Plan to be unveiled for city's downtown

By AMBER PROCHASKA
Staff Writer

The Downtown Stockton Alliance and the City of Stockton will celebrate Downtown Stockton’s progress in an event at the Fox Theatre on Wednesday, Nov. 14. The event will unveil a five-year plan to continue downtown’s revitalization.

The theme for the event is “Celebrating Successes, Capitalizing on Tomorrow’s Opportunities.” Tim Viall, Chief Executive Officer of the Downtown Stockton Alliance said, “We’ve four to five years into downtown’s return from the dead. [This forum] will celebrate the positive successes of the last three to four years.”

Stockton’s Deputy City Manager, Roger Storey said, “The intention [of the forum] is to continue to keep downtown before the public. We want to highlight the progress made and alert people to the next projects they should expect to see us working on.”

People who attend the forum will be asked to help create the central city’s future over the next five years. The forum will contain information on a number of new attractions, including the prospective 4,000 seat Cineplex and the reopening of Hotel Stockton.

Other ideas include a waterfront hotel, three restaurants, a meeting-event center, new downtown office towers, condominium apartments on the South Channel, the SMART Transit Center and a number of planned parking decks.

Mayor of Stockton Gary Pedesto will also introduce the major catalyst projects, talk of success stories from other cities, unveil the five-year plan to continue the revitalization and overview downtown’s current improvements.

Of the planning, Storey said, “We want to heighten awareness. It will be held Nov. 15-19 and they have a preliminary theme of “Bridges to the Future.”

The Downtown Stockton Alliance and the City of Stockton will host 1,000 students that come from all over the nation from 220 universities.

Senior Linda Quach, UOP president of PRSSA said, “The National Committee that selects the next host of the conference approached the UOP chapter and the PRSSA club had three weeks to assemble all parts of the bid.”

Three students in UOP’s PRSSA club made the presentation on Friday morning to the PRSSA National Committee and they found out that afternoon that they had won the bid.

Quach said, “San Francisco is a great place to hold the conference because it has many attractions all over the city. We are thinking of having events at the Metreon, the theatre district and the shopping center.”

This year’s students have already started to work on plans for next year’s conference. It will be held Nov. 15-19 and they have a preliminary theme of “Bridges to the Future.”

The theme represents PRSSA students’ opportunity for growth at the PRSSA National Conference and it is also appropriate for the location of the conference in San Francisco.

The group is also working to get poignant speakers to come to the conference. Some ideas are David Fredrickson, public affairs consultant in Washington D.C. to speak on political public relations. PRSSA students are also hoping to have Ron Rhody, Chief Executive of Rhody and Company Inc. and the author of “CEO’s Playbook,” speak at the conference. Student organizers also would like to have Ron Rhody, Chief Executive of Rhody and Company Inc. and the author of “CEO’s Playbook,” speak at the conference. Student organizers also would like to see PRSSA page 4.
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PRSSA is looking forward to their job of hosting next year's National Conference. The event will enhance the education of public relations students across the nation, provide a fun four days and bring recognition to Pacific.

Lisa Horton, programs director for the conference committee said, "The conference also features many social events all throughout the city as well as agency tours in which students from different universities go to different public relations firms to see how they operate."

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Bay Area bridges placed on high alert

[U-WIRE] Security around Bay Area bridges was increased over the weekend, as federal officials questioned the validity of threats made against spans in the Western United States and commuters debated how to get across the bay.

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Pacific welcomes enthusiastic new Catholic priest

By LAUREL HOOVER
Staff Writer

Pacific's religious community opens its arms to new Catholic priest Father Tony Smith, a man who emphasizes the spirit of life and religion.

Bishop Stephen Blaire invited Smith to UOP. He was raised in England with Irish descent and studied in England, Scotland and Italy. It was in Italy that Smith earned his doctorate and had the pleasure to work with youth as well as directing plays such as "Oliver" and "Fiddler on the Roof." Smith became a Catholic priest in 1984, while working in Rome.

Just before he arrived at Pacific, Smith was busy working in Tucson, Arizona where he was able to work with the youth and take part in organizing various youth retreats.

"I really enjoyed working with the youth because they added a special friendly quality to the atmosphere," said Smith.

The priest's interests include working with those who have AIDS as well as working closely with the Gay/straight Alliances and student services.

"I want everyone to know that my house is your house and I am open and willing to help anyone who is in need—not just Catholic students, but anyone and everyone." said Smith. He also enjoys being a Catholic priest and plans to arrange a pilgrimage to a famous monastery in France called Taize for Spring Break which will be open for anyone interested.

"I am really looking forward to my future at UOP because I am sure that I will have the opportunity to meet many new, fun and interesting individuals, and at the same time, I will be doing what I love to do: preaching." Smith can be reached by email at Saguaroto@hottmail.com. He can also be reached at his new home, the Newman House, at 951-0881.
Pacific RA’s find opportunity at Santa Cruz conference

By ARTHUR JENKINS III
Guest Writer

Residential Life and Housing staff members from various residence halls on campus took part in a conference designed to help RA’s further develop their communication skills.

They departed from Burns Tower last Saturday morning to attend Northern RAP 2001 taking place in UC Santa Cruz. The conference theme was “Sailing Beyond Your Horizons.”

Northern RAP provided the “opportunity to meet other RA’s (residential assistants) from Northern California where they can share and discuss problems affecting their campus,” said Lester Deanes, Resident Director of East Area.

The conference began with a keynote speaker, Laura G. Engleken, who is a multicultural consultant based in Santa Cruz. Her presentation was called “Filling Your Treasure Chest” and it questioned the goals and commitment of individuals working in residential life and housing.

“When you first thought about the position, what did you want to achieve?” Engleken asked. She discussed those challenges in communication with staff and residents.

Northern RAP consisted of three sessions that lasted 45 minutes. Each session had several program schedules to choose from.

In session one there was “Day of the Dead (El Dia de los Muertos)” which was a celebration throughout Latin America and the U.S. that gives honor to ancestors, family and friends who have passed away.

Session two offered “Design, decor, and the dirty D word.” This program discussed the need of personal space and the importance of self-expression through the decoration of a residence hall room.

Session three, “Alcohol 101,” gave suggestions for helping residents become responsible drinkers.

“It was very beneficial for programming skill development. An RA is always developing their skills,” said Travis Wethington, a Michigan State Hall community advisor.

