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In this period of uncertainty, "The Pacifican" encourages all students and faculty to stay informed and become involved in efforts concerning U.S. military action in Iraq. There will be a peace march called, "Rally in the Valley," this Saturday, March 22 starting at 12:00 noon, gathering at Burns Tower. We encourage everyone to attend and revive the great student activist spirit of previous generations.

The following are excerpts taken from President George W. Bush's Address to the Nation on March 17, 2003 justifying the need for war.

"...Intelligence gathered by this and other governments leaves no doubt that the Iraq regime continues to possess and conceal some of the most lethal weapons ever devised. This regime has already used weapons of mass destruction against Iraq's neighbors and against Iraq's people..."

"We are now acting because the risks of inaction would be far greater. Recognizing the threat to our country, the United States Congress voted overwhelmingly last year to support the use of force against Iraq. We are now acting because the risks of inaction would be far greater. In one year, or five years, the power of Iraq to inflict harm on all free nations would be multiplied many times over. With these capabilities, Saddam Hussein and his terrorist allies could choose the moment of deadly conflict when they are strongest. We choose to meet that threat now."

"In recent days, some governments in the Middle East have been doing their part. They have delivered public and private messages urging the dictator to leave Iraq, so that disarmament can proceed peacefully. He has thus far refused. All the decades of deceit and cruelty have now reached an end. Saddam Hussein and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours. Their refusal to do so will result in military conflict, commenced at a time of our choosing. For their own safety, all foreign nationals, including journalists and inspectors, should leave Iraq immediately...

"The United States, with other countries, will work to advance liberty and peace in that region. Our goal will not be achieved overnight, but it can come over time. The power and appeal of human liberty is felt in every life and every land. And the greatest power of freedom is to overcome hatred and violence, and turn the creative gifts of men and women to the pursuits of peace...

"Good night, and may God continue to bless America."

Student flies high with the Blue Angels: Part 2

By Jessica Wakefield
Tiger Paw Editor

This is the second part of Jessica Wakefield's flight training with the Blue Angels, the first part appeared in the March 6 issue of "The Pacifican."

The F-18 Hornet is a very small fighter jet with a normal seat capacity of one, but the number seven jets for the Blue Angels have two seats for transporting high ranking military officials, crew and for the rare media flights that they offer.

When my pilot arrived, he shook my hand and just a few minutes later we were strapped in and ready to go.

We taxied to the runway and after arming my seat for ejection capability he explained the first maneuver that would occur at takeoff. We would start out going straight ahead, only about 20 feet off of the ground until we reached 300 Knots at which point we would go up at a 45 degree angle. Everyone had explained I would "feel the Gs" and know when to perform my HICK maneuver, but I did not understand exactly what they meant until we took off. The force is incredibly and that first maneuver alone was 4.5 Gs.

"We are now acting because the risks of inaction would be far greater."
Omerta Delta Phi and their brothers from around the country gather at the Scarlet Invasion.

By Elizabeth Vigil

Editor-in-Chief

The men of Omega Delta Phi Fraternity are a recent addition to Greek life at Pacific. O.D. Phi, as they are commonly known, is founded by Latinos on this campus but is a multi-culturally based fraternity, nation wide. The chapter at Pacific is the first chapter in Calif. but nationally it is one of 29.

Omega Delta Phi colonized at the end of Jan., but since the beginning of the school year the guys have already contributed over 240 hours of volunteer service to the Stockton community. They have donated their time to help out in numerous events like the yearly Haunted House at the YMCA, the Migrant Education Leadership Conference and the Nuestra Raza Conference, which are both held at Pacific. The guys also volunteered their time for Math Counts, a mathematica competition for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

In addition, these guys also volunteer once a month to help at the St. Mary’s Dinning Hall and homeless shelter. Hands-on community service is very important to the fraternity but their main focus is to graduate all their brothers.

Ricardo Caton will be the first Omega Delta Phi brother to graduate from Pacific. Caton, a history major, has already been accepted into the masters program at University of California, Santa Barbara. As far as fraternity life is concerned, Rafael Beltran says that they “live by the sacraments which are unity, honesty, integrity and leadership.”

In the recent Scarlet Invasion dance, O.D. Phi brothers from around the country visited Pacific. The brothers from Michigan State, Oregon State, Texas Technological University, University of Arizona and Arizona State came to Stockton. Omega Delta Phi’s national founder, Joe Cereceres was also in attendance.

As to not give away the secrets and traditions of the brotherhood, president of O.D. Phi, Carlos Martinez said, “Looking from the outside you can’t understand it, looking from the inside you can’t explain it.”

During rush, all guys interested in joining are welcomed. The requirements are to have a 2.5+ grade point average.

The brothers of O.D. Phi stress that being in their organization is not a four-year commitment they say, “We’re O.D. Phi till we die.”

Act now for your future: Career Resource Center

By Kristin Stern

Guest Writer

The Career Resource Center (CRC) directed by John Carvana provides many useful and important services to students at Pacific. It is located in Hand Hall, providing students with internships and job placement and helps students find their own interests for their future vocation.

