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Latino Leadership Conference is successful

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Staff Writer

Various local and national Hispanic leaders brought a message of hope for youths in Stockton. There message was that education and leadership make a difference.

On Saturday, March 1 over 200 students and community members attended the Nuestra Raza Latino Leadership Conference at Pacific. El Concilio of Stockton and Pacific worked close together to make this event a success.

Steve Gutierrez, from El Concilio, and Ines Ruiz-Huson, director of multi-cultural affairs and the Community Involvement Program here at Pacific, were the master of ceremony.

Perez president Donald DeRosa welcomed the crowd and Delta College’s Puente class performed a reading of the epoch poem “I am Joaquin” from Chicano author Rodolfo “Corky” Rodriguez.

Jose L. Perez, founder of the “Latino Journal,” Rigo Chacon, a bay area reporter and Dwayne Ulloa from AKA Productions were some of the speakers who offered their inspiring words to the audience. Among them, Chacon described how he visited Mexico City after the 1985 earthquake, which ravaged the city and killed thousands. Chacon talks about how his scholarship program called “Abrazos and Books” helps youths in extreme poverty go to college.

Perez encouraged students to get involved with politics and stressed the need for more Latinos in political offices. Perez also praised Latinos who are currently holding more political offices than Latinos.

During the day long event Pacific’s MECHA club performed a Mexican based polka. But the culmination of the event was when Pedro Jose Greer took the stage. Greer is a doctor in Miami-Dade county in Florida. Dr. Greer sees over 10,000 patients per year, most of them are poor or undocumented or both and most do not have health insurance. Dr. Greer was named “Hispanic of the Year” and HBO is currently producing a film about the story of his life, he will be played by Hollywood actor Andy Garcia.

Dr. Greer had many important things to say to the audience and among them was the need to get an education and help others. “We did not open the door, but it is our job to make sure it stays open,” said Greer.

The Nuestra Raza Latino Leadership Conference had a positive message that promoted leadership and community awareness. Dwayne Ulloa said it best, “When you finally find success turn around and help others.”
High school journalism excels in Stockton

By Tara Cuslidge

At Stagg High School, less than a mile from Pacific’s campus, the journalism program is thriving. The 24-member newspaper staff works sometimes until 8 p.m. producing the monthly newspaper, the “Stagg Line.”

This dedication illustrates the reason why Stagg, as well as north Stockton’s Bear Creek High School, have nationally ranked student newspapers.

“My ultimate goal is to help students have a great experience that prepares them for the future of college and work,” said Stagg newspaper adviser Don Bott. “I want to expose them to deadlines, interactions with people, and ethical challenges.”

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At Stagg the winning does not stop with group achievements. “The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund” named Bott its National Journalism Teacher of the Year last summer. A former editor-in-chief was also awarded top honors, not only as Northern California Journalist of the Year, but also as a finalist for National Journalist of the Year.

Now in process at Stagg is a supplement to the March issue of the newspaper entitled: “The Dream Revisited.”

It is a 40th anniversary follow-up to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s infamous vision.

“I think we’ll be on the forefront with this,” Bott said of Stagg’s competition compared to rest of the nation.

Pacific freshman Waza Zhen was in journalism at Stagg for a year. She served as the paper’s copy editor.

“I thought it was an experience I wasn’t all together ready for when I started, but by the end when I look back it was something that challenged me,” Zhen said.

“Stagg was responsible not only for my own work, but for what other people did too.”

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I flew in a tiny tin plane to San Francisco and then transferred planes to San Diego. The Naval Air Facility is located in El Centro, Calif., about two hours east of San Diego. I rented a car and headed off to find the base and my hotel.

The next morning I arrived at the base at 8:45 and because of heightened security my car was searched (engine and all). I met Lieutenant junior grade Mike Blankenship, the Public Affairs Officer who had arranged everything with beforehand. I watched the Blue Angels practice and learned about their very strenuous 6-day a week schedule and their history.

At the end of World War II, on April 24, 1946, Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, ordered establishment of a flight demonstration team to showcase naval aviation. During a trip to New York City, one of the team ran across a reference to the city’s famous Blue Angel nightclub in “The New Yorker” magazine and the team had a name. Less than two months later, on June 15, the newly-named Blue Angels and their Grumman F-6F Hellcats delivered the team’s first public performance at Craig Field in Jacksonville, Florida.

In 1995, the team was brought to its present home, Forrest Sherman Field, at NAS Pensacola, Florida. January through mid-March the team has winter training and their show season runs mid-March through November. They travel the country and often, the world, entertaining millions. Since its inception in 1946, the team has flown for more than 374 million fans, including more than 17 million spectators during the 2002 show season.

During their show season the Angels visit schools and hospitals. Giving so much of their lives to their jobs, these men and women are often away from their families and friends, but form their own family community on base. Each individual feels especially honored to be associated with the team and everyone was incredibly friendly and helpful.

Initially I was nervous to be on base, but the men and women there made me feel so welcomed and every person I passed introduced himself or herself to me and talked with me about my approaching flight.

As I continued to watch the practice, two planes flew by and were completely silent until they were off in the distance and then the sonic boom hit. That was amazing.

I had a one-hour briefing with one of the Crew Chiefs, Shawn Conley and after getting into my flight suit and practicing the HICK maneuver (a breathing and muscle tightening technique to keep the blood from rushing straight to your feet) I was less and less nervous and just excited to get up there.

I met with my pilot, Lt. Craig Olson, who made me feel at ease. After talking to other Navy men and women around the base I realized many of them were jealous that I was going up because they had not had the opportunity to fly in the F-18. Being reminded that this was a once in a lifetime experience that few can have encouraged me and lessened my nervousness.

Finally, at 1:30 I stepped in front of the jet and climbed up the thin ladder into the tiny space that was my seat. After being strapped in by Crew Chief Conley, who had briefed me earlier, I asked a lot of questions and pulled on a helmet with “Jes” lettered on the back of it. It was official—I was about to fly!

(If you would like to read the rest of Jessica’s flight experience with the Blue Angels read the March 20 edition of “The Pacifican.”)
Around the world with Angela

By Angela Richards
Staff Writer

Rio de Janeiro had a “wave of violence” on Feb. 24 and 25 that included 30 buses on fire, home made bombs, and fired shots. This was on the eve of the annual Rio Carnival. Police believe that Luiz Fernando da Costa (who goes by the name Freddy Seashore), a prisoner drug lord, was behind the attacks. Costa was moved outside of Rio to a high security Presidente Bernardes prison by an air force plane after the attacks. Police also believe that Costa was able to head the attacks by using a mobile phone inside the jail. The government is still deciding whether to grant Rio 3000 federal troops for the carnival that begins on Friday.

Nigeria is doing something a little different with their April elections this year. The country has decided to display the list of voters for the public to see. This is a result of problems in the past such as forgetting to put people on the ballot and registering people who are ineligible. So Nigeria is letting everyone (a total of nine centers in the country) take a look at the list of people who are eligible.

This way people can appeal if needed. The list of names obviously excludes people who have died and those under age. The register went up this week and will be up until March 8. The government is hoping that this beginning of improvement will lead to the first computerized election.