The program ended with a roundtable composed of residence assistants from CSU Chico, UC Davis, University of Nevada, Reno, Stanford University and a host of other Northern California colleges. The roundtable was a discussion for RA’s to ask questions about program ideas, roommate conflict and contracts.

“It is wonderful to get to know RA’s in other schools and to share stories, ideas, and pet peeves,” said Southwest Hall RA Nik Njeogvan.

Islam Awareness Week offers benefits

University of the Pacific’s Muslim Student Association will present a week full of events in honor of Islam Awareness Week. All events will be on Pacific’s campus and are free of cost and open to the public. This is an opportunity for Pacific and the Stockton community to learn the truth about a misunderstood religion and be informed about the lives Muslims lead, said MSA Co-President Faris Chohan.

The first event will be Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. in the McCaffrey Center Theatre. A group of local speakers will present a discussion on the role of women and the misconception of oppression for Islamic women.

On Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. in the McCaffrey Center Theatre a speaker from the Council on American-Islamic Relations will talk about terrorism from an Islamic perspective.

Thursday, Nov. 8 brings Masood Caji to speak on Islam in the modern world. Caji is a dentist, activist and writer based in Stockton. He will speak on the roles of American Muslims, their daily lives and struggles.

The Pacific MSA’s fundamental purpose is to encourage Muslims and provide them with the basic knowledge and competence in Islam to contribute individually and collectively toward meeting human needs in conformity with Islamic doctrines and beliefs. It is also the purpose of the Pacific MSA to avoid any wrong practices in Islam and to create a feeling of brotherhood and sisterhood. The MSA also serves to educate members of the community and help remove stereotypes and false beliefs about Islam.

To purchase your tickets for the forum, you can stop by the Downtown Stockton Alliance at 306 E. Main, Suite 201 or call (209) 464-5246. Tickets purchased before Nov. 9 are $15 and from then on will be $20.

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the optimism about the future downtown. We want people to invest their confidence.”

“The most positive aspect of downtown Stockton is the fairly unified business community coming together to press on what we have been developing for the last three to four years. We want to draw the public, students, businesses and politicians to our forum so they can see what we have planned,” said Viall.

At the forum, there will be ten speakers which include: CEO of Cort Companies, Dan Cort; Realtor, Kevin Dougherty; Chair of Downtown Stockton Alliance, Don Geiger; Stockton’s City Manager, Mark Lewis; expert in inner-city housing, David Mogavaro; Mayor of Stockton, Gary Posesto; Developer of Downtown Stockton Cineplex and Hotel Stockton two-block project, Steven Semingson; President of Monte Vista Development, TW Starkweather; Stockton’s Deputy City Manager, Storey and President of the Great Valley Center, Carol Whiteside.

Each speaker will give his or her expertise in the downtown revitalization and development.

“We have a positive line-up of speakers,” said Storey. He continued, “The intention is to continue to keep downtown before the public. We want to highlight the progress that has been made and alert people to the progress they should expect to see in the future. Downtown has been in a depressed place for years. Its reputation has affected the reputation of Stockton in general. We figure if we bring up the center of the city and the reputation improves, it will become a great place to go. The whole reputation will improve and it will be a great investment to the city.”

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A look at airport security

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks showed the world the many flaws in America's airport security. Since the attacks, airports have been searching bags more regularly and checking ID's and tickets before passengers are allowed to go to their gates. No one without a ticket can go up to the gate and the lines at airports are longer.

Recently, at the Sacramento Airport it took an hour to check baggage, get through security and to the gate. Everyone is being told to arrive at least two hours early if not three, and this is proving true.

Airports all across the country have armed guards watching people come through the x-ray machines and people are being randomly searched before they get on the plane.

Although the lines are long and carry-on bags are being searched more frequently, most travelers are appreciating the security measures that airports are taking. But are these new procedures really keeping travelers safe or does even more need to be done?

On Nov. 1 the House approved a Republican bill that places the federal government in charge of airport security, but according to The New York Times, the 28,000 baggage and passenger screeners will not be turned over to federal workers.

Currently, airlines are in charge of their own security and they contract out to low-bidding private security firms that pay workers little more than the minimum wage. Screeners receive only minimal training. This means that the workers don't necessarily care about their jobs and probably don't always pay attention to what people have in their bags.

Right now it may seem that airports are at their highest level of security, but who knows if that will continue once the Sept. 11 attacks become further removed from our memories.

Under this bill, the Department of Transportation would create an agency to oversee security on airplanes, trains, ships and other methods of transportation. The federal government would set stricter security standards and train, test and supervise baggage and passenger screeners.

We already have a model for effective federal management of critical work at airports: our aviation system operated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The FAA assures that airplanes are built, repaired and operated safely. It licenses airplane makers, airlines and maintenance companies, as well as individual employees, after training and testing. Then it inspects their work to assure that they are meeting its safety standards. This safety system relies on private workers, which are overseen by federal employees. There is no need for the airline employees to be federal workers, like the Senate is currently proposing.

Although the House approved a bill that gives the federal government power over airline security, but does not put federal workers in the airports, the Senate approved a bill on Oct. 11 that would make airport screeners federal employees. This Senate bill was approved by a vote of 100 to 0 and the House now faces what are likely to be drawn-out negotiations with the Senate over a final compromise.

The bill that passed through the House, but not the Senate, limits the federal government's role in security measures taken at airports, but it allows them to choose the best people to screen our luggage.

The federal government can hire screeners or allow them to continue to work for private security firms. But the employees would receive better pay, training and supervision, and they would have to be American citizens, according to The New York Times.

The bill would also expand the use of federal marshals on planes, secure cockpit doors, permit pilots to carry guns, require background checks of workers with access to secure areas and law enforcement officers would be stationed at every screening location.

If the federal government took complete control of hiring and supervising all airport security workers, it would be an unnecessary growth in federal power. We do need stricter standards, more training, higher pay and more supervision for the workers, but we do not want to become a military state. That's not how our country works.

We are a free country where we should be free to live our lives without the government watching our every move. We cannot allow fear to destroy our freedom.

This editorial reflects the views of The Pacifican. This week's editorial was written by Jessica C. Curley. Any questions or comments can be directed to jcurley@thepacifican.com.
The other side of discrimination and prejudice

By DONALD BELLENGER
Staff Writer

In the few moments I have left in my life, I like to sit in front of the mirror and admire just what a piece of work I am. I'm really a Nothing, but every time I look at myself, the so-called "valuable" Am. If I had to choose a thing of my body that I'd like to eat, I know that it would be the so-called "valuable" Am. So golden, my hands don't look cooked. But more than just the pretty colors and shapes of my arms, there is great meaning in my hands. My hands don't look golden, but I know that each of my two index fingers has something special in them.

