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Investing in Excellence, a new campaign

By Elizabeth Vigil
Editor-in-Chief

Pacific’s Mission Statement states: “University of the Pacific’s mission is to provide a superior, student centered learning experience integrating liberal arts and professional education and preparing individuals for lasting achievement and responsible leadership in their careers and communities.”

On April 4, Pacific unveiled its latest fundraising campaign that will allow the campus to continue fulfilling this mission. The campaign, entitled “Investing in Excellence: The Campaign for Pacific,” has set a fundraising goal of $200 million dollars; $103 million dollars have already been raised.

The comprehensive campaign looks to raise funds for different projects at Pacific. Some of those projects include the construction of a new Biology Center, an new University Center, renovation and expansion of the library.

The campaign has the full backing of the Board of Regents with a 100 percent vote in favor. President Donald DeRosa praises the success of the campaign has had so far, he said, “The endowment has done very well in these difficult times.”

One of the goals of the campaign is to create more scholarship opportunities for Pacific students. With tuition steadily rising every year, the scholarship program would help ease the financial burden for students interested in coming to Pacific. Pacific has already received over 4,000 freshman applications that will be evaluated and will fill the roughly 700 spots open.

The Investing in Excellence campaign sets different goals for different schools. Here is the breakdown, in millions, by school or program: College of the Pacific, $32.0; School of International Studies, $5.0; Conservatory of Music, $9.0; Eberhardt School of Business, $10.0; School of Engineering and Computer Science, $13.0; Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, $20.0; Benerd School of Education, $8.0; School of Dentistry, $10.0; McGeorge School of Law, $10.0; Athletics, $10.0; University Center, $23.0; Alumni Center, $1.5; University Library, $2.0; Mentor Programs, $3.0; Experiential Learning and Student Life Initiatives, $3.5; Annual giving, $10.0.

This fundraising campaign will invest millions of dollars to improve the facilities and operations of the Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco campuses. The funds raised will benefit students and help them gain a better education as they head out into their respective field. President DeRosa says, “We are investing in excellence so that tomorrow we would have done our part in creating a better world.”

UOP Hawaii club to put on 12th Annual Luau

By Georgette Rodarakis
News Editor

Pacific's Hawaii Club has its 12th Annual Luau scheduled for this Saturday, April 12. The event promises to be a pleasurable experience that will feature traditional Polynesian food, music, dancers and merchandise.

Planning efforts for the luau have been underway since the beginning of the school year. The club has 50 active members who have been working hard to make this event a continued hit at Pacific.

Luau co-chair, Henry Pham, said, “We hope that this year’s luau continues the success it has had in the past.”

Last year’s luau drew over 800 attendees; this year seems to be on the same track with over 400 pre-sold tickets.

To raise funds for the event, the club has put on several fundraisers locally and even in Hawaii. Pham noted that several club members held car washes and worked side-by-side with a popular restaurant chain named Zippy's, located in Hawaii, to raise money for the luau.

The luau will begin at 5 p.m. in the Alex G. Spanos Center. There are plenty of activities planned for those who attend.

Attendees could browse in the country-store that will be selling authentic Hawaiian merchandise, including clothing, food and photography.

The luau will also be serving a traditional dinner that will include several exotic dishes like poi, chicken long rice and lomi-lomi salmon. The members of the Hawaii Club are preparing all the food.

The most anticipated event at the luau is the Variety Show that will be featuring several Polynesian dances including the hula, Tahitian and Samoan. The club has even booked and will be flying in the well-known Hawaiian group Pati.

Several members of the Hawaii club will be participating in the dance show including freshman, Radford Henriques. Henriques said, “I'm excited for the luau because it brings everyone
Support showed for PGSA

By Sarah Nakaji
Staff Writer

As many of you know, this week is Pride Week for the gay community. What many of you may not know is that it is also Celebrate Diversity Month. Pride Week is the gay community’s time to show their pride and educate others on LGBTQI (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Intersex) issues. Some students feel that Pride week is over the top; that we don’t need rainbows shoved in our faces.

The Pacific Gay-Straight Alliance replies by saying, people will not learn about the gay community if these issues are not presented to the student body. Pride Week is celebrated as a week of pride, education, and diversity. As a way of collecting support, the Pacific Gay-Straight Alliance (PGSA) circulated a petition for people to sign if they supported LGBTQI issues. The list collected around 200 names in just one week. The proud people in support of LGBTQI issues are:

Stacie Moniz
Jacquelyn Moniz
Dustin Herbaldshimer
Leah Welsch
Jessica Gaines
Kelli Jew
Cynthia Hennon
Heidi Okamoto
Jenny Treadwell
Megan C. Briggs
Lisa A. Tromovitch
Philip Chuck Schultz
Laurin Johnson
David Cayton
Harrison Inefuku
Megan Coombes
Amy Simon
Lourdes Libe
Daniel Kramer
Uyen Hang
Nancy Rosenlek
Brandie Louch
Marco Machuca
Stuart Kengel
Allison Nasser
Christine Vo
Colleen Smith
Shanna Torres
Shannon Gregorre
Lauren A. Gutierrez
Lacey Peterson
Nancy Rosenhake
Laurie Peterson
Ashley Rojas
Jeff Swartz
Stephanie Gentry
Casey Estevez
Lindsay Redmann
Deborah Graham
Jeanette Elisa Gomez
Melissa Selmanson
Grace Duncan
Andrew Lopez
Marty Shea
Tasha Huff
Cynthia Dobbs
Sandra Holt
Nina Rivas
Phuong Nguyen
Amber Luna
Cindy Paris
Reggi Maniera
Pamela F. Armor
Alyssa Andersen
Katie Jannicelli
Lisa Taylor
Anna Bashaw
Kara Kastell
Jennifer Kraut
Amber Fruhling
Cindy Fap
Amanda Walkup
Roy Adame
Rebecca Jimenez
Aising McEligott
Janeen Valente
Sarah Nakaji
Melissa Lew
Jenn Pauson
Jenny Gentry
Tracy Boling
Michelle Arrighi
Charles Raus
Savon Vy
Micheal Musni
Linda Haong
Rafael de Mello

Hey fools: This is a symbol of the Human Rights Campaign.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10—Double Feature of "Fire and Hedwig and the Angry Inch" @ 7 p.m. in the Summit

April 11—Gender Bender Ball in the Summit @ 9:30 p.m. Call Jennifer (Pacific Gay-Straight Alliance Club Officer) for more information at 933-7721 or e-mail at pgsa@hotmail.com

April 11—"Prides Crossing" in the De Marcus Brown Studio Theatre @ 8 p.m. and on April 13 @ 5 p.m.; Tickets are $15 general admission, $8 for students and seniors. Call 946-2UOP or visit the UOP Box Office for more information.