The party that has been ruling over Poland for only a year collapsed on Sunday, Feb. 23. The Peasant Party, which has been known for leaning to the left, had an emergency meeting with its coalition partners over a new tax plan. However, the meeting ended up in a dispute and the party broke down.

The Prime Minister is going to ask the President to formally dissolve the coalition and remove two Peasant Party ministers from the government. No word yet on whether the opposition will call a vote of no confidence. After all, the Peasant Party still holds 212 seats out of 460.

Germany is attempting to find any Nazi officers who they believe committed crimes in Italy during the 1940’s. So far prosecutors are filing charges on eight former officers on the Nazi SS who are suspected of aiding in the execution of over 560 people in the Italian town of Sant’Anna di Stazzema. This investigation was started after Germany’s President, Johannes Rau, visited the site of Italy’s worst area of Nazi massacre a little over a year ago.

Cost-efficient copy center on north campus

By Teri Moore
Guest Writer

Over the Calaveras River, across from the mailroom lies a small room that not too many students know about. At Pacific’s Duplicating Department and Copy Center, students can get the same work done as they could at Kinko’s for a cheaper price.

The department is open from 8 a.m. -5 p.m. and Monday through Friday. Work is done as long as students have stickers on their student’s cards. Since money is a problem for most college students, the center realizes this and has catered its services to students by letting students use their student account a charge for work done as long as students have stickers on the back of I.D. cards.

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Another feature that makes the Duplicating Department better than Kinko’s is the fact that priority is given for students with special projects that are due within a very short amount of time. For example, if a student has a project due within two hours, the staff will put other projects on hold to help that student finish their project in time.

As projects approach, not all students have automobiles to get them around Stockton to go to Kinko’s and sometimes it can be a hassle trying to find someone to supply a ride. The Duplicating Department is convenient for all students because it is on campus. Located right across from the mail center, students can just walk on over, and be back in their residents halls or apartments within a few minutes.

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Kelly Krieg, site manager for the Pacific Duplicating Center, said that the center is “catered to student’s needs and priorities, and the prices are low for the college community.” Kelly also mentioned that the goal of the Duplicating Center is to “cater more to students and help keep the University fulfilled to the obligations with students.”

Some of the services that the Duplicating Department offers to students are: duplicating, laminate, perforate, fold, cut, bind, stuff, label, staple, pad, punch, score, number, scan and fax.

They can also do letterheads, envelopes, business cards, campus maps, interdepartmental envelopes, news letters, flyers, poster, memos, pads, brochures, post cards and computer graphics.

By offering these services students have more than enough resources to make a professional project without leaving the campus. The staff will be around to answer any questions and to help get the students in and out without any problems.

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Color me scared: the security rainbow

By Jacki Evans
Staff Writer

Tom Ridge is at it again. Recently the government, the Homeland Security Department in particular, raised the national color code from yellow to orange. You may be asking yourself what does that mean? Well, that is a good question. In fact that question is so good that there is no answer.

The Homeland Security in its brilliance has created a Homeland Security Advisory System that looks more like the rainbow Dorothy sang about in "The Wizard of Oz" than a mechanism to weigh terrorist threats. This advisory system is composed of five levels, each colored coded ranging from green, the lowest level, to red, the most threatening level. The purpose of this color-coded system as stated on the official Homeland Security website is "inform and facilitate decisions appropriately to different levels of government and to private citizens at home and at work." However, I have to argue that Ridge designating a day as "Orange Day" does little to help me feel more secure about the state of the nation or to facilitate decision making in my household.

The real problem with this system is not what it does, but rather what it does not do. It does not give detailed information about the best course of action in case of a terrorist attack. It does not give a detailed specification about what distinguishes one color code from another. If anything, it only increases the level of paranoia in society. The most that Americans have been told is that we should have water, batteries and duct tape. Duct tape? Our government claims that there are nuclear weapons in Iraq and North Korea and the potential for biological and chemical weapons throughout the world and they are telling us to buy duct tape? That seems like an under-estimate to me. If Ridge really wanted to accomplish something he would stop declaring "color days" and start giving out real information.

What Americans really need is to be spoken to as competent individuals and not as children. I need to see the leader of the Homeland Security Department on television telling me what specific steps to take in case of a radiological, biological, or chemical attack. Even further, what do Americans need to do if we ever expect to survive any attack in the future? It has been shown that an educated population is less likely to panic than an uninformed one. If we should ever experience another terrorist tragedy we need to be prepared.

Unfortunately, I doubt that my duct tape and batteries are going to do me much good. And I can guarantee that knowing that today is designated a green, blue, yellow, orange, or red day will not do me any good either, unless that classification comes with some real information.

Is Mentor I a mindless or motivating course?

By Kristen Hess
Guest Writer

Every second semester Pacific freshman who had the experience of going through Mentor I in 2002 seems to have a strong opinion of that class. You find that students start to go along with the group consensus: "Mentor I sucked!"

With every Mentor class using the same syllabus, it all boils down to the professor. Some students are hoping for a good lecturer that will engage the class in an interactive debate, some are hoping for a teacher who does not believe in homework and some are just hoping for a professor who is not boring.

If the professor cannot get the class involved in some common interest or on some common level, then you could be in for one downer of a semester.

One feeling that all entering freshmen have when filling out their schedules is, "Mentor? I have to take what class?" Entering freshmen are faced with one major factor when they enter college life: independence. To the vast majority of those freshmen, it is a perk. Mentor I does not follow the standard of other classes.

Mentor breaks the rules of choice and freedom. When Pacific students have to take a class and have no choice in the matter, they get irked at the system. Whether students will actually enjoy the material taught in the class or not, it becomes the job of the professor to prove the disgruntled students otherwise; Mentor I can be worthwhile.

I was one of the students that thought all freshmen were saying Mentor I "sucked," but I was wrong. Since I received mixed reviews, I had to find out what made Mentor I a great experience, and what made it weak.

Eric Hartman had positive fervor: "It was a very good experience thanks to, in great part, my professor Ms. Lampson. If only I had her as my professor for Mentor II."

Hartman was one of the lucky ones. I asked some freshmen about their most memorable moment of Mentor I, and many agreed it was the group projects. Nearly half of the people I questioned answered a definite no to the question did you like Mentor I?

I heard complaints of the mandatory lectures, saying they were too long and unnecessary for writing essays. Some freshman disliked the textbook. Tri Pham, said, "A lot of the articles were so long and boring. There weren't even necessary or helpful in writing the essays."

Students also complained that when the professor's lecture lacked, so did the level of class discussion.

Being a freshman I was able to experience some of the perks and some of the let downs Mentor had to dish out. My class was very much like a four-credit bonus. My professor did not require homework, attendance was not enforced and lectures always derailed to other levels of interest. This made my experience fun and allowed me a definite break from what other first semester freshmen were going through.

I agree with many students that said Mentor I needs to be altered.

All of the general sessions were mandatory, but many of them were unnecessary. Cut the amount of general sessions in half, cut the amount of time that was spent there and direct the lectures to the topics that were addressed for essays. Even if the lecturers were addressing something substantial, they need to know how to keep a 400-plus crowd of freshmen who are already uninterested, awake.