This specialty isn't taste or meaning, but rather the supernatural power to point at something. Because when I point, I discriminate, and there is absolutely nothing better than discrimination.

The very act of discriminating is to make the decision that one person/thing is superior to another, and that is a great thing. Everybody does it and most probably treat it as a dirty secret. I feel so god-like, when I'm in the dining commons (commons, because of all the poor people there) and I can clearly point my unforgiving finger at a banana and say with conviction, "you banana, are inferior to this apple because you are inherently weak."

But oh, the decedent finger sex doesn't end there. You can point at people too! Yes, real living breathing people (although I'm convinced most people are really just robots) can be victims to the discriminating fingers of prejudice. Prejudice is another great little trick I know. By knowing all about fruits, foods and other personal stuff might not be up for grabs to just anyone. Ask before taking. Make sure to agree with each other. You can simply "agree to disagree."

2) A super roommate respects the other person's property. Realize that clothes and other personal stuff might not be up for grabs to just anyone. Ask before taking. Make sure each of you knows what things aren't to be shared.

3) A super roommate respects the other person's religious and political beliefs. You don't have to agree with each other. You can simply "agree to disagree."

Strive to be a super roommate like Jack, Janet or Chrissy.
Let’s take an honest look at American corruption

[U-WIRE] We live every day in this society, whether we like it or not. Just because we have to shop for clothes at K-Mart or at some fancy place doesn’t mean we have accepted how these clothes are made or accept the economic system that lives on cheap labor of other countries. For a change, let’s really try to be honest about our history.

First of all, this country was founded on something I did not have the opportunity to live through. Nevertheless, I still see it being played out today, in a tragic drama unlike any episode seen on the soap opera “Days of Our Lives.”

I have learned about waves of immigrants from Europe seeking a better life in America, as good a life as those gold-covered television backdrops you see on religious channels. Most of these immigrants were forced into economic slavery, also known as indentured servitude. They were treated the same way people are treated in the sweatshop amrphs all across U.S. cities and across this world.

Those who think like U.S. Attorney General Ashcroft, who now leads this anti-immigrant stance, do not want us to remember that this country was founded on the sweatshop and cotton-field labor of millions of immigrants and slaves, which created the worst experience of genocide on the indigenous nations of the Western Hemisphere.

I am not inventing anything, but simply pointing out a relevant historical subject that the 6-0 news easily seems to forget.

Whether we accept to speak out against these economic injustices we see everyday or not, we still must live through it and learn from it. Young people cannot be shadows of the older generation or silent echoes for the future. It is like that great saying, “We must understand history in order to know how to live in the future,” which could not ring more true than today’s times.

I think it is appropriate to mention another one of Bush’s quotes that weighs as heavy as a Styrofoam cup: “The terrorists want us to stop flying and buying, but we will not give in to these evil-doers.”

What is amazing, first of all, is how does he know what the terrorists are thinking if we don’t even know where Osama bin Laden is? What also is incredible to me is how far we are able to reduce this war on terror to a celebrity death match between “our economy” and “evildoers” while four to five million Afghans are facing starvation.

What this logic translates to is that on an everyday level, the act of shopping or getting on a plane is more important than how people are treated around you or treated when they made your nice pants.

Apparently it is even more important than the health of this planet, since we refused to sign the Kyoto Treaty which would hopefully cut down on global warming. Even Dick Cheney, who always seems to suddenly appear here and there out of some hiding place, says that the Kyoto protocol would hurt the American economy. Our confidence to know what is “really” going on, essentially, has been compromised for consumer confidence — the confidence to buy things.

Wasn’t our economy supposedly unstable before this war?

Well, someone says it woke up feeling fine today — maybe because they bought those new pants? Our economy may be doing well, but I don’t see public schools getting any better, or International Monetary Fund and World Bank policies treating “third world countries” any better. I still see a growing prison industrial complex, and an increasing rate of bombardment on our youth of violent images.

It is as if culture has been reduced to one Big Mac of entertainment with a side of MTV fries. May we work toward making more conscious of our history?

As the great rapper, Mos Def says, “Shine a light on the società, world for the world to see.” Then maybe we can try to stand united.

“Culture nowadays is largely reduced to entertainment. Contradictions go as deep as commercials with Phillip Morris showing it’s wrong for kids to smoke only after going to court in which they won over the government but the image was tarnished.

Then you have Budweiser showing that drinking is the only way to fun, even though it is killing more people than it is overdoses on drugs and has destroyed generations of families.

Add to that Shell, a company that is still polluting the Nigeria delta coast which led to Sawo Wiwa was killed trying to protect, hanged by the Shell-controlled government saying they are taking care of the environment.

Baby, don’t make no fast moves tonight.

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Roommate from page 7

spects the other person’s right to a good night’s sleep. This means not turning on the light while the other person is sleeping, not playing loud music, etc. Creating a system now that will determine how each of you will manage while the other is sleeping is a good idea that will be of benefit to you both.

4) A super roommate will not have a guy or a girl sleep over.

5) A super roommate will keep his/her side of the room clean, not to mention take a shower regularly!

6) A super roommate will not mooch off the other person. Don’t ask for money, don’t eat all their food, don’t have them do your assignments. Think of this as a 50-50 thing, where each person gives as much as he or she takes.

7) A super roommate locks the door!

THE PACIFICAN FAST FACT

62% of all Americans believe that a trip to a major theme park is more culturally enriching than a trip to the Reagan Library. —TVNation Survey

8) A super roommate will keep the other person up for his/her class when the alarm doesn’t go off.

9) A super roommate asks “How was your day?” and “Are you ok?” and “What can I do?” It’s so neat to have a roommate who truly cares about you. Try to support each other as much as you can.

10) A super roommate will make the other person laugh. Remember, when the fighting and fuming is over, there is still laughter. Remember this, and you will survive the year with your new best friend.

