under private operation as opposed to public operation?

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Shareholders triumph

[U-WIRE] — In the first part of this series, President George W. Bush's $674 billion tax and spending proposal was summarized. The proposal includes $350 billion in dividend tax relief and various reductions in personal income tax rates. Data indicates that richer Americans, especially those who own stock, would disproportionately benefit from the enactment of Bush's proposal.

For years, economists have noted that the dividend tax has discouraged investment in public companies and discouraged companies from issuing dividends. In fact, the U.S. tax system is the only one in the world that directly taxes dispersed company profits twice, once at the corporate level and again when corporate profits less corporate taxes are dispersed to the shareholders. Theoretically, the so-called double dividend tax can claim as much as 60 cents for every dollar of corporate profit. In practice, the double dividend tax rate is often much less due to accounting mechanisms and tax code loopholes that allow companies and their shareholders to reduce their tax burden.

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The shareholder portion of the double dividend tax has received a healthy dose of support from many economists. There is some indication that Bush's tax cut and spending proposal could mitigate corporate shenanigans that have rocked the stock market the past two years. Because companies could only disburse tax-free dividends or "deemed" dividends equal to their after tax earnings, public companies could experience shareholder pressure to keep their corporate headquarters in the United States, to use less tax-shelter mechanisms to avoid paying corporate taxes and to incur less debt.

Another potential benefit of the proposed dividend tax abolition is psychological. Increasingly, Americans see the stock market as a barometer of the economy's health. Americans will spend money as long as they think the economy is healthy, and a humming stock market seems to convey well-being; perception is often more important to consumer confidence than reality.

As to the accelerated income tax rate cuts, the standard post-Keynesian view is that money spent by consumers does more to stimulate the economy than money spent by the government. Thus it is theorized that any tax proposal that puts more money in the hands of the people rather than the federal government, as the proposed income tax rate cuts would do, would juice the economy more than government spending or saving.

The pacific

Advice from a member of the "anti-war" generation

Dear Ms. Wagner,

I always appreciate a call for involvement, but find myself ambivalent about your column. First, I ask you as a journalist to be more precise when reporting ideas as facts. For example, there are closer to 150,000 troops (exact number unclear) on the borders of Iraq, in several countries, but the number inside Iraq (again unclear) is probably less than 1,000.

Second, if your peers are not informed, they have even less excuse than their parents generation did.

Lastly, as a member of the generation you are speaking of, I ask that you avoid several serious mistakes of my generation.

1. Never trust one source, one mentor. Always check and double-check the facts to the best of your ability.
2. Don't let passion blind you to the other sides' arguments. You may not agree with them, but in a large percentage of cases they appear valid to others. The difficult decisions in this world are hardly ever black and white, or even multiple choice. Make sure your energy goes into changes you are sure are good, and goes directly towards those actually responsible for and powerful enough to make the changes you think necessary.
3. In a sense, the treatment of returning military personnel who went to Vietnam unwillingly, to do a duty they accepted, is the biggest shame of the generation you respect so highly.

Having said all that, I'm glad someone is at last calling for action. I'm not sure your direction is correct, but many share your views.

—Anonymous
common sense and experience show that regulating a private entity is more time consuming than planning and performing regulatory compliance in another “department” within a public entity. As a historical fact, this “level of regulatory effort” issue was an enormous problem during the first five years of privatization of water services in England and Wales.

2. The capital cost estimates differ enormously between private and public operations. For example, OMI price proposal form 3 and Table A-2 of the HDR baseline analysis suggest that capital repair and replacement costs for essentially the same facilities are about $0.8 million more per year for the public operation. Total capital cost estimates essentially the same facilities are about $63 million in the OMI proposal and about $112 million in the HDR estimate of public operations.

These differences are simply too large to reflect “efficiencies of the private sector.” More likely, they reflect inappropriate comparison of city planning level estimates for budget purposes, versus competitive bid numbers.

Also, an inappropriate comparison is being made between the traditional public works approach of separate contracts for design and construction and the combined design/build contract approach. Or put another way, if it is feasible for OMI to design/build facilities for $63 million, then it is also feasible for the city to hire a design/build team to do the same for a similar amount. So, why didn’t HDR estimate public operations using the apparently more effective design/build approach? Regardless of why, an apple-to-orange comparison now exists.

3. Similar problems may underlie the chemical cost line items ($1.81 million per year, public operation, only $1.16 million per year under private operation), and electricity ($3.40 million per year under public operation, only $1.74 million per year under private operation). Either the private contractor is underbidding these items grossly and will press to recoup their losses later, or HDR’s “MUD Efficiency Initiatives” cost estimate is too high.

I suspect, based on experience, that chemical usage by city staff is higher than necessary. This is a common problem in municipal operations. But it can and has been solved in numerous cases without privatization.

4. Finally, the “miscellaneous and other costs” line item estimates differ dramatically ($2.25 million per year under public operation, only $1.11 million per year under private operation). Again, either OMI is unaware of numerous such cost items, and will attempt to recoup their losses later, or the city operation has greater potential for efficiency improvements than shown in the HDR efficiency evaluation.

