AΦΩ promotes service

By Leena Basurto

Guest Writer

The Alpha Phi Omega chapter here at Pacific is 25 members strong and just recently initiated 14 new members. They also follow the four-fold service program of service to the Fraternity, to the community, to the campus, and to the Nation. The members of Alpha Phi Omega are very active in the Stockton community. They volunteer at Good Samaritan Rehabilitation home and work with the Brown Bag Program for seniors at the Seifert Community Center. They are active participants in Book Buddies at Pacific, a reading mentor program for children in the community. They are also regular “helpers” with one of their advisor’s, Peggy Ron- son, Girl Scout troop. Recently, for their Spring Service Day Project, they worked with the Girl Scouts to put together packages to send to soldiers stationed in the Persian Gulf. The Alpha Phi Omega members also participate regularly in “Campus Clean-ups”, the activities of the Anderson Y Center, and many more campus related events.

For more than 75 years, college students from around the country have volunteered their services for their local communities and the nation as a whole through Alpha Phi Omega National Co-ed Service Fraternity. On 350 campuses nationwide, 16,000 student members give unselfishly of their time and energy on a daily basis. Alpha Phi Omega members cumulative ly donate over 300,000 hours of service every semester.

On the local level, members are encouraged to get involved with the four fields of Service: the community and youth, the nation, the campus and to one another. Each Chapter determines how best to meet the needs of its own community. For example, Chapters assist at shelters and nursing homes; provided leadership and mentoring for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire USA, 4H Clubs, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters; clean parks and highways; create walking and biking trails; sponsor blood drives, and provide a variety of other service projects. Activities range from large annual events to small, weekly acts of kindness. Involvement with other local organizations’ service projects is typical.

Alpha Phi Omega also encourages national service programs. Each fall, Chapters simultaneously participate in a national program emphasis as part of National Service Week. The students, at their biennial conventions, determine these programs. In addition, the Alpha Phi Omega National Co-ed Service Fraternity, on 350 campuses nationwide, 16,000 student members give unselfishly of their time and energy on a daily basis. Alpha Phi Omega members cumulatively donate over 300,000 hours of service every semester.

Pacific hosts Youth Day 2003

By Elizabeth Carranza

Staff Writer

Pacific’s Celebrate Diversity Month is reaching out to students, faculty and the Stockton community about culture awareness. Celebrate Diversity Month began in April with events such as the Hawaii club’s Luau and the opening of the new PRIDE resource center.

On Thursday, April 24, Pacific hosted Youth Day 2003 for 100 sixth grade students from Montezuma Elementary school. The theme for this year was “Everybody Under the Sun” but unfortunately it rained the entire morning.

The rain did not stop the Community Involvement Program (CIP) from giving the sixth graders a fun and educated time.

“We want to start talking to children about higher education; so, when they get older, they will want to go to college,” said youth day coordinator Oscar Luna.

The children arrived on campus at around 9 a.m. where they were greeted by CIP volunteers. The sixth graders were then escorted to the recital hall and were given a warm Pacific welcome from Dr. Dr. Julie Sina, student life vice-president.

“I am excited to have this mutual exchange between our students and the students of Montezuma. This is an important opportunity to open up the campus to the Stockton community and to remember that life-long learning must begin at an early age,” said Luna.

The students were broken up into four groups and were then taken to different workshops. The students had the chance to learn about water pollution, take a tour around the Pacific campus, learn how the theater works, and play “fitness” jeopardy. The day ended with eating cookies and drinking punch, just before the students departed back to school.

“I feel that it was a great learning experience for the Montezuma sixth graders to start learning about college and especially Pacific,” said CIP volunteer Pangdee Her.

Celebrate Diversity Month ends on May 3 with a car show and fiesta celebration. The car show will take place in the back of the athletic department off of Mendocino Road. It is free for Pacific students with a valid ID and $5 for the general public.

The car show is being presented by UOP MECHA and Boulevard Magazine. Car spots are on a first come, first serve basis, due to the limited amount of spaces. There will also be low rider bikes, food vendors and many booths at the car show.

“The car show will be a great event for people to attend and there will be a variety of entertainment and food,” said Luna.

For more information about the car show, you can call CIP & Multicultural Affairs at (209) 946-2436.
Fitness levels are dropping for Pacific students
Contributed by Alex Wagner

As a result of the survey designed and conducted by Pacific’s Health and Health Care Systems, the group found that many students felt their overall physical condition has worsened since high school. This is very concerning. Here are some statistics formed from the results of the survey.

* Of students surveyed, 1 out of 7 use tobacco products.
66% said their physical condition worsened since high school
* 94% of students get some sort of exercise but only 14% love to do it
* The majority of students face some level of stress and 10% rated these levels as very high
* 82% describe their eating habits as either fair or good, but nobody believes their eating habits are excellent, and 16% even described their eating habits were poor
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The cartoon depicts the average student's daily exercise routine.

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CPAA calls for support

By Cullen Poyntress
Guest Writer

You do not have to look very hard around Stockton to find evidence of social problems. Perhaps, the most prolific and significant problem that faces the Stockton community is the issue of poverty. One can find clear evidence of extreme social disparity and poverty in some of the neighborhoods around Stockton. Many of these low-income and impoverished neighborhoods are in close proximity to Pacific. In a very general sense, poverty has a tendency to breed social problems like child and spousal abuse, domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, and gang affiliation which are, in many ways, symptoms of economic frustration. To a large degree, social issues such as the above are intrinsic to all urban centers and are for the most part unavoidable. However, there are groups within the community that are taking positive steps to help tackle some of these issues at ground level.

The Center for Positive Prevention Alternatives (CPAA) is an example of a non-profit group that aims to provide essential social services to members of the greater Stockton community. CPAA’s mission statement is simple: “Our mission is to assist and empower at risk youth seeking assistance in order to achieve a positive attitude and transition into a successful, responsible, stable, independent, self-sufficient adults.”