Attention all frosh: “Freshman Perspective” is the official column written expressly for froshmen. That’s why The Pacifican needs your view! Have a topic that you feel other freshmen would find enticing? Read. Let me know! If I use your idea, I’ll make sure you’re given credit. E-mail your idea to: UpFRSThPerspec@aol.com
Parking problems

To the Editor:
I am writing in response to an article written in the November 1, 2001 issue of The Pacifican. The article was "Parking permit problems plentiful at Pacific." I found distinct issue with the fact that the professors are allowed to buy B parking permits. As far as I know students are not allowed to buy A parking permits. I don't feel that it is fair that they are allowed to park in the little parking that students have available to them. If it is an issue of the cost why don't we just require that professors buy A parking permits and students buy B parking permits but make both permits the same cost. This would make things more fair. I don't know what a suitable solution is but the current situation can't go on. Also in reference to students being lazy, I don't think students are as lazy as some people think.

Darlene Gibbard

To the Editor:
I strongly agree with the article "Parking permit problems plentiful at Pacific" on the November 1, 2001 edition of The Pacifican. The university needs to review the parking goals again, and decide how to fix the discrimination that is currently happening. Although Professors do deserve a shorter walk to class, it should not mean that the students get to walk 15 minutes to class everyday. I might have a solution to this problem which I would like to propose. The solution is to have three different parking permits, A, B, and C. Since there are always many free spaces on parking permit A, I suggest that the parking lot be divided and labeled "B". There should only be enough spaces on parking permit A for those professors who would like to purchase the specified permit. Then, both B and C should be student permits, except parking permit B is a bit more expensive than C. That way, students living on campus will not attempt to buy the more expensive parking permit, and students commuting will usually find decent spots to park in before class. Parking permit C, then, are those spots near the dorms, the art buildings, and some of the other new parking spots made available this year.

Ossama Alkhurafi

To the Editor:
I am writing in response to your article "Parking permit problems plentiful at Pacific" that appeared in the opinion section of the newspaper that ran on November 1, 2001. That scene you described in the beginning of your article was quite amusing because that is what I find myself doing more than half the time when I am going to class. Everyday you keep thinking there will be at least one spot, but that one spot is in the A lot and you find yourself wandering up and down the aisles, sometimes for great periods of time until you finally find that B lot spot. By changing the lots like they did they made the commute a lot easier on the faculty and a lot more frustrating on the students. Even if you show up early to try to get parking there still is not a guarantee that you will get a decent spot. I believe they should go back to the university wide permit that way we could satiate faculty and students.

I think this would have a better chance of working because there were so many of the "A" permits not sold. I am also pretty positive that some students would pay the 25 extra dollars to have a chance to get a better parking spot. I know I certainly would.

Chris Roemer

Parking Cartoon

To the Editor:
As I was flipping through The Pacifican, the cartoon that appeared in the issue of November 1, 2001 has caught my eye. At first glance, I saw the headline, "Parking problems plentiful at Pacific." I found it amusing because that is just ridiculous. As part of human nature, we're all lazy. Although we live within walking distance from the classes, we still want to take our cars rather than spending 10 minutes on foot. However, UOP has tried to implement changes, and I thought that was supposed to make it better, not make matter worse.

Nevertheless, I do have to compliment them on making it safer for the pedestrians to walk through a less dangerous environment.

Phuong Nguyen

Tiger's Grocery cleans house

To the Editor:
I am writing in response to the article "Tiger's Grocery cleans house" that appeared in the news section of the newspaper on October 25, 2001. First I would like to begin by saying that I appreciate that The Pacifican followed up on the issue regarding the sanitary conditions at Tiger's Grocery. Ever since I heard about the various concerns with the sanitary conditions of both the Summit and Tiger's Grocery I have been worried. I am a very health conscious person and it disgusts me to no end to know that the food I am eating is prepared in unsanitary conditions. I have made the decision only to purchase food items that come already sealed, any other food items I have to prepare myself. Now my only concern is the dining halls; I really hope that these conditions do not exist in these facilities.

As a more productive note, I can say that it is reassuring to know that actions have and are being taken to ensure the cleanliness of the campus owned food store. I am glad that arrangements have been made to have the store cleaned and disinfected over Fall Holiday by professional cleaners. I am concerned however, when they say by "professional cleaners." Does this mean that the store has never been professionally cleaned? The sanitary conditions concern me and I am glad that The Pacifican brings these important issues to students' attention.

Erica Garman

Anorexia

To the Editor:
I am writing in response to the article, "Anorexia is just a small part in a bigger problem," in the opinion section on November 1, 2001. I strongly agree with the article that just because people are thin doesn't mean they can be classified into an anorexia category. Some people have ectomorphic body types, which means slender or thin features. These people were born to be thin. Some people have fast metabolisms and just can't gain weight.

The only differences between an ectomorphic and an anorexic is that the anorexic starves themselves. Everyone wants to lose weight from some part of their body at one point in their lifetime, however, anorexics have a disease. People shouldn't label a person being anorexic because they are thin. Making a guess about someone being anorexic because they're thin is not only degrading but hurtful as well.

Alison Hoover

New University Center

To the Editor:
I would like to respond to an article published on November 1, 2001 in The Pacifican entitled, "New university center planning continues." It's nice to know what is going on campus, especially when it comes to new developments, such as the new university center. However, it doesn't look like anyone who is currently enrolled at UOP will reap any of the benefits of such a center. Five years from now, I'll be well on my way towards new things. It's actually depressing to think that things really start to improve once I have already left. On the flip side it is encouraging to know that UOP is constantly making an effort to improve itself, and hopefully keeping up with the times. Perhaps, before we build new things we should maintain some of the structures that are already in existence. I know that there are several residence halls and classrooms that are in desperate need of renovation. Grace was a start, so let's keep it going.

Janis Rowe
Don't blame lyrics

[U-WIRE] In a recent lawsuit aimed at the heavy metal band Slayer, San Luis Obispo, Calif., Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Burke ruled that Slayer lyrics, although "repulsive and profane," did not provoke three teens to murder 15-year-old Elyse Pahler of Nipomo, Calif., in 1995. The suit was filed in 1996 by Pahler's parents, claiming the band's music incited the murder of their daughter. Judge Burke concluded that the music is not harmful to children and that the product can be legally sold and marketed under the protection of the First Amendment.

Music is the media of choice for many consumers today, especially within the teen population. Many teens use music to help define their social group and express their cultural identity. Music can be a good tool for teens to express themselves individually as well, but the lyrics themselves don't always have a positive message. Some lyrics advocate violence, sex, suicide and even murder. However, lyrics cannot be held responsible for a teen's behavior. It is the duty of parents, not the entertainment industry, to teach children the difference between right and wrong.