Correcting the discrepancies mentioned could eliminate the supposed financial benefit of $154 million nominal dollars over the 20-year contract term. They might even reverse the outcome, with public operation (but much more efficient than private) being less expensive the lowest private company.

In summary, privatization is a decision with many potential risks and benefits. I believe that any independent, professional observer would agree that the risks and benefits in the Stockton situation are not fully understood. Until they are understood, the water, wastewater and storm water management alternative that are in the best interests of the citizens and businesses of Stockton cannot be identified, much less selected.

I believe that all of you care deeply about your city.

Please, seriously consider doing the following: Dramatically slow down the decision process, perform CEQA review, ensure that ambiguities in the technical and financial documents and proposed contracts are carefully and fully resolved and furthermore, that citizens and business representatives are satisfied that the ambiguities have been resolved. Similarly, ensure that apple-to-orange comparisons are not taking place.

Please note that the current public advisory committee is not the right vehicle for this purpose. We are not urging more advice from citizens and businesses. Instead, we urge a process that leads to a more substantial public understanding among citizens and businesses of the facts of the situation and of the alternatives that exist. Not everyone will agree about a final decision, but clarity about key facts and alternatives is achievable and well worth the effort.

Sincerely,
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Principal Economist and Engineer

Affirmative action: false measure of equality

By Georgette Rodarokus
News Editor

In a country where the melting pot of the world lives, one may inquire why we still deal with issues of discrimination. The census has proved to us that while Hispanics and Blacks were once the clear minority, their numbers have increased tremendously over the past decade.

What does this all have to deal with? The ethical question of ‘equal opportunity’ in America has often been challenged and things like affirmative action have sought to solve this issue.

Affirmative action rose during the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s as a way to further the gained legal equality granted to minorities. Affirmative action, more recently, has been an issue with college campuses across the country. Our generation witnessed the controversy in 1996 when numerous demonstrations took place for the decline of Proposition 209. Proposition 209 prohibits any use of racial preference in the work place and in public school admissions passed that year. Another significant case was that of Bakke v. California where the Supreme Court declared racial quotas for public colleges were unconstitutional.

Affirmative action seems to have been branded as illegal and unfair yet many college campuses especially private ones (due to more legal freedom) still use other methods of affirmative action such as “quotas” as a part of their admissions process.

Many will argue that “quotas” allow for a more diverse student body, which in turns provides a better learning experience. True diversity is not a buffet of skin colors which is an insignificant characteristic but rather qualities of leadership, responsibility, dedication and perseverance is what represent true diversity and are true standards for admission.

Affirmative action does not always work for disadvantaged minorities. Many times it only benefits minorities with good economic background while ignoring lesser class citizens and other ethnic “majorities.”

The reality is that college is an academic society which should base its applicants on their merit and not their ethnic or economic background. Affirmative action was created to provide equal opportunity. In a country so diverse, affirmative action works against the very reason it was created, to prevent discrimination.

Announcement to all students:
bring your agenda or what’s on your mind

Join Julie Sina, Vice President for Student Life
at any of these three informal meetings:
Feb. 10, 2003 from Noon-1:00 p.m.
In the Raymond Common Room
Feb. 13, 2003 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
In the Raymond Common Room
Feb. 18, 2003 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.
In the Static Attic (Summit)
God-bye Roe

January 22 was the 30 anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court case that gave women the right to decide what is best for their body, however, women and Pro-Choice supporters are not celebrating. President Bush and the Republican congress have announced their intentions to pass legislation further restricting the rights and freedom of women in this country to have an abortion. In one swipe of a pen and the confirmation of two or three justices, President Bush is about to send this country back 30 years; women beware.

For those of you who are skeptical that it is truly Bush's intentions to send women back to the "coat hanger" days, let's take a look at some of his own rhetoric. Last Tuesday during the State of the Union Address, he said, "I ask you to protect infants at the very hour of birth, and end the practice of partial birth abortion."

Many Americans may have heard this and thought it a noble request. I ask you, would you think it so noble if he had said, "I ask you to force women to bear pain, torture and extreme danger and end the practice of partial birth abortion?"

Partial birth abortions as well as any abortion performed after the 24 week of pregnancy is not only extremely rare, but is only performed when there is a serious health risk for the mother or fetus. According to the Planned Parenthood Federation, only one out of every 10,000 abortions take place after the 24 week of pregnancy and is not only dangerous, but also extremely painful. Women do not opt for partial birth abortions and Roe vs. Wade actually gives the right to states to prohibit them except when the mother's life is in danger.

In a telephone conversation with Anti-Abortion protestors on Jan. 22 reported by The New York Times, President Bush "reaffirmed his promise to end" this practice, which he believes is "abhorrent and an offense to human dignity."

While President Bush and his Republican cronies may want to strip women of their natural right to control when they reproduce, the majority of the American people do not agree with them. A poll conducted last month by The New York Times showed that the majority of Americans still support a woman's right to choose.

