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Travel precautions for students going abroad

Dear Editor,
I would like your assistance in disseminating the Department of State's message on the dangers of irresponsible behavior by young Americans traveling abroad, during their spring and summer breaks.

Enclosed is the State Department's press release urging young Americans to act responsibly when they travel overseas. Each year, many students serve time in foreign jails or wait trials in detention because they are unaware of the risk of using or possessing drugs while overseas. Many young Americans are also arrested in foreign countries because of inappropriate behavior associated with heavy drinking.

The State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs is responsible for the protection and welfare of U.S. citizens overseas. Although U.S. consular officers can visit American citizens being held in foreign jails, they cannot get them released. I would be grateful for your assistance in reminding your readers of the importance of obeying all foreign laws and exercising good judgment when traveling abroad.

Additional safety information can be viewed and downloaded from the Bureau of Consular Affairs home page on the Internet at http://travel.state.gov/studentinfo.html...[11] contain[s] useful information for students planning to travel or study abroad.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important effort to alert American students to these risks and their consequences as the season of summer vacation approaches.

Sincerely,

Colin L. Powell
Secretary of State

Letter from the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of Public Affairs:

Travel Safety Information for Students:

As the time approaches for spring or summer breaks, many college students are getting ready for that much anticipated trip abroad. Most will have a safe and enjoyable adventure, but for some, the trip will become a nightmare. A number of ruined vacations are caused by one or more of the following: drugs, alcohol and disorderly behavior.

Each year, more than 2,500 American citizens are arrested abroad—about half on narcotics charges, including possession of very small amounts of illegal substances. A drug that may be legal in one country may not be legal in a neighboring

ABROAD see page 5
Greek Awards

Every year Greek Council honors individual fraternities and sororities and its members with several different distinguished awards. This past Wednesday, March 26, the following awards were presented:

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR:  
Pi Kappa Alpha  
Alpha Phi

GREEK MAN OF THE YEAR:  
Blake Blackwell (Pi Kappa Alpha)

GREEK WOMAN OF THE YEAR:  
Ali McNamara (Alpha Phi)

PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR:  
Ben Starr (Pi Kappa Alpha)  
Katie Watson (Delta Gamma)

HONORABLE MENTION AWARD:  
Lyndsay Gill (Delta Delta Delta)

CHAPTER ADVISOR OF THE YEAR:  
Pavan Gill (Omega Phi Alpha)

MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER:  
Omega Phi Alpha  
Delta Delta Delta

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Omega Phi Alpha  
Delta Delta Delta

COMMUNITY SERVICE:  
Delta Delta Delta

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Asparagus festival brings entertainment for all

By Teresa Schour  
Guest Writer

Ever tried an asparagus burrito? Care for some deep fried asparagus? Or just feel like meeting friends and sipping some fresh, cool asparagus margaritas? Then mark April 25-27 on your calendar and join the crowd of more than 100,000 visitors who will come to the 18th Annual Stockton Asparagus Festival in Oak Grove Regional Park. Even if you have been there before, much is new, and there is a lot to do for students.

For three days, Stockton becomes a place of fun, entertainment and asparagus. The heart of the festival is the newly expanded “Asparagus Alley.” A large variety of asparagus dishes including 30,000 servings of the famous deep fried asparagus will be served. All together, nearly nine tons of asparagus will be cooked. Famous chef Martin Yan will perform in the “Celebrity Kitchen.”

There will be lots of entertainment. The Festival’s arts and crafts show is ranked among the best in the nation. “There are many new vendors and new things to shop for,” said Kate Post, the festival’s Executive Director. A classic car show and a home and garden pavilion keep mom and dad busy while their kids watch frisbee dogs soaring through the air in the Skyd Dog Arena. Also, you can call your friends anywhere in the U.S. for free at Pac-West Telecom in the tech zone, or try your skills at the hole-in-one golf contest.

“It’s also a lot of fun for students,” says Pacific junior Cathy Schieberl, a Public Relations major who is doing an internship as a festival assistant. “We have three different stages of music and space for dancing. For example, The Nelsons and the Delta Waves will be performing. And there will be a Navy flight simulator.” She is also looking forward to exciting stunts by the “Got Milk? Gravity Tour.”

With so much going on, it is more than likely that this year’s festival will be a great success. According to Kate Post, the festival serves three main goals: It promotes tourism in San Joaquin county; 40 percent of visitors come from areas outside Stockton. Second, it gives San Joaquin county an identity. Third, it raises money for local non-profit organizations over the past three days.

A large number of visitors will be especially important this year since the festival is going for an entry in the Guinness Book of Records, in categories such as largest attendance at a food festival and most amount of asparagus consumed in three days. A decision if these categories will be accepted is due soon.

Junior Xeong Yang has been at the festival before and encourages everybody to check it out: “I think that students will like it, especially if they like asparagus, because they cook it in lots of different styles. But it’s really a place where you can meet people.”

Tickets are $8, parking across the main entrance is $3. “But students could also just walk to Delta College and take the Asparagus shuttle,” suggests Cathy Schieberl.

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Award-winning play Prides Crossing debuts

Pacific Media Relations

Prides Crossing opens Friday, April 4 at 8 p.m. in the DeMarcus Brown Studio Theatre and continues on the 5, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, April 6 and 13 at 5 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling 209-946-2UOP (2867) and are $12 general admission, $8 for students, staff and seniors.

Prides Crossing was nominated by the Pulitzer committee as a finalist for the 1997 Pulitzer Prize in Drama and the New York Drama Outer Critics Circle judged Prie’s Crossing as the “Best American Play” in 1998. Tina Howe’s 30-year career as a professional playwright includes such well reputed plays as Museum, The Art of Dining, Painting Churches, Coastal Disturbances and Approaching Zanzibar. Ms. Howe has received many honors including a Guggenheim Fellowship, two N.E.A. Fellowships, an Obie Award for Distinguished Playwriting, an American Academy of Arts and Letters Award in Literature and two honorary degrees.

The story of the play concerns Mabel Tidings Bigelow, a headstrong young Boston socialite, who dared to break with tradition. She pursued her passion for swimming, secretly. During the first couple of decades of the 20th century, young ladies of good breeding did not engage in such rigorous and scandalous activities. The play depicts her life at the revered age of 90 when she organizes a lawn croquet party to celebrate the joy of her youth and bring together her aged friends and various younger members of her family.

In a series of flashback scenes, we follow her struggle to challenge and empower herself. Scenes shuttle from her efforts to stage a Fourth of July croquet party to the most significant events in her past, heartache, passion, turmoil and grief. We experience the arduous journey of a rebel of 21-year-old Mabel Tidings who successfully swims the treacherous English, the hard way, from Dover to Calais in 1928, and then continues to test herself in the rougher waters of life. As Tina Howe wrote, “I knew as the century ended I wanted to write a play celebrating the female spirit and endurance. I’m impressed with the passion of elderly women, and I wanted to show a woman whose spirit is still vibrant even if her body is not.”

In the action of the play, Mabel’s Fourth of July croquet party celebrates America, the continuity of generations, the spirit of self-reliance and the determined march of women and men toward a fuller appreciation of the value of human life. 80 Festival members, 90-year-old independent and vital New Englanders join the energetic and thriving younger adults to revisit the past as they face the future. She experiences personal triumph and tragedy; she loses a lover, marries another, has children, suffers abuse and survives. We watch a quiet heroine overcome life’s “slings and arrows.”