The Parental Advisory Label was created by the Recording Industry Association of America in 1985 to help parents censor what their kids listen to. The label identifies music releases that contain explicit lyrics, including representations of profanity, sex and violence, so that parents can make informed listening choices for their children. Some retailers even have in-store policies that prohibit selling music that contains the Parental Advisory Label to those younger than 18.

It's time parents get more involved in their children's lives. Music can be a tool of communication between child and parent. Parents should ask their teens questions and see how the music they listen to makes them feel. Parents should see what kind of message their teens are getting from certain artists and clarify any distorted views they might have. Since adolescence is often an impressionable time, parents need to step in and instill good morals in their children. When teens turn into young adults, they need to be able to make educated choices, easily distinguishing right from wrong, fantasy from fact.

Blaming explicit lyrics for wrongdoing is just looking for a scapegoat. When things go wrong, people naturally want to blame someone or something. But instead of holding the music responsible, the finger should point back to us, the consumers. After all, do we have a choice, don't we? We choose to buy a CD or listen to the radio—we aren't forced to.

In the case of teens, perhaps parents are not yet able to make these educated decisions, in which case we must choose for them. Adults need to take control and know when it's time to change the radio station, or better yet, when to turn the radio off.

"If we're going to blame music lyrics for our children's behavior, we can't stop there. We must also point a finger at sex and profanity on television, not to mention gory video games. But we can't blame the show "Beverly Hills 90210" for teen pregnancies, nor can we blame PlayStation for the Columbine murders. People need to take responsibility for their actions, rather than blaming the media. The entertainment industry's role is to entertain the public, not to educate it. That's where we step in. Parents and adults should take responsibility for interpreting what their teens hear.

By taking on this burden, they are not only educating the generation of the future, but also defending society's rights of free expression under the First Amendment.
Bud’s Seafood & Grill not the pleasant experience

BY KILGORE TROUT
Staff Writer

The unchecked, persuasive limbs of winter are fast approaching, slowly gathering to hoist its well-worn veil so that its various properties can be properly examined and accordingly praised. Such extreme winter properties have made their way into my shabby comforters, their violent, unwanted gestures having resolved themselves within my drafty hovel. Seeing as how my depleted funds allowed for nothing more than an extra sweater from the thrift shop, I decided to make use of the never-ending parade of perks offered at Bud’s Seafood and Grill. I had harbored no desire to realize the mottled melodies that have eagerly explored the polished pages of some Steven R. Covey book with its artificial warmth. Instead, decided to make use of the warmth that food so graciously affords. Having made note of some comment excised during the preliminary stages of an uncertain relation, my worn body found itself in front of Bud’s Seafood and Grill. Outside, a noisome flag made use of a nearby wall, signifying the unchecked, persuasive reality, who refuses to give in to the warmth that food so graciously affords. Having made note of some comment excised during the preliminary stages of an uncertain relation, my worn body found itself in front of Bud’s Seafood and Grill. Outside, a noisome flag made use of a nearby wall, signifying the unchecked, persuasive reality, who refuses to give in to the warmth that food so graciously affords. Having made note of some comment excised during the preliminary stages of an uncertain relation, my worn body found itself in front of Bud’s Seafood and Grill. Outside, a noisome flag made use of a nearby wall, signifying the unchecked, persuasive reality, who refuses to give in to the warmth that food so graciously affords. Having made note of some comment excised during the preliminary stages of an uncertain relation, my worn body found itself in front of Bud’s Seafood and Grill. Outside, a noisome flag made use of a nearby wall, signifying the unchecked, persuasive reality, who refuses to give in to the warmth that food so graciously affords. Having made note of some comment excised during the preliminary stages of an uncertain relation, my worn body found itself in front of Bud’s Seafood and Grill. Outside, a noisome flag made use of a nearby wall, signifying the unchecked, persuasive reality, who refuses to give in to the warmth that food so graciously affords. Having made note of some comment excised during the preliminary stages of an uncertain relation, my worn body found itself in front of Bud’s Seafood and Grill. Outside, a noisome flag made use of a nearby wall, signifying the unchecked, persuasive reality, who refuses to give in to the warmth that food so graciously affords. Having made note of some comment excised during the preliminary stages of an uncertain relation, my worn body found itself in front of Bud’s Seafood and Grill. Outside, a noisome flag made use of a nearby wall, signifying the unchecked, persuasive reality, who refuses to give in to the warmth that food so graciously affords. Having made note of some comment excised during the preliminary stages of an uncertain relation, my worn body found itself in front of Bud’s Seafood and Grill. Outside, a noisome flag made use of a nearby wall, signifying the unchecked, persuasive reality, who refuses to give in to the warmth that food so graciously affords. Having made note of some comment excised during the preliminary stages of an uncertain relation, my worn body found itself in front of Bud’s Seafood and Grill. Outside, a noisome flag made use of a nearby wall, signifying the unchecked, persuasive reality, who refuses to give in to the warmth that food so graciously affords. Having made note of some comment excised during the preliminary stages of an uncertain relation, my worn body found itself in front of Bud’s Seafood and Grill. Outside, a noisome flag made use of a nearby wall, signifying the unchecked, persuasive reality, who refuses to give in to the warmth that food so graciously affords. Having made note of some comment excised during the preliminary stages of an uncertain relation, my worn body found itself in front of Bud’s Seafood and Grill. Outside, a noisome flag made use of a nearby wall, signifying the unchecked, persuasive reality, who refuses to give in to the warmth that food so graciously affords. Having made note of some comment excised during the preliminary stages of an uncertain relation, my worn body found itself in front of Bud’s Seafood and Grill. Outside, a noisome flag made use of a nearby wall, signifying the unchecked, persuasive reality, who refuses to give in to the warmth that food so graciously affords.
Transition of Authenticity flourishes

BY LEAN DEGUZMAN
Staff Writer

Many people wonder what the letters TOA stand for. What is this organization and what are they all about? President and founder Terrell Virgil set the record straight with what the three letters actually stand for - Transition of Authenticity.

Last fall, Virgil positioned a few friends about an idea for a club. "I was tired of the segregation," Virgil said. Several people think that TOA is an all-male black fraternity. During its first year this was a major misconception that members had to overcome.

The members consider themselves part of a club. This was cleared up at a Greek Council meeting. They have members of all backgrounds: Caucasian, Mexican, Asian and black members.

It is not exclusively for men. They now have two female members. Their newest female member, Amber Evilizer, said her friend told her about the club. "I just started hanging out with the guys and they're really cool . . . they treat me with respect, just like anyone else. It's just a great club for people to recognize that UOP can be really diverse," said Evilizer.