What President Bush and other Anti-Abortion supporters ignorantly overlook is how legalized abortion has helped our country. The majority of America's seeking abortions are teenagers and women from low-economic status. Pregnancy and child rearing would not only force many of these women to quit their jobs, but also to drop out of school.

The United States has the highest teen-birth rate of any other industrialized nation and it was reported that in 1992, taxpayers paid $34.4 billion to maintain families started by teenagers (The National Abortion Federation).

Neither women nor the economy can afford to bear the effects if abortion is banned in this country. If Roe is overturned, millions of children will be born into poverty or worse yet, to drug addicted mothers who rely on prostitution for a living. Bush dares to challenge the morality of "killing" an unborn child while he parades his campaign to launch war and bring death to innocent Iraqi women and children.

The practice of abortion is not "abhorrent," Bush's proposals to oppress women's rights are.
Good Charlotte makes punk more popular

By Michelle Welsh
Staff Writer

Good Charlotte is an eye-catching punk group that makes good girls go bad.

Maryland, Good Charlotte made its humble beginnings four years ago after a Beastie Boys concert inspired twin brothers Joel and Benji Madden.

In 2003, the band is just beginning to come into its own, after touring with the likes of Lit, MXPX and making an appearance at the Warped Tour. Their newest single "The Anthem" is climbing the charts.

Good Charlotte is powered by the attractive, tormented looks of lead singer Joel (23) and the backup vocals and guitar talents of "tear-stained" identical twin Benji (23). Guitarist Billy Martin (21) joins the boys and Paul Thomas (22) assumes bass to round out the pop-punk quartet.

While not avant-garde in either style or substance, Good Charlotte takes the radio-friendly pop-punk rage into an enjoyable déjà-vu. Amidst the tide of similar artists like New Found Glory, Simple Plan and Sum 41, Good Charlotte’s arresting vocals and crisp guitar chords command attention.

In a seductive twist, Good Charlotte explores various musical setups. Switching between impressive emo-style ballads and rowdy mosh-worthy hits, allow the band to escape dreaded pigeonholing. From the "throw all your hands up" vibe of "The Anthem" to the PUNK see page 15

Marley's birthday party

By Tara Reinhardt
Staff Writer

Has the year gotten off to a bad start? Are you bored already with the same old, same old? Well, I have found something for all those looking for a fun-filled weekend away from Pacific. Bob Marley's birthday weekend celebration is this Friday and Saturday.

So how do you celebrate Bob Marley's birthday? You have a fatty concert with one of the best reggae bands around. The Wailers are straight from Jamaica and probably the most recognized reggae group in the world. 250 million albums have been sold since Bob Marley and The Wailers started in 1963.

The band is made up of organist Early "Way" Lindo, saxophonist Glen DaCosta and trombone player Vin Gordon who all played alongside Familyman and Marley on many unforgettable performances. The lead singer is former City Heat vocalist Gary "Nesta" Pine, who is widely regarded as The Wailers' best front man since the late, great Bob Marley.

"Spin" magazine ranked Bob Marley & The Wailers the best front man in the world. There is no better way to celebrate Bob Marley's birthday than with The Wailers.

What better way to celebrate Bob Marley's birthday than with The Wailers? You Young and the Hopeless. You

Married life does not seem to have changed much for Trista Rehn as she soars through one of the most popular reality shows on television. The Bachelor: The Women Tell All, which aired on Saturday, April 20th had Trista Rehn as one of the contestants.

On the first season of The Bachelor, Rehn won the hearts of many as she made it all the way to the last episode where she was left standing alone.

I am sure many would have thought that finding the love of your life through a television reality show is impossible. Well, Trista Rehn has not tried meeting her future husband once, but has tried to do so twice, through ABC’s reality shows The Bachelor and The Bachelorette. On the first season of The Bachelor, Rehn won the hearts of many as she made it all the way to the last episode where she was left standing alone.

Now the roles are reversed as she got to choose between twenty-five men and is starting to realize how difficult it is to send so many men home, especially as the numbers get smaller.

After five episodes, Rehn has narrowed the men down to three, which are the men that she has had her eye on from the very beginning. Rehn believes, more than anybody else, that one of those men could be her future husband.

Rehn has a tough decision ahead of her. Here is a quick recap on what each of the men are like:

First, there is the man with a huge ego, Russ. On the last episode, Russ said that he would not have done the show if he did not think that he would get as far as he has. He also blatantly says that he knows that he will be "the one."

Next, there is the sweetheart Charlie. Charlie has grabbed Rehn's eye since he stepped out of the limo.

Many viewers think Rehn is falling for him. Rehn even told Charlie she was the most nervous to meet his parents because she wanted to impress.