April 13—The City of Stockton presents "Jazz in Victory Park" from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Free admission.

Brubeck Festival Schedule:
April 10—Stockton Chorale, Edward Cetto, conductor; Atherton Auditorium, San Joaquin Delta College @ 8 p.m.; Tickets are $15-$35 (1/2 price for students and children); Available at Stockton Symphony (209) 957-0196

April 11—Dave Brubeck, piano in the Faye Spans Concert Hall @ 7:30 p.m.; Tickets $40, $30, $20 ($10 students and seniors); Available at the Pacific box office, (209) 946-2867.

April 12—Christian McBride Trio in the Pacific Conservatory Recital Hall @ 1 p.m.; Tickets $20 ($10 students and seniors); Available at the Pacific box office (209) 946-2867.

April 12—The New Brubeck Jazz Octet at the Atherton Auditorium, San Joaquin Delta College @ 6 p.m.; Tickets $15-$35 (half price for students and children); Available at the Stockton Symphony (209) 957-0196

April 13—The City of Stockton presents "Jazz in Victory Park" from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Free admission.

April 13—Friends of Chamber Music and the Haggin Museum present Turtle Island String Quartet at the Haggin Museum @ 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.; Tickets are $25 ($20 for students, FCM Members, and Haggin Museum members only); Available at (209) 948-2916

April 14—Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet & Special guest Yoshi's at Jack London Square, Oakland 8 p.m. & 10 p.m.; Tickets $10 available at Yoshi's box office, (510) 238-9200 or at the Pacific box office, (209) 946-2867.

Public Safety Report
March 31—April 6, 2003 prepared by Jerry L. Houston

Vandalism
Where
Foot Bridge
Lot #3 (athletics)
Jessie Ballantyne
Rotunda

When
April 1
April 1
April 1
April 4

What
Control arms broken
Tree damaged
Damage to a door
Windows broken

Burglary
Where
Lot #7 (behind frats)
Lot #5 (by WPC)

When
April 2
April 3

What
Stereo and CD's from vehicle
Loss unknown

Miscellaneous
Where
Southwest Hall
Southwest Hall
Manchester/Brookside
Lot #7 (behind frats)
Grace Covell Hall

When
April 1
April 1
April 2
April 6
April 6

What
Tampering with fire alarm
Joyride in golf cart
Warrant arrest- $20,000
DUI arrest
Student intoxication

Did you know during this period of time, Public Safety officers provided 62 hours of foot patrol, found 3 open doors, provided 9 escorts, assisted 6 stranded motorists and interviewed 15 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 from a campus phone. You may also call anonymously to report any suspicious circumstance or person.
By Angelo Richards
Staff Writer

In China, a deadly STD has teamed up with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, affecting thousands. SARS is a pneumonia that is known for teaming up with other viruses, and in China it has decided that Chlamydia will be its partner. The breakout started in the Guangdong region where there has been a history of unusual virus breakouts that have been traced back to animals. This connection was first found last February when doctors found Chlamydia in the lungs of SARS patients. The SARS virus has spread to a total of four continents reports say.

The Democratic Republic of Congo has finally made a peace deal, after 4 years of war. The goal of the deal is to end a war that has killed millions of people and to organize a democratic election which has not been seen in the Congo area for over four decades. The deal was celebrated with a night of speeches and music in the Congolese tradition. Although the deal has caused an overall happiness, the delegates must now face the task of having all the warring factions come together. The one thing that everyone has agreed on, is that this needs to be done as quickly as possible.

In Mexico, President Vicente Fox has appointed a new comptroller general and head of the federal agrarian reform department. Fox appointed Eduardo Romero as the new comptroller general after Francisco Barrio retired to become a congressional candidate. Florencio Salazar was named the new head of the federal agrarian reform department for the former head was reassigned to be Fox's new legal advisor. These are the second legal changes that Fox has made in his 2 years in office.

Russia has accepted a $150 million loan from the World Bank in order to help stop the spread of AIDS and tuberculosis in the country. The loan has been under negotiation for four years. Russia has one of the fastest growing AIDS epidemics in the world, which may also be a dual epidemic for people who have their immune system's weakened by the virus are much more susceptible to tuberculosis. AIDS came into the Russian population a bit later than most countries but spread rapidly and tuberculosis has been a serious problem in Russia's overcrowded prisons.

Fossils were found in Africa of a two-foot carnivorous dinosaur, which is being called Majungatholus atopus. It is believed that the dinosaur roamed around Madagascar about 65 million years ago. The most unique part about the dinosaur is its bones; it seemed to have tooth shaped bones and a bump on the back of its head. The tooth shaped bones have scientists speculating that Majungatholus was a cannibal, eating other dinosaurs as well as members of its own species.

Delta Blood Bank and Dairy Queen encourage you to save a life by donating blood. During the month of April, Dairy Queen is donating FREE large sundaes for blood donors. Coupons are only available at Delta Blood Bank call (209) 943-3830 for info.

Delta Blood Bank Locations:
Stockton
2888 W. March Lane
Lodi
125 S. Hutchins

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traditional. It's a great event where you can have a lot of fun.

The dancers have been practicing their routine since January and have increased their practices up to three days a week, with the luau just around the corner.

Many hours have been dedicated into the planning of such a beautiful event. Organizers of the event hope that the luau will give students an idea of the lifestyle of many islanders. Pham said, "This event is a great way to promote the Hawaiian culture through the aloha spirit."

Tickets will be on sale during this week in the McCaffrey center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and in the Elbert Covell Dining Hall from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for $20. They will

Club for journalists offered at Pacific

By Teri Moore
Guest Writer

For students interested in the field of broadcast or print journalism, the Society of Collegiate Journalists at the Pacific is the place to be.

SCJ was formed in the spring of 2001, by a group of communication students and with the help of Communication professor Keith Hilton.

There are two charters of SCJ on the West Coast. Pacific is one of them and Oxnard, is the other. SCJ is the nation's oldest organization that serves college journalists by giving them added experience and knowledge for careers in journalism.

SCJ has grown to approximately 100 active chapters with over 1200 members. To become a member, just pick up an application from Hilton, who is also the club's advisor. Anyone can join this organization, despite what major they hold.

The current officers include president, Alex Wagner, vice president Amber Prochaska, secretary Jacqueline Rogers and Georgette Rodarakis as the treasurer.

"SCJ, ideally, will serve as a conduit for leadership development on campus. It will also serve as a training ground for aspiring journalists looking for an additional avenue to supplement the classroom and Pacifican experiences," said Hilton.

SCJ hopes to offer a lot of activities to members. Some include bringing in outside speakers to share their experiences in journalism.