Prides Crossing is directed and designed by Dr. William J. Wolack with costume design by Cathie McClellan and lighting by theatre arts major Timothy Schroepfer. Prides Crossing ensemble cast includes Carley Blan, Jenny Treadwell, Zachary Koval, Matt Candito, Ryan Arab, Blake Witney, Jessica Gaines, Megan C. Briggs and George R. Spelvin.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 4–5—Foreign Film "Amelie" 
@ 8 p.m. in the Summit

April 6—Profile Day at Pacific Spring Festival from 12–4 p.m. on the McCaffrey Lawn

April 7—Ground Breaking of Pride Center 
@ 6 p.m. in John Basement

April 7—Dr. Wolter Kimbrough Diversity and Leadership Speaker @ 7 p.m. in the Pharmacy Rotunda

April 8—Career Fair in the Career Resource Center from 9 p.m.–4 p.m.

April 8—Rainbow Dinner in the Dining Hall 
@ 4:30 p.m.

April 8—Comedian, Loren Newman 
@ 8 p.m. in the Summit

April 9—National Day of Silence @ 12 p.m. in the McCaffrey and then @ 8 p.m. in the Summit

Public Safety Report
March 24-30 prepared by Jerry L. Houston

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Did you know that during this period of time, Public Safety officers provided 58 hours of foot patrol, found 4 open doors, provided 8 escorts, assisted 7 motorists and interviewed 13 suspicious persons.

If you have any inquiries 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. You may also call anonymously to report any suspicious circumstance or person.

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Mu Phi Epsilon honors Brubeck

Contributed by Elma Mael Henderson of Mu Phi Epsilon

Mu Eta Chapter, chartered at Pacific Nov. 13, 1920, will honor Dave Brubeck during the April Brubeck Festival. On April 10, Conservatory professor Patricia Shands and International first vice-president Elma Henderson will present Brubeck with a plaque commemorating his election as an International Sterling Patron of Mu Phi Epsilon, during the Stockton Symphony and Stockton Chorale's performance at Aheron auditorium.

Sterling Patrons of Mu Phi Epsilon are selected for outstanding musical contributions to the art of performance, composition and musical excellence of all kinds. Brubeck is one of the nation's most accomplished jazz artists and we are honored that he has accepted this award of distinction.

Mu Phi Epsilon's ideals and goals include musical excellence, harmonious relationships and service to others through our music therapy, composition, research and music education.

It is our plan to present the President Award of Excellence to Brubeck during Friday night's concert which will take place in the Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

All interested students can celebrate this occasion with us and rally together through our musical talents and abilities to live together in peace in this time of international conflict.

By Kristin Stern
Guest Writer

Brubeck is one of our nation's most accomplished jazz artists...we are honored he accepted this award.

By Laurel Hoover
Guest Writer

Isis Maharaj will never be forgotten

A beautiful celebration was held to remember the life of a former student at Pacific. The celebration was for Isis Maharaj and was held in Morris Chapel last Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. as made evident throughout the celebration, Isis touched the lives of everyone she met and because of that, she will never be forgotten.

The celebration began with a beautiful number by Lauren Hill titled Sparrow and was followed by a collection of speakers ranging from family and faculty to students, all of which had nothing but beautiful memories to share about Isis.

Isis earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, summa cum laude, on May 15, 2002 from University of the Pacific. Isis' academic excellence is what earned her a full-ride scholarship to Texas Technological University. It was here that Isis intended to pursue her dreams and where she planned to obtain a PhD in clinical psychology.

Everyone who had the opportunity to meet Isis, even if it was only for a second, was able to discover that Isis was a beautiful person for the warmth of her smile, her compassion for others and the fact that she wore her heart on her sleeve.

Sophomore Rachael DeRonde said, "Isis was my R.A. during my freshman year and I will always remember her as being such a caring and passionate individual. Even when things got really rocky, Isis was always there to bring a smile to our faces. It was almost as if she wanted to protect us from any harm that might come our way, and for that I thank her. I really feel that it was her encouraging and positive attitude that helped my friends and I to get through tough times."

Among the speakers at the celebration, Professor Matheson said, "Isis was in several of my classes and as you might expect, she was always a number one student. She excelled so much that I even asked her to T.A. for my Introduction to Psychology course as a sophomore. Isis was like a breath of fresh air and she lived life with strong purpose. Her bright smile will always be remembered, and she will never be forgotten."

Among many of Isis' passions, hip-hop and the world of dance stood out the most, not to mention her true dedication to the Sacramento Kings basketball team. "She often joked about possibly someday conducting a study on the effect of hip-hop dance movement on self-esteem," said Professor Howells.

Isis' mother Claudine Maharaj said, "She was a very, very helpful and responsible daughter and that is why I could rely on her for anything. She was such a giving individual and always was ready to help in any situation that needed fixing. One of the amazing things about Isis is that she always kept in touch with everyone. She enjoyed checking in with teachers and childhood friends just to make sure everything was going well. These are just a few of the reasons why I will miss her with all of my heart."
By Angela Richards
Staff Writer

Reports have been made that there is a spread of foot and mouth disease in southern Mozambique. The spread was the result of an import of contaminated cattle from Zimbabwe. The government's plan now is to have about 80,000 cattle vaccinated for the disease and slaughtered the ones who are already infected. The disease has spread so quickly because it is highly contagious and can travel through the air.

Serbian officials have announced that they have discovered the body of Ivan Stambolic, the former president of Serbia. Stambolic disappeared in August of 2000 while jogging in Belgrade. Interior Minister Dusan Mihajlovic said Stambolic had been executed, and that his murder was politically motivated. Stambolic was once a mentor to the Yugoslav leader's critics. Stambolic disappeared shortly after Milosevic was ousted from his thrown. The remains were found in a pit near Mount Fruska Gora, and it is believed that Stambolic was shot twice.

A 20-year-old Turkish student who had hijacked a plane from Turkish Airlines surrendered Friday the 28, after his six hour ride. He landed in Athens and released all 203 passengers. All of the passengers, including the two, pilots are safe. The hijacker had demanded that the pilots take him to Germany where his mother and sister had been arrested. No one knows yet what kind of weapon he used. Three Turkish parliamentarians were on the plane, including two that are currently ruling the Justice and Development Party.

She is 25 and the cutest jurist on Chinese television, but she has an American twist to her. It seems as though China has their own version of Judge Judy. News Corp. Television Company is taking programs from abroad and reformatting them to bring a new kind of energy to Chinese television. But the censors have refused to broadcast a show similar to "Friends" because of the premarital sex-talk. Right now the company's Mandarin language channel is broadcast over the country in certain hotels and apartments, but it is unclear whether Rupert Murdoch's company will be able to be on regular cable in homes.

The agriculture minister of Japan has resigned due to a scandal involving one of his aides. Tadamori Oshima thought the scandal involving his aide accepting uncertain political donations was an embarrassment to Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi. Similar accounts of political donations have happened with two lawmakers under Koizumi's rule. Though Oshima denies that he had any part in the scandal, he feels like this incident could affect Koizumi's popularity, which is already decreasing.

McGowan scholar selected

Pacific's MBA Program has named Justin M. Karowski as the recipient of the William G. McGowan scholarship. The scholarship covers the tuition cost of a complete year of graduate studies in the MBA program. Karowski was selected based on his outstanding academic achievements as well as his leadership ability and involvement in campus organizations.

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**Underrated art of hoaxing**

Gags are always good for a laugh, or are they?

By Shone Capris

Staff Writer

I am writing this article several days before April Fool’s Day, and it remains to be seen whether or not the campus community will be treated to any creative hoaxes this year. In my opinion, the best April Fool gags are the ones that manage to successfully dupe a large number of people at once. While playing pranks on your friends is always good for a few laughs, I imagine that there must be a wonderfully twisted sense of accomplishment gained from fooling a crowd.