It is my opinion that the professor of any Mentor class or lecture needs to either be involved, energetic, or interesting to keep a bunch of first time "independents" attentive.

The Mentor I material can seem bland for some or too technical to others. It is all about the professor's delivery. If the professor lacks engaging speaking skills, a thorough plan, or just lacks an invigorating personality, then Mentor I will definitely lack any possibility of success.
By Alias Ezadnoshan

The objective is simple and calculated. This column is a bowl of something mixed with nothing sprinkled with everything. What a great country we live in where a brother can earn an 18-pack of cheap beer or a dub sack for words dotted on paper. I bet this does not happen everyday in Afghanistan, Tunisia, Belarus, Kaskanistan, Zimbabwe, or Solvina.

Wad up wid it: I propose for Pacific to step out of its “comfort zone” and to make another important change. Like airports, we should have little glass and noise proof rooms for cell phone users. We really need one in the library. I feel as if my name is Barry Sanders going from the first floor to the second or third or back to second or if the second is third and first is second. Anyway, point being I need a smoke after going from one floor to the next trying to dodge all the cell phone users.

Wad up wid it: Pac is dead, so is Biggie, Elvis and Shakespeare. But you know who is alive chillin’ like a villain? Eazy E were the outside world should not interfere. Neither politics nor war or anything else should be able to touch sports. I am all for Smith’s protest but not on an athletic field.

Wad up wid it: on the real, since we are talking protest, can someone explain to me why my lazy bum had to get up from my cold chair during the whole Spike Lee gig and stand for the Negro National anthem? So let me get this right: for every guest speaker we have I have to stand and pay homage to their color, nationality, or sexual preference? Ladies and gentlemen Clyde Arbuckle is our guest speaker, he is gay, so can you please stand for the homosexual national anthem? Or the Italian, Irish, or Asian national anthems? How about for “old dude” who is left-handed? Can we please stand for the left-handed national anthem? It is 2003 and we are in America. Let us wake up and stop putting ourselves in these stupid boxes.

Wad up wid it: Now I know Toni Smith has been getting a lot of attention for turning her back to the flag. It is all good Toni. You do your thing girl, but my problem is with the place she is doing her thing. The true beauty of sports is in essence an ecstasy. It is a place were color, culture, nationality and sexual preference (unless your Sandy Kofax but he is a Dodger so he deserves it) does not matter. Athletics is a holy place where the outside world should not interfere. Neither politics nor war or anything else should be able to touch sports. I am all for Smith’s protest but not on an athletic field.

I am assuming is somewhere near Retardville, USA, you would not find someone speaking Lebanese in Beirut (that’s the capital of Lebanon) or anywhere in Lebanon. You would hear Arabic, because that is the language spoken in Lebanon. You might hear French, but you would hear Russian, Spanish, or Vietnamese before you heard any Lebanese. What do Waldo, Carmen Sandiego, UBL, and the writer of “Wad Up Wid It...” have in common? Well, Waldo and Carmen Sandiego were cool, but UBL and the writer of “Wad Up Wid It...” do have something in common. They are both morons, and hopefully we will never hear from either of them again.

If J. Lo wants to make her ass bigger (if that is possible), she has the money, and should be able to do whatever she wants. The writer of “Wad Up Wid It...” however, becomes more of an ass the more he or she writes. You also chose a ridiculously inaccurate quote to describe all female surfers. All the female surfers I know on this campus are gorgeous, intelligent and love their coconuts. The ramblings on title IX confirm, even further, Alias’ twisted perception of reality. Women should not play sports? They only do it for the money? Have you ever heard of Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Cheryl Haworth, or perhaps the 1996 US Women’s Soccer Team? What a bunch of horrible role models! I guess male athletes like O.J. Simpson (double murderer) and Mike Tyson (rapist) are great role models, and how many times have we seen strikes because the over-paid athletes want more money? The number of professional male athletes with criminal records is astounding. If we pull out your record, will it show an arrest for smoking crack?

I would like to ask the Spike Lee organizers what it is they nominated you for, and why the hell they would nominate an idiot like the writer of your ridiculous column for anything other than being a total embarrassment to yourself and your family. I did not hear Lee speak, but who are you to judge him on how many “ums” he said? Your column is full of grammatical errors and broken English. It lacks any kind of thought process. For shame. If the readers of this publication, which appears to be trying to improve its image, are lucky, this “Alias” moron will not be printed again.

Moving on to more controversial issues, I would like to respond to “A hetero’s holiday”. E.R.’s article (I’m not buying that R.E. crap) exemplifies how analytically, no pun intended, politically correct this campus has become. Valentine’s Day, albeit a “card company holiday” is about spending time with someone you love. It isn’t about being gay or straight, or being ostracized. Get over it. You are gay. I have several friends that are gay, but somehow they manage living perfectly normal lives without bitching and moaning about how they think someone might perceive them. If you claim to be comfortable being openly gay, why are you spending so much time worrying about whether the flower guy gives you a weird look or not? Your claim that this country only celebrates male/female relationships is BULLS***. How many events do you see promoting gay life on campus and throughout the nation? Now, how many do you see promoting hetero-sexual life? None, why? It wouldn’t be politically correct. If you don’t want to be involved, you can still, without bitching and moaning about it, live your life however you want, and quit asking for a parade or national holiday every time you do something. I know this offends some people, but that’s my perspective...I just tell it how it is.

Love,

Ed Hassle

* Name has been changed
To the author of "Wad Up Wid It":

I like your spunk, and your refreshing style of writing. Hell, I even agree with many of your opinions. However, in your last column, you shattered the respect with which I normally have for your views and drowned yourself in hypocrisy.

"Do not take your freedom for granted," you advised us, "...the way the Bush administration is running our country, we might not have freedom much longer." This was a fine and truthful reflection; however, your remarks further down the column, completely contradict it and leave it void of meaning and intelligence.

"Now I am all for pro choice..." you informed us, "...but killing a child is not a choice. It is murder." Shame on you for telling us you support a woman's right to choose and then maliciously label them murderers. If you sincerely believe that abortion is murder, you must also support Bush's attempts to make it illegal.

This is why you are a hypocrite: you are against Bush taking away our freedoms, and yet you would take away a woman's most natural freedom of all: to decide what is best for her own body.

"The second that tadpole enters the egg it is over," you enlightened us, "...that is considered a child." Well, who made you God? Who gave you the power to decide when human life begins?

A fertilized egg is nothing more than a clump of cells with the potential for human life. Many things in this world share that same potential. Do you also call the men and women that seek fertility treatment murderers? Not every egg that is fertilized in those clinics is allowed the chance for life.

If we use your definition of human life, then our country better start changing our ways. We better start covering our nose and mouths with gas masks so that we do not inhale the tiny microscopic organisms that are floating around in the air. Heaven forbid we destroy our ozone layer.

"Heaven forbid we destroy those clinics is allowed the chance for life, then our country does not have a power-hungry individual who believes you hold the answer to the greatest mystery of the world: when human life begins."