Some speakers include various news anchors from Stockton and Monterey news stations.

The group will be making trips to newspaper plants, publishing houses, and local radio television stations. Trips to conferences offered next year may also be a possibility.

For more information on SCJ contact Dr. Hilton at khilton@uop.edu, or check out the website at http://ets.uop.edu/scj/
Defend ducks against Britain’s genocide

Britain’s Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has called for the eradication of ruddy ducks

By Shone Cipris

I like ducks. Or to be more precise, I like duck. I also enjoy beef, pork and chicken, not to mention certain kinds of shellfish. I wear leather and wool, and have been known to sport a down jacket now and then. So, obviously, I am not the most sympathetic person in the world to be writing on a topic that broaches the subject of animal rights. I merely wrote this article in order to alert those who, unlike me, can speak out against the issue with a clear conscience. Although it is said that “two wrongs don’t make a right,” it is my hope that perhaps a few “rights” will cancel out some of my wrongs.

I recently read that Britain’s Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has gotten their feathers ruffled by the fact that an imported species of duck called the ruddy duck has been mating with a native species known as the white-headed duck. The result of this breeding has been the development of what some, including the conservative RSPB, consider to be an impure hybrid duck. It is only impure in one sense of the word, as both species of duck are closely related genetically and produce healthy offspring.

“Duck” stops here (allow me to apologize for the terrible pun). Unfortunately, the RSPB has been successful in convincing the British government to enact a trial run for a full-fledged extermination campaign despite widespread condemnation by animal-rights organizations. Apparently the RSPB only believes in protecting some birds at the expense of others. Despite being a meat-eater, I have no illusions about the gruesome nature of the meat industry. As it was not nasty enough to raise animals for the sole purpose of eating them and wearing their skin, now some are convinced that the ruddy duck warrants extermination for the offense of mating outside of its species. While the wholesale slaughter of animals occurs on a daily basis, and is merely called industry, it is the fact that these ducks are being killed for no other reason than to preserve the purity of a bloodline that I find especially unpleasant. For obvious reasons, this motivation carries a particularly distasteful implication for a person of mixed ethnicity like me.

I might point out that in the first half of the 20th century, a short German despot with a mustache engineered a similar solution in the name of blood purity. Understand, I am not suggesting that the killing of ducks is a tragedy on a par with human genocide, merely that the motivations behind the two are disquietingly similar. The fact that the extermination is directed against an imported species of duck in favor of a native species makes the comparison even more apt. To paraphrase a Vietnam-era Army general, sometimes you have to destroy a duck in order to save a duck.

What makes the extermination campaign even more senseless is the fact that many respected conservationists feel inter-species mating is a way that the endangered white-headed duck can help save its species from possible extinction. It is estimated that there are only 1,000 endangered white-headed ducks. It’s a far cry from the 12 million ruddy ducks that are said to exist in North America. Even so, the Royal Society only believes in protecting some birds at the expense of others.

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What could be better than knowing what to expect when you walk into class the first day of the semester. Is there a downfall?

Pick-a-Prof.

There are both pros and cons to this new online professor rating system

By Brittany LaMay

There is a new way to schedule your classes on-line. Not only do you get to choose your classes, but you can also see the history of the professor you have decided to take the class from.

The web-based company, Pick-a-Prof, is a new on-line service for students. At the company’s site, www.pickaprof.com, students are able to not only rate their current professors, but also view the grade distribution of the professor, plan their schedules and view the history of a professor.

In addition, professors can post their course syllabus, class description, personal biography and more so that prospective students can be prepared for the first day of class, according to pickaprof.com.

Students can read feedback from other students after exams about the professor’s workload and their lecture style.

So, is this okay, is this ethical? According to Mike Feeney, a senior at Pacific, it is a valid idea. “This will help students know what they are getting themselves into before the class begins,” said Feeney.

What could be better than knowing what to expect when you walk into class the first day of the semester. Is there a downfall?

According to Dr. Shawn Batt of the Communication Department there is and there is not. “I think it is a fine idea. I think students will gain from it, but I also think that the students evaluations will only be filled out by students who thought negatively of the professor.”

Batt also thinks that this may cause teacher’s grades to be more average, rather than some students’ being above average.

Personally, I feel that there are pros and cons with this idea. Students are able to basically know everything about their professor ahead of time, therefore they are more likely to enter the class with a more positive attitude, and know exactly what they are getting themselves into.

Students will no longer be able to blame their bad grade on the teacher, and maybe for once, they will take responsibility for their own actions, for not studying for that test, or for skipping a few too many classes.

The negative things about this idea is that students may go into the class thinking that the specific professor will be easy, based on what other students have said.

If you want to try to bring this new idea to Pacific, check out www.pickaprof.com.
Will history repeat itself?

Can Iraq really become Saddam free?

By Jacqueline Archambault
Guest Writer

The Bush Administration has vowed that after the war, Saddam Hussein and his regime will not be allowed in Iraq.

So far, there are no reports of Hussein being dead, although reports of his being seen roaming the streets of Baghdad in the middle of crowds with his people have been reported.

Bush has been quite adamant and forceful concerning the promised regime change by ousting Saddam Hussein.

The promise that Bush has initiated provokes the thought “will the U.S. Military be successful in upholding this promise?”

When the first Gulf War took place, “Operation Desert Storm,” it was one of sophisticated technology and was used to end the war in a timely manner.

The U.S. gave Saddam a deadline of January 15, 1991 to remove all troops from Kuwait. Saddam ignored this deadline which triggered “Desert Shield,” that lead to Desert Storm with an all out attack to free Kuwait. During the attack, 5,000-pound bombs were deployed in a deliberate attempt to kill Saddam.

At present, many Gulf War Veterans watch and worry about their fellow soldiers and what has now been thrust upon the world.

They remember what happened to them just a little over a decade ago. These vets want the transition to be as easy for these new officers being deployed after the soldiers return from Iraq.

The troops are being exposed to dangerous chemicals and environmental hazards as the vets in the past Gulf War have been.

These war vets are also reliving the past anxieties and memories as they watch the soldiers being deployed, and they wonder if these troops are being protected.

The present war has taken several lives and who knows how many more are to come and how much longer this war will continue.

The first Gulf War was intended to take out Saddam and remove him from power.

In contrast, the countries of Kuwait and Iraq suffered severe property damage, and Saddam was never removed from power.

Eventually, this led to Saddam being free to turn his attention to internal Shiites and Kurds revolts and brutally oppresses the people of these regions.

Again, will Bush be able to live up to his promise? Only time will tell.

One concept that we can count on is that history always repeats itself.

If this turns out to be true, the United States may have many questions they will have to answer at a later time and many more problems to face in times ahead.