Do not wait until senior year. The perfect time to start your planning is second semester of freshman year, according to Carvana. Did you know that even alumni can make use of the CRC? John Carvana expresses that CRC is there for you “until you die.” Although you should get started early, it is never too late to make use of the center. You can make an appointment or just walk in for a quick counseling session.

Carvana gives some good advice to the students out there said, “When looking for a job, it is competitive, so those who are serious or want some experience, come see us. It’s not rocket science,” to help a student find a job that interests them. Students just need to realize that at the moment the economy is not doing very well.

Senior Speech Pathology major Nicole Thomsen enthusiastically said, “The center really helps people find jobs that fit their personality and jobs. Carvana makes sure that the students stay informed about the job opportunities available to them.”

Junior Graphic Design major Jesse Bowen speaks negatively about the center, “they were unhelpful, just handed me a binder and told me to have a look.”

Dr. Keith Hilton suggests that may have been the attitude of the old career resource center, but now with new management such as Carvana and Joanna Royce-Davis they are off to a better start.

As the director, Carvana has been at Pacific for exactly one year and two weeks. Anyone that has been to CRC has been helped by him or his staff. His duties are to ensure that his staff has the resources and training to do their job, counseling students to find a vocation that fits them right. He helps organize internships and relationships between our school and off campus employers. If you need any help with your career plans, finding a job or getting an internship this is the place to go.

Carvana enjoys his job here because of the staff and Division of Student Life. The only thing that he does not like is that there is so much to be done in too little time. He said that he decided to come to Pacific to work because “he saw the opportunity to help create a world class operation committed to experience, learning and growth.”

Joanna Royce-Davis is the CRC’s associate director. Royce-Davis puts a lot of work in as well, but due to a full schedule, she was unable to be contacted.

Will CRC soon be a world class operation? All the possibilities are here. Pacific has the students, the faculty, the staff and the power to send out a strong work force. The last step is to promote interest and the effort to go to the Career Resource Center.

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Did you know during this period of time, Public Safety Officers provided 101 hours of foot patrol, found seven open doors/windows, provided nine escorts, assisted nine stranded motorists and interviews 22 suspicious persons.

If you have any questions about the information provided in this report, you are encouraged to contact Jerry L. Houston, Associate Director of Public Safety at 946-2537 or extension 6-2537 from a campus phone. You may also call anonymously to report any suspicious circumstance or person.

Gather for a celebration of the life of Isis Maharaj on Tuesday, March 25, 7:30 PM, Morris Chapel. Bring your love and memories to share with all.
We leveled out, and then headed off to the flying zone where they practice and when we arrived there we did many different maneuvers of all different levels. They included, loops, rolls, barrel rolls, wingovers, etc. At 5 Gs I experienced the tunnel vision they had informed me about and I fought to keep the gray areas on the sides of my head from shrinking so I could retain my vision.

The views were breathtaking. Sand dunes and sky for miles look incredible at 500 feet and at 15,000 feet as well. At one time we slowed to only 120 Knots, a very slow speed for a fighter jet and within seconds sped up to just under 700 Knots, which is the sound barrier. During the half loop we pulled an astounding positive 7 Gs where the tunnel vision proved too much for me and I lost my vision and felt my head get very heavy and fall to my chest at which point I picked it right back up again.

My favorite part was inverted flying where the jet is completely upside down and flying in a straight line. To feel as if you are floating, with no apparent restraints above you, the sky below and sand above, was a mind-blowing experience. I asked to do that again! So after two inverted flights in a row we had almost entirely spent my 1200 gallons of gas.

After approximately 35 minutes of flying we returned home and as we taxied around off the runway I almost screamed with joy that I had not thrown up. After being told all day that everyone throws up and I was expecting it, I was very proud of my achievement. The pilot and others who met us after landing were also very impressed that I had done so well.

The pilot stepped out of the plane first and after shaking my hand went down the tiny ladder. Up came Conley who helped me to get out of the restraints. As I went to stand up I realized that all of the talk about how hard the flight is on your body was very true. They told me that I would feel it if I had participated in one triathlon after another after another ... and I felt it.

Stepping down on the tiny ladder was difficult because my knees were so shaky, but I recovered and after some pictures with the pilot I was presented with some wonderful gifts. First was a gorgeous framed poster of the Blue Angels in flight, signed by all 8 of the pilots. I also received a portfolio with the US Navy seal and on one side there is a certificate about my flight, signed by the pilot and on the other side is a giant picture of the pilot and I giving the thumbs up right before takeoff. I also received a videotape of my entire flight, before during and after. There is a tiny camera mounted right in front of me so everyone can watch my whole flight, my reactions, and hear everything that the pilot and I said. Finally, they gave me a CD with over 30 pictures that the photographer took before and after the flight.