CPAA’s primary goal as their mission states is to help “at risk” kids. The reality is that many children and teens living in poverty are routinely abused, neglected and even thrown out by their parents. As a result, abused and thrown out kids end up living on the street. The street is an environment friendly to nobody. Street life gives way to drug and alcohol use, teen pregnancy, truancy, and criminal behavior. Fortunately, teens who have fallen into or have been pushed into street life have a good chance of getting back on their feet. However, without the support of CPAA and other related organizations, rehabilitation would be a near impossibility.

CPAA’s approach to dealing with “at risk” kids is multifaceted and works on many different levels. CPAA makes its presence known in the community by organizing task forces that go out into the city and target areas where homeless teens reside. CPAA agents pass out condoms and informational pamphlets to kids in these areas and inform them about the center. The kids are informed that CPAA is a safe place where they can seek food, shelter and counseling if there is to be any hope in the communities in which we live. Unfortunately, the current political regime is cutting government funding to these already low-budgeted programs. It is essential that the community become involved with these types of programs, so that they may continue to exist and serve for the betterment of our communities.

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CPPA’s clientele are diverse and are involved with the center to varying degrees. Some clients may choose the center periodically, while some may choose to use the center’s services to there full potential. To those individuals who have no where else to turn and are actively seeking to make a difference in their lives, CPAA’s “safe house” provides a clean and positive environment for rehabilitation. People who are eligible to reside in the safe-house are expected to adhere to a strict set of rules, attend school, and go to counseling sessions provided by the center. Residents can stay for up to a year or more in the safe house until they feel they are able to function in society on their own.

The necessity and effectiveness of centers like CPAA is unquestionable. Organizations like CPAA are imperative if there is to be any hope in improving the communities in which we live. Unfortunately, the current political regime is cutting government funding to these already low-budgeted programs. It is essential that the community become involved with these types of programs, so that they may continue to exist and serve for the betterment of our communities. For more information or to get involved with CPAA call (209) 929-6700 or Dr. Ray Childs at Pacific’s Jacoby Center.
Paw on the prowl

By Rachael DeRonde
Guest Writer

Tiger Paw, Pacific’s online magazine, is on the prowl. The Tiger Paw plans on being available and updated by the beginning of the 2003 fall semester. The most important part in re-starting this magazine is readership; so, be sure to check it out at www3.uop.edu/tigerpaw.

The Tiger Paw will be broken down into sections containing Gossip/News, Social Calendar, Sex & Love, Quizzes, Style File and Horoscopes.

Paw will also offer its readers the chance to speak out on the message board, as well as participating in weekly polls. Pictures are also a necessity in the entertainment value of this magazine, so the editors welcome any pictures mailed; however, publication of the pictures will be based on content, consent and relevance.

A sneak peek into the coming edition, The Paw will take part in the summer aftermath. Check out celebrity break-up and make-ups. If your summer fling was less than quixotic, The Paw will give you ideas to relieve those lonely-hearts club blues, plus the Top 10 reasons why the single life rocks. Think your love is real? Take the quiz to see if the flame is hot. Watch out for “Cheap ways to party with style” where we will show you all the hottest fall trends at bargain prices. Also, take a look at the Top 10 worst summer jobs—did you have one? The beauty section will have all the answers to keep that tan. With all this fun, you would not want to miss out on the first annual “Drink of the Month.” Get excited for Pacifc!

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Britain came out with their annual "rich list" this week. The surprise that came to all was that Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling has now made enough money that she has actually passed the Queen on the list. The author is reported to have 280 million pounds, or 445 million dollars, making her the 122nd richest person on the list. Queen Elizabeth was ranked 133rd. The number one richest person on the list was the Duke of Westminster, whose property empire has given him a fortune of 4.9 billion pounds.

The first international manned space flight since Columbia has taken off this week. The Russian ship called Soyuz took off Saturday, April 18. The ship contained an American and Russian astronaut. The flight was supposed to take off in March but NASA was still trying to figure out the Columbia accident. This is now the only link Earth has to outer space.

Kenya has made plans to make Anti AIDS drugs more available to its citizens. With over 2.2 million people with the AIDS virus, the treatment will be administered in 15 hospitals over the country, which will cost the government more than 14.6 million dollars a year. The country decided that it has to make the drug more available because as of right now, only 7,000 of the 2.2 million people are on treatment. Most people cannot afford it because the average person in Kenya is making less than one dollar a day. This money is coming from the government as well as aid agencies.

The general consensus around Cuba seems to be that most citizens truly feel that it is time for Fidel Castro to step down. Though Castro was preaching about how content his country is just earlier this year, the majority of citizens feel that after 44 years in power, Castro’s time is over. There are many reasons for this feeling: one is that people are claiming that Castro is too orthodox, while some citizens are ready to adopt capitalism. Another reason is because of the disaster that Cuba’s economy is in right now; not only are new jobs not being developed, but other factories are being closed causing mass amounts of layoffs. But while this unhappiness in leadership is going on, Cubans are also frustrated with the fact that the average citizen cannot do anything about it.

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Other health awareness facts you should know:

* There are approximately 3500 calories in one pound of fat. To gain one pound, you must eat 3500 extra calories. If you eat 100 extra calories (two Oreos) per day, after one year you will have gained 10 pounds.

* You burn more than twice as many calories per hour ironing than you do kissing?

* One of the major causes of fatigue during exercise is caused by dehydration?

* One in nine women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. Give yourself that self-exam!

* A double-double with a vanilla shake and fries is more than 134% of your recommended daily fat intake?

* The leading cause of death among men and women ages 1-39 is accidents? Watch your step!

* With every passing hour, one person under the age of 25 in the United States contracts HIV?
Responses to war are largely symbolic

By Brittany LaMay
Guest Writer

Thumbs up. High-five. Hand shake. Hug. Stomping on the ground. Kissing a cheek. In each and every country around the world, symbols are expressed through one’s body. Here in America, it is a high five for a good job; across the globe in Europe, kissing one’s cheek is a way to greet one another. No matter what country you are in, there is a different body movement to express one’s feelings. Although body movement is a way to express one’s thoughts, all movements may not be universal, there are other things one can do to express how they, or a group of people feel and symbolism that follows that way of articulating their feelings.