After its first trial run last year, TOA is now expanding and has 21 members. Surprisingly, they do not recruit. They believe that to get quality members they should not have to go and bring people into the club. Those who join do so because they want to. Virgil said they might advertise at tables after he graduates in the spring.

Because of this strategy TOA is made up of proud, confident and loyal members. TOA had several events last year that went off without a hitch.

One of these events that took place last April was the TOA Basketball Clinic. Which was a community service event. Members and basketball players taught a group of 40 local children ages eight to 13 how to play basketball. The daylong event was free to the general public. The structured schedule was laid out with six stations where the children worked one-on-one with the seven women and nine men from the UOP basketball teams.

The kids left with new skills, memories of the coach's all-dunk contest, a full stomach from the all-you-can-eat BBQ and a free T-shirt, compliments of UCC. It was a great day for all members.

Since the event was so successful, TOA is planning on continuing the clinic. Along with a second basketball clinic, TOA is also planning a schoolwide clothes drive during the Christmas season. TOA plans on personally delivering the donated clothes to those in need.

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Betty from page 11 to the sins and lusts of the rest of the household. "It is such a vital commentary on these "two times," said director William Wolak. "It's all about pop culture, a glorification of sex and rapists. During wanted to show America's flippant attitude."

Wolak expressed his satisfaction at how well his students portrayed each character. "When we tried them out they revealed certain aspects that fit their roles. No one person can be easily interchanged."

Duffie adds a bit of herself in Betty and was enthusiastic about the possibility to perform in another play directed by Wolak. "I worked with him one-on-one before and I just jumped at the chance to audition for him again," said Duffie.

"Betty's Summer Vacation" will push the shock factor to the limit as suggestions of rape, decapitation and murder are portrayed. This satire of society is not appropriate for young children and parents are advised to leave them at home. However, let Betty and her housemates pull you into the wild ride during summer vacation. For more information on purchasing tickets, call the Theater Arts department at 946-2116.

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surfacting with some happy-go-lucky wag of the tail. The waitress distracted my attention at a weapon of admirable force - sourdough bread. The dish, though agreeable in its sharp and crunchy state, was diminutive in portion. The menu presented did little to detract me from my original desires. The Phylly Steak Sandwich managed to assault my ear with its siren-like voice, until I made note of its price. Its desirability lost within the folds of $8.50. The dinner section proved even more horrific, items making an unwelcome appearance at $13.75 and up. Having selected the bread bowl and finding they had run out, I opted for a plain bowl of clam chowder for $5.75. The dish arrived most promisingly. Its appearance exceeded that of the clam chowder delivered during the Summit's Friday special, which of course, is not really saying much. The cream was thin, and its presence remained virtually unnoticeable, save its rough, grating texture. The service was admirable, both prompt and courteous, but had been dispensed in a most mechanical manner. Such an experience necessitates one out of five stars.
TV REVIEW

Third season of "Survivor" not charming thus far

[U-WIRE] Each passing week brings with it a greater sense of frustration while watching the reality show "Survivor." Is it just me or are these people not interesting? Perhaps we were spoiled by the nonsensical madness of Greg the first go around. Maybe it was the undeniable witch Jerri on "Survivor 2" that made the program so addictive. Who do we have now to draw us to CBS on Thursday nights?

While I admit to a certain bias, (Carl was my favorite "character" in the African melodrama) the ratings tend to favor my analysis. Although gaining viewers from the previous week, "Survivor" is still millions of fans short of "Friends" numbers. Executives at that moment became safe up until the merger three weeks from now. Should their alliance stay intact following the merge, the four slackers will find themselves competing against one another for the million dollar prize. Samburu will lose for the second week in a row, evening up the numbers on both sides. With the younger alliance in control, the victim list can be narrowed down to Frank, Linda and Teresa. Frank is the biggest asset to the tribe of the seniors; his physical attributes far exceed both Linda and Teresa. While Linda was vocal in the tribal feud, Teresa has been the quietest of the elders. The three will be picked off one by one when needed. It is oh so simple when you break it down scientifically. No trickery, as predicted. Last week Linda was the next to go.

"Survivor" starts out with sixteen members and one member gets voted out each episode throughout the season.

The Pacifican Crossword Puzzle

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Jet Li’s newest flick is definitely not the one

[U-WIRE] Ever since “The Matrix” wowed movie audiences with its stop-motion special effects, the bar has been raised on cinematography.

Even Jet Li’s masterful martial art moves don’t save his new film, “The One.” The film co-stars Delroy Lindo and Carla Gugino.

Usually, this is a good thing because film grows as a whole and the entire genre rises to the next level.

Unfortunately, there is a side effect rearing its ugly head of late. It seems too many films have been caught up in the copycat syndrome, trying so hard to one-up “The Matrix” that they forget about plot, obviously assuming that if they wow audiences enough with special effects they’ll forgive any holes in the script.

Such is the case with Jet Li’s new vehicle, “The One,” which is centered on the concept of alternate universes, currently the darling topic of science fiction writers. In this case, the writers want audiences to stomach the irresponsible belittling of complex issues where theories of alternate universes are concerned.

The “One” takes place against the backdrop of the “Multiverse,” a series of 125 parallel universes connected by wormholes that open and close at regular intervals.

Right away, it seems convenient to contain universes, which by theory should be infinite, but that would be highly complex — quite a speed bump considering all the action the filmmakers have got to cram into 80 minutes.

Not to mention that travel between these universes seems to be as easy as riding the Metro.

The antagonist Yulaw, played by Li, is an ex-cop who, while visiting another universe, fought with another version of himself, killed himself and subsequently took on energy and strength from the deceased version of himself.

The underlying premise takes off from here. It is believed that after killing 123 different versions of himself, Yulaw needs only to kill the final version to become a god or, rather, the One.

The problem is, the last version is the good guy, ushering in a barrel of clichés any moviegoer can smell a mile away.

Considering Li’s recent ascent into American film, this is a huge misstep. Li should never have been a part of any film that dilutes his natural martial-arts abilities the way this one does.

With all the computer-animated interference, Li’s adept technique and style are drowned out, as is the usually bankable appearance of Delroy Lindo (“The Last Castle”).

Lindo portrays Roedecker, one of the “Multiverse” cops aiming to put a damper on Yulaw’s plans to become the one.

Although this film is pregnant with potential in theory, it lives up to none of the promise.