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Two Towers’ brings us closer to Mt. Doom

The two Hobbits, Frodo (Elijah Wood) and Sam (Sean Astin) are on their own to destroy the ring at Mt. Doom, the same place where the ring was forged. As Frodo and Sam continue on with their journey, they run into the creature Gollum, whose physical features are less than flattering. He ends up accompanying the two Hobbits, but Sam is suspicious of the creature and worried that he is after the ring. However, unlike Sam, Frodo sees some good in Gollum. Gandalf (Ian McKellen says to Frodo that he is after the ring. This personality tells Gollum not to trust Frodo and to take the ring or “the precious” from him. Eventually, this causes Gollum to bring them to Spider, which will appear in the last installment of the trilogy. Meanwhile, the evil wizard Sauron (Sala Baker) has joined forces with Lord Mordor and constructed the infamous Two Towers, where hideous fighters, known as Orcs, are produced. Sauron’s goal is to build an army great enough to destroy the race of men. It is at Helm’s Deep, a great castle built by men, that the main battle of the movie takes place.

For this particular battle, the remaining members of the Fellowship, Aragon (Viggo Mortensen), Gimli (John Rhys-Davies), a dwarf, and Legolas (Orlando Bloom), an elf, must fight and gather up allies. Gandalf, who is presumed dead, comes back surrounded by a glowing color of white and helps them. After much effort, they are able to enlist the help of King Theoden of Rohan (Bernard Hill) and the Elves.

Before the battle begins, there is a loss of hope among the Fellowship. Legolas tells Aragon that he does not know how they can win the war when they are extremely outnumbered by the Orc army. Aragon rebukes him.

Season’s Hottest
Surprise your Valentine with a homemade dinner

We all know what holiday is coming up this month. February means one thing and that is Valentine’s Day. For all those that have someone to spend the evening with, I have something that might help you out. There are some of us out there that do not know how to put a dinner together for the life of us, both girls and guys. So, I have put together a little step-by-step guide to preparing a meal worth remembering.

We are going to make the traditional spaghetti and meatball dinner with salad and garlic bread.

I have taken a recipe from the Better Homes and Gardens cookbook, and added a few extras. The first step is going to the store. Make a list, or just cut out this article. Here is what you will need:

1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
3/4 cup chopped onions
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon olive oil
4 cups chopped, peeled tomatoes
(6 large tomatoes)
1 6-oz can tomato paste
2 tablespoons snipped fresh parsley
2 tablespoon dried Italian seasoning, crushed
1 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 beaten egg
3/4-cup soft bread crumbs
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed
12 ounces ground beef
8 to 12 ounces of spaghetti pasta
1 fresh loaf of sourdough bread
butter
garlic bread seasoning
salt
1 salad in a bag
1 bottle of your favorite salad dressing
A bottle of wine, if 21 or over
Some sparkling cider if under 21

This meal will take 40 minutes to prepare and 15 minutes to cook.

You start by making the sauce. In a large pot, cook mushrooms, the 3/4-cup of onions and garlic in hot oil until onion is tender. Stir in the fresh tomatoes, tomato paste, parsley, Italian seasoning, sugar and pepper. Bring to boil; reduce heat. Then cover and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring once or twice.

While you wait, combine egg, breadcrumbs, the 1/4 of cup of onion, pepper, oregano and 1/4-teaspoon salt in a big bowl. Then, add the ground beef and mix well. Then using your hands, shape this mixture into 24 meatballs. Arrange them into a 15x10x1 inch-baking pan. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes, then drain.

Cooking the spaghetti comes next. Fill a pot with water, bring it to a boil and then add pasta. Boil for 10 to 12 minutes. To see if it is done, take out one noodle and eat to see if it is tender. Drain the pasta; add the sauce and add meatballs.

Now that you have the first part of the meal done, you can toss salad in a bowl with some dressing (preferably cesar). Cut the bread in half vertically, spread butter and sprinkle garlic seasoning. Next, place in oven until it is golden.

Now that you have a pot of spaghetti, a bowl of salad and a basket of garlic bread, keep in mind that presentation is everything, try out a tablecloth and maybe some candles. But do not forget to have some dessert—I left that up to you.
February 6, 2003

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Compiled by Beau Davies

Staff Writer

To be Released Friday, February 7:

"Shanghai Knights"
Rated PG-13
This sequel to the successful "Shanghai Noon" reunites nineteen-century imperial guard Chon Wang and train robber Roy O'Bannon (Owen Wilson). The duo finds London calling when Wang's sister, Lin (Fann Wong), heads to England looking for the Chinese rebels who murdered their father. Chon and Roy follow and find themselves trying to foil a plot to murder the royal family. In addition to avenging his father's death, Chon must keep an eye on Roy, who wants to put the moves on Lin.

"How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"
Rated PG-13
Based on the humorous book "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days: The Universal Don'ts of Dating," the story is about an advertising executive and legendary ladies' man (Matthew McConaughey) who bets his friends that he can stay in a relationship for more than 10 days. The girl he chooses (Kate Hudson) wants to get rid of him just as quickly as he normally drops the gals.

"Deliver Us from Eva"
Rated R
Three men pay a born ladies' man (LL Cool J) $5,000 to go out with their meddling, high-maintenance sister-in-law, Eva (Gabrielle Union). After a disastrous first date, the unlikely pair begins to fall in love, much to the chagrin of the three accomplices.