I sincerely hope you contemplate the meaning of my perspective.

A disappointed reader,
Alex Wagner
Perspectives Editor

The college controversy

By Alex Wagner
Perspectives Editor

Students today may not care about pending world issues or even our country's involvement in war; however, if there is one issue that every student in this country should have an opinion about, it is affirmative action.

All of us have gone through the pain and strife of filling out applications, taking standardized tests and building a resume. For most of us, getting into college required planning and preparation that started long before we even knew what a college application looked like. Community service, Kaplan and Princeton Review became common vocabulary for us by our junior year in high school.

When the University of Michigan's Law School entered national spotlight because of their race sensitive application process, students across the country suddenly discovered their political voice. While something divided, the common chatter coming from this college campus disagrees with Michigan's policies.

None of us seem okay with the idea that something predetermined like race, is a major consideration in the application process. Based on this idea, we have formed a stiff opposition opinion. However, I think most of us have overlooked a few things.

It is true that the University of Michigan awards students today may not care about pending world issues in life, and these are not always determined by hard work and merit. SAT prep courses can cost up to $1000, so it makes sense that college's should consider economic background when choosing their student body. It also was not that long ago that we had Jim Crow laws, and interned Japanese-Americans, thus denying groups of people opportunities to achieve the same thing as whites.

Before we harden our opinions against the use of affirmative action, we should consider all the components. Race and economic status should not be the predominant factor in determining admission, but they should be considered. Equality of opportunity may never be achieved, but we should never stop trying.
Letters to the Editor

Sports photo spread was “poorly chosen”

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the photo spread entitled “Courageous African American Athletes: Take a look at these athletes who broke barriers to become successful” (Feb. 27). The concept behind this photo spread is a good one, and clearly fits with the black history theme of the issue. Unfortunately, the execution of the project fails, because not all of the athletes pictured are well-chosen, and because of the apparently loose definitions of “courageous,” “barriers,” and “African American.”

Jackie Robinson clearly belongs here and was well-chosen as the centerpiece, not only because of the courage he showed as the first black professional baseball player, but also because of his refusal to accept racism in the army during WWII, and for his activism after retiring from baseball. While the three women pictured have undoubtedly shown courage in their pursuit of athletic excellence, their appearance seems to have more to do with their level of success than with breaking barriers. They are not the first participants in their respective sports.

Perhaps a good argument can be made that Dominique Dawes and the Williams sisters are important because their success in sports historically dominated by upper-class whites broke metaphoric barriers, but that line of reasoning would not apply to Florence Griffith Joyner. Perhaps Dawes and the Williams’ will someday demonstrate courage in seeking to have a social impact on society, but have not yet done so.

A much better choice for tennis undoubtedly would be Arthur Ashe, who demonstrated great courage during his life as well as enjoying athletic success. Muhammad Ali is a better fit than the three women pictured, because he certainly has been courageous during his life, but his social impact had little to do with his sport. He was not the first black heavyweight champion, let alone the first black professional boxer. Any barriers he broke concerned his social and political viewpoints, and with his challenging of socially acceptable speech and action. Breaking them did not contribute to his athletic success.

Last, but not least, the person who definitely does not belong here is Tiger Woods. While he obviously is the world’s best golfer, what makes him courageous? What barriers has he broken? Why is he being called an African American golfer? Woods himself rejects the label, and if we must classify Woods by race, he is a better candidate for Asian American. The only barrier that he can be said to have broken is that he is better than any white golfer. He is hardly courageous.

When was the last time that he spoke up for minorities or women in the sport? He refuses to get involved in social issues. Unlike Robinson and Ali, Woods plays it safe politically. If it is simply a matter of having an African American golfer as a pioneer in the sport, Charles Sifford, Pete Brown, Lee Elder, and Calvin Peete are good candidates. All four really are African Americans, and can be cited for being the first professional, having the first PGA win, first to play in the Masters, most PGA wins, most accurate driver, etc.

As much as I enjoy watching Tiger Woods play golf, I find it quite appalling that he was included in this photo spread.

Muhammad Ali is a better choice for the photo spread.

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Quite a different experience at Dance for a Chance

Dear Editor,

I am writing this in reply to Jenise Honesto’s article from last week’s Pacifican “Dancing to Save Children, Not Political Ideas.” I also attended Dance for a Chance and helped to raise money for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation.

Unlike others, I attended for the wrong reasons; at least, that’s how it started out. I myself was excited to see Eric Neis, and to be able to help out my fellow sorority sisters in the execution of the dance. However, once I got there and heard Eric and Kim Webster talk I realized that no matter how small my contribution, it was still a great thing that I was doing. They made me truly feel like I had made a difference.

I personally felt that Eric Neis had some very compelling stories about how he has gotten involved over the years. I had no idea. I also had no idea that Eric has his own organization called Moment of Hope, which is a non profit organization dedicated to children with AIDS, in a hope to connect them to other children with similar problems.

I was also moved to tears with Kim Webster’s personal testimony about her little brother Ricky, who has AIDS. She, in no way, had to come here and share that with us, I am sure it was very difficult for her to be so brutally honest. I respect the fact that she came here and was so real with us, and that is one thing that I will always remember.

As far as the political comments go, I believe that there was a Q&A session and someone stood up and asked the question about what they individually thought about the possibility of war. What were Eric and Kim supposed to do? Ignore the question? No matter how much you may resent it, they are celebrities, and people like to hear about what celebrities think about heated issues. I distinctly remember Mr. Neis saying “This is just my opinion...” You don’t have to agree with his view point, I don’t think he expected you to. Some people clapped in support, and some people didn’t, and that was their choice.

I, in no way, felt that those short comments overshadowed anything about Dance for a Chance. If you do, perhaps you missed the point of the whole evening. I personally think that you should look past those comments and recognize the fact that a wonderful opportunity came to us here at Pacific, we met a couple of celebrities, we had fun dancing, and most of all we raised money for kids who really need it. I know that for the rest of my three years at Pacific I will participate in Dance for a Chance every year because of the great experience I had this year.

Thank you,
Vickie McMurchie
Who will replace Mister Rogers?

By Elizabeth Vigil
Editor-in-Chief

“IT’S a BEAUTIFUL day in the neighborhood, a WON­DERFUL day in the neighborhood would you be my, would you be my.....”

I think we all remember singing along and sitting in front of the television watching “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood.” Remember watching him come in to his house everyday and he would take his coat and shoes off and he would calmly put on a sweater and sneakers. He lived in a quaint little house in a nice, crime-free neighborhood, not to mention that badass train that choo-chooed through his living room. He was living the high life!!!

Brace yourself. Life as we know it is no more. Mister Rogers, whose real name is Fred McFeely Rogers, died on Friday of stomach cancer at the age of 74.

For over 30 years, Mister Rogers invited us into his neighborhood and his own little world regardless of the war and violence going on outside.

Mister Rogers was a role model to a lot of us. I know we all watched “He-man,” “Transformers,” “Thundercats” and “Care Bears” (if you’re a girl). But Mister Rogers was a real person who could provide the comfort that animated cartoons could not. What set him apart was the fact that most adults liked the message he was sending and could watch the show with their kids.