After changing out of the flight suit and talking with everyone I drove back to San Diego, checked in my car and arrived just in time to catch the first flight to Phoenix. From Phoenix I went to Sacramento and arrived around 11:30 p.m. When I finally got home around 1:00 a.m. Tuesday morning I was exhausted and yet, still elated from the whole experience. This priceless opportunity was all I had imagined it to be and so much more. I smiled the entire time and could hardly keep from laughing because it was so beautiful, fun and unbelievable to have had this chance and it is something I will never ever forget.

I cannot say enough about the perseverance and talent that these men and women have and I encourage everyone to check out a show this season.

For 2003 they have a show Oct. 4 and 5 in Long Beach, Oct. 11 and 12 in San Francisco and Oct. 18 and 19 in Miramar, CA.

Go support the men and women of the US Navy and US Marine Corps who dedicate their lives to service and charity. I guarantee you will be impressed with the awe-inspiring feats they perform in the air and their kindness and generosity on the ground.

Jessica Wakefield and Crew Chief Conley give the thumbs up sign after flying in a Blue Angels’ jet.

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Pick up an application at “The Pacifican” office located in the South/West courtyard or Dr.Hilton’s office in the Communications Department.
Dear Editor:

Following the most recent deployments of troops to the Persian Gulf, war with Iraq seems to be a foregone conclusion. Most Americans would agree that the question is not if but when. There is no doubt that the United States can and will defeat Saddam Hussein's troops. But there are other matters to be considered.

While opponents of the war rightly express concern for the Iraqi people upon whom all the horrors of contemporary warfare are about to be unleashed, we should also ask ourselves about the consequences of this war on Americans. In the midst of heated debate and at times inflamed rhetoric, there remain elements which need to be contemplated with clarity and detachment by all of us.

1. The horror of September 11, 2001 stirred our emotions. We want to protect and defend ourselves, but we are dealing with terrorists who have no boundaries, no single nationality and who are not openly represented by any national government. Are we attacking Saddam Hussein because of 9/11? If so, then we are probably wrong. The Bush administration has offered no concrete evidence that Hussein and Iraq have financed or directly supported Al Qaeda. Indeed, some of our "allies" such as Saudi Arabia have been linked to Al Qaeda; Iraq has not.

2. Saddam Hussein is, indeed, a "Bad Guy" as are quite a number of other world leaders. Their populations suffer under their rule. The U.S. and its allies should work toward a better world but with the knowledge that there are no quick fixes and that military action often produces negative rather than positive outcomes.

3. The men and women in our Armed Forces serve our country willingly and loyally. We should value our individual member of the military and commit to risking lives only in the most extreme circumstances and only when our country is truly at risk. Saddam Hussein has never threatened the United States nor do we have evidence that he has supported the terrorist groups that threaten us.

4. This war and the subsequent occupation of Iraq, which is expected to last from three to five years, will devastate our economy. The Bush Administration is aware that the conflict with Iraq will substantially increase the federal deficit and will divert funds out of the U.S. for the rebuilding of Iraq. The post-war period promises a bleak economic landscape in which education, health care and basic infrastructures in the U.S. will suffer ever-larger cuts. The impact of these cuts will extend over an entire generation, at least.

We, the undersigned, oppose a war with Iraq because of the suffering it will bring to Americans and Iraqis.

A peaceful solution is in our best interest as a nation.

Sincerely,

A junk buyer's remorse

By Shone Cipris
Staff Writer

Ever since I quit gambling on cockfights a few years ago, I have had to find other ways of frivolously wasting money. This is how I gradually become addicted to junk. It all started innocently enough. About a year ago, I started going to a yard sale or church rummage sale every month or two. I would buy something semi-useful and aesthetically pleasing, like a pair of antique candlesticks or a souvener ashtray. It was harmless and it killed time.

Pretty soon this occasional purchase turned into a more important to me, to the point where I found myself searching the newspaper classified ads for garage sales and hitting them twice a week.

Before long, I started going every weekend. Then after a while, I started going to Goodwill stores in the middle of the week to buy lighters and extra trivia cards for the board game "Trivial Pursuit." My habit escalated and before I knew it, I had a monkey on my back.

I soon became helpless in my quest for bric-a-brac. My room quickly overflowed with old Currier and Ives prints, empty picture frames and snow globes from tourists traps all over the world. Talk about a trivial pursuit. I know now that I was suffering from a disease known as "Runaway Consumerism," where my basic needs were met so completely that I became dependent on useless junk. I was a victim, you see.

It gets worse. One fateful day I discovered the knock-knock-addict's version of a crack house: the dollar store. Remember the scene in the film "Leaving Las Vegas" where Nicolas Cage's alcoholic character is strolling through the aisles of a liquor store and filling up his shop- ping cart with an astonishing amount of booze? This was an apt comparison to me in a dollar store.

On the occasions that my friends would accompany me to the dollar store, they would always groan about the fact that I would load up my cart with things like miniature lighthouse, incense burners, flashlights and clothes hangers. "Why don't you just burn your money?" they would ask me. Because the acid smoke bothers my eyes that is why. I was surrounded by wise guys, or so I thought.