WAD UP WID IT...

By Alias Eradnoshen

You see, America has it all backwards. They should outlaw alcohol and legalize marijuana. Have you ever seen a pot-head get all riled up and brake things or do something hell-a jacked! Ever seen a pot-head start crying for no reason, or become your best friend? Besides, there would be less kids running around.

As always, if you trip off dis’ then you need to trip of some acid or something because you be all tripped out like Yese name was Iron Mike. Pot-heads do the economy wonders,mmm,munchies mmm, donut.

Wad Up WId It: The word treason has been thrown around like Pamela Anderson in this war. I say we take that word and manipulate it like a sorority girl. Them Republican fascist pigs say if you don’t support the war you are committing treason. I say the only treason committed is not supporting the men and women who are fighting in Iraq.

Private Jessica Lynch, 19-years-old, joined the army so she could go to college to be a kindergarten teacher. Ten days in an Iraqi prison with two broken legs, a broken arm and she was very lucky. No matter what our opinion, these soldiers are dying for our right to have that opinion.

We here need to realize how lucky and fortunate we are. Besides it’s baseball season, God bless America for baseball.

Wad Up WId It: I got the Phillies, Astros, Giants and Cardinals as the wildcard. With the Giants beating the Cards and Astros beating the Phils. Giants representing the National League. In the American, got the Yankees, the Twins and Oakland. Angels will be the wildcard team. Yanks beat the Angels and Oakland finally gets to the second round but loses to the Yanks. Got the Giants beating the Yanks in seven. Go Giants!

Wad Up WId It: Was up wid the food in the Summit? Now I know everyone’s daddies be all rich, but dis brother don’t need to be paying five bucks for scraps and leftovers. I mean I’m a poor college student and need to be saving money for my party habits.

Wad Up WId It: We need more computers in the library. Real simple: get my 30 dollars put to something important and beneficial. I hate to be all the glass is half-empty nonsense but come on now, and this campus needs to have some life. All you bookworms need to understand college ain’t all about studying and getting good grades. It’s about finding yourself and having experiences. Y’all need to be watching Animal House or something. And you frats need to step up and throw some ragers. I have known some chapters in other schools that made me proud to be male and brought a tear to my eye and almost got me to go Greek; then I sobered up. Now, I know the university is being like the “Soup Nazi” but fight the system and represent! “You gotta fight for your right to party.”

I just wanna thank the good Lord for spring and less clothing. On the real I’m out like Mo V. trying to steal some acid or something. And you frats need to step up and throw some ragers. I have known some chapters in other schools that made me proud to be male and brought a tear to my eye and almost got me to go Greek; then I sobered up. Now, I know the university is being like the “Soup Nazi” but fight the system and represent! “You gotta fight for your right to party.”

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Letter to the Editor: Not diseased

Dear Editor,

I am offended at the implication that I am infected with a disease, simply because I am patriotic. I am proud to live in a country where we are free to express our ideas, and if that means volunteering, I am willing to do so.

Volunteering is beneficial to both the volunteer and the community. I believe that everyone has something to offer, and by volunteering, we can all contribute to a better society. Every little bit is appreciated, both by the ducks and myself.

I am one of the most non-confrontational people in the world. But what makes my life, a life born in the United States, more important than all of the people in Iraq? My concern is not for the war, but on this college campus I find just the opposite to be the case. Just because I think the war might be warranted, I am suddenly not for peace. I am for peace, I am one of the most non-confrontational people in the world. But what makes my life, a life born in the United States, more important than all of the people in Iraq? My brother, a soldier half-way across the world is fighting, as he pledged to do, to protect the innocent. Why does that only mean Americans? If I was helpless, under a volatile and oppressive leadership, I would want someone to come and help me, because I obviously couldn't do it alone.

This might be an idealistic view, but I like to believe in doing good in people. Saddam Hussein is not a good guy. He would risk 10,000 lives to save his own and a man like that does not understand the idea of peace, of a better situation for all. His concern is not for his people but for himself. How can a man like that be reasoned with, a man who would destroy the wealth of his country simply because he couldn't have it all? Is peace the greater good? Does not fighting save the Iraqis or does it just let us feel better because we're for peace? Someone needs to help them.

I also find the inference that these "diseased" patriots are all country western hicks offensive. Natalie Maines of the Dixie Chicks and Michael Moore were not booed because of all is us country listening droners who don't like to hear any complaints about our president, their views were disagreed with and I feel they choose inappropriate forums to voice them. While I feel labeling them unpatriotic is very untrue, people make the same assumptions about me: that I am not for peace because I am for war. People for the war aren't stupid, their views aren't baseless, and they struggle with the decision because it's a complicated issue involving real human lives, and that is never simple. Yes, some (not all) country stations have taken the Dixie Chicks songs off the air and yes, they do play Daryl Worley's "Have You Forgotten" (not titled "Don't you remember") a blatantly pro-war song. But they also play Phil Vassar's "This is God," an unashamed anti-war, pro-peace song. There is no censorship for views that are anti-war. The stations that banned the Dixie Chicks for the badly-timed comments of their lead singer are acting silly, but just like it is the prerogative of people to march for peace, it's theirs to do.

Patrician Americans are not diseased, mindless, or wrong, just as the peace protesters aren't wrong either. There is no right answer and there will never be one if there can't be acceptance of all opinions and real conversations. When the war first broke out, I didn't know what to think, I didn't know what to feel, and I wasn't sure what I thought about any of it. But I talked to my friends, I read lots of different things and I ultimately arrived at my complicated opinion. I am for peace and ironic as it may sound, maybe war might be the only way to achieve it.

—Valerie Seimas

Ducks from page 6

2,700 white-headed ducks in Western Europe as opposed to about 6,800 ruddy ducks in Britain alone; breeding with the ruddy duck ensures that genes from both species can be preserved in future generations of birds. How ironic that the species they wish to exterminate may actually be the true salvation of the white-headed duck. I mean, talk about killing with kindness.

The misguided nature of the extermination is most clear when one considers the reason why the white-headed duck is endangered in the first place: through excessive hunting and human destruction of their natural habitat. So in other words, one species of duck is endangered because some humans have eliminated too many of them, and in order to "save" them, other humans wish to eliminate another species entirely.

Does this not sound like a precise case of trying to add two wrongs to equal a right? I find it distasteful that an entire species of animals can be decimated to satisfy the reactionary ideas of a bunch of glorified bird-watchers who probably helped bring about the problem in the first place. (Incidentally, if Dr. Tanaza or any members of his bird watching class are reading this, no offense about that "glorified bird-watchers" crack. All due respect).