Who will be the next Mister Rogers? I don’t know but let’s see who’s out there:

Teletubbies: despite their popularity, that show makes most adults want to rip their hair out. I would like to see those four in a ring with Mike Tyson and have him beat the crap out of them.

Barney: he is pretty popular also and some adults can stomach his antics. However all this “I love you, you love me” stuff is going to end up biting him in his big, purple butt and land him in jail along with Catholic priests.

“Dora The Explorer”: Ding, ding, ding...I think we have a winner!!! Dora is loveable and kids actually learn from her. She has the appeal of cartoons but teaches children about different cultures and regions of the world. She is bilingual and pretty nature savvy. She is also a girl alone in the wild so if that doesn’t scream GIRL POWER I don’t know what does. She is a positive role model and kids love her already, since her talking doll was a hot item last holiday season.

Anyway, when you have kids keep an eye out for the next Mister Rogers and we will see who is going to be the next one to ask kids: “Won’t you be my neighbor?”

Mister Rogers and the replacements:

Mister Rogers made many children happy and he will be greatly missed. Fred Rogers died after a brief battle with stomach cancer. At the time of his death he was 74 years old. The PBS network continues to air his show, “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood,” in syndication. With his 30 year career and re-runs of his show, even after his death Mister Rogers will continue to touch the lives of millions of children and their families around the globe.
Michael Jackson: A contrast of the good, the bad and the ugly

By Sarah Nakaii
Staff Writer

Michael Jackson: Everyone knows his name. Jackson has become the most intriguing pop star ever to walk the Earth.

Martin Bashir: Now, everyone knows his name as well. Bashir spent eight months with Michael Jackson, piecing together an in-depth interview titled "Living with Michael Jackson." Bashir had virtually unlimited access to Michael's life on his Calif. ranch.

Once the interview aired, Jackson felt the show was "terrible and unfair." Bashir spent the night in Jackson's bed with his brother. However, he also said that Michael had slept on the floor.

In his defense, the singer asks, "Why can't you share your bed? The most loving thing you can do is share your bed with someone." In fact Jackson's love for children includes actor Macaulay Culkin and his siblings.

In the interview, Bashir said he never asks children to sleep in his bed, but if they ask he has them check with their parents first. In Bashir's words, "I'm thinking about adopting two kids from each continent around the world. That is my dream." Also in Bashir's rebuttal show, Bashir is shown praising Jackson for his abilities as a father.

Jackson was also portrayed as a dangerous father. In the interview, his children's faces were covered.

Classes by day, movies by night

McCaffrey Center Theatre receives makeover

By Paula Krueger
Staff Writer

Lately, students living in the UC apartments on campus have woken up to the sound of construction workers using drills and jackhammers.

It is a small price to pay for the monumental renovations that are being done to the McCaffrey Center Theatre, which is planned to be completed by May 2003.

In the theatre, the acoustics were so poor that it made viewing films difficult. "The chairs, carpeting and the walls had not been repaired in 30 years. Moreover, the projection booth was only accessible from an entrance on the other side of the building, which made it difficult to determine if technical problems were bothering the audience," said Rick Morat, Associate Vice President for Student Life.

Morat also expressed that the new construction of the theatre would not just function as a place for watching movies. "We wanted to use the space of the theatre more fully during daytime hours. Thus, we decided the theatre would house classes by day and movies by night. However, having both classes and movies in the theatre is only one part of the new planned innovations. Students should expect more advanced technological features to the new theatre.

The new improved McCaffrey Center Theatre will be completed by May of 2003.
Ecstasy and what you should know about it

By Lindsay Kennedy
Assistant A&E Editor

In the past twenty years, chemically made drugs have been increasing in popularity among drug users all around the world. Although “old” drugs like marijuana and cocaine are still used among addicts, chemically prepared drugs like Ecstasy and Angel Dust are becoming more common and desired by drug users today.

Ecstasy is classified as a Class A drug among heroin, speed, and cocaine. Over the past years, it has adapted many other names including E, XTC, X, Ecstasy, MDMA, MDA, Dove, Love, and Adam.

Ecstasy was first invented in 1912 to help in medical science, but was used very rarely and it appeared again in the 1970’s to be used in aiding psychotherapy. In the mid 1980’s, Ecstasy was first used as a street and illicit drug, but now times have changed, and this drug has become extremely dangerous to users far and wide.

Ecstasy is proven to be extremely dangerous to those suffering from asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, hypertension, glaucoma and pregnant women. This narcotic is a powerful mood changer, which lets the user act the way he/she wants without having to think beforehand. Ad d i c t s often feel h a p p y, confident, energetic, social, silly and relaxed when on Ecstasy.

Ecstasy is a hallucinogenic drug if it is not made from pure MDMA but mixed with other drugs like LSD. True Ecstasy will not make the user hallucinate compared to other drugs like LSD and it is also true that Ecstasy was not intended to be as harmful to users as the “fake” Ecstasy is today. Normally, Ecstasy started out containing 100% MDMA, and this is still the same for “true Ecstasy”.

Nowadays, there are often times in which other products and drugs are mixed into MDMA, which results in the name of “fake” ecstasy. “Fake” Ecstasy can have anything from LSD to ketamine, to speed, to DXM, and even MDEA or MDA.

The symptoms of Ecstasy can be seen in the user after 20 minutes of consuming the drug.

Symptom is a pounding and racing heart, a dry mouth, large pupils, muscular tension, cramps, twitching and a churning stomach.

Music is said to get better and lights have been said to get brighter. Eyes might get itchy and puffy while vision will become blurred. Grinding of teeth and clenching of both fists and your jaw are also common reactions.

An overdose of Ecstasy can lead to vomiting, diziness, head pains and terrible cramping. Overdoses can happen from even one pill, depending on the person, the pill and its qualities. All these pains occur because Ecstasy puts an extremely big strain on your heart, kidney and lungs.

The “peak” while on Ecstasy is from 60-90 minutes. This is an approximation and effects will last depending on the weight and purity of the pill.

On the “comedown”, effects can be the opposite of those when at the peak. The user might feel tired, depressed, confused and dated. Memory loss and appetite gain can also occur. Long term users may experience colds and flu after every comedown. Also, long term male users might experience erection problems to up to 40% and men may also see that the size of their penis will decrease.

Although the long term effects of Ecstasy have not been proven yet, many scientists believe that Ecstasy can lead to brain damage and memory loss in addictive users. Besides these effects, there is also the everyday danger of dehydration and over heating when taking Ecstasy. This drug is usually taken at raves or parties, where people are found to be dancing all night.

By itself, Ecstasy already has dehydrating substances and dancing makes the body loose even more fluids. Most deaths that have happened have occurred due to dehydration, heat stroke and overdoses.