Fortunately, our modern era of widespread communication technologies makes this easier than it has ever been. Nowadays, one can concoct any manner of ridiculous hoax and give it worldwide dissemination with a computer and a few utilized for nervous whine as well as harmless ones. Therefore, it is important to remember that good hoaxes always obey the rule of No Permanent Damage to both the hoaxer and the hoaxed. It is in poor taste (and possibly criminal) to spread a rumor that Pacific is targeted for an imminent terrorist attack; it is far more forgivable to convince people that the school will raise its tuition by 20 percent next year. This raises another point: the importance of revealing the hoax before things get out of hand, like students rioting over a phony tuition hike.

Although big faceless corporations are often thought of as being entirely humorless, I was pleasantly surprised to learn about a number of April Fool gags engineered by various companies. For example, in 1996 the Taco Bell Corporation bought a series of full-page newspaper ads in which the company claimed to have purchased the Liberty Bell, which it re-named the “Taco Liberty Bell.”

After hundreds of irate citizens called to express their outrage, Taco Bell Corp. revealed the gag. Even former White House press secretary Mike McCurry got in on the joke, cracking that the Lincoln Memorial had been sold to a car company and would be known thereafter as the “Lincoln-Mercury Memorial.”

In another fast-food company April Fool hoax, Burger King announced in 1998 that it would be offering a special left-handed ‘Whopper’ with all condiments rotated 180 degrees enabling easy eating for left-handed customers. Amazingly, hundreds of people fell for this perfectly ridiculous gag hook, line and sinker, either ordering left-handed burgers or specifying the “classic” right-handed version. Perhaps there is truth in “fear and loathing.”

Even venerable media institutions are not above engaging in some harmless gags. The British Broadcasting Corporation ran a story in April 1980 stating that London landmark ‘Big Ben’ would have its analog clock replaced with a digital one, provoking a predictable outcry from people protesting this action. Some people are incapable of appreciating progress, I guess. (Incidentally, the digital Big Ben was a sight gag used in an episode of The Simpsons, but I digress.)

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Although the various media outlets are sometimes the origin of a hoax, it is far more common that they are used by individuals to “prank” the public. An early American media hoaxer was none other than Ben Franklin. Starting at the tender age of sixteen, Franklin authored a number of satirical letters and articles in several newspapers under fictitious names. Not limiting himself to April Fool’s Day letters, he was also responsible for creating a number of hoaxes, many of them apparently with the intention of boosting the circulation of whatever newspaper he was working for at the time. One of his better known hoaxes is an article in an 1844 edition of the New York Sun which asserted that the Atlantic Ocean had been crossed in three days by a hot-air balloon.

Such a sensational story resulted in a mob scene at the office of the Sun where hundreds of people bought every available copy of that day’s paper. Poe later wrote that he was unable to get a copy for himself due to something that we here at the Pacifician should look into to boost our readership!

In the field of media hoaxes, it is likely that there is not a more consummate trickster than Joey Skaggs. Since the Sixties, Skaggs has engaged in hundreds of hoaxes that poked fun at both national obsessions and trends, as well as the presumed infallibility of the media. In one of his early hoaxes, he advertised a bordello for dogs, where owners could bring their dogs for sexual gratification. The ad which stressed that it was not a breeding service but was purely about doggie hedonism contained the memorable line, “Featuring a savoy selection of hot bitches.” Not surprisingly, hundreds of people, from animal-rights groups to the New York Vice Squad, were in an uproar before the gag was revealed.

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The fighting journalists

By Ton Cuslidge
Staff Writer

The United States was not even a week into the war with Iraq when CNN reported that 23 Americans were already dead. Among those who were dead were soldiers who fought for their country and died bravely on the battleground.

There was also a journalist.

British television reporter Terry Lloyd, died two weeks ago after he was hit by fire from the U.S. led coalition. He was 51.

Lloyd had been a journalist with the London-based television network, ITN. This wasn't a man who was afraid of dying. More then once he had been at the front line: Bosnia, Kosovo, and Yugoslavia. Lloyd died doing what he loved on the verge of a breaking news story.

The place for a journalist to be is in Iraq.

That is what a news seeker does; they put their life on the front line for any story. It doesn't matter whether it is a downtown shooting or a war on another continent. The job is dangerous, but the people doing it are fearless.

CNN reporters were kicked out of Iraq before things go too heated, Newsweek's elite journalists were asked to leave. Liu, a reporter for Newsweek, decided to stay.

In her hotel room she keeps a disposable camera. Her pictures speak a million words.

Iraqi women looking into a disposable camera. Her pictures speak a million words.

Perhaps the most important people in this war, after those fighting of course, are journalists.

It's easier to question why a journalist would want to be in the war, rather then a person in the military. The answer is the same: this is a job.

Without CNN or fearless journalists like Lloyd, our only source of information would be from the government. There would be no "breaking news" segments and daily briefings would only come in newspapers. That isn't enough. Lloyd didn't die in vain. He was a journalist at the frontline, doing his job, because ultimately at the end of the day, when all is said and done, that is the only thing that matters.

Journalists do it because it is there job to report what's happening. They are the ordinary public's eyes and ears. They see and know so we don't have to.

Those journalists in Iraq are courageous, and the American public should only hope that others do their jobs just as well.

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Bombs over Baghdad

By Alios Ezadonoshan*

Wad Up WId It: So bombs be exploding like I'm in the bedroom with Britney and shiz over I-ran, I mean, I-nic-raq. Now we be seeing reality T.V. 24-seven and it's not starring Dre, Snoop or Evan. As always this is stupidity at its finest, so if you wanna be an Eddie Hassle, you best be able to make me laugh.

Wad Up WId It: Speaking of Eddie, homosexuals are not born gay. It's a choice like smoking crack or listening to Nstink. I have to listen to enough peeps with valid arguments about how they were deprived hundreds of years ago and have the white man holding them back.

Now I got a bunch of dudes and chicks ("oh no he called us 'chicks'") bitch about how they are being discriminated and all that nonsense. You made the CHOICE so deal with the consequence and stop playing the role of the victim. I don't need you shoving your homosexual propaganda down my throat. No one cares if your gay, ducks. Society is over it, so go and move on.

Stop trying to milk it with your bright rainbows everywhere and pouting blue eyes staring at me, smiling, thinking you really have a chance. God didn't make Adam and Steve, he made Adam and Eve.

Wad Up WId It: Operation Iraqi Freedom. Who was the numb nut that came up with that name? Nice name, how about "Operation were trying to pull a fast one," or how about "Operation make mo money led by Capitol's house blueself?" Yo, Bush, living up to daddies expectations are not healthy. In fact try to be your own man once in a while. Oh, and hola at your daughters for me. That's right, both of them. Just tell em' Motel 6 in El Paso.

Wad Up WId It: So these idiot protesters who are supposedly protesting aggression and other big words I don't know cause I am down to 50 brain cells, but on the real, these dumb ass protesters are in reality doing what they are protesting. Stopping traffic, rioting and getting arrested ain't all peaches and gravy. It's stupidity and it proves nothing except the stupidity of these idiots who not only take their freedom for granted, but are also for abortion. So, let me get this right: it's wrong to kill Iraqis but it's cool to kill babies who aren't born yet. Can you spell hypercritic?