Although I now realize that my friends were speaking out of concern for my compulsion, at the time I found it to be unwelecome moralizing on their part. So I started going strictly by myself, disguised to avoid recognition by anybody, would wear a scruffy Army jacket and a wool cap pulled low over my eyes. I am sure the cashiers loved this; they probably thought I was coming in to stick them up with a steak knife from the two-for-a-dime cutlery section.

For me, the beginning of the end came one day a few months ago as I was leaving the dollar store, slightly giddy from the weight of my shopping bag full of junk. After clinbing into my car, I looked through the shopping bag and realized to my dismay that I had bought, among other things, a half dozen corkscrews in three different colors, two packs of shish kebab skewers and a CD single of the song "Maniac."

It was then that a little voice inside my head (which I am now taking medication to control) told me that if I did not find help soon, my pathological quest for cheap junk would lead me on a fast track to consumer hell. I pictured myself at age 30, living in a trailer, ordering "Salad Shooters" from the Home Shopping Network at three o'clock in the morning, always promising myself that "this will be the last one!"

What a terrifying prospect of the future. I was determined not to let this be my destiny, so I checked the Yellow Pages and found the local chapter of RCA (Runaway Consumers Anonymous). At my first meeting, I shamefacedly admitted that I once bought six miniature golf course landscapes, despite the fact that I hate golf.

Happily, the men and women in the support group did not judge me; in fact, they regaled me with stories of their own excess and their recoveries. There was the man who kept buying Time-Life books that he never read, so he used them as furniture. Then there was the woman who got hooked on "Cabbage Patch Kids" and treated them better than her own kids. These people welcomed me with open arms.

I am doing a lot better now. As of today, I have had three months of junk-free living, and it feels great. Of course, it is still hard; I have to stay 500 yards away from the dollar store at all times, and I pretty much cannot watch TV at all without feeling the familiar urge to buy useless junk. But you everyone knows recovery is a process; I take it day by day.

A few days ago, I received a 60-day token from the support group, symbolizing my two months of junk-free living. I am pretty excited, because once I get the 90-day token in a month, I will also get a certificate. Of course, once I collect four certificates, I will get a plaque. Two plaques earn me a medal, and four medals entitle me to a 100-dollar gift certificate at Spencer's Gifts! I cannot wait!

(Writer's note: the above article is in no way intended to be little those who may be enrolled in a support program; rather, it belittles my own hopeless drive for material goods. I.e., having to cover my butt is embarrassing. The article is just fluff, okay?)

The Pacifican
WAD UP WID IT...

By Alios Ezadnashan*  
Staff Writer

All back from Spring Break, gotta give mad props to So Cal for taking care of a brother. As always, a little of nothing on a bowl of something mixed with everything. Our men's volleyball team representing letting So Cal know they can't hold our jock straps. “Don't be a super duper doodo stain remover.” Thanks for the inspiration Negro Kaub from Venice.

Wad Up Wid It: With all due respect to Eddie Hassle if you are gonna criticize my words you should first try to understand what I am trying to say in style and language. Ever heard of sarcasm?! But thanks for spending so much time and thought on your critique, I ain't mad at ya! got nothing but love for you boo! And. Don't have a Costco card. Thanks for the laugh homie.

Wad Up Wid It: You know you are doing something right when your own editor rips you apart. I think she was mad love to the drill girl who ate it during the girl's basketball game. By the way nice job ladies. Way to spank Idaho. Handled yourself like a champ drill girl.

Wad Up Wid It: Shame, and I mean shame on you ASUOP. How you gonna screw us especially the com­muters with your election? I did not know the Bush administration ran ASUOP! We take our freedom for granted, every day, but at least give us the chance to take our freedom for granted. The only way I knew about the voting was those two old mean ladies at the voting booth. ASUOP needs to step up and carry our campus to the next level. Sheep need shepherds!

Wad Up Wid It: Understand the looming war with Iraq is wrong. Blood is not worth oil. I have a chance to lose homies so Bush and his greedy buddies can get richer. But, really we need to support our troops. My boyz didn't have a choice, they had to bounce quick. The last thing those boyz deserve is wrath for Bush’s stupidity and his economy by the people they serve.

Wad Up Wid It: It sure is funny how history repeats itself. You would think Israel would have learned from the Nazis yet they turn around and do the same atrocities to the Palestinians. I guess when Big Brother protects you; you can get away with murder. Then peeps wonder why young women strap death to themselves and MARTYR their own lives. Oh wait, she did it for her 40 virgins.

* Name has been changed

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Alex's Angle

Chronic conservatism

By Alex Wagner

Perspectives Editor

The United States is suffering from a loss of character. A country once identified by our democratic ideals and progressive policies is being smothered by a tidal wave of conservatism. This right wing ideology has completely filled the executive and has not only trickled into congress, but also into the courts.

For anyone unclear as to the ideological direction of this country, a great place to look is the Fourth Circuit Appeals Court. The last stop before the Supreme Court, this court has never been more conservative than it is today. Often referred to as the “black hole of capital litigation,” the court shapes right-wing doctrine on every major policy President Bush and other Republicans would like the Supreme Court to uphold.