Ecstasy has been one of the most desired drugs by the public in the past decade. It is known to carry a risk factor along with it, but this factor seems to have become unimportant by many users. It is important for users to realize that Ecstasy is not just a social drug that everyone is doing, it is a Class A Narcotic that has a lifetime of consequences.
**Box Office Top Movies**

To be released tomorrow

"Bringing Down the House"
Steve Martin is certain to get laughs when he hosts the Oscars in a few weeks, but this kind of humor is a bit dicier. Martin, going down the Warren-Beatty-in-Bulworth route, plays Peter, a bland-as-Wonder-Bread attorney and divorcé who looks for love in all the wrong places, namely, the Internet. A chat with an alleged leggy blonde lawyer leads to a first date and a meeting with the real online lady: Charlene, an African-American convict (Queen Latifah) who has escaped from prison and wants help proving her innocence. Initially aghast, Peter winds up, ahem, straight trippin' for Charlene, even donning sweats, a basketball jersey and gold chains while kickin' it on the dance floor. Unlike Beatty's political satire, this is said to be a physical comedy, one that "The Hollywood Reporter" calls "questionably tasteful but often laugh-out-loud funny," adding that it approaches "inappropriateness on more than one occasion."

"Tears of the Sun"
Bruce Willis stars as Lt. A.K. Waters, the leader of a Navy SEAL unit sent to a remote section of war-stricken Nigeria to save an American woman, Dr. Lena Kendricks (Monica Bellucci), who runs a mission there. But when Waters arrives, he finds that Kendricks will not leave - she wants him to escort the refugees she cares for out of the hostile territory as well.

To be released on DVD/VHS

"Road to Perdition"
Based on writer Max Allan Collins and illustrator Richard Piers Rayner's serialized mystery comic novel for "DC Comics," the film is set in Depression-era Chicago and revolves around hit man Michael Sullivan, known to friends and enemies as a dangerous man. Uncompromising in his work, Sullivan is just as devoted to his private life as a husband and father of two young boys. But when his two worlds collide, leading to the death of his wife and youngest son, Sullivan and his surviving son, Michael Jr., leave their peaceful home life behind and embark on a journey of revenge.

"Tuck Everlasting"
Based on the book by Natalie Babbitt, "Tuck Everlasting" is set in 1922 and tells the story of a 10-year-old girl who discovers that a neighbor family holds a precious secret: They have a fountain of youth in their back yard. Because she wants to escape her tortured family life, her new friends takes in the girl, but trouble still follows her.

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"Old School" is hilarious

By Beau Davies
Staff Writer

"Old School" ups the ante on films dealing with the college party scene. With an "Animal House" style plot and a cast including Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn and Luke Wilson, how bad can it be? Any movie whose plot is centered on copious amounts of drinking, contempt for the law and promiscuity is going to make most people laugh at least a few times.

The whole movie revolves around what seems to be three men going through an early mid-life crisis, together.

It all starts when Mitch Martin (Luke Wilson) comes home from work one day and finds out that his girlfriend is a crazy porn freak who has been cheating on him with people she meets on the Internet. His good friend Beanie (Vince Vaughn) takes advantage of his emotionally confused friend with a new "what the hell" attitude, convincing him to move near a college and start a fraternity, so that he can escape his married life and become the bachelor that he longed to be.

Last but not least is Frank (Will Ferrell) who has just recently tied the knot. Frank, nicknamed "The Tank" gets cold feet about his recent choice, causing his marriage to come to a screeching halt.

All things considered the plot is pretty slim. But when you throw a nasty dean who is hell bent on stopping everyone's fun, a slew of shocking fraternity gags, a KY jelly wrestling contest and a party featuring none other than "The Dogfather" himself, Snoop Dogg, you get over ninety minutes of laughter. Ferrell and a tranquilizer gun is more than enough to get you rolling on the floor.

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**TOP TEN NYC Tourist Questions**

**Courtesy of latesthow.com**

10. "Does it always smell like this?"
9. "Did that rat just knock over a parking meter?"
8. "$23 for a pretzel?"
7. "Why is your hand on my ass?"
6. "Are there really 2 'Ls in 'Rolex'?"
5. "Who knew the diamond district had so many Amish?"
4. "What do you mean the guy carrying my bags doesn't work for the hotel?"
3. "Do I have to come back to New York to testify?"
2. "Where the hell are all the strip joints?"
1. "No, I'm not looking for a good time—hey, aren't you President Clinton?"
A&E

The joy of giant food

By Shone Cipris
Staff Writer

JANE austen on the Big Screen: Sat. March 22, 9am-5:30pm & Sun. March 23, 9am-5pm (WPC #140) 1 extended education unit $140

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Wait Whitman Poetry Slam Weekend: Sat/Sun., March 29 & 30, 9am-6:30pm (WPC #219) 1 extended education unit $145

Cross Cultural Communication I: Fri. April 4, 5:30-9:30 & Sat. April 5, 8am-8pm (WPC #122) 1 extended education unit $105

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**Horoscopes**

**March 6-March 12**

**ARIES**
(Mar. 21-April 20)

Your ideas can be put into action. Do not divulge secret information. You may find that purchases or entertainment could be expensive. Secret intrigues could get you into trouble.

**TAURUS**
(Apr. 21-May 21)

Be discreet about your personal life or whereabouts. Be mysterious. You will be in the mood for entertainment. Try not to be too lavish with your lover.

**GEMINI**
(May 22-June 21)

Get busy trying to make more money. Your changing attitudes may be causing concern for your partner. Do not let friends or relatives rule your life.

**CANCER**
(June 22-July 22)

Romance is likely if you participate in unusual forms of entertainment. Try not to lend or borrow money or belongings this week. Your moneymaking opportunities will flourish.

**LEO**
(July 23-Aug. 22)

You are best to avoid such unsavory circumstances, especially if you are in a group situation. Do not trust a deal that looks too good, or a lover who appears to have it all.

**VIRGO**
(Aug. 23-Sept. 23)

Concentrate on yourself or your work. A trip to visit relatives should be rewarding. You may need the space, but you need the extra cash more. You can do well in group endeavors.

**LIBRA**
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You like to stay busy and now is your chance to do just that. You can make personal changes that will enhance your appearance and bring about greater social activity.

**SCORPIO**
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You may find that purchases or entertainment could be expensive. You can pick up valuable information if you listen to those with more experience.

**SAGITTARIUS**
(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You need to make changes that will raise your self esteem, such as a new hairstyle or a new image. You may not be as well received in group endeavors if you try to force your will on others.

**CAPRICORN**
(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Do not borrow or lend money or belongings to friends or relatives if you wish to avoid any hassles. Do not get involved in idle chatter that will hurt your position. You will find you are detail oriented this week.

**AQUARIUS**
(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Travel will turn out to be far more exciting than you imagined. Creative pursuits should payoff. You can make new connections through friends or relatives.

**PISCES**
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Your sensitive, affectionate nature will capture the heart of anyone you are attracted to. You can develop your creative talents if you take the time to practice your art.
SPORTS

PACIFIC TIGERS

The week in review

Julie Ross had 14 saves in the game and Jessica Schroeder had the most goals with 5. The Tigers have their next home game against San Jose State, March 28 at 4 p.m.