"American Idol" is back for another season

By Monica LeClaire

Staff Writer

"American Idol" is back on Tuesdays nights at 8 p.m. with a new season of life-long dreams, broken hearts, rude insults and corny hosts. Nevertheless, the show is as popular as ever.

"American Idol" starts with three judges, Vice President of A&R at Columbia Records, Randy Jackson, former pop star, Paula Abdul and BMG Record Executive, Simon Cowell. Jackson, Abdul and Cowell traveled around the United States to choose the most talented acts out of the thousands that auditioned.

The process was very arduous and extremely long for the judges; they were forced to sit through many performances that had no musical talent whatsoever.

One hopeful male gave a nightmarish rendition of Madonna's "Like a Virgin." Cowell maliciously gave him the title: "The worst singer in the world."

After finding the best artists from every state, the show headed to Hollywood. The finalists had yet another chance to impress the judges. Jackson, Abdul and Cowell limited their selection to 32 finalists.

For the remainder of the season, the general public is allowed to call after each show and vote for their favorite performer. This helps the artists' advance to the next round, where they will split into four groups, and win the hearts of viewers.

Top 10 ways to get rid of telemarketers

1) Pretend you don’t speak English.

9) Say “Hold on,” then scream to a nonexistent person: “If you try to take the knife out, it’ll just hurt worse!”

8) Burst into tears when money is mentioned.

7) Ask if the deal is good for all of your personalities.

6) Tell them you’ll accept their offer if they can guess the color of your underwear.

5) Repeat everything they say in the form of a question.

4) As soon as they identify themselves, say, “You guys are still in business? Well, I guess the bomb has another 30 seconds.”

3) Tell them the restraining order applies to phone calls as well as physical distance.

2) Mutter: “Aww, damn. Not another one. The last Jehovah’s Witness almost got me the death penalty.”

1) Hang up the darn phone!
By Sarah Nakaji  
Staff Writer  

The Super Bowl is all about football, or is it? Many people watch the game, not understanding what is really going on unless one team scores a touchdown. Many of these people watch football’s ultimate game for something not in the game at all, the commercials.

Super Bowl commercials have become more than just commercials over the years. People all over the United States wait eagerly to see what this year’s commercials will bring. The commercials are even more interesting to those who do not care about either team. Super Bowl commercial popularity has grown over the years, along with their price. This year, slots were 30 seconds apiece, and sold for about 2.1 million dollars. The favorite commercial of most football fans this year was the opening commercial of the Super Bowl. The famous football playing Clydesdales were back again, this time featuring a zebra as the referee. The zebra has its head in a black box, as if it were reviewing a play. The Budweiser horses wait for the call on weather or not the horse had its feet, wait I mean hooves, inbounds.

Two cowboys are watching the “game” and at the end, one turns to the other and says, “This ref is a jack @$!”

The famous football playing Clydesdales, waiting for the zebra referee to make the close call.

This brought many laughs from viewers everywhere and was voted the best Super Bowl commercial of 2003. In fact, 7 out of 10 Pacific students thought this was the best Super Bowl XXXVII commercial, and one student even went as far as to say it was the best of all time.

As long as there are Super Bowls, there will always be Super Bowl commercials. Many will make us laugh, many will make us think “ lame”. But all in all, we will continue to watch them as long as football is being played.

Press them most.

Finally, there is the red-hot fireman Ryan. Ryan has shown his sensitivity since the first night by writing poetry for Rehn. Out of all the men, Ryan seems to be falling in love with Rehn the most.

Ryan even told his parents, in front of her, that he was beginning to fall in love. He seems the most genuine and seems to be the perfect guy.

On a poll taken on the ABC web-site, 61.65 percent believe that he deserves to be Rehn’s match.

There is only a few more episodes left and each one seems to be more intense. Soon, Rehn will have to choose.

One of these men will win her heart. Will Rehn purpose? Stay tuned to find out!

Trista Rehn has her hands full trying to choose the right man out of the three left in the running.

Tip of the week

Valentine’s Day is Friday Feb. 14, don’t forget and don’t wait until the last minute to start planning your hot date!
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Horoscopes
February 6 – February 12

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
You will get an obnoxious song stuck in your head that you cannot shake. But do not fret — the sun will come out tomorrow! (Bet your bottom dollar!)

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Do not be taken in by scams. For tips to avoid them send a check for $39.95, payable to Amberlee Avina. I will be glad you did!

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Avoid being dull. Try waxing! (The agonizing screams will make you seem not-so-dull.)

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
This week you will ponder the deep questions of life, such as if there is prune juice, but not plum juice, then why is there grape juice instead of raisin juice?

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
It will take a while before you receive your dues. Remember, where there is a will, there is a wait!

Virgo (August 23 - Sept. 22)
If you are going to continue sleep-walking, at least get a treadmill and make it worthwhile.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
You will be the surprise recipient of a shower! In the future, avoid standing curbside on rainy days.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
Your beloved will compose a poem for you! Well, it is really just a dirty limerick, but it will rhyme!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Precision will count as you undertake a home improvement project. So, in the words of Lorena Bobbit, "Measure twice, cut once!"