On April 9, 2003 in Baghdad, many symbolic events took place in response to the war. There are numerous amounts of symbolism by occurred in these different events during the war in Iraq.

Before lowering the statue of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad, Edward Chin and David Sutherland, of the United States Marines, laid an American flag over the face of Saddam, for a brief moment, and then quickly placed the Iraqi flag over the statue.

After those quick events, the statue was lowered with help from the Iraqi people, and to the sound of American civilians cheering and chanting words of thanks to the United States troops. Not only was this specific event said to be “a day in history,” but also was called “a tale of the symbolic movement, if not militarily significant event.”

Starting at the beginning of this event, the first piece of symbolism that can be found is the fact that the U.S. flag was quickly replaced with the Iraqi flag. This is a sign that the United States is not planning on keeping Iraq for their own, but rather plans to give it back to the people of Iraq after rebuilding the country.

Sutherland, who hoisted Chin while he was holding the American flag told reporters, “As soon as we can take care of Iraq and make it better, we plan to let them have back their country and come home to America.”

The next thing that occurred in this event was the lowering of the statue of Saddam Hussein. The statue was not only pulled down by American troops, but also with the help of the Iraqi people.

This shows that Hussein was not only “taken down” by America, but also by his own people. His own people disliked him so much that they were able to help take down the statue of him, symbolizing the fall of his regime in Iraq.

In numerous newspaper articles the first line read: “Saddam Hussein’s twenty-four year rule collapsed when thousand of Iraq’s helped his statue topple to the street.” To the people of Iraq, the particular event of taking down his statue symbolized to them that he was no longer their leader.

After the statue was taken down, all that was heard in the streets of Baghdad were sounds of people yelling, “We’re free! Victory! Thank you President Bush! And thank you America.” By the Iraqi people yelling this down the streets, it is obvious to one that the people of Iraq were so thankful that Saddam was no longer their leader; they were so thankful that our troops were able to liberate their country and help them to restore it.

In fact many Iraq’s could not even believe that this day had come: “Touch me, tell me this is real,” while tears rolled down their faces. The representation found in this simple statement is that they had grown so used to living such a bad life under Hussein’s rule, they had gotten to used to misery, and could not believe that the time for change had finally come.

Not only is there symbolism in the fact that the American and Iraqi flag was placed over Saddam’s statue before the statue was taken down, but there is also symbolism found about the American troops and the United States of America, in the way they proceeded in that action.

There are numerous pictures of the event of the flag placements where one can see two marines, Chin hoisted up by Sutherland. The saying “a picture is worth a thousand words” is definitely relevant here. The fact that Sutherland is hoisting up Chin tells a lot about how our American military works.

The men and women is our military must work together to get anything accomplished. Whether it is taking care of the wounded, fighting in the line of duty, or taking part in a symbolic act, they can not work alone and need each other’s help and support.

This really can apply to everyone’s life, but is especially prominent in this particular event.

Along the same lines, it is not shown in most of the pictures of the United States of America helping Chin, but behind Sutherland was the rest of their group of Marines helping hold the ladder that held the two men. Not only did they need each other, but also the different people within the military. Not only do we need our parents to help raise us, but we need our teachers, friends, and the rest of our family to help hold up the ladder.

Another interesting point of significance found in this event, is the fact that Edward Chin’s family is not from America. The morning after the incident his family was on the Today Show and it was obvious that English was not their first language. This strikes me as amazing. Not only does Edward represent America in his actions, but also different countries around the world. Likewise, not only does American want for Iraq, but so do many countries around the world.

This also shows how diverse our country is, and how willing we are to accept all different sorts of people, whether it their size, age, gender, race, or religion. As well we are able to help all different types of people, and work together with everyone to ensure that this world is a more peaceful place.

Along with the picture of the two men helping each other with the flags, there have been an abundance of photos in newspapers, magazines, and on the television of different Iraqi people stomping on pictures of Hussein, throwing their shoes at his statue, and trudging on mosaics of him.

Obviously, in Iraq the way one uses the foot is a symbolic act in letting one know how you feel about them. In this case, when the people stomp on pictures of Saddam Hussein’s face it is in an act of aggression, of hatred and of complete disgust.

Yet, when someone from the Middle East is thankful to someone they state, “I will dance at your wedding.” In this case, they are using their feet to show their gratitude towards someone. While here in America the middle finger symbolizes something bad, in Iraq holding up one’s shoe means they are angry with one.

Here in the U.S. when some one gives another a “thumbs up,” they are happy with one another. In Iraq, when someone offers to dance at the wedding’s celebration, they are also happy. The pictures of the Iraqi people represent that different body movements mean different things around the world.

I hope the symbolism of the recent events in Iraq is apparent. Whether it is Saddam’s statue being covered by different flags before being taken down, pictures of the military men and women helping each other, or the way the Iraqi’s show their feelings on subject through their feet, all of it is important to the way the war will play out. Each event symbolizes different aspects of the history of many different countries around the world.

We need to remember that although our actions may mean something positive to us, they may likewise mean something negative to some one else. We should try to respect each other’s differences.
Artistic oddities equals fame and fortune
A tale of strange diets, woeful pets and a little bit of recognition

By Shane Cinris
Staff Writer

Like many people at Pacific, I harbor artistic aspirations. In my spare time, I often sit in various places around our picturesque campus with a drawing pad and sketch a little landscape scene. On some weekends, I will visit the local Haggin Museum and spend a few pleasant hours wandering around, appreciating the work produced by individuals far more talented than myself.

As much as I enjoy art, I realize that it is probably not something that I can make a living off of once I enter the "real world." Between my merely adequate talent, and the stiff competition, I do not really think that I will ever become someone who could live entirely off of my creative endeavors. As we all know, the road to fame and fortune is a long and slippery one. Then one day, it occurred to me: perhaps that road has a shortcut somewhere. If I could find that shortcut, I would give myself a much-needed head start.