President Bush’s most recent judicial appointee, Dennis Shedd, is now a member of the Fourth Circuit. A former chief of staff to Strom Thurmond, Shedd upholds the type of conservative candidates Bush is nominating to the Supreme Court. With the Republicans in control of the Senate, the next vacancy on the bench will determine the fate of this country’s character.

The most threatening aspect of this government’s conservative agenda is its plans to encroach upon some of the most fundamental and democratic ideals of this country. As Bush declares that America is God’s chosen nation to bring liberty to the rest of the world and begins fulfilling this mission in Iraq, one of the country’s oldest doctrines separating church and state begins to vanish. His refusal to support the rest of the world in the war against global warming but his insistence that the rest of the world support his war on terrorism is furthering our nation’s identity to one of an empire, not a democracy.

Last week’s approval in the Senate of the partial-birth abortion ban is just the first step on the path of outlawing abortion completely, a top priority on the conservative agenda. With five Republican appointed judges still sitting in the Supreme Court, it only takes one of Bush’s pro-life supporting candidates to completely overturn Roe v. Wade. Domestic issues are not the only targets to be smothered by the conservative agenda, one of the first actions Bush completed as President, was to erase President Bill Clinton’s signature from the international treaty that formed the International Criminal Court.

Laws are not made out of the ballot box; they are passed by the elected officials in congress and interpreted by the appointed judges in the courts. If America’s do not speak up now against President Bush and his conservative agenda, our nation’s character will be lost forever.
An unlikely couple join forces

By Elizabeth Vigil

“Bringing Down the House” is sure to bring large laughs.

Two middle-aged men and not an escaped convict and an attorney. This movie hit box offices on March 7 and went straight to number one.

The plot brings together an unlikely couple. Steve Martin and Queen Latifah lit up the big screen with their polar-opposite personalities. Latifah plays an escaped convict who comes into the life of an uptight attorney, played by Martin. The two meet on the Internet and Latifah busts out of jail to meet him. She also wants his help in proving her innocence. Martin is expecting a leggy, thin, blond and instead he gets Latifah.

Upon Latifah’s arrival she quickly turns Martin’s life upside down. Toss in Eugene Levy, Jim’s dad from “American Pie,” and sure enough, things are bound to get sticky. Levy’s character is set on romanticizing Latifah and trying his best to be hip. Martin, on the other hand, is still recovering from a recent divorce and Latifah wants him to lighten up and offers to help him get his wife back.

The movie is predictable because it is a theme that we have seen before: someone from the streets comes and makes a dull person hip.

Audiences generally enjoy the slapstick antics of the characters in the film. Critics on the other hand were not so amused by the film. Ebert and Ropert, of “Ebert and Ropert at the Movies,” gave the film two thumbs down. Mark Caro of “The Chicago Tribune” said, “Corniness and predictability are defining characteristics of ‘Bringing Down the House.'”

Other critics noted the already exhausted theme of the movie. Margaret McGurk of the “Cincinnati Enquirer” said, “Yet another comedy in which a hip-hop sharpie teaches an uptight white guy how to relax and enjoy life.”

“Guess you will just have to go and see for yourself.”

Macaroni Grill coming to Stockton

By Paula Krueger

Towards the end of May, a new addition to the Macaroni Grill franchise will make its debut to the Stockton area.

The Macaroni Grill, a popular Italian restaurant located throughout the United States, England, Mexico and Puerto Rico, will reside at 5420 Pacific Avenue and will house 226 guests and employ 100 individuals.

“We’re shooting for the opening of the Stockton Macaroni Grill on May 29th. We will start hiring employees for the restaurant six weeks before the opening. The restaurant is usually looking for energetic, young people, preferably college students,” said Tim Smith who works for Brinker International.

The restaurant, there is an open kitchen, enabling the guests to see the chefs cooking,” said Smith.

The culinary council is responsible for the items that appear on the menu. Their expertise is rooted in the work they have done in Italy. The food is excellent and reasonably priced. With a variety of chicken, vegetable, meat and seafood pastas dishes there will be something for everyone to enjoy. There are desserts and appetizers that will have you wishing that you had more room in your stomach.

Additionally, Macaroni Grill has had award-winning customer service. Macaroni Grill has won the “Overall Award” for five years in a row in the Annual Restaurants and Institutes Choice in Chains Customer Satisfaction Survey.

With all this appraisal of the restaurant, it will not be a surprise if Stockton earns similar success after construction of the Macaroni Grill is complete.
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To all those peanut butter lovers

By Amber Lee Avino
Staff Writer

If you like peanut butter as much as I do, you will find these recipes delicious and easy to make. Recent studies show that peanut butter is a very healthy snack because it is not processed and contains the good kind of fat that our body needs for nutrition and energy. It fills you up fast and is very versatile. You can spread it on anything you want: celery, crackers, with chocolate of any kind, any bakery items, in smoothies and with bananas. As college students, we are constantly on the move, so peanut butter is the perfect dish to-go.