Wad Up WId It: On the real this is the only time you will get a real genuine comment out of me, so listen up. People die, PEOPLE ARE DYING. Bush says it's for our freedom and for the Iraqi freedom. If we really do care, why didn't we do something about it the first time or in the last 10 years? Or, what about all the other countries that face a tyrant? Our soldiers, people my age are facing bullets, for what? Freedom, oil, economy, and democracy? No one I know can explain to me logically why we are at war. Shut your mouth and think about it for a second. In your heart, can you justify your tax dollars and you yourself supporting this war? Those bullets that are killing our soldiers are American bullets given to Iraq during the Iran-Iraq war. September 11th would not have happened if we just minded our own business. I challenge each and every one of you not to buy into the propaganda of the media but find the facts for yourself. We are not the United Nations and need to stop acting like it. But the United Nations are a bunch of yellow-bellied money hungry businessmen who have no balls. Saddam is a tyrant and needs to go, but is it in our place to move him?

* Name has been changed
The gas gouging blues

Gas prices rise as the war in Iraq continues

By Jacquelyn Archambault
Guest Writer

Remember when you could fill your tank with $15 worth of gas and it would last for two weeks? Well, I’m not sure I do either. With gas and oil prices the way they are now, all of us will be fortunate enough if we can get through the month feeding our kids.

Can you imagine how much an average week of filling a tank with gas will cost the blue-collar worker commuting to the Bay area from Stockton? If before they were paying an average of 200 dollars a week, they have now doubled that at 400 and 9/11 dollars a week.

Funnily, when gas stations will show gas prices at 2.07 and 9/11 dollars when you’re really paying approximately 2.08 dollars for gas. This is what we call subtle psychological sales pitching. I have been trying to save on gas so much so that soon I plan to have my son take a hose and suck the gas from my car into the gas tank of the van.

Why are the gas and oil prices skyrocketing here in America? First, business owners are concerned that the war will leave a devastating effect on the economy. Of course, Americans are sick and tired of gas pump price gouging, which only benefits the pocket book of these types of businesses.

Second, gas and oil companies believe they can get away with hiking the prices of gas and oil during times of war and crisis because America is a society of needs, and right now those needs are feeding the gas and oil pumps. These companies know that every American has to stop for gas sooner or later and their hoping it’s their own gas you will be using to fill your tank. Otherwise, you’d run out of gas, get stranded waiting for AAA to come and put your free three gallons of gas in, you provided you have AAA. Come to think about it, that is three gallons of free gas. I think I’ll call AAA and pretend I ran out of gas.

If you don’t have AAA, you better pray that a good samaritan comes to help you out.

Then again, as long as you have your cell phone to call a cop they are your servant provided to you by the United States Government and it is their job to serve and protect the public.

If you happen to be driving one of those big yellow banana boat cars that should never be allowed to roam the road, let alone be stranded on the side of the road looking like an eyesore, please flag down a cop for America’s sake and the sake of your future child who will be hoping that you do not leave him that car as an inheritance.

Last but not least of the reasons for price gouging is the fact that as this war continues to hit oil fields in the Middle East, International trade will continue to be a major problem as oil is lost. This concern is why some have said we should be using our own oil instead of foreign oil. Our government, of course, will still use foreign oil as a commodity because it gives the Middle East a product to use in the barter system.

As for now, we will all have to deal with the high gas and oil prices, unless some of you are willing to pull an insurance and take on some of these American gas and oil companies concerning their pricing policy.

Eventually prices will fall. The market will always be competitive and if a business thinks they can beat the other company’s prices, they’ll be the first.

By C. Sanders

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Letter to the Editor:
Professional fraternity is guilty of hazing

So many times it has been publicized that hazing occurs among social organizations (i.e., fraternities and sororities). For years these organizations in particular have been under close scrutiny nationwide.

Being a member of a social sorority on campus myself, I am familiar with Pacific’s strict no hazing policy which states: The University regulation on hazing is synonymous with the law, namely that no individual subject to the jurisdiction of the University shall perform an act that is likely to cause physical, psychological, or social harm to any other person within the University community. In addition, if this policy is broken by an organization, they are subject to judicial review and could have their group’s charter revoked.

Due to the consequences of not following this policy, I know that most social organizations on campus try to follow it closely. I’m not saying that all social Greek groups on campus are perfect when it comes to not hazing; my intent is to draw your attention to a problem that is very apparent and occurring in a professional organization on campus.

This week I was dismayed when going to class and seeing some fellow students looking quite different from their peers. There were six of them in my biology class; all were wearing white lab coats and red ties, carrying a large bone in one hand. It turns out that all of these people are new members (pledges) of the professional pharmacy fraternity Phi Delta Chi. I would also like to mention that there were active members of this fraternity in my class, but they were not wearing lab coats and ties, but shirts with their letters across the chest, nothing out of the ordinary.

By wearing this attire around campus, these new members are singled out from the rest of their fraternity members, they are subject to embarrassment and subordination, and are ultimately distracted from their learning experiences. These people may say that they are in agreement with this treatment, but it is still hazing nonetheless.

Being subject to this sort of treatment supposed to teach new members a sense of unity to the rest of the members?

To me, respect and a sense of belonging to an organization comes from learning and sharing the group’s values and experiencing cherished rituals that all of the members are a part of. Furthermore, fraternities and sororities, no matter if they are social or professional, are supposed to be about developing stronger character and fostering personal growth among their members through friendship, support, and respect, not through alienation, intimidation and ridicule.

It is organizations like Phi Delta Chi that reflect negatively on all of the Greek communities. Displaying this kind of behavior is a turn off to all potential new members and gives Greeks everywhere a bad name.

I don’t get why people continue to join this fraternity. Is being publicly humiliated really worth joining Phi Delta Chi? That is the decision that many pre-pharmacy majors will have to make until this problem comes to an end.

— C. Sanders
**Letter to the Editor:**

"I have been attacked..."

My dear Alias,

I recognized your attempt at sarcasm early on, however, it needs much work. To my gay buddy, little do you know, but I've won. My rude and insensitive comments have enraged you enough to not solidify your argument as to how much of an ass I am. As to the political correctness and apathy of the University, we obviously have our own opinions. Perhaps I went about getting my opinion across in the wrong manner. Maybe what I should have said is that we all face prejudice. Black or white, gay or straight, Muslims and Jews, Arabs and Americans...everyone gets it one way or another. When you are called a "fag" or my friends are called "wetbacks" or "camel jockeys" it is wrong. When I am called a "cracker," that is wrong too.

My head is not in a hole, and my eyes are very much open. Maybe you consider yourself the same. The difference in our thinking is that I am not afraid to break the two-sided line of public opinion. I'm guessing that you are pretty much on the "pro-homosexual" side of things. Yes, I know that sounds much on the "pro-homo" side of things. Yes, I know that sounds much on the "pro-homo" side of things.

I am not gay, nor am I a scapegoat because you try and its freedoms as you badmouth is not realized that the very thing you badly wish to happen is a gay person or white person, or whoever. The simple truth is that you need to realize that you are not special. You are just another fly buzzing around the shit-pile.

You claim that gay people are being held prisoner in the "land of the free," Without hopping on Bush's fun-loving war bandwagon, that is probably one of the stupidest, un-American things I have seen in a long while. I don't consider myself an expert as you like to think, but if the United States wasn't a free country, you could not be gay. Idiots like you will be the death of this country. You do not realize that the very thing you badmouth is what gives you so much freedom and choice in your lifestyle. Although Vermont is the only state that will recognize a same sex marriage, here's a list of states that have recently blocked Anti-Gay Marriage Bills: Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Open your eyes. Stop using our wonderful country and its freedoms as a scapegoat because you are uncomfortable about being gay.

—Ed Hassle

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European friends since then, although Europeans stood truly united behind the United States after the Sept. 11th attacks.