After pondering this for a while, I came to the conclusion that fame and fortune did not necessarily travel together. I reasoned that if I could achieve fame, or even infamy, fortune would likely follow. So to that effect, I decided to engage in a campaign of cultivated oddity that would hopefully make my name better known to the art community, if not the mental health community. After all, are not artists well-known for their various eccentricities as much as their art? There would be a method to my madness; I decided to see where this path would take me.

Andy Warhol was known for doing nutty things like bingeing on garlic and soaking himself in Chanel No. 5 perfume to mask the nasty smell. So in this vein, I started a strict 'orange food only' diet which succeeded in making me famous—but only to the cafeteria workers. Upon seeing me, they would gleefully shout, "Here comes Carrot Boy!"

This was not the kind of notoriety I was after, so I quit that diet pretty quickly.

Non-orange food never tasted so good. Incidentally, my subsequent painting of a Progresso soup can did not exactly impress my friends; ugly terms like "derivative" and "complete rip-off" were thrown around. What can I say? They mock what they do not understand.

Turning to the old masters for inspiration, I thought that I might take a page from Van Gogh's book and hack off a piece of myself for an unattainable woman. A friend of a friend named Bubbles, a voluptuous (and engaged) sorority sister, seemed to be a perfect choice. Of course, I was not about to chop off my ear for Bubbles, so instead I clipped my fingernails and shaved the clippings under her door along with a note declaring my undying and eternal love.

This only helped me become well known among the good men and women of Campus Safety. By the way, Bubbles, if you are reading this, just remember that no "restraining order" can keep me from loving you.

I had heard about a 19th-century artist who would walk around the streets of Paris with a pet lobster on a leash. I decided to do him one better, so I found a handicap slug that I named Slimer and kept him as a pet. As you may or may not know, shopping for a slug-sized leash is a nightmare, so unfortunately I did not have the pleasure of being seen strolling around campus with Slimer, which was my intention in getting him in the first place.

At least he was a pretty low-maintenance pet; he mostly just slithered around the front yard of my apartment building. Sadly, Slimer met a tragic end: he drowned in a pie tin full of beer that one of my neighbors had carelessly left lying around. As heartbreaking as this incident was, at least it provided me with inspiration for a triptych that I painted on three wood panels. I called it "The birth, death and ascension of Slimer the slug." Slimer, old pal, rest in peace—you are in the big rotating log in the sky now.

Having been engaged in my campaign of oddity for the better part of a month, I thought that I would try and find out how notorious my efforts had made me. I once read that at the height of his fame, Picasso would dine in fine restaurants and leave a little signed drawing on a napkin in lieu of the bill. I thought this was a neat idea, and a good way to gauge my level of local fame. So I tried to convince the cashier at the Summit that my signed portrait of Pee-Wee Herman would someday be worth obscure sums of money. Unfortunately, they did not believe me and I had to pay full price for my taco salad (a work of art in itself). What a bunch of philistines. Well, I am convinced that I will have the last laugh. You will see.

As I was leaving the Summit, a tow-headed youngster approached me and asked, "Are you the guy who did that goofy slug-angel painting?" "Why, yes I am," I replied. "Would you like my autograph?" "No," said the tyke, "not really." Damn! I felt famous for a second there. Better keep trying.
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PERSPECTIVES

Editor's Entry

By Elizabeth Vigil
Editor-in-Chief

I can sincerely say that being The Pacifican's Editor-in-Chief is something that has changed my life for the better. I came into the paper with a feeling of uncertainty; I did not know anyone on the staff. Now, I can honestly say that I am sad to leave. I will miss spending Monday and Tuesday nights with my all-female staff. I will miss Amber's passion for journalism, Alex's perfectionism and Georgette’s humor; Stephanie's upbeat attitude and constant singing in the office and Michele's inability to meet deadlines, yet still be the first one done. I will miss Lisa and Jen's artistic ability to make our paper look great, even when things are not always on time and Stuart and Stephen's photography. Finally, I would like to thank our staff writers and Communications 121 and 122 class for all the articles they have contributed to The Pacifican this year.

The Pacifican has taught me that no matter how hard we work or how good we are, we are never going to make everybody happy. This job has taught me that everything is political and people talk too much when they really should put their money where their mouth is. I hope all students feel that we have put out a quality newspaper this year, because we have put our blood, sweat and tears into it. We are a completely student-run newspaper and we learn by making mistakes.

I know that I could not have survived this year if it had not been for my editorial staff and the business staff. Mirella has worked really hard this year to make sure that everyone gets their paycheck and the bills get paid; our advertising representatives, Nancy and Matt, have done a great job bringing in ads.

I want to thank our adviser Dr. Keith Hilton for helping us during rough times and The Pacifican Publications Board; President Donald DeRosa; Vice-President of Student Life, Julie Sina, and CIP and Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs, Ines Ruiz-Huston for all their support. I would also like to thank those of you that chose to write letters to the editor to express your opinions. I commend you for taking action while some of your peers chose to mumble grunts of displeasure towards The Pacifican staff and vowed to write letters to the editor that never came.

Finally, I would like to say that although several staffers are graduating, for those staying, the paper will be in good hands. For the 2003-2004 The Pacifican staff will include Editor-in-Chief, Amber Prochaska; Managing Editor, Alexandre Wagner; Co-News Editors, Elizabeth Carranza and Alixe Wagner; Perspectives Editor, Alex Wagner, Co-Perspectives Editor Shane Gipris; A&E Editor, Georgette Rodakaris and Assistant A&E Editor, Lindsay Kennedy; Co-Sports Editors, Adam Ringer and Krystine Ongbong; Production Manager, Joe Cordova.

The Pacifican is an outlet for all its readers to express their opinions, and regardless of what others may say we are completely student-run. I congratulate all of next year's staffers and all I can say is that the only direction The Pacifican can go now is up.

WMDs in your backyard

Associated Press

Peace Activists Conduct Citizens Weapons Inspections, Die-ins and Blockades at Sunnyvale Facility of Lockheed Martin: War Profiteer and Human Rights Violator.

Peace activists from across California put a spotlight on the hypocrisy of the United States invading Iraq under the guise of searching for weapons of mass destruction when such weapons are being produced at Lockheed Martin, the world's largest arms exporter and manufacturer.