My guess is the director spent too much time oohing and ahhing at the action sequences.

Granted, the fight scenes and special effects are good here, but is that reason enough to sit behind a guy with a big head and binge on $25 popcorn for an hour and a half? Call me too hard to please, but this flick isn’t the one.
Local Arts & Entertainment events
November - December

Today (5 p.m.)
Faculty soapbox series: Thomas Brierton in WPC 219

Nov. 9, 10, 11 (8 p.m.)
Movie: "Eyes Wide Shut" at McCaffrey Center Theater

Nov. 9, 10, 16, 17 (8 p.m.)
Nov. 11, 18 (5 p.m.)
"Betty's Summer Vacation" at Long Theater

Nov. 16, 17, 18 (8 p.m.)
Movie: "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" at McCaffrey Center Theater

Nov. 17
Excursion to Rutherford Hill Winery

Nov. 23, 24, 25
THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Nov. 29 (5 p.m.)
Faculty soapbox series: TBA

Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2 (8 p.m.)
Movie: Foreign film

Dec. 7, 8, 9 (8 p.m.)
Movie: "Dogma" at McCaffrey Center Theater

Dec. 14, 15, 16 (8 p.m.)
Movie: "Road Trip" at McCaffrey Center Theater

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Teams looking to stay in the playoff hunt this week

By MATTHEW DUBENDORF
Staff Writer

Oakland at Seattle
The quarterback by committee will never work, and was proven last week when the Seahawks fell to the lowly Redskins. The Raiders defense should be able to handle Hasselbeck or Diller, whatever Mike Holmgren chooses to take the majority of the snaps.
Prediction: Raiders 38, Seahawks 14

New Orleans at San Francisco
The Saints' tough D line should be able to stifle the 49ers' running game enough that they will be forced to throw the ball. But this should please Terrell Owens, who just might don the headsets and take over for Marlicci. If Aaron Brooks is going to get going, it has to be against the 49er defense.
Prediction: Saints 28, 49ers 24

Buffalo at New England
The Patriots should take care of their home field advantage, as they need to pull off a win to keep pace in the AFC East. Tom Brady has only had one sub par performance since taking over for Drew Bledsoe; he should be able to pick apart the Bills secondary.
Prediction: Patriots 26, Bills 17

Carolina at St. Louis
The Panthers will be able to push the ball up the field on the Rams' defense but they won't be able to keep up with the frantic pace that the top-ranked offense will take. The Panthers defense should do little to stop the Rams running game, whether its Candidate or Faulk that gets the majority of the snaps.
Prediction: Rams 42, Panthers 21

Cincinnati at Jacksonville
The Jags are on a downhill slide and they should be able to turn their fortunes around against the up and coming Bengals. Corey Dillon should have a huge game as the Jags are allowing an average of 120 yards per game on the ground, facing one of the NFL's worst offenses.
Prediction: Bengals 21, Jags 17

Dallas at Atlanta
The only way the Cowboys are going to pull out this victory is if they score three touchdowns on defense. The Cowboys looked impressive in the first half last week before they experienced a major meltdown. Their defense should prove troublesome for the Falcons, but with some adjustments they will score enough to pull out the victory.
Prediction: Falcons 17, Cowboys 14

Miami at Indianapolis
The Colts have struggled when playing teams with strong defenses. Don't look for that trend to change. If any defense can slow down the Colts offense enough to get the win, it's the Dolphins. Look for the Dolphins to get the lead early and then run as long as possible.
Prediction: Colts 28, Dolphins 17

Green Bay at Chicago
Don't look for any more second string herosics by Mike Brown this week. The Bears' enormous front line will give Ahman Green fits but that won't be enough for the Bears to come out on top. The Packers' defense will prove to be too much as the Bears won't be able to come from behind like they have done the previous two weeks.
Prediction: Packers 24, Bears 21

Kansas City at N.Y. Jets
This game will pit the top two rushers in the NFL against each other.
Both Curtis Martin and Priest Holmes should have huge games as the Jets are giving up an average of 150 yards per game, and the Chiefs are better than giving up an average of 138. Look for the Chiefs to pull off the upset as the Jets' struggles at home continue.
Prediction: Chiefs 24, Jets 17

San Diego at Denver
Drew Brees looks impressive in his relief of the injured Doug Flutie, but that means nothing if LaDainian Tomlinson can't get going. Look for a shoot-out in which the Broncos will come out on top of.
Prediction: Broncos 34, Chargers 31

Pittsburgh at Cleveland
Both teams have caught the league by surprise but now everyone knows that these two teams are real playoff contenders. The Bus will have to carry the Steelers' offense against a very strong Browns defense, if they want to win.
Prediction: Steelers 17, Browns 14

Tampa Bay at Detroit
The Lions' struggles will continue as they take on a desperate Tampa team that can't seem to catch a break this season. After a tough loss against the Packers the Bus should come out strong and dominate the Lions.
Prediction: Buccaneers 21, Lions 10

Minnesota at Philadelphia
Donavan McNabb's versatility should give a malnourished Vikings defense a lot of trouble, that is if he decides to use his rushing abilities. On the other side of the ball, Randy Moss is facing one of the best secondaries in the league, which should be able to slow him down enough to pick up the win.
Prediction: Eagles 24, Vikings 21

N.Y. Giants at Arizona
As long as the Giants don't play like they did in the first half against the Cowboys they shouldn't have any problem handling the Cardinals.
Michael Strahan is leading the NFL with 14 sacks and should be able to add a couple to his total as his presence could cause Jake Plummer to throw a couple of interceptions.
Prediction: Giants 35, Cardinals 17

Baltimore at Tennessee
The Titans have experienced a reversal of fortunes from a year ago. The Ravens have seemed to find their offense the past two weeks and shouldn't have any problem continuing that trend. The Ravens ever-stingy defense should pressure Steve McNair and stop Eddie George cold in his tracks.
Prediction: Ravens 31, Titans 21
Swimming round-up

By IAIN PATTERSON  Staff Writer

While half of the women's swim team traveled to Dallas, the other half and the men's team stayed behind and took a bus to Irvine. All three teams, however, swam fast at both locations.

In their first out-of-state trip of the season, eight swimmers from the women's team competed against some of the top schools in the nation at Southem Methodist.

The team took fifth place in the meet. Though there were only six teams competing, the top four-placed teams were all in the top 25 in the country, including three teams that were in the top 10.