Also, many do not see any urgent necessity for war, especially since Iraq is not the only country with weapons of mass destruction. So they come up with their own reasons for the American attack: "Oil" (after all, Americans need to feed their gas-guzzling SUVs), "Bush wants to make his daddy happy" and "he wants to cover up the fact that he didn't catch Bin Laden."

Whether or not this is true, it shapes public opinion in Europe. What adds to the troubles is that nobody likes it when their opinion is completely ignored, especially when they are convinced that their attitude is right, because their opinion is representing peace.

Quite a few of my American friends have asked me whether they would be met with hatred if they went to Europe. I don't think so. Europeans are quite capable of distinguishing between the Bush government and the American people.

Nevertheless, it would be good if America cared a little more; this way they might be able to correct misunderstandings and make encounters with people who were not born in this country an even nicer experience.

It is especially on the level of foreign policies that I feel that the U.S. should be seriously concerned about the new wave of anti-Americanism. After all, a successful cooperation between America, Europe and the U.N. will always achieve more than a single country acting on its own.

It may be the case that transatlantic relations improve after the war, when Iraq is liberated from a cruel dictator. However, the underlying cause for hostile feelings, and the notion of American imperialism will not vanish.

Finally, if Europeans, who have more in common with America than the rest of the world, see the United States as a nation greedily striving for power, you should not doubt that other countries feel the same way.

**Photo of the Week**

Protesting for a different cause...

A protest was held at MIT against the abuse of robots using slogans such as "save our circuits." MIT has a history of students organizing pranks that often catch national attention.
CELEBRITIES SPEAK OUT
Here’s what America’s stars have to say about the war and the government

Jeanine Carofolo
“I won’t stick my head in the sand and have history roll right over me. I refuse to allow my government and the mainstream media to bully me into accepting a war that is immoral and illegal. If it means people make fun of me or think I’m a jerk, or I lose a job here and there, that means nothing to me.”

Kid Rock
“...Why is everybody trying to stop the war? George Bush ain’t been saying, ‘You all, make s****y records.’ Politicians and music don’t mix. It’s like whisky and wine. [Musicians] ought to stay out of it.”

Gwyneth Paltrow
“It’s pretty amazing how high the anti-American sentiment is in a lot of ways throughout Europe. I think people around the world seem pretty disappointed with the way that it’s being handled...I love America and I completely stand behind America, but at the same time I am a free-thinking person and I question motives, too, and I question this war and the motives behind it.”

Charlie Daniels
(speaking about the protestors of the war in Iraq) “Why you bunch of pitiful, hypocritical, idiotic, spoiled mugwumps. Get your head out of the sand and smell the Trade Towers burning.”

By Alexandra Wagner
Perspectives Editor

A deadly outbreak

After the September 11th attacks and now as the war in Iraq drags on, there has been an outbreak of the Super Patriot disease. This disease has infected the minds of many Americans and has infused its way into the music and movie industries. The affects of this disease have the ability to completely warp ones perception of what it means to “act American.”

To infected individuals, “acting American,” means that one does not criticize the country and stands behind the President at all costs. This skewed notion explains why hundreds of people gathered in Louisiana last month to watch a 33,000 pound tractor roll over a pile of Dixie Chicks records and paraphernalia. It also explains why many people at the Academy Awards booed Michael Moore last week.

Michael Moore and lead singer for the Dixie Chicks, Natalie Maines, became targets for hate mail and were labeled as “unpatriotic” because they dared to express an opinion against the government. According to the Super Patriots, in a time of war, the First Amendment only applies to those who support President Bush and his decision to engage in a pre-emptive attack on Iraq.

By examining our nation’s history, it seems rather ironic and just downright ignorant to label the protestors of the war as “un-American.” As a country defined throughout the rest of the world for the degree of civil liberty and personal freedom exercised by its citizens, what could be more American than speaking out against the country’s leadership? The United States is a democratic republic; questioning government policy is our duty as citizens.

The Clear Channel Communications Network in San Antonio has banned the Dixie Chicks’ music from being played on any of their 1,200 radio stations, yet they continue to play country music songs such as, “Don’t you remember,” which is full of political rhetoric in support of the war. This kind of censorship is not democratic nor is it American.

The ultimate patriot is someone who holds his or her country to a higher standard and will do what is necessary to see it reach that standard. Neither Natalie Maines nor Michael Moore’s criticisms of President Bush were inappropriate; when the world is in trouble, it is always appropriate to speak out.

To everyone suffering from the Super Patriot disease, remember what Teddy Roosevelt said during World War I: “To announce that there is to be no criticism of the president, or that we are to stand by the president, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public.”
A View From the Top Soars

Gwyneth Paltrow and Christina Applegate fly high

By Brittany LaMoy
Guest Writer

In Gwyneth Paltrow's new movie A View From the Top, she plays Donna, a super-enthusiastic flight attendant. The movie also stars Mike Myers, Candice Bergin and Christina Applegate.

Although it is your normal romantic-comedy, guy meets girls, girl and guy get in flight, in the end they live happily ever after. A View from the Top has a different twist.

The movie begins with Donna, looking for something more fulfilling in life. Along the way she finds her life's quest as a flight attendant, so she signs up to work for Sierra Airlines.

Donna enjoys life there as a flight attendant because it is fun and entertaining. While working for Sierra, Donna meets one of her soon-to-be best friends, Christine, played by Christina Applegate. She also meets the love of her life, Ted.

The two girls decide they need something more from their flight attendant careers, and they apply to attend Royalty Airlines flight attendant school.

At Royalty, they enjoy learning how to be "perfect" attendants by their instructor, Mike Myers.

Push comes to shove, and both of the girls get jobs with Royalty. Of course, something in the movie goes wrong with both the flight attendant jobs and the romance between Donna and Ted.

Throughout the whole movie Donna becomes friends with Candice Bergin's character, and in the end, it is her that helps everything end smoothly.

I especially enjoyed watching the different outfits that Donna and the other flight attendants wore. In every scene Paltrow had a different outfit.

I would definitely recommend this movie. It is a romantic comedy, and I give it one and a half thumbs up, a solid "B."
Summer is approaching, as weather gets warmer and daylight gets longer, the peak season for tanning salon businesses is here. Many people flock to tanning salons to get tan before they go on their vacation or to maintain their tan afterwards.

The most common tanning bed used in salons is one of the laying down variety. The tanner lays down in the booth and lies still for 10-20 minutes, depending on the power of the bed.

Tanning beds may also have standing booths that open from the front, like a small changing room. This variety of "fake baking" is a no contact method and is usually a 10-minute session.

There are also beds available that you can purchase for your home. These beds are usually less powerful, so the sessions can be 20-30 minutes instead of just 10. These tanning beds can also have canopies (just the top half of the bed) that you can position over your like a huge lamp.

Many people are concerned about the health risks related to tanning beds. It is true that using a tanning bed can cause melanoma (one of the deadliest forms of skin cancers), and it can also cause premature wrinkles and immune system disorders. However, doctors have recently discovered that people who do not get enough sun (those stuck in offices or class all day) can suffer from a disorder known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). The symptoms are headaches, sleeping problems, crying spells, lethargy, fatigue, weight gain and depression. The tanning bed is a quick and easy way to get needed UV rays to stay healthy. Some dermatologists even send some of their patients to tanning salons to help with their psoriasis or eczema.

For those of you that would prefer to not have UV rays shot directly at you, there are a wide variety of sunless methods of tanning. The most common is sunless tanning lotion. This method of obtaining darker skin is cheaper and will also save you some time. There are many expensive tanning creams available. Some may cost up to $80 a bottle; however, your local drug store has cheaper products that work just as well.