"They were unable to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, but we found them right here in Sunnyvale," said protest organizer Blair Thedinger of Direct Action to Stop the War.

Peace activists gathered at the Lockheed facility with the goal of shutting down operations for the day to demonstrate their opposition to the U.S. led invasion and occupation of Iraq and the corporations that drive and profit from war. "Weapons being used against the Iraqi people in an unjust, illegal and amoral U.S. invasion. To stop the war, we must stop the military-industrial complex driving the war," said Shahrazad Rose Broome, an Iranian-American Santa Clara University student.

Lockheed manufactures the key tactical strike weapons used in the war against Iraq—the heart of the "Shock and Awe" campaign. These weapons have contributed to over 1500 confirmed civilian deaths in Iraq so far. Included among these weapons are AUP-3(M) depleted uranium missiles and anti-personnel landmines, illegal weapons of mass destruction according to the United Nations.

"Even among weapons manufacturers, Lockheed stands alone in its total disregard for the human and environmental impacts of its production," explained Valerie Kaur Brar a Stanford University student. "Lockheed blatantly violates human rights by continuing to produce anti-personnel landmines and depleted uranium weapons which have been banned by international human rights laws.

Harlow Williams, a Marine combat veteran of the Vietnam War and Sunnyvale resident, explained that having a weapons-producing corporation in his backyard has convinced him to engage in his first act of non-violent civil disobedience. The action drew attention to the close relationship between Lockheed and the Bush Administration. Eight current Administration official have close ties to the firm, including Vice President Dick Cheney whose wife served on the board from 1994 to 2001.

Former Lockheed Martin employee, Darlene Wallech (1991-2001) said, "I am ashamed and horrified that I ever worked for Lockheed Martin, a company whose main business and purpose is to destroy and kill."

DASW is an ongoing mobilization in which people from all walks of life take part in non-violent direct action to protest the illegal and unjust invasion of Iraq and the corporations that drive and profit from war. DASW has organized numerous direct actions over the last two months, including the shut down of San Francisco's financial district that occurred March 20th.

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To all you haters still drinking your haterade sippin' it as if it was some merlot, the truth will set you free. All you haters love this article; so, why put up a front? Some of you all think I'm yellow for not putting my name on these articles, including my own editor. You really think I care? I don’t put my name, cause I don’t feel the need to have to justify my stupidity, sell my soul or acknowledge not taking part in hypocrisy (thug life). I keep it real with my peeps. What up smoke dogs Jibba Jibs, Super M and E.D. the brain supreme? So dis is it. Alia be bouncing as if he be rollin’ on 24s.

Wad Up Wid It: Mad, mad props to the peeps who be representing on the spirit rocks. Just when I started to give up on this school, peeps be representing the only true fraternity.

Wad Up Wid It: So, we finally freed the Iraqis. Operation Iraqi Freedom was a hit. The Iraqis are in the streets rioting and looting like they just won the world championship, or go to school at Michigan State. They must be in the streets protesting America cause American companies are not moving in fast enough to help with “humanitarian aid.” Speaking of humanitarian aid, Bibles and missionaries are not humanitarians or aid. So, someone needs to tell my Bible beating, numb nuts that God wants us to send food, water and medicine to Iraq.

By Alexandra Waaner
Perspectives Editor

Few Americans would disagree that the greatest bill to ever come out of Congress was the Bill of Rights. While our Founders were originally opposed to its inclusion, they agreed to write the first Ten Amendments to ensure ratification of the Constitution and prove to the Anti-Federalists that the new government would be committed to protecting the individual rights of its citizens. Over the past 200 years, the Bill of Rights has not only served as an everlasting reminder of the government’s duty to preserve individual liberty, but also as a democratic thermometer, indicating the exceptionally high degree of freedom Americans enjoy.

Unfortunately, the democratic temperature within our country is dropping.

As our nation continues to grow, the gross inequalities within our political and societal culture are becoming more and more obvious. In the last presidential election, Americans faced a realization about our democracy that they had not experienced since 1980. They were reminded that citizens do not have the right to directly choose the president and that our electoral system still goes out of its way to protect the interests of smaller states. The electoral college may have been an acceptable method for choosing the president 200 years ago, but for a country that fights wars in order to free people from tyrannical dictators, it seems a bit outdated. Why do Americans tolerate this degree of political inequality?

Americans have, for a longtime, been obsessed with an illusionary view of our Constitution, causing us to continually overlook many of the democratic defects within our system. Few of us realize that the world we live in today has considerably more democratic nations than in past generations, many of which are experiencing rising levels of freedom. When compared to other democratic nations by wealth inequality, energy efficiency, voter turnout and foreign aid, the United States ranks in the lowest third.

Despite the fact that the United States is the richest country in the world, 40 million Americans are still without health insurance. We also have the highest teen pregnancy rate and the highest levels of children born into poverty than any other modern industrial nation. How much longer are we going to allow the government to ignore these societal defects?

Forty years ago last week, the Supreme Court’s decision in the Gideon v. Wainwright case reset the nation’s democratic thermometer to a higher degree when it ruled that every person charged with a crime had the right to be capably defended. Recent events, however, have proven that our current government has not only forgotten this landmark decision, but also the rights guaranteed by the Fifth and Sixth Amendments. Since 9-11, the Bush Administration has claimed that it can hold American citizens in solitary confinement, indefinitely, without trial and access to a lawyer. habeus corpus has been suspended for all persons the government feels meet the description of an “enemy combatant,” like Jose Padilla, who was arrested declared a “terrorist” before having the right to a trial. Apparently, the idea of “innocent until proven guilty” does not apply to “enemy combatants,” even if they are American citizens.

How much longer are the American people willing to allow the Bill of Rights to be violated? The events of Sept. 11th may have justified the need for the government to increase homeland security, but it should not be another excuse to allow Americans to overlook the democratic defects within our country.