Men's basketball

The Pacific Tigers men's basketball team improved to 12-13 on season, 7-9 in the Big West Conference with a 77-65 victory over UC Riverside on Saturday, March 1 at the Alex G. Spanos Center. With the loss, UC Riverside fell to 6-16 overall, 5-11 in Big West games.

With the victory, the Tigers clinched a berth in the Big West Tournament, to be played in Anaheim, Calif, on March 13-15.

Playing without leading scorer Demetrious Jackson, the Tigers opened the game with a 16-0 run and never trailed in the contest, leading by as many as 18 points in the second half. After Pacific's game opening surge, the Highlanders bounced right back to 33-27 halftime lead.

The last game of the weekend was against the USC Trojans, the Trojans are ranked second in the nation. The Tigers did not make this game look like it was the last game of the trip. Pacific put up 9 goals to USC's 12.

Photo by Stephen Eakin

 Goalkeeper Julie Ross had 14 saves in the game but could not keep this one from going in the net as the Tigers fell to USC 9-12.

Women's waterpolo

By Krystine Ongbongan

Staff Writer

The waterpolo team had a long weekend in Southern Calif. They played Long Beach State, UC Irvine and USC. The Tigers were edged out in each of the contests.

Pacific played Long Beach last Friday. Long Beach scored first and stayed consistent, while the Tigers had trouble finding their groove. Once the Tigers finally got into the game, they scored 7 goals in the fourth quarter. They were a little too late; by then Long Beach had already scored 11 goals and were too far ahead to catch up. The final score was 7-13.

The UC Irvine game was a little more even. Irvine got on the scoreboard first by putting in 4 goals in the first quarter, but that did not put a damper on Pacific's spirit, the Tigers answered with 2 goals in the second half. The Tigers kept up with Irvine the rest of the quarters, but those goals in the first quarter were what made the difference. Irvine ended up winning 10-7.

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Photo by The Pacific

Senior setter Chris Tamas recorded 54 assists against No. 6 CS Northridge last weekend in the Spanos Center.

brace in his final home game in a Pacific uniform.

Tennis

The Pacific men's tennis team earned a 7-0 non-conference victory over Northern Arizona on Sunday, March 2, at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts. With the victory, Pacific improved to 8-2 on the season.

Pacific earned victories in two of three doubles matches to earn the team doubles point, before sweeping each of the six singles matches in straight sets.

Junior Michael Duong and sophomore Niclas Otte each earned their 15th victory of the season for the Tigers. Duong improved to 15-5 overall and 6-3 in dual matches with a 6-0, 6-3 victory over Northern Arizona's Thibault Schram at the No. 3 singles position. Otte moved to 15-5 overall and 7-1 in dual matches with a 7-5, 6-4 win against Northern Arizona's Jonas Jegers at the No. 4 singles position.

The Pacific Tigers women's tennis team fell to the Sacramento State, 6-1 on Sunday, March 2nd. With the loss, the Tigers drop to 2-9 overall.

Men's Volleyball

The No. 10 Pacific men's volleyball team improved to 11-7 overall (8-4 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) with a 30-27, 30-21, 30-28 victory over No. 6 Cal State Northridge (11-6, 7-5) on Friday, Feb. 28, at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

Pacific hit a blistering .421 as a team in the first game, led by senior Aaron Wachtogel, who had nine of his match-high 27 kills in the game.

The Tigers out hit the Matadors .385-.171 in game two en route to a 30-21 victory. With the score knotted at 27-27 in game three, Pacific scored three of the next four points to secure its second sweep of Cal State Northridge this season.

In addition to Wachtogel's

Male in review

Vanessa Dupont led control in the paint throwing down 18 points for the Tigers. Dupont accumulated rebounds that night.

What about the big girl in the middle? Yeah, Gillian d'Hondt was there too, her typical heroics were not missed. Why put the ball in the paint when you are hitting three pointers from across the street? With that said, d'Hondt racked up an effortless 13 points for the Tigers.

Come and support the Tigers today at 7:00 p.m. if they close out the regular season at the Alex G. Spanos Center. If the Tigers win, they could put them at a respectable seed in the conference tournament. Pacific also needs 734 fans to support the team as they try to win a single season attendance record.
Baseball loses first series of the season

The baseball team will travel to Portland

By Adam Ringer
Staff Writer

The Tigers dropped their first series of the year over the weekend to the St. Mary's Gaels. The Tigers (13-5) won the first game of the 3 game series but lost in games two and three as the Gaels improved to 6-8.

On Friday junior Matt Peña took the hill for the Tigers and improved his record to 4-1 beating the Gaels 5-4. Peña allowed 4 runs on 9 hits and struck out 10 Gaels batters in 7.1 innings of work.

Offensively the Tigers jumped out to an early lead by scoring in the bottom of the first inning. Junior Adam Ringer led the game off with a base hit to center field. After Senior Josh Snook flew out to center field, freshman Chase Headley advanced Ringer to second on a ground ball to the pitcher.

Last week's athlete of the week senior Cory Lake hit a base hit to right field scoring Ringer from second and putting the tigers up 1-0. More offense came in the 3rd inning as the Tigers posted 3 more runs. With one out, the Tigers loaded the bases after back to back singles from Ringer and Snook followed by Lake getting hit by a pitch.

Junior Aaron Harper then drew a walk to bring home the first run of the inning. Sophomore Jesse Kovacs added two more runs by hitting a seed to center field. Senior James Stanford added the final run for the Tigers by hitting a high drive over the left field wall to make it 5-3.

Junior Sergio Silva ended the Gaels threat in the eighth inning by getting a inning ending double play with the bases loaded to preserve the Tigers victory and earn his first save of the season.

In Saturday's game at Moraga, the Tigers fell 6-0 to the Gaels. The Tigers collected 9 hits but could not get any runs across. Headley led the Tigers' offensive by going 3-4. "I think we are definitely the better team but we kind of beat ourselves today," said Josh Snook. Snook, Harper and sophomore Nick Sekiya each had a double.

Sunday the series shifted back to Billy Hebert where the Tigers were beat 16-1 to lose their first series of the season. Lake hit a sacrifice fly in the first inning to score the only run of the game for the Tigers. "I don't think this will happen again this season. It was just one of those games," said Lake.

It's a "hard knock life" for softball on the road

By Krystine Ongbongan
Staff Writer

The weather was wonderful in the 209 this weekend, but we were not lucky enough to have the softball team playing at home. The team was in Fullerton playing in the Worth Invitational. The Tigers played Washington and California on Saturday, both games ended with disappointing losses.

The first game of the day for the Tigers was against fourth ranked Washington. Washington came out early and held the Tigers to one run the entire game, the score was 3-1 Washington. Going into the seventh inning, Brandy Thurman scored the only run for the Tigers, with a homerun in the bottom of the second. Washington pulled out all stops and scored 6 runs in the seventh, the final score was 9-1, Washington.

The Tigers went on to play California later that day. California is ranked sixth in the nation, so the Tigers had their hands full. Pacific got off to a quick start and looked like they were in control of the game, but they could not pull together to score some runs. California took advantage and went on to win the game 7-0.