In any case, if you would like to extend your voice in protest against the British government's eradication of the ruddy duck and are inclined to do so, you can sign a petition and read more facts at www.animalaided.org.uk. In fact, I urge you to do so. Although, I could not in good faith sign the petition myself, I figure that every signature that I help place on it will help save my carnivorous soul a few decades worth of penance in veal-eater's purgatory. Every little bit is appreciated, both by the ducks and myself.

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By Georgette Rodnrok

Editor's Entry

National Volunteer Month

By Georgette Rodnrok

News Editor

I'm sure all of you are well aware that it is Pride Week at Pacific, but how many of you are aware that April is National Volunteer Month? Yes, surprise, you've learned something new today. Now, you may be asking yourself why I've brought this to your attention.

The recent outbreak of the war on Iraq has sparked a small string of movements to help support the troops' needs such as Operation Interdependence (OI). OI and several similarly based operations have gained a lot of attention for their efforts in collecting different necessities for troops that have limited supplies. During this time, volunteerism has the tendency to rise, due to the personal effect the war has on many of us. The scenario that irks me is what will happen after the war ends? The chances are that these community-based collaborative efforts will fade.

Community service is not a temporary action and social concerns do not stop at our foreign affairs. Everythi
Views about the war from various newspapers around the world

Courtesy of The New York Times

Izvestia (from Russia):
Bush Is No Hitler, And Russia Not An Enemy of the U.S.
“Being at odds with America is stupid, but not because America is stronger than Russia. There is a more weighty reason: we have a common enemy and ideals... America is strong, but not strong enough to protect the achievements of Western civilization by the right methods.”

The Daily Telegraph (from Britain):
At the Gates of Baghdad
“Even if the collapse of Saddam’s regime is not imminent, its fall cannot long be postponed... To defeat Saddam’s tyranny may take weeks. To build a democratic Iraq will take years.”

Die Welt (from Germany):
New Tone, Few Lessons
“It is in Germany’s interest to regain the necessary and justified influence in Washington. But that has a price: strengthening European Union foreign policy, including military deployment in United Nations missions such as in postwar Iraq. That must become our government’s goal.”

Nodong Sinmun (from North Korea):
U.S. Military Move Is the Product of Aggressive Strategy
“The United States imperialists’ provocation of war in Iraq shows that they, who are the world’s worst rogues who are blindly beating a legal sovereign state while ignoring both the United Nations and international law, can wage a greater war of aggression against our country at any time.”

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Can you tell what is happening in this photo? This picture has been circulating by email landing in inboxes all over the world. A favorite in many European countries, it symbolizes the image President George W. Bush holds in the minds of many people.

Something to feel good about

By Alexandra Wagner
Perspectives Editor

The Bush Administration won over the support of many Americans to go to war with Iraq based on its ability to convince them that Saddam Hussein is not only harboring weapons of mass destruction, but also seeking to acquire more. With the horrific events of September 11th still fresh in their minds, many Americans preferred to believe the government’s accusations rather than risk the possibility of another terrorist attack. Stating that the government must have vast knowledge concerning Iraq’s nuclear weapons program, many Americans gave their approval for a preemptive strike.

In Bush’s State of the Union Address on Jan. 28, citing British sources, President Bush told the American people that Saddam Hussein had recently sought large amounts of uranium from Africa. He then went on to explain that this information was proof that Saddam had plans to build nuclear weapons, and because he would not credit and explain these activities, any of his statements denying Iraq’s possession of nuclear weapons could not be trusted.

While the American people may have believed President Bush, the International Atomic Energy Agency, did not. On March 7, the director and general of the I.A.E.A. stated that documents involving Iraq’s attempt to buy uranium from Niger, were fakes. Reports of this fabrication filled the European media, but were left almost untouched by the American news sources.

Now, three weeks into a war with Iraq, the Bush Administration has suddenly changed the focus of U.S. attacks from putting an end to Iraq’s nuclear weapons program, to liberating the Iraqi people. Using televised images of American soldiers bringing food and medical treatment to Iraqi civilians, the government is now trying to legitimize this war as being fought for the Iraqi people. And like the propaganda used during the Spanish-American War, the American people are buying it.

Americans want to feel good about using our 400 billion dollar supported military against the Iraqi’s one billion dollar military. In occasion that we win this war and do not find any nuclear or biological weapons, President Bush needs a way to save face in front of Jacques Chirac and all the other leaders of the nations who opposed this war. This humanitarian motive scheme might work if only President Bush could convince the oppressed peoples in the Arab world that it is genuine.

According to news agencies in the Middle East, the United States’ emphasis on bringing humanitarian relief, rather than discussing why a foreign army is invading Iraq, is viewed as patronizing by much of the Arab world. One Washington-based correspondent for the Middle East News Agency, Khaled Abdelkariem, said, “This feeding-kill policy—throwing bombs in Baghdad and throwing food at the people—is not winning hearts and minds.”
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Linkin Park’s new CD Meteora

By Tora Cuslidge
Staff Writer

There is something to be said about a band whose sophomore release is even better than its debut. When the beats are mixed better, the vocals clearer and the overall quality is more precise a CD like Linkin Park’s Meteora is sure to be a hit seller; this is not a surprise.

Breaking into the mainstream in 2000 with the cutting edge Hybrid Theory, the band has evolved and perfected its style with grace often not seen by a rock-metal band.

Instead of the predicted step backwards, which could have been amplified by the dismal sales of the 2002 mix album Reanimation, Linkin Park has come into its own.

Prior to the March 25 release, radio play for Meteora’s first single, Somewhere I Belong, was high. The catchy opening beat is reminiscent of a classic rock hook. Clocking in at a little over three minutes, the song evokes forceful screams and classic Linkin Park attitude.

Later in the album, lead singer Chester Bennington screams, I will break away and find myself today.

And perhaps the band did just that, taking something great and making it better by finding a permanent niche in the ever-changing rock community.

Some songs are unconventionally dull at the beginning, only to pick up after 20-second intervals. After the seemingly bland spots, the pace picks up and literally crashes into fine-tuned musical bliss.

In the song Lying for You, the poetic verses are complemented by beats that are easy on the ear. Following old-school Linkin Park style, screaming is the most common aspect of the album. Like a continuous melody, each song flows into the other, often without being able to distinguish between the two.

With an array of undistinguishable instruments complimenting the fabulously crafted vocal arrangements, Meteora continues to take the listener to another level in Breaking the Habit.

What starts out as little ticks, almost sounding like an annoying classmate clicking her fingers on a desk, that evolves into a melodic song with an aquatic feel. The flow is a surprisingly fresh mixture of dance and pop.

But pop is not Linkin PARK see page 12

Unique summer birthday presents

By Sarah Nakaji
Staff Writer

Have a friend with a summer birthday? More like, 30 friends? It seems more parents get busy in September, October and November than any other season, hence a lot of our friends have summer birthdays.