The three top brands are Ban de Soleil, Banana Boat and Coppertone. These products are easy to use and will provide the same great tan as those $80 bottles.

Whichever product you do choose, it is best to stay away from any tanner that has a combination of alcohol and alpha hydroxy. These ingredients will cause your skin to turn red and peel.

If people are scared of their tanning cream streaking or the color not being right for their skin, then go to www.sunless.com where you can find all the tanning lotion application tips you need. They also have a list of the best products to use, which are available to buy on-line.

Tanning lotions are a quick and easy alternative.

Career Faire

All Students and Pacific Alumni invited to attend. Bring several copies of your resume. Business casual attire recommended.
Phone Booth

Colin Farrell plays Stu Shepard, a slick, arrogant New York City publicist who is cheating on his wife (Radha Mitchell) with Kelly (Katie Holmes). Stu’s life is thrown into chaos when he picks up a ringing phone in an empty booth. The person on the other end of the line knows all about his life and threatens to kill Stu if he hangs up the phone.

A Man Apart

Vin Diesel plays DEA agent Sean Vetter, who sets out for revenge after a botched hit results in the death of his wife. While on the hunt, he finds that near the U.S. border with Mexico, a new drug cartel has taken hold. Aiming to take on its leader, who he suspects is the man behind his wife’s death, Vetter partners with another agent (Larenz Tate).

What a girl wants

Amanda Bynes plays a 19-year-old New York City teen who travels to London to find the father she has never known (Colin Firth), discovering that he has an upper class socialite. Of course, her crass American-ness causes copies comic fish-out-of-water situations.

To be released on DVD/VHS

Maid in Manhattan

In this modern-day spin on Cinderella, Jennifer Lopez plays Marisa Ventura, a single mother in New York City who works as a maid at a four-star Manhattan hotel. When she meets Christopher Marshall (Ralph Fiennes), a Kennedy-like heir to a political dynasty and a senatorial hopeful, he mistakes her for a guest at the ritzy establishment. They go on a date, but when Marisa’s true identity is revealed, it seems as though they are two worlds apart.
Yasmine on cocaine

By Lindsay Santos
Staff Writer

Former Baywatch babe Yasmine Bleeth has been in the headlines over the past two years for her drug problem and she is finally coming clean. In Nov. 2001, Bleeth pleaded guilty to possession of less than 25 grams of cocaine and was sentenced to two years probation, 100 hours of community service and submission to regular drug testing. “I never expected to get into drugs,” said Bleeth, 34, admitting to getting into drugs.

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The problem with Rick, though, in the beginning of the movie, is he thinks that he does not need anyone and only cares for himself as when he declares, “I stick my head out for nobody.” However, he has not always felt this way.

The only reason he acts so selfish is because of a love he once had in Paris who leaves Rick when he has to leave Paris because of the war. It turns out that his love, Ilsa (Ingrid Bergman), is married to Laszlo. She does not go with him because she is still married to Laszlo and wants to be with him when he is liberated from the concentration camp.

When Rick finds out that Ilsa is Laszlo’s wife, it brings back painful memories for him and he is willing to help his former love and her husband. Out of desperation for her husband’s life, Ilsa confronts Rick and begs him to help them.

She explains to Rick why she had to leave him in Paris and declares that she still loves him and she would be willing to stay behind with Rick while her husband is alive and free in America. Rick, who could have very well decided to do this, realizes that it would be wrong for her to stay behind. Ilsa’s confrontation with Rick reawakens a zeal in him that similar to Laszlo, enables him to fight for freedom.

Against the German officers’ wishes, he helps Ilsa and her husband board a plane to Lisbon. Ilsa, though, is reluctant to go, but Rick tells her that she needs to be with her husband. Even though it is painful for Rick to grasp, it would be selfish for him to keep her in Casablanca. He knows that her life would be better in America with her husband, allowing her to live in freedom and not in fear for her own life.

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Casablanca a romantic pick-me-up

By Paolo Krueger
Staff Writer

In 1943, when World War II was still a central part of people’s lives across the globe, Hollywood produced a movie that would try to divert that centrality. Winning Oscars for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Screenplay, Casablanca illustrated how the breakout of war can affect the development of human relationships.

The movie opens up by introducing the viewers to Rick (Humphrey Bogart), the owner of a nightclub in Casablanca. This club, though, is not a normal nightclub. In a sense, the nightclub has its own war. A great amount of Rick’s customers converse secretly to find ways to escape to Lisbon where they will be transported to the United States, which will allow them to live a free life. On the other side of that, German soldiers visit the nightclub. Their main concern is in regards to a man named Victor Laszlo (Paul Henreid). They are aware that he is going to ask for an exit visa to Lisbon. However, these German officers do not want Laszlo to go because he has fueled the Nazi Resistance movement, which causes him to spend time in a German concentration camp.

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Pacific Spring Festival

Sunday, April 6

Contributed by Dave Belman
Event Coordinator, ASUOP

Cultural, diverse and eclectic, the annual Pacific Spring Festival will be held on the University of the Pacific’s campus, April 6, 2003 at noon.

The event is free and will feature cultural performances, international foods, games, prizes and fun for everyone. This event will also feature live music performances by Pacific’s own Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet and Bay Area group The People.

Pacific Spring Festival will mark the climax of student events for the spring 2003 semester at Pacific, and this year is being held to coincide with Pacific’s Profile Day. This day will cultural performances, barbecue, and a wealth of booths hosted by campus and student organizations. In addition, the stage will host the finals of the University Idol competition.

The Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet is made up of five gifted, young musicians who have been awarded fellowships to participate in an intensive performance-based jazz studies program at Pacific’s Brubeck Institute, where they learn from famed bassist Christian McBride and other jazz masters.

The People, during the last two years, have become one of the most popular live-music bands in the San Francisco Bay Area, playing in more than 200 shows during that time.

They have performed at numerous major venues from San Francisco to Los Angeles, including the Great American Music Hall, Slims and the Knitting Factory.

Their popularity and showmanship have found them sharing a bill with other major artists such as Coolio, Long Beach Dub Allstars, and George Clinton & P-Funk. The People have created a buzz and loyal local following throughout the Bay Area. Their high-energy music is extremely contagious, and their performances always pack the house with smiles and happy feet.

For more information, please contact Noelle Adamek at the ASUOP office at (209) 946-2233. The Associated Students of the University of the Pacific (ASUOP), Celebrate Diversity Committee, KPAC, The Pacifican, Office of Student Activities, and a Division of Student Life sponsor this event.

ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL AT PACIFIC
DATE: Sunday, April 6, 2003
TIME: Noon - 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: McCaffrey Lawn on the Pacific campus
ADMISSION: Free
By Kristin Stern  
Guest Writer  

Blood and Gold, written by the accomplished author Anne Rice is an outstanding novel in the series of her Vampire Chronicles. This is her twenty third of twenty four novels. The motion pictures, Queen of the Damned, and Interview with the Vampire were also based on Rice's novels.  

It is amazing how Rice connects the lives of all her characters. Many historical events are included as well. These facts draw your interest and keep you absorbed in her novels. Wars, famous artwork and artists, and fine musicians are intertwined in her stories.  

Blood and Gold is gripping, guiding you through centuries with the enchanting Marius, one of the oldest blood drinkers in history. Fly with him all over Italy and Russia. Fight the Satan worshipers and help him find his lost love, Pandora. His loyalty to “those who must be kept” who keep him bound to lonely misery, make him a being in need of a listening ear. He tells of his love of art, his interest in Greek Gods, his relationship with other vampires and his effort to raise mortal orphans to succeed.  