We are always looking for quick meals, yummy snacks and easy to make dessert-like treats. Peanut butter does not need to be refrigerated and has a long shelf life. There are many different kinds of peanut butter: crunchy, creamy, sugar free, old fashioned, and swirled with jelly or marshmallows. Here are some fun ideas for you to try in your kitchen or dorm room.

FLOURLESS PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

1 c. peanut butter
1 c. sugar
1 egg
Mix together and roll into little balls and place on cookie sheet. Flatten and sprinkle sugar on the top. Bake at 350° for 12 minutes.

Mumm, Mumm good!! There is nothing like peanut butter cookies and milk.

PEANUT BUTTER POPCORN

1 / 2 c. sugar
1 / 2 c. light corn syrup or honey
1 / 2 c. chunky peanut butter
1 / 2 tsp. vanilla
Mix all ingredients together. Pop enough popcorn to make two quarts. Cook all ingredients to a rolling boil; Remove from heat and pour over popcorn, stirring to coat.

GRAHAM CRACKER GOODIES

1 1/2 c. milk
1 / 2 c. peanut butter
1 sm. instant chocolate pudding
Mix all ingredients together. Spread between graham crackers and freeze.

Try each and every type of peanut butter; there is a type for every taste.

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Hanks reveals violent side

By Beau Davies
Staff Writer

Tom Hanks plays Michael O'Sullivan, a notorious hitman for the local city boss John Rooney, played by Paul Newman. Although Michael is the son that Rooney always wanted, he choose to be a good father and husband during the Great Depression. When the two come into conflict, Hanks has to choose whether or not his loyalties lie with his job or his family. It becomes a battle between two fathers protecting the well-being of their sons.

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"White Oleander"
Ingrid Magnussen (Michelle Pfeiffer) is sentenced to life in prison for poisoning her ex-boyfriend after he cheats on her. This leaves her daughter, Astrid (Alison Lohman), in a series of homes with various foster mothers (including women played by Robin Wright Penn and Renée Zellweger). Astrid has to learn to balance her relationship with her jailed mother and her relationships with the new parental figures in her life.

"Swimfan"
The new girl in town (Erika Christensen) becomes obsessed with a popular champion high-school swimmer (Jesse Bradford) with Olympic prospects. When he turns her down, she develops a fatal attraction-style crush on him.

When a stranger arrives at their cabin, the four pals (who became telepathically connected to one another after performing a heroic act during their youth) battle the horrors of an invading alien force that takes over people's bodies.

"View From the Top"
A working-class woman (Gwyneth Paltrow) lands a job as a flight attendant, with her eye on moving up to international first-class attendant as a way to see the world. Christina Applegate, Kelly Preston, and Candice Bergen play current or former flight attendants, and Mike Myers has a cameo as a flight-school instructor.

"Boat Trip"
Two straight men (Cuba Gooding Jr. and Horatio Sanz) are looking for love on a Caribbean cruise. It comes as a shock to them to discover that they have accidentally booked an all-gay cruise instead.

"Dreamcatcher"
A group of men who have been friends since childhood go on a hunting trip in northern Maine. When a stranger arrives at their
Spring Break Adventure: Fill in the Blank!

By Chilloble, Leroy, and Cupcake*

Guest Writers

Last week, _________ and I _________ a roadtrip to _________. Along the way, we stopped to see the biggest _________ in the whole state of _________. We drove through the _________ mountains, took photos of the _________ canyon and swam for _______ hours in the Colorado _________. We also camped out for part of the trip, but we forgot the most essential item: the _________! One of the best things about being on Spring Break is that you get to try new types of food, like _________ tacos and _________ green curry, or _________ cake. We had a totally _________ Spring Break; hope you did too!

*Names have been changed.

Submit your results to m_arrighi@uop.edu, and the most creative will be published in next week's issue!

Horoscopes

Compiled by Tara Reinhardt
Courtesy of astrology-online.com

Aries
(Mar. 21–April 20)
Do not try to hide your true feelings from your mate. You may have difficulties with someone who lives with you. Try not to push your philosophies on others.

Taurus
(April 21–May 21)
Your knowledge and good sense will help more than you think. Be careful not to push your luck or take too much for granted when dealing on either a personal or professional level.

Gemini
(May 22–June 21)
You might find that delays will cause setbacks and upsets. Help others solve their dilemmas. Try to be precise in your communications.

Cancer
(June 22–July 22)
It is time to reevaluate your motives. You may want to have a heart-to-heart talk with a close and trusted friend. Try to be patient and understanding.

Leo
(July 23–Aug. 22)
You will easily blow situations out of proportion. Be supportive in order to avoid confrontations. Get friends to help you with the preparations.

Virgo
(Aug. 23–Sept. 22)
Get out and enjoy some entertainment. You can get ahead if you play your cards right. Unpleasant situations concerning family members will be unnerving.