I do not know about you, but I struggle to find a present that my friend will like. So, I often take the fun route. If they are having a big party that will have lots of people, a super-soaker is the perfect present. Think about it, they can fill it up, and hose down anyone that gets too rowdy. Or, you could get them a disco ball or blacklight. If you do not think your friend will appreciate that kind of gift, floral and a nice card are always pleasant. Yes, even guys like flowers.

For your female friends, why not a nice spa treatment? If that is too expensive, a facial or massage is just as nice. Every girl will appreciate one or the other. For your male friends, any type of adult video will be appreciated. Even if he is not into that kind of stuff, everyone will get a good laugh out of it, even him.

I promise. If that is too risqué, a hat of his favorite team will work.

If worse comes to worse, gift certificates never fail. Some malls have gift cards that can be used at most of the stores in the mall. If your local mall does not have a gift card, one from any clothing store will do. Also, if your friend likes to keep a scrapbook, a gift certificate from your local craft store would be nice (Because everyone that likes to scrapbook does not like to pay for the materials).

Finally, if none of these ideas work for you, treat your friend to a day at the beach, at the mall, or to dinner. Your presence, as a friend, will make their day a special one, and one they will remember for years to come.

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Super Soakers are perfect birthday presents to give friends.

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Pearl Harbor tells a story of war and friendship

By Paul Krueger
Staff Writer

Before the atrocities of September 11th, Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor was known as the most horrendous at-
tack on American soil.

In 2001, the attack was the featured subject of the box- office hit Pearl Harbor. The movie begins by introduc- ing two best friends, Rafe (Ben Affleck) and Danny (Josh Hartnett). As children, they always dreamed of being pilots. When they are in their early ‘20s, this dream becomes true. The United States has not entered the war, leaving Rafe and Danny to practice, just in case America did send men to fight the war.

Rafe, though, is given an opportunity to experience war first hand. He volunteers to join Britain’s Eagle Squa- dron. He leaves not only Danny, but also his girlfriend Evelyn (Kate Beckinsale) behind. One day, as Rafe is flying, he crashes into the ocean and is believed to be dead. This devastates Danny and his girlfriend Evelyn.

It takes Evelyn three months to move on and ends up falling in love with Danny. The relationship becomes complicated when Rafe finds his way back to see Evelyn. The discovery that his best friend is dating his girlfriend hits Rafe hard and he accuses Danny of being a lousy friend. The boys get into a rip warring bar fight to settle things.

In the midst of all this, the empire of Japan launches a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor where Evelyn, Rafe and Danny are stationed. The destruc- tion is horrible and very accurate. You watch the Aris- zona sinking upside down and the attempts of the sail- ors to rescue the comrades trapped inside the ship.

After the attack, Rafe and Danny are sent on a secret mission to invade Tokyo. With a few obstacles, the mission is successful, but things don’t go smoothly. In the end, those who cry at movies will probably be shedding a few tears.

Regardless of the fact that the movie revolves around a love triangle, the movie is re- ally about friendship. Similar to the United States and the attack on Pearl Harbor, Rafe and Danny are faced with challenges that test their friendship. However, Rafe and Danny may not survive the secret mission and this makes them realize the value of life and they should not let a woman ruin years of friendship.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
soon to be released on DVD/VHS

With Nicholson acting devilish again and Sandler even fighting a hypnotist (John C. Reilly), the pairing seems perfect for rich comedy. Look for cameos by celebrities and athletes alike, including tennis legend and temper-tantrum expert John McEnroe.

To be released on DVD/VHS
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

BOX OFFICE TOP MOVIES

Courtesy of movies.com

To be released April 11

Anger Management

The rip-roaring Jack is back. Af- ter playing a mellow, melancholic retiree in About Schmidt, Nicholson returns to a familiar place: Crazytown, where a madman like he can really let loose. He once played a mental patient “faking crazy” in One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest, and here Nicholson stars as Dr. Buddy Rydell, a psychiatrist who should be institutionalized. He is assigned to treat Dave Buznik (Adam Sandler), a mild-mannered New York businessman sent to court-ordered therapy after a misuderstanding on an airplane. But when the doctor makes a permanent house call, one that requires Buddy to live with him or go to jail, Dave’s rage is unleashed much like the outbursts by the character Sandler played in his last, role-reVERSING movie, Punch-Drunk Love.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

The second film in the Potter series begins with Harry being locked up in his room by his uncle Vernon, who is dead-set against his return to Hogwarts. Dobby the house elf appears in Harry’s room, telling him that terrible danger awaits him at Hogwarts. Despite the warning, Harry escapes his uncle’s house when Ron picks him up in the Weasley’s flying car, and the duo heads for the school of wizardry. Once there, Harry begins to hear a mysterious voice, and it turns out that the sinister Chamber of Secrets has been reopened, and the creature set free has begun to attack students. One look from the beast can kill, but so far, a few unlucky students have merely been petrified. Who opened the Chamber? Unless the culprit can be found, the wizardry school is doomed. After Hagrid is accused and Dumbledore is dismissed by the school board, Harry, Ron and Hermione hatch a plot to find out what’s behind it all.

**TOP TEN**

Cool things about being stationed in Alaska

Courtesy of www.abc.com

10. Thanks to snowy ground, no push-ups!


8. Surveillance equipment makes fishing a snap.

7. 45-minute work week due to short days.

6. One of the senior airmen is a moose!

5. Can’t taste mess hall food if your tongue is frozen solid.

4. Nome’s crazy nightlife.

3. Free mittens.

2. If you want baked Alaska, just order “baked here.”

1. Daily schedule: one hour doing Air Force stuff; nine hours snowboarding.
Fashion do's and don’ts for spring

By Jacquelyn Rogers
Guest Writer

As spring approaches, all of us have the ongoing dilemma of what to wear and how to turn last year’s wardrobe into this year’s happening trends. Often times last year’s wardrobe gets tossed to Goodwill and consumers are left to spend hundreds of dollars on a completely new wardrobe.

Being a college student does not mean you have dress like a total slob, but it also means we probably do not have a lot of room in our budget to buy an entire new line of clothes.

For those of you who need to manage your budget, here are a few tips of what not to do and what to do this spring. The key words this spring are light colors, lightweight fabric, casual and loose fitting.

1. DO keep anything that is light and airy. The key to spring is to not look sloppy or outdated, but rather to look elegant and illuminating.

2. DO NOT throw out the old. That is super tight fitting or low cut. The key is elegance and classy, not excessive cleavage and skin. You should have already gotten rid of any spandex and Lycra years ago, but if you still have it you may be able to salvage it for exercising. DO NOT WEAR IT ANYWHERE, BUT THE GYM.