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You have got a good thing going! Going... gone! (Well, you had a good thing at least...)

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Run for the border! But then walk across, or you might attract unwanted attention from the border patrol.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
You will finally learn how to make your VCR quit blinking. The lesson will come from a power outage.

All horoscopes are courtesy of hambozone.com.

BOB from page 11

Come help Bob Marley celebrate a chill birthday at a concert.


So now that I have got your attention, here is all the information that you will need to remember. The celebration is on Friday, Feb. 7 and Saturday, Feb. 8. It is at the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco. The doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the show starts at 9:00 p.m. Tickets are $20 in advance and $22 at the door. You can buy tickets at tickets.com. So, if you like to chill then come help celebrate and as Bob Marley once said, "One good thing about music, when it hits ya... you feel no pain. So hit me with music!"

TOWERS from page 12

saying him not to give up. Aragon's strong faith serves him well when all of a sudden, Gandalf arrives coming to their rescue with more help, which allows them to win the battle.

This point of the story is very crucial because Frodo also loses hope when he is continuing his travel to Mt. Doom with Sam and Gollum. Frodo’s feeling of despair becomes worse when he asks Sam what the point of all this suffering and darkness is. The ring has burdened Frodo so much that he just wants to dispose of it to anyone, so he will not feel this way. Always, though, as a trusted friend and sidekick, Sam stops Frodo. He tells Frodo that he likes to think that no matter how much evil seems to lurk in a situation, that good will come out of it. Hidden behind the intricate plot and complex characters of "The Two Towers," there is a simple lesson that appeals to all: good does triumph over evil.

PUNK from page 11

can currently catch Good Charlotte's "The Anthem" on radio airwaves and music television. You can also find Benji and Joel hosting MTV’s "All Things Rock," airing Monday through Thursday at 1 a.m. ET.

Concerts

Avril Lavigne is on tour. Now is the time to buy the tickets before the sellout. On Wednesday, April 30th at the San Jose HP Pavilion, at 7:30 pm Avril Lavigne will be performing. Tickets are on sale this week, so if you have not gotten your tickets you will go quickly. If you like rock trips, missing Thursday classes and have some money to spend then put on your tie and white shirt and head down to see Avril Lavigne.
SPORTS

Women's water polo challenges Arizona

By Krystine Ongbongan
Staff Writer

The Pacific Women's Water Polo team has just begun their season. With key seniors Kelly McNeeley and Julie Ross on offense and returners Laura Besmer, Amanda Tucker, Danielle Sartori and Ashley Tennell to man the defense, the Tigers are confident in this season.

The Tigers opened their season at the Arizona State Tournament, where they opened with a loss to Arizona.

In the game against Arizona, the Tigers kept it close in the first quarter scoring two goals versus Arizona's three. Arizona came out victorious 4-0. The next home game will be a double-header against Santa Clara, Feb. 15 at noon.

Pacific swimmers claim victory on senior day

By Mercy Au-Yeung
Staff Writer

The Pacific Swim program showed their talents and proved to be skilled in all events capturing the victory over Cal State Northridge.

Saturday was also Senior Day and the Seniors honored were Jessica Ashizawa, Erin Carr, Jarrod Cruzat, Kristy Mathews, Peter Richardson, Matt Smart, Becky Straw, Matt Smith, Miles Whitfield, Shawna Winters and Filip Wronski. The Tiger men won, 154-92, and the women won 157-94.

For the Pacific men’s team, seniors Matt Smart and Jarrod Cruzat each won two events. Smart won the 100 and 200 free, while Cruzat won the 100 and 200 back. Also coming up were sophomore Vince Martinez in the 50 free, senior Miles Whitfield in the 1000 free, freshman Thomas Dunn in the 100 back, senior Filip Wronski in the 200 breast and junior Matt Mills in the 200 fly. The Tigers also won the 200-medley relay.

For the women, senior Leilani Avilla won both the 100 free and 100 back. Also winning for the Tigers were junior Kris Wileley in the 50 free, freshman Laura McDonald in the 200 free, junior Katie Cartmell in the 1000 free, freshman Katy Burrill in the 200 back, senior Kristy Mathews in the 100 breast, sophomore Heath Schmidt in the 200 breast and junior Robin Errecart in the 200 fly. The Tigers also won the 200-medley relay.

Next up for the Pacific swimmers is the Big West Championships in Long Beach on Feb. 26.

Pacific softball splits opener at No. 14 Stanford

By Krystine Ongbongan
Staff Writer

My mother always taught me to give back, give back to the community, give back to those who have helped you, well this past weekend, our softball team did just that. Our very own Tigers, after coming from a loss earlier that day to the Stanford Cardinals 3-1, gave back and went on to beat the same Cardinals 15-2.

It must have just been first game jitters. The Tigers made the first move by getting on the scoreboard first in the top of the fourth inning when an error allowed Barbara Moody to race home for the 1-0 lead.