Times columnist Thomas Friedman expressed this idea when he wrote, “...the terrorism bubble was the product of a kind of temporary insanity in which basic norms were ignored and excessive behavior was justified by new theories.” Isn’t it beyond the time for Americans to face reality and force the government back into sanity?
The Unread published first issue

By Amber Prochaska
Managing Editor

The year is finally over for The Pacifican. Finals are here. Students are cramming for exams, finishing projects and packing up their belongings and will soon be in need of a nice, warm, sunny break.

As you may notice, this is the last issue of the semester, but just last Monday, it was the first issue of a new student publication, The Unread.

Better late than never, The Unread has been published after being delayed “and in the making for almost an entire semester and six weeks after the original date.”

The Unread Editor-in-Chief Brianna Toth comments on the second page of the first edition, “Most of the articles were written during the month of February, 2003, and many of the political articles related to United States foreign policy with Iraq, may seem outdated. However, I feel that they are still important and valid to be looked at and examined with all of the advantages of hind-sight for the context in which they were written. While laws and policy often change, ideas and feelings are one of the central constants for our humanity.”

From sections titled “Red Tape,” “Youth in Revolt,” “Captain Planet,” “Bread and Circus,” “Mouth to Mouth,” “Tongue in Cheek,” “Back Page,” The Unread’s first edition was clever, amusing and entertaining.

I find it refreshing that students have banned their ideas, perspectives and opinions together to make their voices heard. The purpose of The Unread to “help students at University of the Pacific to become more aware of the cultural, social, political, academic, and humorous arena that we live in while enrolled at Pacific” was proclaimed whimsically throughout and was utterly “a people’s press.”

Overall, I enjoyed The Unread. I think it is great for students to come together and express their thoughts and feelings on an array of significant issues. The Unread proves to be an insightful, enjoyable publication. I commend The Unread staff on their first issue.

Identity debuts

By Amber Prochaska
Managing Editor

Directed by James Mangold, Identity, starring John Cusack, Jake Busey, Rebecca De Mornay and Clea DuVall proves to be an on-the-edge-of-your-seat thriller.

Ten strangers, each with a different destination, are caught in a wild rainstorm that has caused roads to flood and the ten strangers to come together at an isolated, scary motel in a desert in Nevada. It seems as if they have all reached their final destination, as they slowly die one by one.

Each character has a story: the used-to-be movie star, heading back to Hollywood with her limousine driver (former cop); the trailer trash couple, heading home from Vegas where they eloped; the sketchy manager of the remote motel; the hooker on her way to Florida to purchase orange orchards; the eerie cop transporting a prisoner; the family who has arrived at the motel due to an “accident.” But, at the motel, they all have the same story: they must do what it takes to survive with a killer amongst them.

Released last Friday, April 25 by Columbia Pictures, Identity, is suspenseful, yet gives you moments to let out sighs of anxiety. The film debuted this last weekend as the No. 1 movie with an estimated $17 million, bumping Anger Management down to No. 2 with $16 million after its third consecutive weekend in first place.

So, if you are ready for a movie that will keep you guessing, check out the flick Identity, now in theaters.
Love triangles are always quirky

By Paula Krueger
Staff Writer

Similar to Pearl Harbor and Canablanca, which have been previously reviewed, My Best Friend’s Wedding presents another interesting love triangle.

Opening up in a fancy restaurant, food critic Julianne Potter (Julia Roberts) is having dinner with her gay friend and Editor-in-Chief of her magazine, George Downes (Rupert Everett). During the course of the evening, Potter checks her messages on her phone to discover her best friend and former lover in college, Michael O’Neal (Dermot Mulroney), has called to ask her to give him a call at the hotel he is staying at.

O’Neal’s call triggers a memory for Potter in college when they had promised each other that they will marry each other if, at the age of 28, they had not tied the knot themselves. Potter, having the intention of bringing this up to O’Neal, calls the hotel.

However, this marriage promise is not why he calls. Instead, he wants to inform Potter that he is marrying someone that weekend and wants Potter to be his “best man.” She accepts the invitation, but Potter is bitter. She is still secretly in love with O’Neal after all of these years and she is determined to sabotage the wedding and win him back.

O’Neal’s fiancée, Kimberly Wallace (Cameron Diaz), drives Potter crazy in love with O’Neal and kisses him on his wedding day. This leads to a hilarious chase where O’Neal runs after Wallace, and Potter runs after O’Neal.

Frankly, Potter calls Downes while following O’Neal in a commercial van. Downes finally helps Potter face reality. He asks her who is chasing him and she answers that no one is, which makes her understand that no matter how hard she tries to wreck havoc on the wedding plans, she will still fail.

Potter convinces Wallace that O’Neal loves her and she should marry him. The wedding goes on and as her gift to the newlyweds, Potter loans Wallace her and O’Neal’s song when they were dating, which is a clear indication that she has moved on. She learns that a true best friend does everything in his or her power to make his or her friend happy.

Potter is a little down when the married couple leaves. While until Downes calls Potter’s cell phone and she discovers that he is at the wedding reception. They end up dancing and Potter’s brief depression is replaced with complete happiness on seeing her friend.

Downes had no obligation to be at the reception, but, yet, for Potter’s happiness, he attends it anyway. Possibly Potter has gained a new best friend.

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Already living in a society that mistrusts them, the mutants are faced with even more discrimination after an unforeseen enemy, who may be a mutant with extraordinary powers, launches a devastating attack. The news of the assault causes a public outcry against mutants, including renewed support for the act that would require them to be registered; William Stryker, a military leader rumored to have experimented on mutants (possibly including Wolverine), is among the most vocal supporters of the legislation. Stryker puts into motion a plan to eradicate the "freaks" and begins an offensive on the X-Men mansion and school. Magneto, having escaped from his plastic prison, forms an unlikely alliance with Professor Xavier to stop Stryker. Meanwhile, Wolverine heads North to investigate his past.

The Lizzie McGuire Movie PG

Based on the popular Disney Channel TV series, Lizzie McGuire is about a junior-high student (Hilary Duff) who must deal with the typical teenage stuff: friends, boys, parents and a snot-nosed younger brother. After graduation, Lizzie travels to Italy for summer vacation, where more adventures and life lessons await. Lizzie's mind is always whirling, and her true thoughts are revealed by animated versions of herself.