Libra
(Sept. 23–Oct. 22)
Dazzle them with your intellectual conversation. Take time to reevaluate your motives regarding friendships. Maybe it is time to look into ways you can improve your health.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23–Nov. 22)
Arguments with relatives may lead to a split in the family. You may experience financial loss if you do not use good judgment. Plan a day of enjoyment with them.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 23–Dec. 21)
Do not let your mate stop you from attending an event that could be most important. Focus your efforts on your work. Do you really want to start something with someone you cannot reason with?

Capricorn
(Dec. 22–Jan. 20)
Your tendency to overreact could get you into trouble. Do not be too quick to spend money. It might be time to pick up the slack and do your share.

Aquarius
(Jan. 21–Feb. 19)
You can evade the issue as usual by being affectionate, fun loving and far too active for your lover to catch on. Take special care in any home improvement project you work on this week; you will be glad you did.

Pisces
(Feb. 20–Mar. 20)
Compromise to avoid verbal battles. Do not jump the gun; you may find yourself getting angry at the wrong person.
The week in review

Men's Volleyball
The No. 8 Pacific men's volleyball team (13-8) defeated No. 5 Lewis (15-4) in a three-game sweep (30-24, 30-27, 34-32) on Saturday night. The Tigers outhit Lewis .394-.235.

The Tigers were led by senior Aaron Wachtfogel with 17 kills and a .464 hitting percentage. Senior Martin Berntsen added 13 kills and seven digs. Junior Sean Rodgers added seven kills and six block assists. Setter Chris Tamas tallied 43 assists.

Lewis was led by Gustavo Meyer, who tallied a match high 18 kills.

Men's Tennis
The Pacific men's tennis team earned a 5-2 upset victory at No. 73 UC Irvine on Monday, March 10. With the win, the Tigers improved to 10-3 overall and 4-0 in conference dual matches.

After losing the team doubles point, Pacific rallied to win five of six matches in singles play. The Tigers earned straight set wins at second, third and fifth singles positions.

Pacific is next in action with a non-conference dual match against Nevada on Friday, March 7. Junior Ashlie D'Errico and the university's other female tennis competitors will also travel to Nevada.

Swimming
The Pacific women's swim team had six qualifiers for the NCAA Championships which were announced Thursday, March 6. Junior Robin Errecart, junior Shannon Catalano, junior Sarah Marshall, sophomores Heidi Schmidt and Lyndsay McNamara, and freshman Kris Willey make up Pacific's participants at the NCAA Championships on March 20-22 in Auburn, AL.

The six qualifiers will make up Pacific's 200 medley relay team, the 400 medley relay, 400 free relay and the 200 free relay. In addition, Errecart will swim the 500 free, 200 free and 100 free. Catalano will be in the 100 fly, 200 fly and 500 free. Marshall will be in the 100 breast, 200 breast, McNamara 50 free and 100 free, Willey 200 IM and 100 back.

The Pacific men's and women's swim teams set nine school records in defending their Big West Conference titles at the 2003 Big West Championships.

Softball
What did you do over spring break? Did you happen to go to Florida? The Tiger softball team was there from the 6th to the 9th playing in the USF Speedline Tournament. Coming off a disappointing weekend in Fullerton, the Tigers kicked it up a notch in Florida. Pacific played Temple, Pittsburgh, Purdue, Central Michigan, Mississippi, Hofstra and Stanford in three days.

Fatigue must have not been an issue here. The Tigers started off the weekend with two wins against Temple. Pittsburgh's Estee Okumura hit a three-run homer to help lift the Tigers to their win against Temple. The Tigers pitchers also had a solid day.

Natalie King allowed three earned runs and five hits, while Jennifer Dacre denied Pittsburgh by only allowing one hit and three walks.

The Tigers were not so lucky on the day two of the tournament, they split the day, losing a tough one against Purdue 2-6 and squeezing by for the win against Central Michigan, 1-0. Pacific brought it together for the last day of the tournament.

Ashlie D'Errico hit her second homer of the season, and the rest of the players made the Tigers job against Mississippi, and ended up winning the game, 8-4. The second game of day three was a blow-out. Pitcher Natalie King only let Hofstra have one hit in the game, Barbara Moody and Brittany Hyams had two runs each in their 7-0 win against Hofstra.

The last game was a quartefinal game against Stanford. The last time Pacific met the Cardinals was in the very beginning of the season, when the Tigers split their double-header, Pacific won the second of the two games, 15-2. This time around though the Tigers did not do so hot. Pacific could only muster up two hits in the seven innings and did not earn any runs to lose the game 2-0 against Hofstra.

The game ended with a 8-12 loss. Pacific ends the season 23-22.

Tigers fall to 5-12 on the season.

Women's Waterpolo
Krystine Ongbongan
Staff Writer

They had seven games and won only one. It might have been the change in weather, perhaps the women's waterpolo team is just in a rut. Hopefully their season will end around soon, trust me, I know what it feels like being former field hockey player. The Tigers played Long Beach State and UC Davis in the USC tournament on the 8th, and both games ended with losses 5-10. Jessica Schroeder had seven goals in the match and Kristin Cockerill also contributed in both matches.