But the Cardinals took over from there, in the bottom of the fourth, with the bases loaded, the Cardinals walked in two players to score. The Cardinals went on to score one more to finish the game off at 3-1.

I wonder what Coach Kolze told those girls after the first game, but whatever it was, it worked. In their second meeting of the day, the Tigers started it off with a bang.

The Tigers scored one run on the first inning. In the second, the Tigers took advantage of the Cardinals’ Freshman pitcher.

The Tigers scored five more runs that inning, in which Brandy Thurman hit a three-run homer. The Cardinals at this point were probably wondering if this team that they were playing was the same Pacific Team from earlier in the day.

With the Tigers off to a running start the Cardinals tried to catch up, but with players like Senior Nicole Inouye getting her first home run of her career, they didn't have the chance.

Natalie King, had a great game on the mound, she made five Cardinals sit back down with strikeouts and only allowed one run one hit in the first four innings.

It was in the fifth inning where the Tigers poured some dirt in the Cardinals open scab. The Tigers scored eight runs off of seven hits to go on to lead 15-1. The Cardinals went on to score one more run to finish the game off for the Tigers 15-2.

The Tigers came home to play the Sacramento State Hornets, in a non-conference game, this past Tuesday in a double-header. Scores were not yet available.

Look ahead to Feb. 8, when the Tigers face third ranked California at California for a single non-conference game.

The Cal Bears were the 2002 College World Series Champions, the last time Pacific faced Cal, the Tigers came out victorious 4-0. The next home game will be a double-header against Santa Clara, Feb 15 at noon.
Baseball kicked off this weekend against Nevada in a three-game series. The Tigers captured two of three games, winning on Friday, 9-7, but losing on Saturday, 2-7 and finishing the series with the 5-4 victory over Nevada.

Men's and Women's swimming both won their battles with CS Northridge as the women won, 157-94, and the men also capitalized, 154-92.

The women's basketball team won two games in a row. They beat UC Riverside 87-83 in double overtime, and slammed CS Fullerton 85-61.

Pacific improved to a 11-7 overall (6-3 Big West), with a 62-61 win at Cal State Fullerton on Saturday, Feb. 1.

Not pictured: The women's tennis team caught fire this weekend and easily defeated the Aggies of UC Davis 5-2.

See pg. 15 for softball and women's waterpolo.
LeBron James asks court to block ruling

LeBron James' attorney asked a court Tuesday to block a ruling that barred the basketball high school superstar from playing the rest of the season.

The 6-foot-8 senior, expected to be the No. 1 pick in this year's NBA draft, did nothing wrong when he accepted two "throwback" sports jerseys, lawyer Fred Nance said in documents filed in Summit County Common Pleas Court.

"All LeBron did was receive a gift from a friend as congratulations for his academic achievements," Nance said. "Had LeBron wished to capitalize on his fame, the recompense could be in the millions of dollars."

Clair Muscaro, the Ohio High School Athletic Association commissioner, told ESPN.com that he and the association's legal counsel is due in the Summit County Common Pleas Court on Wednesday for a 9 a.m. ET hearing. Judge James Williams will preside.

"I have no further comment," Muscaro said, "but we will be there to defend our position -- the position of the Ohio High School Athletic Association."

Akon St. Vincent-St. Mary, which is No. 1 in the latest USA Today rankings for the fourth straight week, next plays in the Isles Prime Time Shootout in Trenton, N.J., this weekend.

On Tuesday, James said in an interview with former NFL star Deion Sanders on CBS' "The Early Show" he was sorry he took the jerseys. "If I had known I was violating anything, I would've never done it," James said. "I would've never jeopardized my eligibility. I would've never jeopardized my team."

James, saying he has a 3.5 grade-point average, thought the store was rewarding him for his schoolwork.

He was declared ineligible Friday by Muscaro for accepting jerseys worth a combined $845 from a Cleveland clothing store.

The OHSAA found the store gave James Gale Sayers and Wes Unseld jerseys for free, in exchange for James posing for pictures to be displayed on the wall.

Muscaro ruled that James broke an amateur bylaw by capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value."

Nance said in the court filing that James returned the jerseys when he learned the gift was controversial and might threaten his amateur status.

If the court blocks the ruling, James would be declared ineligible to play pending an appeal by the OHSAA. James was expected to appeal his suspension to the association.