To be released May 9th

Daddy Day Care PG

After a father (Eddie Murphy) and his co-worker and friend (Jeff Garlin) both lose their jobs, they're forced to take their kids out of prestigious Chapman Academy and become stay-at-home dads.

Released on DVD/VHS

Drumline PG-13

Devon Miles (Nick Cannon) is a young hip-hop drummer from Harlem, N.Y., who receives a scholarship to attend an Atlanta university known for its marching band. When he earns a starting spot on the drum line, the senior whose spot he took begins sniping around. He discovers that the新鲜生 may be a fraud and reports him to the school's respected band director (Orlando Jones), who is then faced with benching one of his most talented musicians right before the big regional competition.

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The movie O is parallel to Othello the play

By Sarah Nakaji
Staff Writer

Shakespeare has written some of the best plays of all time. My personal favorite is Othello (I know, I’m a nerd, but I’m an English major too). This led to my favorite movie O, with Mekhi Phifer, Josh Hartnett and Julia Stiles.

Othello is placed in Italy. The play tells of an army captain named Othello who marries his boss’s daughter without her father’s permission. He is then called to battle, and she decides to go with him. Before the fleet leaves, Othello must choose his lieutenant. One man, Iago, thinks he is best suited for the job; however, Othello chooses a man named Cassio.

Iago becomes jealous and angry with Othello. He plans to take revenge on Othello. Iago convinces Othello that his wife, Desdemona, is cheating on him with Cassio. Through a complicated chain of events, this causes Othello to murder his wife.

Soon after, he discovers that she was not, and kills himself. Iago is discovered as the cause of all the deaths and he is taken away to the torture chamber for life.

The movie O follows the play almost exactly, but is placed in modern times. Italy is replaced by a private boarding school for high school age students. Odin (Phifer), known as O, the captain of the high school basketball team, replaces Othello. Desi (Stiles) plays O’s girlfriend. Iago’s character is replaced with Hugo, a player on the basketball team, and the coach’s son. Hugo (Hartnett) is jealous of his father’s favoritism towards O and off the court. This causes him to plan the downfall of O and all that surrounds him.

Hugo convinces O that Desi is cheating on him with O’s co-captain of the basketball team. O kills Desi, then discovers that she wasn’t cheating on him and shoots himself in front of many of his classmates, yelling how Hugo had betrayed him and was the reason for his suicide. The details in the movie are almost exact to the ones in the play, right down to the incident where Hugo has his girlfriend steal a handkerchief that Othello/O gave to Desdemona/Desi and gives it to Cassio’s character to give to his girlfriend. In the end, Hugo is taken away to jail.

The play and the movie are a perfect parallel to one another. After seeing the movie, I was completely impressed by how closely the story was followed. I am a big fan of Shakespeare and hate it when his stories are played wrongly on screen. O does not fit that profile. It takes the message, the characters, and the magic of Othello and places it in a time more familiar to us, and in a way that we can understand. Not only is Othello a great play, but O is also a great, powerful movie that I recommend to any Shakespeare fan.

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Horoscopes

May 1- The End of Summer!

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TAURUS
(April 21-May 21)
To avoid any minor health problems, don’t get too stressed. You may have difficulties with someone who lives with you. You mustn’t make promises that you won’t be able to keep.

GEMINI
(May 22-June 21)
You will easily blow situations out of proportion. Don’t allow colleagues to stand in your way. Tempers will mount if you’re too pushy at work or at home.

CANCER
(June 22-July 22)
You should consider submitting some of your written work for publication. Stick to doing things that will make you a better person both physically and mentally.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Someone you live with may cause drastic alterations in your usual routine. Your colorful conversation may attract new friends.

VIRGO
(Aug 23-Sept. 23)
Travel will be on your mind, but you should be sure that you’ve got all your work up-to-date. You can expect to feel confused about your personal prospects. Uncertainties are still prevailing.

LIBRA
(Sept 2-Oct. 23)
Be precise in your communications to avoid any misunderstandings and arguments. You may have taken on a little too much, but you will enjoy every minute of it. Do not jump to conclusions concerning your romantic partner.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Your persuasive nature will win the heart of someone you’ve had your eye on. Someone you work with could have a personal interest in you.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Someone close to you will get upset easily if you are insensitive to their needs. Don’t be afraid to pursue unfamiliar grounds. You’re in the mood to spend time with your lover.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
Don’t let any money slip through your fingers this week. Don’t let your family put demands on you. Look into attending seminars that can expand your perception.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
They will jump at the chance to do something without you if it sounds like more fun. Pleasure trips or friendly get-togethers will be satisfying and intellectually stimulating.

PISCES
(Dec. 20-Mar. 20)
Your need to obtain additional details will lead you into stranger topics of conversation. Your best efforts will come through hard work. Don’t take offense at comments made by coworkers.

ARIES
(Mar. 21-April 20)
People you live with will not be terribly happy with you regardless of what you do this week. Romantic encounters will develop through group activity.
Sports

The week in review

Men's Tennis

Pacific Media Relations

The 2003 Big West Conference men's tennis championship came down to the top two players on the top two teams as Carlos Palencia led No. 2 seed UC Santa Barbara to a 4-3 upset of the top-seeded Pacific Tigers on Sunday, Apr. 27, at Blackhawk Country Club. With the win, the Gauchos moved to 15-8 on the year, while the Tigers completed their regular season with a 17-7 record.

Palencia, the 2002 Big West Player of the Year, won the deciding match for the Gauchos at the No. 1 singles position as he battled back from down one set to defeat Pacific's Arnar Sigurdsson (Kopavogur, Iceland) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

The other decisive point in the battle of the top two seeds came in the doubles competition, as UC Santa Barbara's Michael Frick and Nick Brotman pulled out a 9-8 (4) win over Tigers Tyler Black (Kahaluu, Hawai‘i) and Niclas Otte (Hannover, Germany) at No. 3 doubles to give UC Santa Barbara the doubles point.