3. DO get rid of anything that is super tight fitting or low cut. The key is elegance and classy, not excessive cleavage and skin. You should have already gotten rid of any spandex and Lycra years ago, but if you still have it you may be able to salvage it for exercising. DO NOT WEAR IT ANYWHERE, BUT THE GYM.

4. DO NOT get rid of any lightweight sandal or flip-flops. Often times they go pending on the color or style.

5. DO get rid of those thick and chunky summer sandals. As long as they are not super tight, or vaged for this year. As long as they are not super tight, or made of a clingy fabric, they are okay to wear this year. If you feel like you could still be active and comfortable is the pant you want, then they can still be salvaged.

6. DO buy or keep anything that reminds of you of the beach. If you feel like you would fit right in Santa Cruz, then it is perfect for this spring. Lightweight or sheer shirts are perfect. And crocheted or loose fitting, lightweight sweaters are even better. Remember two words, light and loose.

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Along with awe-inspiring and deserving tracks also comes cool bonus features, including a website tool-kit and exclusive access to Internet media.

There is also an interview with the band regarding the making of the album that lasts a full 17 minutes and resembles a movie. A 40-page mini-book also comes in the CD jacket containing lyrics.

It’s obvious that Linkin Park has evolved past its early experimental days. In only its second CD the band has accomplished breaking through barriers and evolving in a career where few succeed. With hard-hitting beats and rampaging lyrics the sextet’s future can only be filled with more hit records and smashing singles.

Cute, little sandals are a hot commodity this spring.

By Lindsay Kennedy
Assistant A&E Editor

Alias star Jennifer Garner and her husband, actor Scott Foley, are splitting. Garner and Foley “have mutually decided to separate,” according to a statement made Tuesday from their publicist, Nicole King.

The Alias star, who can be seen on the big screen in the sci-fi thriller Daredevil, has decided that her relationship with Felicity alum Scott Foley, 30, her husband of more than two years, needed a break.

The couple, both 30, met in 1998 on the set of Felicity, the WB drama in which Foley co-starred. They married in 2000.

Foley, now appearing in the struggling NBC sitcom A.U.S.A., was the star when the two wed, but Garner’s career exploded within a year of their marriage.

Foley said earlier this year, that he only spends time with Garner when they work out together: “I have to—it’s the only time I get to see her. She goes to the gym, I’m, like, ‘Well, I guess I’ll go with you cause I won’t see you if I don’t tilt, you know, next week.’”

Last month, Garner told the Los Angeles Daily News that juggling an in-demand TV and film career was an “interesting way to be a newlywed.”

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Baseball falls to Fullerton

By Adom Ringer
Staff Writer

The Tigers baseball team were unable to contain No. 2 Cal State Fullerton in the Big West Conference opener, over the weekend in Fullerton. The Tigers were swept in the three-game series as they dropped to a 19-15, while Fullerton improved to a 27-7 overall.

In the series opener on Friday night, the Tigers were defeated, 10-1, under the lights. The Titans jumped out early and scored 4 runs in the first three innings of play. The Tigers didn’t get on the board until it was too late in the ninth, with the score 10-0. Freshman Chase Headley hit a solo shot over the right field fence for his second home run of the year.

That was all the Tigers would get in the game as they lost 10-1. Cal State Fullerton’s Dustin Miller threw a complete game allowing nine hits and only one run.

Junior Matt Pena took the loss as he fell to a 6-4 on the year.

Senior Cory Lake lead the Tigers going 3-4, while sophomore Nick Sekiya and Headley each had two hits. "They are a pretty good team. They are not ranked No. 2 in the country for nothing," said Sekiya.

Saturday night, the Tigers didn’t have any luck as they fell 7-0 to the Titans. Senior Jason Godkin pitched strong in relief for the Tigers, as he threw four innings, only allowing one run on five hits.

Junior Evan Bishop, Chase Headley and sophomore Jesse Kovacs had the only hits for the Tigers.

Sunday, the Tigers played in a much tighter game but just fell short losing 4-2. The Tigers finally got some offense going in the third inning as senior Adam Alversen reached base on an error. Junior Eric Elliot then plated Alversen one out later with a single back up the box to tie the game at one all.

In the fifth, Alversen once again got things going by getting hit by a pitch.

Elliot then drove in his second run of the game, with a double to left center, giving the Tigers their first lead of the series at 2-1.

The Titans then tied the game in the bottom of the inning after an error, and scored again in the sixth to make it 5-2.

One more run came across to make the score 4-2 in the sixth and that was all the Titans needed.

Junior pitcher Sergio Silva fell to a 3-4 on the year, but only allowed 4 runs to the potent Titan’s offense. “I felt like we competed today and felt like we were going to beat these guys. We competed and hung with one of the best teams in the nation,” said Eric Elliot.

Elliot led the Tigers going 2-4 with 2 RBI’s and junior Aaron Harper had two hits.

The Tigers will play host to Cal Poly starting April 11 for a three-game series.

Softball’s battery is charged and ready to go

By Krystine Onghbonang
Staff Writer

The softball team must have had a restful week because they were looking like some kind of Energizer bunny. They had a three-game series against UC Santa Barbara this weekend and they took two and lost one. The impressive part is that their first meeting on Saturday went to an amazing 15 innings and their last meeting on Sunday went to 14 innings.

On Saturday, the Tigers met up with the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos. The game started out with the Gauchos taking an early lead in the third inning 4-0, but then Pacific came back around by the sixth inning to tie it up 4-4. The two teams remained deadlocked at that score until the fifteenth inning where the Gauchos broke the lock and scored two runs to put the score to 6-4.

Don’t count the Tigers out just yet, Pacific came back around and hit them where it hurt. In the bottom of the inning, Ashlie D’Errico drew a walk that sent the loaded bases home to score a run to keep it close 6-5.

Then Estee Okumura, with two outs in the inning, hit a two-run single that won the game for the Tigers. The pitching in this four-hour plus game was shared between Jennifer Dacre, Cathie Hacker and Kristen Allen.

The next game on Sunday wasn’t as exciting, the Tigers lost the second meeting 1-2. Aloha Yamaguchi scored the only run in that game. The last meeting of the series was another nail-biter. There has to be something special about the score 4-4, because these two teams stayed at another 4-4 deadlock into extended innings.

Pacific scored first, Brandy Thurman hit a sacrifice fly to bring in her teammates to score in the first inning. The Tigers had the lead at 2-0. The deadlock came in the bottom of the fifth inning where Pacific answered to the Gauchos four runs in the last two innings, Ashlie D’Errico hit a RBI double to tie things up at 4-4.