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Looking for something FUN to do? Check us out!
Baun Fitness Center: located in Grace Covell for spring semester.
Free Fitness Consultations - sign up at the Front Desk (Tiger Lounge)
Free Fitness Testing - Tues. March 4th
Free Group Exercise Classes: Step Aerobics Mon. & Thurs. - Grace Covell
Abs/Gluts - Tues. & Thurs. - Grace Covell
Yoga - Mon., Tues. & Thurs. - Pine Rm.
Free Stability Ball Workshop - Sunday February 16th
Complete calendar available at Baun Fitness Center - Grace Covell
Intramurals: Upcoming Events
Table Tennis Tournament - Thurs. Feb. 13th
Outdoor Soccer Leagues - entries open Feb. 10
Fitness Challenge - Wed. March 5th
Complete Schedules available at Recreation Office Main Gym
Sport Clubs: Home Games
Men’s Lacrosse - Sat. Feb. 8th - Brookside Field 7pm
Fri. Feb. 14th - Brookside Field 7pm
Women’s Lacrosse - Sat. Feb. 8th - Zuckerman Field 1pm
Men’s Rugby - Sat. Feb. 15th - Zuckerman Field 1pm

VOLLEYBALL from page 20
Northridge was the next
team standing on their hit
list.
The No. 13 Pacific men’s
volleyball team earned its
fourth consecutive victory
without breaking a sweat in
a 30-26, 30-20, 30-20 win at
No. 8 Cal State Northridge
on Saturday, Feb. 1.
What are they feeding
these guys? Pacific hit .400 or
better as a team for the sec­
dond straight seth match as the
Tigers out-hit the Matadors
.400-.192 in the afternoon.
As if that was not impres­
sive enough, Pacific also out-
aced (6-2), out-dug (33-23)
and out-blocked (11.5-10.0)
Cal State Northridge. In oth­
er words, it was a complete
and total domination by the
underdog Tigers.
Sophomore Nils Dauburs
remains hotter than ever
as he led attackers with a
match-high 21 kills, while
hitting .567. Can anyone
stop this guy?
Nils was not alone in the
scoring parade as seniors
Martin Berntsen pounded
15 kills and senior Aaron
Wachtgofel found the floor
10 times for Pacific.
Currently, these Tigers
may be too hot to handle but
it is not too late to jump on
the volleyball bandwagon.
Pacific volleyball is on fire!

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Tiger basketball blazes in the Big West

Tiger basketball is unstoppable winning 10 of the last 13 games.

By Ryan Andress
Staff Writer

The Pacific Tigers come in to this Saturday’s game at Cal State Northridge looking much like a team that is capable of beating anyone left on their schedule. The Tigers enter this contest riding confidently atop a three-game winning streak. This includes wins over Long Beach State at home, and two away wins at both UC Riverside and Cal State Fullerton. Beating UC Riverside on Saturday would obviously extend the winning streak to four, but four of the wins would have been on the road.

There are many factors that have helped the Tigers along the road to these victories. Demetrius Jackson has played with great tenacity, scoring 18 against UC Riverside and a season high 28 against Cal State Fullerton. The game winning shot with only 7.5 seconds left in the contest at Fullerton was only one of the shots that Jackson nailed in the one point victory (he was also 9-9 from the charity stripe). Jackson was the only Tiger in double figures in the game in which Fullerton out-shot and out-rebounded the Tigers. Jackson has truly been the difference for Pacific on offense during this three-game winning streak, averaging just over 20 points per game.

Miah Davis also had a huge part in the victory over Fullerton even though his numbers do not really jump out at you. Davis had nine points against Fullerton, second highest on the team. The catch is that he did it by shooting a perfect three of three from 3-point range, and 75 percent from the floor overall.

He also led the team in rebounds with six and played a crucial 34 of 40 minutes for his team. Miah has been flat out solid this entire season and coupled with Jackson, forms an exciting tandem of starting guards. Davis has also shot well from the free throw line, shooting 87.5 percent in the three-game winning streak.

The Tigers have to feel confident about the rest of the season. They have shown that they can win in a variety of ways. They have shown that they have a solid bench and can make a team as they did against Long Beach and Cal State Fullerton.

Senior Demetrius Jackson scored 28 points and hit the game winning shot to lead Pacific over CS Fullerton.

Pacific volleyball rolls straight through So-Cal

By Mercy Au-Yeung
Staff Writer

It was a great homecoming in Santa Barbara for senior setter Chris Tamas, as his red-hot Pacific volleyball squad ousted UC Santa Barbara in four games (30-24,31-29,28-30,19) last Friday, Jan. 31.

Today is a great day to be a Pacific volleyball fan as the men won their third straight match and upset higher ranked opponents. Sophomore Nils Dauburs, who tallied 32 kills (532), three blocks and 11 digs led the surging Tigers. This talented young star has carried the Tigers all season long.

Also joining in on the action was senior Martin Bentsen, who pounded 22 kills while recording .599 hitting percentage. The Tigers hit the Gauchos all night long .416 to .261.

A team cannot win by offense alone, just ask the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Defensive warrior Mike Gawlik drilled 14 digs to lead all Tiger defenders. Perhaps this was the spark that the offense needed to dominate all aspects of the match.

The Tigers limited the Gauchos offensive leader Keith Busam to 14 kills on the night. Hometown kid, Chris Tamas left the building with 65 assists and a huge smile.

Momentum is a beautiful thing, especially when it is on your side. Luckily, the men’s volleyball do no wrong.

They have been upset ranked teams left and right.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Name: Demetrius Jackson
Year: Senior
Sport: Basketball

Jackson scored 28 points and hit a game winning jumpshot to give Pacific a 62-61 win over CS Fullerton.