With the Big West Conference title, the Gauchos earned an automatic berth into the NCAA Championships, while the Tigers must wait until NCAA selections are announced on Wednesday, April 30.

No. 2 UC Santa Barbara def No. 1 Pacific, 4-3
Doubles: (UC Santa Barbara wins doubles point)

Women's Tennis

In the third of four quarterly matches at the 2003 Big West Conference Women's Tennis Championship on Friday, April 25th the third seeded UC Irvine Anteaters advanced with a 5-1 over No. 6 Pacific. With the win the Anteaters moved to 14-9 on the season, while the Gauchos finished their regular season at 6-15.

Originally scheduled to be played in the Sports Complex of the Blackhawk Country Club in Danville, Calif., the title match was moved to an indoor facility at the InShape Sports Club in Stockton, Calif., due to rain and poor weather conditions.

The Anteaters won five singles matches to secure the victory with the doubles matches being cancelled due to weather.

#3 UC Irvine def. #6 Pacific 5-1

Men's Golf

Matt Hansen earned All-Big West Conference First Team honors on April 23rd.

A senior business administration major at Pacific, Hansen leads the team this season with a scoring average of 72.06. He has a team-best 17 top 25s and is ranked 13th in the West Region.

Hansen's best finish was at the Stewin-Ranch Invitational, where he earned medalist honors.

Women's Volleyball

The Pacific women's volleyball team posted a perfect 4-0 record in four spring matches on Saturday, Apr. 26, at Santa Clara. The Tigers swept Nevada (30-24, 30-25) and San Jose State (30-17, 30-28), defeated Santa Clara in three games (28-30, 30-28, 15-7), and closed out competition with a 30-27, 30-19 victory over Sacramento State.

Jennifer Joines led all Tiger attackers with 11 kills against Nevada. Joines hit .421 (11-3) in the match and added eight digs. Outstanding freshmen Sidney Bennett and Sarah Vinall added five kills apiece for Pacific, while Molly Mordaut led the Tiger back row with 10 digs.

Joines hit an impressive .550 and added two service aces to pace Pacific's two-match sweep of San Jose State. Vinall contributed six kills with her friend Knox joined in on all the fun and pounded three kills in as many swings. Against Santa Clara, Pacific dropped the first game 30-28, before rallying to claim games two and three (30-24, 29-30, 15-7). Joines once again collected 12 kills for the Tigers, while Mordaut registered a team-high 13 digs.

Vinall and Ashley Groot-Huizinga each hit seven kills apiece to lead the Pacific charge against Sacramento State. Knox picked up six kills with just one error in 11 attempts (.455), and Mordaut recorded her third double figure dig total of the day with 10 digs.

Pacific concluded its 2003 spring schedule with a 9-1 record in 10 matches. The Tigers officially open their 2003 season with the Pacific Invitational Aug. 29-30, at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

Baseball

By Adam Ringer
Staff Writer

The Tigers lost the first two games of a three game series over the weekend against UC Riverside before winning a slugfest on Sunday and winning the final game 11-9. With the win the Tigers moved to 25-20 overall and 3-8 in the Big West Conference.

Friday night the Tigers surrendered 10 runs on 13 hits to the potent offense of Riverside. The Tigers couldn't get much offense themselves against Jaime Torres who allowed only three hits in seven plus innings.

The Tigers were blanked until the sixth inning when senior Josh Snook hit shot to center field for a base hit. Freshman Chase Headley followed with a walk to put runners on first and second. Senior Cory Lake put the only run on the board for the Tigers with an RBI base hit to center field scoring Snook from second. They would go on to lose 10-1.

Saturday's game was much of the same story. The Tigers took their first lead of the series in the top of the second after Cory Lake led off the inning with a single. He advanced to second on a wild pitch and later scored on a ground out by sophomore Jesse Kovacs.

After getting down 4-1 in the third, the Tigers got on the board again. Junior Aaron Harper started it off with a walk and was moved to third on a single from Kovacs. With runners at second and third, senior James Stanford hit a sacrifice fly to left center to make the score 4-2.

However, that would be the last run the Tigers would score. Riverside went on to score six more runs and won by the final of 10-2. "They could flat out hit. They hit pitches that were good pitches down below their ankles hard," said Josh Snook.

In the final game of the series on Sunday, the Tigers came out swinging. In one of the most exciting games of the year, the Tigers matched Riverside swing for swing. The score was all notched up at one a piece threw four innings of play. In the fifth, junior Eric Elliott led off the inning with a walk followed by back to back singles from Snook and Headley which made the score 2-1.

In the same inning, Cory Lake laid down a sweet bunt single to put runners at second and third with only one out. Harper then smacked a double to left center plating two runs to make it 4-1. Kovacs then brought Harper in with a single to right and advanced all the way to third on an error by the right fielder. The Tigers managed to get one more run across in the inning on a single from junior Adam Ringer scoring Kovacs from third.

Riverside scored two runs in the bottom of the inning making it 6-3. The Tigers got one more run from an RBI single by Lake and made it 7-3. With two more runs in the seventh, the Tigers made the score 9-6 heading into the eighth.

Riverside then rallied in the eighth scoring three quick runs and making the score 9-9. With two outs in the ninth, Chase Headley belted a double to put himself in scoring position. Cory Lake then came up and hit a ball to short right field that looked like a sure out but was lost in the sun by the right fielder scoring Headley from second and taking the lead 10-9. Lake, who hustled all the way to third on the pop up, scored on a passed ball giving the Tigers a run cushion heading into the bottom of the ninth.

Junior Andy Willick picked up the win for the Tigers as he sat down Riverside in order to end the game 11-9. The Tigers had 19 hits in the game and were led by Chase Headley who was 4-5 with 4 RBIs and 2 runs scored. Aaron Harper had 2 runs batted in and Eric Elliott was 3-5. Eight Tiger's had two or more hits in the game.

CONTINUED SCHEDULE

Friday, May 9
Softball at UC Riverside (DH) @ 1 p.m.
Baseball at UCSB @ 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 10
Softball at UC Riverside @ Noon
Baseball at UCSB @ 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 11
Baseball at UCSB @ 1 p.m.