Seniors Cristen Dorsey and Laure Deiner both went 2-5 in the game, while Kari Vendetti also contributed with two hits.

Kristen Allen hit a single to bring in the winning run, as well as spending time on the mound for the Tigers in this win.

Look ahead to next Friday the 18th when Pacific plays Utah State in a double header at 1 p.m.
No. 1 UCLA too powerful

The Tigers fell to an 18-3 to the top-rated UCLA Bruins on Sunday in their last home match of the season.

By Krystine Ongbongan
Staff Writer

Heard of that home court advantage thing? Teams do terrible on the road, but can't lose while they're at home. Well, the women's water polo team has it backwards, they are 0-4 at home. Pacific played UC Santa Barbara on Saturday and met up with UCLA on Sunday.

The game against the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos started off with the Tigers down 1-3 in the first quarter. Pacific kept it close in the second quarter only letting the Gauchos score two goals, while also putting two in themselves. The Tigers kept it close for the rest of the game, but couldn't recover from the first quarter's score. The Tigers took the loss 4-7. Jessica Melcher had two goals in the game, while Laura Besmer and Jessica Schroeder each had one. Goalie Julie Ross had 8 saves.

Sunday, the Tigers met up with No. 1 UCLA for their last home game. The UCLA Bruins were just too powerful for Pacific on their Senior Day. In the first quarter, the Bruins outscored the Tigers 5-1. The rest of the game was similar; the Bruins had a 9-1 lead in the first half of the game alone. The game ended with a tough score of 18-3. Bruins. Kristen Cockerill, Jessica Schroeder and Amanda Tucker all contributed for the Tigers. Goalkeeper Julie Ross had 5 saves in the game.

The team will be at the Long Beach Tournament this weekend.

Brains and Brawn: Athletes excel in classroom

By Pacific Media Relations

Pacific's men's water polo team posted a combined 2.85 grade point average in the fall of 2002 and were rewarded with All-Academic Team honors.

The Pacific Tigers men's water polo team was one of only two Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) schools to earn All-Academic Team honors from the American Water Polo Coaches Association on Friday, April 4.

To qualify for the All-Academic Team honors a water polo team must achieve a cumulative GPA at or above 2.75, the Tigers posted a combined 2.85 GPA in the fall of 2002.

Twenty schools were recognized for academic excellence by the American Water Polo Coaches Association. The MPSF was represented by Pacific and University of California, Berkeley.

Individual recognition was also given to any water polo athlete that posted a GPA between 4.00 and 3.20.

Five Tigers made this list led by Pacific senior Laurie Trettel, who finished with a 3.87 GPA. The four other Tigers recognized were senior Bob Bjarke with a 3.56 GPA, senior Jared Pendergrass with a 3.40 GPA, sophomore Will McLaughlin with a 3.37 GPA and junior Eddie Wisniewski with a 3.37 GPA. Congratulations to our outstanding athletes!
Sophomore Katharina Heil won 6-1 over Idaho.

Men's Basketball

The Pacific men's basketball team will host a three-day basketball camp for boys and girls from April 22 to 24. The camp will feature Pacific players and coaches and will emphasize offensive skills. There will be shooting games and competition, in addition to a tee shirt and a contest for a free camp scholarship. The camp runs from 8:30 a.m.-noon everyday, and takes place in the Alex G. Spanos Center.

Please contact Aaron Woliczko with any questions at (209) 946-2784.

Women's Tennis

The Pacific Tigers women's tennis team defeated Idaho, 4-3, on Thursday, April 3 at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts. With the victory, the Tigers improved to a 6-13 overall, 4-5 in Big West Conference matches. Idaho fell to 5-4 overall, 0-2 in Big West matches.

Freshman Natalia Kostenko clinched the match for the Tigers with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Idaho's Vida Senci at the No. 3 position. Senior Jaimee Bremner won her final home match as a Tiger, defeating Leslie Banks at the No. 5 position.

Pacific's matches at Nevada on Saturday, April 5 (Idaho State) and Sunday, April 6 (Nevada) have been cancelled due to weather conditions. The Tigers will be back in action again on Saturday, April 12 at Fresno State at 1:30 p.m.

FINAL RESULTS

Pacific 4, Idaho 3
1. Katharina Heil (Pacific) def. Sunel Nieuwoudt (UI) 6-2, 6-1
2. Barbora Kudlikova (UI) def. Viktoria Hizo (Pacific) 7-6 (7), 1-6, 6-2
3. Natalia Kostenko (Pacific) def. Vida Senci (UI) 6-4, 6-2
4. Larissa Nicoll (UI) def. Urska Dvorsek (Pacific) 6-1, 6-0
5. Jaimee Bremner (Pacific) def. Leslie Banks (UI) 6-2, 1-6, 6-3
6. Monica Martin (UI) def. Lisa Lester (Pacific) 6-4, 6-2

Men's Tennis

The Pacific men's tennis team earned a 5-2 victory over 70th ranked UC Santa Barbara on Saturday, April 5. With the victory, Pacific improved to 14-5 on the season, 5-0 in Big West Conference matches. UC Santa Barbara falls to 8-7 overall, 1-1 in Big West matches.

Junior Michael Duong won their team-leading 22nd match of the season, defeating Alex Anselme of UCSB 6-2, 6-3 to lead the way for the Tigers. Freshman Arnar Sigurdsson def. UCSB's Carlos Palencia 6-3, 7-5 (5) to earn his 18th victory of the season.

Men's Golf

Pacific senior golfer Matt Hansen earned Big West Conference Golf Athlete of the Week honors on Wednesday, April 2. He helped the Tigers to their first team title since 1997, earning individual medallist honors at the Stevinson Ranch Invitational on March 24 and 25. With a final round 68, he finished eight under par (208) and won the title by six strokes. It was the first outright title in Hansen's career, although he tied for the Big West title last season before falling in a playoff.

He was also the highest-ranking Tiger at the Pacific Coast Invitational on March 31 and April 1. Hansen shot two under par rounds of 70 and 67 in the first two rounds with a final round 74 to finish ninth.

The Pacific men's golf team finished in sixth place overall at the Pacific Coast Invitational on Monday and Tuesday, March 31 and April 1.

The Tigers tied for the second best round of the day with a 287 today, improving three spots from yesterday. Senior Ben Scribner had the best round for the Tigers in the third round, shooting a three under par 69.

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Playing in the Pyramid is never easy, but Pacific handled the pressure and went on to “clean the beach” in five games (25-30, 30-28, 36-34, 25-30, 15-12). Earlier in the season, the Tigers defeated the 49ers (30-25, 27-30, 25-30, 31-29, 17-15) at Spanos in five games as well.

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