Rice makes the idea of vampires not so horrifying and maybe somewhat appealing. If marvelous banquets, lust and adventure interest you, Blood and Gold would be perfect to pick up at the bookstore.  

Blood and Gold is “One of the strongest and most involving in the entire series.” - Times-Picayune (New Orleans, LA).  

By Jackie Williams  
Guest Writer  

Death. Starvation. Seclusion. Jail. What do you think life would be like if you were suddenly taken from your home and everything you know to be locked up in a jail in the middle of a desert? What if all you were given to eat is moldy bread that the rats continuously fought over? If day in and day out you were beaten to the point where your teeth began flying out of your mouth with every blow. What would it be like to hear your mother and younger brothers and sisters screaming in pain as they are also beaten?  

How could you go on living in conditions like these? What would encourage you to keep living although day after and day you know you have to endure this suffering? This is a true story that happened to a young girl by the name of Malika Oufkir and her family. The book is called Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail by Malika Oufkir and Michele Fitoussi. The story takes place in Morocco during the 1970’s. Malika and her five other siblings (two younger brothers, two younger sisters and one older brother) grew up with the privileges and honor of being General Oufkirs children. General Oufkir was the King of Morocco’s closest aide. The King actually adopted Malika when she was five and she grew up as a companion to his daughter. Everyday she enjoyed the perks of this companionship. Malika was one of the most eligible heiresses in the kingdom; she was always surrounded by luxury and extraordinary privileges. It was the perfect life.  

Then, her father was arrested and executed for trying to assassinate the King. Malika, her mother, brothers and sisters were taken to a jail in the desert where they spent fifteen years. They were then moved, and spent ten years in solitary confinement. They did manage to escape. But, in order to find out what happened to them after they escaped you need to go get the book and read it.  

This is an excellent book and I definitely give it two thumbs up. When you finish reading it you will be shocked that this story actually took place. Definitely go out and get this book!
By Pacific Media Relations

Baseball
Senior Josh Snook was named Big West Offensive Player of the Week on Monday, March 31.

Senior All-American Matt Hansen won the individual title, shooting a final round 68 to finish eight under par (208) and win the title by six strokes. It is the first outright title in Hansen's career, although he tied for the Big West title last season before falling in a playoff.

Team Scores
1. Pacific

Women's Tennis
The Pacific women's tennis team suffered a 5-2 Big West Conference defeat at No. 69 Long Beach State on Sunday, March 30 and lost 7-6 at MPSF conference games. Snook finished the game with two RBI's and two runs scored.

The week in review

Senior setter Chris Tamas was named AVCA/Sports Imports National Player of the Week on Monday, March 31. Tamas recorded 37 assists, four digs and two block assists in a sweep versus USC.

Behind Pepperdine, Tamas recorded 55 assists and helped four Tigers record double-digit kills and a team .405 hitting percentage. He also added four block assists and two digs in the victory. Tamas recorded 37 assists, four digs and two block assists in a sweep over the Trojans on the week. Pacific's current hitting percentage of .359.

Women's Volleyball
The Pacific women's volleyball team defeated a team comprising of past Tiger greats 30-19, 30-24, 30-25, 30-27 in the program's annual alumnae match on Saturday, March 29. Tamas led the sixth-ranked Tigers to an upset sweep of top-ranked Pepperdine and a sweep versus USC.

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Men's Volleyball at Long Beach—7:30 p.m.

Men's Volleyball at UC San Diego—7 p.m.
Baseball at CS Fullerton—7 p.m.

Saturday, April 5
Baseball at CS Fullerton—6 p.m.

Sunday, April 6
Women's Tennis at Nevada—11 a.m.
Baseball at CS Fullerton—1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8
Men's Tennis at Santa Clara—2 p.m.
Baseball steals a game from Sac State

Adam Ringer

The Tigers dropped two out of three games to Norcal for Sacramento State over the weekend. The Tigers dropped to 19-12 while Sac State improved to 16-14. The weekend series was the first non-conference games before league play starts on April 4.

In Friday’s game, the Tigers fell behind early but gained momentum in the bottom of the first. Junior Matt Peña led things off with a walk and later stole second. Senior Josh Snook hit for the Tigers on the board with a double to center. Junior Aaron Harper then struck a base hit scoring Snook from second to make the score 3-2.

After a walk to junior Cory Lake, sophomore Jesse Kovacs hit a seed to second base that was not handled properly, allowing Harper to score and tie the game at three a piece.

The scoring continued in the fourth inning as junior Octavio Amezquita singled with two outs. Bishop then belted a double scoring Amezquita to take the lead, 4-3. The Tigers added one more in the fifth, as freshman Chase Headley legged out a triple and then scored on a single from Harper.

“We’ve played in close games all year so this is nothing new to us. We knew we could get the job done,” said Amezquita.

Junior Matt Peña found his groove and pitched seven innings allowing 7 hits and striking out 5. Senior Joel Lozano and junior closer Andy Willick each pitched a scoreless inning and each recorded a strike out to preserve the victory.

On Saturday, the Tigers, despite collecting 12 hits, came up short and were defeated 7-5 in Sacramento. The Tigers struck quick in the first when Snook hit a blinding double to center field. Headley then gave the Tigers an early lead with a single scoring Snook.

In the fourth with the score 3-1, senior Cory Lake smoked a double with one out. Junior Eric Elliot then scored Lake by hitting a one hopper off the right center fence for a double. The score became tied in the fifth when Bishop came home on a walk.

The Tigers put two more runs on the board in the seventh when Snook big leagued one over the scoreboard for his third home run of the season. “It felt pretty good when I hit it. I am pretty sure I got all of it,” said Snook.

The Tigers could not hold on to the 5-3 lead as they allowed four runs in the seventh and went on to lose, 7-5.

In the final game of the series on Sunday, Sac State pitcher Steve Cuckovich blanked the Tigers as he threw a complete game and only allowed 5 hits. Headley was 2-4 in the game and Bishop, Kovacs and senior Adam Alverson each had a hit for the Tigers.

The Tigers will next be in action April 4-6 as they travel down to play Big West rival Cal State Fullerton.

Softball plays in Big West conference opener

Krystine Ongbongan

The Tigers were swinging for the fences this weekend, they played in their Big West conference opener at Cal Poly. The last time the Tigers met Cal Poly, they swept them in the series, Pacific was not so lucky this time around.

Cal Poly and the Tigers met on Saturday for a double-header. Pacific might have needed that extra day off the bus to get into the groove of things. The first game ended with the Tigers only managing to get three hits, while Cal Poly scored three runs. The pitching for this game was spread out between Natalie King, Kristen Allen, and Cathie Hacker.

The Tigers woke up a bit for their second meeting. Brandy Thurman hit a single that would score the first run for the Tigers. In the second inning, Aloha Yamaguchi brought in Michelle Anunciation to score, to then put the game 2-0 Tigers. That effort did not sway Cal Poly, in the bottom of the second Cal Poly struck twice to tie up the game 2-2. The game remained close, but the Tigers could not pull through as Cal Poly scored the winning run in the third inning.

It was beautiful in Stockton on Sunday, so the weather was probably equally nice in San Luis Obispo, as that might have been the extra push our Tigers needed as they took the last game of the series. The Tigers struck first in the second inning with runs from Michelle Anunciation and Crystal Presson, giving the Tigers an early lead at 2-0. Cal Poly was not about to let the Tigers run away with it, they singled in the bottom of the inning to put the score to 2-1. The competition remained fierce as both teams were scoreless for the next three innings. Pacific pulled further ahead in the sixth with an RBI single from Aloha Yamaguchi, and then sealed the deal with a run in the seventh.