The Tigers are set to depart for the USF Speedline Tournament in Florida for the weekend of March 6-9, so spring breakers stop by and watch the team on the road. And do not forget the Tigers come home to play Long Island on March 16 at noon.

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The 49ers’ have trained at Pacific for five years and have five years left on the contract, but according to 49ers general manager, Terry Donahue, the chance of the 49ers returning this summer is “50-50.”

Donahue said the team would either be in Stockton or at the training facility in Santa Clara. A decision will be made within the next month.

“I wouldn’t be a bit surprised to see us at [Pacific]. At the same time, I wouldn’t be a bit surprised to see us (in Santa Clara),” Donahue said. “We’re not interested in going anywhere else. I think we’ll either be here or there.”

Both sides have been complimentary of the other and have declined to publicly discuss any differences they may have. But Donahue said there are differences.

“We’ve raised a number of concerns that we have at [Pacific], and [Pacific] has raised a number of concerns that they have,” Donahue said. “We’ve had a very fruitful and cordial dialogue about both sides of the issues, and I expect will be the same.

“We’ll make some progress and continue to talk about what we can do to make camp better from our perspective and what we can do to make camp better from their perspective.”

Pacific officials have continuously said they want the 49ers to return. Athletic director Lynn King said, “There’s no question we want the 49ers to stay” and said past discussions have gone well.

“The discussions have been good. This has happened with the 49ers in regards to how we deal with each other,” King said. “But it’s a time when they are re-evaluating some things, and rightfully so, I think.”

In other 49ers news Wednesday, the team cut defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield and guard Dave Fiore to fit under the salary cap.

Stubblefield, the NFL’s top defensive player for the 49ers in 1997, survived two years in his second tenure with the team. Fiore was a three-year starter for the 49ers until he missed all but three games last season with torn ligaments in his right knee – the latest in a series of knee injuries that required at least five surgeries on both knees during his career.

San Francisco’s biggest off-season personnel priority is negotiating a new contract for All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens, whose deal expires after next season. Donahue said he hopes to begin talks with Owens’ agent, David Joseph, shortly after the draft.

San Francisco cut linebacker Alex Lincoln and defensive back Anthony Parker earlier in the week. The 49ers also saved $8 million by restructuring the contracts of quarterback Jeff Garcia, center Jeremy Newberry, defensive end Andre Carter, tackle Scott Gragg, safety Tony Parrish, fullback Fred Beasley and safety Zack Bronson.

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Last Saturday night, the men's lacrosse team avenged a season of very close games, near misses and one-goal defeats. It was pay-back time for the Pacific lacrosse team as they welcomed Hayward, a team who beat them twice last season, to the Brookside Field. With the pressure on, the men's lacrosse team delivered the performance of a lifetime.

Pacific lacrosse warriors were playing for Pacific, for the fans, for pride, but most importantly they were playing for each other. Good things happen to those who wait, just ask this group of dedicated guys.

Pacific came flying out of the gates and never looked back as they demolished Hayward 9-5. As the Tigers found the net 5 times for the Tigers and ended the match with a game-high 5 goals and 1 assist. He single-handedly scored as many goals as the entire Hayward offense.

An exciting moment of the game was when Anthony Ratto, first year SIS major, was ejected from the game with only five minutes remaining. He had allegedly made unnecessary intentional contact with an opponent. This had little effect on the Pacific lacrosse history as the Tigers trounced Hayward. Coach Steve Cabral was very proud of the victory at their last home game of the year. He is a first year coach trying to make the lacrosse program bigger. He was a member of Pacific's team from 1996.

According to Cabral, "Lacrosse on the West Coast is growing a lot, and will continue to grow. It is not big enough, but is getting larger."

Steve Cabral and the team say all they need is to grow and get more interest.

Pacific's Vincent Wojtusik heads the defensive strategies for the Tigers as he helps a teammate knock the ball free.

The Tiger lacrosse team celebrates the first victory of the season over Hayward 9-5.

This outstanding group of individuals plays lacrosse for the true love of the game and the excitement of competition. These gentlemen should be commended for their relentless effort throughout the season. Congratulations Pacific lacrosse!
Champions: Swimming takes the Big West

By Ryan Andress
Staff Writer

It almost seemed to be too easy for the Tigers. It’s not often that Pacific athletics wins anything easily, but that was certainly the case at the Big West Championships in Long Beach, California.

The Pacific men’s and women’s swim teams both defended their Big West Titles on Friday, February 28 at the Big West championship. Both Tiger squads destroyed the competition by sizable margins.

The women’s team was unstoppable as they finished the meet with a comfortable 935 points, 159 more than second place UC Santa Barbara. They took UCSB to the cleaners even though they were their fiercest competition. Amazing ladies!

The men’s team had equal success as the ladies and finished the meet with 896.5 points, a margin of 105 over the second place Gauchos from UCSB. Seems those Gauchos must be pretty tired of coming in second place.

Due to the incredible Pacific success in the water, Tiger swimmers Matt Smart and Shannon Catalano were named Big West Conference Swimmers of the Year. Outstanding!

The women’s team won five events on Friday, with six NCAA “B” qualifying times.

Junior Shannon Catalano won the 200 fly with an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 1:58.77. Freshman Laura McDonald won the 1650 free with a “B” qualifying time of 16:37.68. Senior Katie Cartmell also finished with a “B” qualifying time. In the 100 free, sophomore Lyndsay McNamee won with a “B” qualifying time of 2:00.33 and junior Matt Mills winning the 200 fly. The men’s team took off the starting blocks as both swim teams won the Big West Championship.

Senior Filip Ronski won the 200 breast with a “B” qualifying time of 2:00.33 and junior Matt Mills winning the 200 fly. The Tigers will now begin to prepare for the NCAA Championships, to be held-March 20-22 (women) and March 27-29 (men).

Women’s hoops unstoppable

By Tanya Silva
Staff Writer

The women’s basketball team marched down to Riverside with one goal in mind: Win! For the women’s basketball team, losing is no longer an option. Early on in the season, the women were searching for chemistry, but now they have a firm grasp of what it takes to win.

Pacific coach Craig Jackson understands why the women’s basketball has turned their season around, “We understand our roles better, and we’re healthier.”

The Tigers knew victory was within grasp, but the game turned out to be a giant Tiger stampede as Pacific started the game missing only one of their first ten shots. These girls were in the zone coming out of the gates. The Tigers took a very comfortable 35-23 lead into halftime.

With their 79-52 win over Riverside, this places the Tigers at its sixth consecutive win of the season.

Bring on the foul-fest as both team committed a combined 29 fouls. Talk about a stop-and-go game, but the Tigers maintained their composure and maintained their lead throughout the game.

Just one question, was Riverside even guarding Nancy Dinges? The girl was on fire as she lead the team with 22 points hitting an unprecedented 6-7 three pointers. This certainly was her own rendition of trey-mania.

Dinges and the Tigers may have turned in their best shooting exhibition of the season as they pulled a lead as high as 30 points. “We shot 63 percent (26-41) from the floor and 58 percent (7-12) from 3-point range,” said Pacific coach Craig Jackson.

With this success, it puts Pacific at 13-13 overall and 10-5 in conference games.