The next day the USC tournament looked much more promising. The Tigers sped their game and took a match against Santa Cruz. Pacific came out even with Santa Cruz in the first quarter of the game scoring two goals each, but the Tigers' defense kept the Banana Bells away with six goals in quarter two. Cockerill had four goals in the game and Kristin Melcher and Snyder contributed in the win. The final score of the second game was 7-7.

UC Santa Barbara contested the second game, out-scoring the Tigers in the first two quarters. Pacific put the ball in the goal several times in the game to try to keep up, but their efforts were not enough; Jessica Schroeder's three goals in the match. The game ended with a 8-12 loss.

Now, on to this past weekend's activities: The team played in a conference match against Hawaii last Thursday. Kelly McNeley, Jessica Melcher and Kristin Cockerill all put the ball in the net for the Tigers, but Hawaii had the edge in this game and came out with the victory; the final score was 4-6, Hawaii.

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Another baseball season is approaching and the Oakland A's and the San Francisco Giants are preparing for another run at the post season. Both teams have high hopes as they head into the 2003 season, but the Giants have perhaps a little more fire after losing Game 7 of the World Series a year ago to the Anaheim Angels.

The Oakland A's are returning their three top pitchers from a year ago, including 2002 Cy Young award winner Barry Zito. Zito is coming off his best year in his brief career after posting a 23-5 record. 15-game winner Tim Hudson and 19-game winner Mark Mulder give the A's a solid chance of winning each time they take the hill.

Oakland did not make any dramatic moves over the off season, which has been their style for the last couple of years. They have bread young talent and added a few pieces to the puzzle along the way.

Ken Macha will lead the A's in his first year as head coach. Macha takes over for Art Howe who departed for the vacant New York Mets job. Macha should feel confident as the nucleus of the team that won 103 games in 2002 returns.

2002 MVP Miguel Tejada returns to the line-up along with Eric Chavez, Jermaine Dye, Terrence Long, and Scott Hatteberg. Erubiel Durazo, formerly of the Arizona Diamondbacks, should bolster an already potent offense as the designated hitter.

Across the bay, the reining National League Champion, San Francisco Giants, have a much newer look from a year ago. Power hitting second baseman Jeff Kent, who solidified the middle of the lineup, left for Houston. The man who led the Giants into the World Series and nearly came away with victory, Dusty Baker, became the Chicago Cubs new manager. Replacing him is the ageless Felipe Alou who started his big league career with the Giants.

The Giants pitching improved over the off season, while staying very much the same. The one key acquisition was left hander Damien Moss, formerly of the Atlanta Braves. Along with Kirk Rueter, who is coming off a 14-8 year, and strong-armed Jason Schmidt, the Giants should have a strong rotation. Closer Robb Nen returns after posting 43 saves in 2002.

Barry Bonds keeps getting older yet keeps getting better. In 2002, Bonds was named the national league MVP and won the batting title with a .371 average. The Giants should be able to fill the void left by Jeff Kent's bat by adding ex-Met Edgardo Alfonzo and second baseman Ray Durham, who will give them a true lead off man.

Both the Giants and the A's head into the new season looking to contend deep into the playoffs. With new and old faces both teams have the make-up to have strong and exciting seasons.
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Big West Tourney: women hot, men not!

By Stephanie Segien
Sports Editor

While the men's basketball team stumbled at the end of the season and in the first round of the Big West Tournament, the women's team only got stronger as the season progressed. Thank goodness for junior Jasmine “blow right past you” Ewing's who put in a lay-up with three-tenths of a second remaining, lifting the Pacific women's basketball team to a 63-61 victory over UC Riverside in round one of the 2003 Big West Conference Tournament.

Juniors Gillian “can't stop her you can only hope to contain her” d'Hondt and Corinne “I own you” Wong exploded to lead Pacific with 18 points apiece. The effort was a season-high point total for Wong.

The real test still lay ahead as the Tigers faced No. 17 ranked UCSB Gauchos. The Tigers entered the contest with confidence, having beaten Santa Barbara earlier in the season.

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The Pacific basketball team has every reason to hold their heads high, for they showed tremendous courage, determination and tenacity especially in the latter half of the season.

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Staff Writer

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Junior Aaron Harper got the offense rolling in the second inning by blasting a double to the left center field gap. Sophomore Jesse Kovacs followed with a single up the middle scoring Harper from second. “I think we had the momentum the entire game, and that is especially important on the road,” said Kovacs.

The Tigers struck again in the 3rd inning as junior Eric Elliot, senior Josh Snook, and freshman Chase Headley had consecutive base hits making the score 2-0. In the 6th inning Snook pipped a fastball over the left field wall for his first home run of the season. Kovacs later followed with an RBI double and finished the day going 2-4 with 2 RBIs.

Junior Octavio Amezquita put the finishing touches on by belting a double with the bases loaded in the seventh to score three more runs. Amezquita went 3-5 with 3 RBIs and Harper finished going 2-4 scoring 3 runs.

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