The Tigers are now 22-13 overall and 1-2 in conference play. If you are looking for something to do this weekend, the Tigers have a double-header, here at home, against UC Santa Barbara at noon.
Water polo encounters disappointment

By Krystine Ongbongan
Staff Writer

With only half a month left until the MPSF Conference Tournament, the women's water polo team really needs to pick things up. They had another tough weekend playing two home games against San Jose State and Stanford.

In the Friday game against San Jose State, Pacific was overwhelmed by an onslaught of goals from the Spartans. The Spartans started the game with a 3-1 lead after the first quarter and then went on to score two more in the second quarter, extending their lead to 5-1. Pacific rallied in the third quarter as Jessica Schroeder scored three goals and Kristin Cockerill scored one, but that effort was not carried through to the fourth quarter. The Spartans took the game at a final score of 12-5.

It was Sunday, bloody Sunday, for the Tigers as they met No. 2 Stanford. In the first two minutes of the game it looked as if Pacific might be able to pull an upset, with the two teams both scoring goals, but then I spoke too soon. Stanford went on to outscore the Tigers in that quarter 5-2. Although they had a three-goal deficit, the Tigers did not let that stop them, they held Stanford to one goal in the second quarter, while scoring one themselves. But, we have to remember that Stanford is the second ranked team in the nation, so the outcome was to be expected, Stanford came together for the last two quarters and scored a combined eleven goals in the last half of the game. The final score was 17-6 Stanford.

Senior Julie Ross recorded eight saves against the offensive firepower of the Stanford Cardinals.

Correction

In the March 20, 2001 issue of The Pacifican, the article titled "SF 49ers: Will they stay or will they go?" used information from an article in The Record written by Roy Gilbert. The Pacifican would like to apologize for not citing that source and would like to give credit where credit is due. Also, the author of this article used reference to a personal opinion regarding the cause of remodeling the Baun Fitness Center. The Pacifican feels matters regarding opinion should be reserved for the Pacific Perspectives section.
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1. Nicholas Beats Buzzer; Maryland Escapes UNC-Wilmington
   Maryland 75, UNC-Wilmington 73 - First round, March 21
   With NC-Wilmington bidding for a first-round upset at the second straight year, Aaron Combs, a 40 percent free-throw shooter, hit two with five seconds left to give the Seahawks a one-point lead over defending champion Maryland. Drew Nicholas took the inbounds pass, dribbled past two defenders, twisted back off one foot and let fly with a fallaway 3-pointer as the buzzer sounded ... nothing but net.

2. Collison Drops 33 on Duke
   Kansas 69, Duke 65 - West semifinal, March 27
   Our second write-in to track the Top 10. Although not really a singular "moment" (he did play all 40 minutes), Nick Collison's 33 points and 19 rebounds to knock Duke out of the tournament can't be denied. It was the kind of performance that championship teams look back on as the inspiration for their continued success. Will that be the case for the Jayhawks?

3. Skinner's Putback Forces OT vs. Arizona
   Arizona 96, Gonzaga 95 - Second round, March 22
   We know: Arizona won the game, hands down the best of the tournament so far. But it was Tony Skinner's putback at the buzzer following a missed 3-pointer that sent the game to the first of two OTs and had everyone on the ESPN campus glued to the nearest TV. The No. 1 seed Wildcats held on, but the Zags' late bucket kept the ultimate upset dream alive and gave us 10 extra minutes of prime tournament action.

4. Owens From the Corner
   Wisconsin 61, Tulsa 60 - Second round, March 22
   Thirteen-seed Tulsa schooled Wisconsin for the first 36 minutes. Down 13 with four minutes to play, something clicked for the Badgers, who went on a 16-2 run that culminated in Devin Harris finding Freddie Owens wide open in the left corner. Owens netted the 3 with one second left for the amazing comeback win.

5. Dwyane Wade: 29-11-11
   Marquette 83, Kentucky 69 - Midwest final, March 29
   Wade notched his first career triple-double (29 pts, 11 reb., 11 asst.) against No. 1 seed Kentucky on Saturday afternoon in the Alamodome. He returned it with authority. His massive, two-handed dunk could be felt in every corner of the Alamodome. He returned with 4.7 seconds left to score a tough, leaning bankshot to send Michigan State to the Elite 8.

6. Davis "Slams" The Door on Maryland
   Michigan State 60, Maryland 58 - South semifinal, March 28
   Spartan freshman Paul Davis didn't just tie the game with 50.6 seconds left; he tied it with authority. His massive, two-handed dunk could be felt in every corner of the Alamodome. He returned with 4.7 seconds left to score on a tough, leaning bankshot to send Michigan State to the Elite 8.

7. Texas "Sticks It" to Connecticut
   Texas 82, UConn 78 - South semifinal, March 28
   This one had all the makings of a classic last-second nail-biter. UConn was down two with 35 seconds left when Taliek Brown drove hard to the basket and dished off to Marcus White for the lay up to tie the game. Texas forward Brian Boddicker swooped in from behind and tipped the ball, causing White to wedge it in a tight between the rim and the backboard. As the ball hung there motionless, the possession arrow went to Texas and so did all the momentum.
Volleyball sweeps No. 1 team in the nation

By Tanya Silva
Staff Writer

Pacific’s men’s volleyball coach is at it again. Last Friday, head coach Joe Wortmann began tearing up the dance floor as our Tigers defeated No. 1 Pepperdine. With a combination of solid service receives, passing, blocking and kills the Tigers finished the match in a three game sweep (30-28, 30-28, 30-27). “We knew what we had to do, and we did it,” said Pacific senior setter Chris Tamas. “We served well, we passed well, we hit well and we blocked well.”

The Tiger’s trailed 28-24 in the second game before taking a 6-point lead to take the win. This was played in part by senior Aaron Wauchfeogel who contributed 2 kills. Senior Chris Tamas and sophomore Nils Dauburs added 2 combined blocks to take the lead, Cruise control: Senior Martin Berntsen had 9 kills for the Tigers in an easy victory over the USC Trojans.

Junior Sean Rodgers recorded a team-high 15 kills as the Tigers knocked off Pepperdine, the top ranked team in the nation.

Too hot: Tennis wins back-to-back matches

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Anthony Bandy
Sports Editor

While the weather has warmed up, so has the men’s tennis team, as they capped off a stretch of impressive performances throughout the month of March.

Continuing their winning ways, the tennis team earned a 5-2 non-conference victory over Saint Mary’s on Saturday. Throughout the season, the Tigers have dominated the doubles matches and Saturday was certainly not an exception. Pacific captured three out of three doubles matches to claim the team doubles point.

After cruising through the doubles portion of the competition, the Tigers claimed straight-sets victories at the No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 6 singles positions.

Junior Michael Duong earned his team-high 20th overall victory this season with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Romain Lachen at No. 3 singles. Duong is now an impressive 20-9 on the year. He has been unstoppable all season long.

On Sunday, San Francisco made a strong showing especially in the doubles portion, but our Tigers were too powerful. The tennis team earned another 5-2 non-conference victory at San Francisco. The victory moves Pacific to a noteworthy 13-5 record on the season.

San Francisco controlled the doubles point, giving the Tigers a sizable lead to make up. To capture the victory, the Tigers rallied from a one-set deficit to win in three sets. After winning back-to-back matches, the tennis team is riding high on a wave of momentum. The Tigers hope to carry their success into an upcoming Big West Conference battle against UC Santa Barbara.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Name: Chris Tamas
Year: Senior
Sport: Volleyball

Tamas recorded a combined 97 assists over Pepperdine and USC and was named the AVCA Sports Imports National Player of the Week.