Robin Errecart and Christine Willey both scored third place finishes in their events. Errecart swam a personal best in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:03.52 to finish third in the event.

Errecart also posted a second place finish in the 200-yard freestyle on Friday. Willey's third place finish was posted in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:05.44.

The other half of the team traveled to UC Irvine to compete in the Big West Shootout. The team, without their top swimmers, returned with an even record of 5-5 for the weekend.

On Saturday, the Tigers lost to UC Irvine 61-50 in their first dual meet of the day. They followed with two straight victories over Cal Poly (76-35) and Cal State Northridge (65-46). In the final two meets of the day, the Tigers were defeated by UC Santa Barbara (58-37) and Washington (75-20).

Libby Anderson medalled in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:25.78 to score the only win for the team on Saturday.

The men's team posted a 6-4 record this past weekend at the Big West Shootout.

Volleyball takes tough win over UCSB

By BROOKE HOLMQVIST  Staff Writer

No. 21 UC Santa Barbara put up a fight last week against the women's volleyball team, taking the match to five sets. But, Pacific came at them with a vengeance (28-30, 30-26, 30-22, 30-16). The big story of the night was Jamie Hamm's record-breaking performance.

The senior outside hitter broke Brooke Herrington's record that stood for 14 years, when she tallied her 1,481st career dig in the third game. But instead of stopping there, she had a career-high 24 kills, along with her 22 digs on the night.

Off of such a high on Tuesday, the Tigers were more than ready to head down south for the weekend to face UC Irvine and their biggest rivals, No. 1 Long Beach State.

First stop, Irvine. Pacific trounced the Anteaters in three games (30-20, 30-26, 30-16). Pacific hit .370 on the night, including .433 in the third game alone. This allowed the Tigers to shut down Irvine and pull away.

Pacific was led by sophomore middle blocker Jennifer Jolisch, who had 17 kills, seven blocks and six digs on the night. Senior setter Megan Hauschild had a career-high seven kills, with 25 assists and three blocks.

And senior outside hitter Jamie Hamm became the first Tiger to reach 1,500 career digs, tallying 10 on the night. Pacific had 55 kills to UC Irvine's 30.

This win gave the Tigers its sixth straight Big West win and their 24th straight 20-win season. After these two well-deserved wins with awesome play from Pacific, they were as pumped as ever to play their longtime rivals, Long Beach at the Pyramid.

On Saturday, Nov. 3 Long Beach snapped Pacifi's winning streak in three games (30-28, 30-21, 30-24) and stay undefeated at 20-0 overall and 13-0 in Big West. The loss dropped the Tigers to 20-7 overall and 11-3 in conference play.

The Tigers were right on the heels of the 49ers all three games, but could not push ahead.

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Soccer ends season 10-8 with a split weekend

By JESSE BOWEN
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The women's soccer team went out this weekend in its final home stand of the season with two things to accomplish: First, to honor its senior players (Ashley Dinwoodie, Angela Allgaier and Mariah Metras). And second, to add two more wins.

The Tigers split the two contests, going 1-1 overall against Long Beach State and UC Irvine to improve their record to 10-8 for the season.

The team set out to show some flash for the home crowd, and did so successfully with the 2-1 win over Long Beach State. Dinwoodie scored her second goal of the season at 48:32 of the first half to put the Tigers up 1-0 off a beautiful far post shot past Long Beach goalie Hannah Cochun. Junior Kelly Stephenson assisted the goal.

Freshman Kim Force continued her offensive dominance this year, as she scored the game winner at 57:59 to put the Tigers up 2-0. Force's goal was unassisted.

Caitlin Murphy scored the lone goal for Long Beach at 72:10 of the second half to cut the lead to one, but that was enough for the Tigers to get their 10th win.

Both Tigers had a hand in the win, as freshman Casandra Kaeding and junior Megan Pickering combined for the win. Kaeding recorded three saves and no goals in the first half, while Pickering tallied five saves and let the lone goal by.

The game was filled with penalties and penalty cards, as both teams tallied four yellow cards and two red ejection cards. Pacific's Lucera Gallegos got the red card along with Long Beach player Allison Weigand at 27:12 for a heated argument.

Both teams took 19 shots in the game, as sophomore Gabby Olivares led the team in shots with six on the night.

The second game of the weekend was a memorable one, as Pacific's seniors were honored for their excellent play over the years.

The game started off on a bad note for the Tigers as UC Irvine player Janelle Doyle scored the first of her two goals on the night to put the Tigers down 1-0. Sophomore Kristina Fetter scored her second goal of the season to tie the score at 1-1 with 15 seconds left in the half.

Gallegos scored the second goal of the game at 97:29 of the second half to put the Tigers down 2-1 for their eighth loss of the season and ended the season on a low note.

Both goalies played in the last game of the season, each playing a half and let one goal by a piece. Kaeding recorded two saves while Pickering recorded seven saves.

The Tigers had a good year, ending with a 10-8 record. They had a great offensive year as the new freshmen recruits really helped with the bulk of the scoring. Force led the team in scoring and Kaeding really showed great improvement over the season. Olivares also helped with a great offensive year.

Tigers fall in semi-finals to Cal

By MATTHEW DUBENDORF
Staff Writer

The Pacific field hockey team won two of its final three games, as the Tigers wound up their season this past week with a final record of 5-10. The Tigers advanced to the NorPac Conference semi-finals after they defeated Appalachian State, but were unable to defeat 17th-ranked California.

The Tigers played the Bears hard, but their inability to get shots on goal proved to be their downfall. Cal scored halfway through the first half, and would tack on two more for insurance.

The Bears were able to get 12 shots off against the Tigers, five of which were blocked by senior goalkeeper Lisa Beach. Pacific, on the other hand, could only manage to get three shots off on a strong Cal defense.

The Tigers defeated Appalachian State 1-0 in a defensive battle to get into the conference semi-finals. The Tigers offense proved to be much more active than they were against Cal, being able to put eight shots on goal. The Tigers' defense was stingy allowing Appalachian State only two shots on goal, both of which were blocked by Beach.

Sophomore Cameron Kato provided the heroics when she scored the game's only goal on a penalty stroke. The stroke was given to Pacific due to Appalachian State player lifted her stick high to deflect a shot.

The Tigers went into the NorPac Conference Tournament on a roll after defeating Radford 2-1. Pacific was able to grab the early lead when Cathryn Perkins scored on an unassisted goal.

The lead wouldn't last as Radford scored just five minutes later. For the next 45 minutes the game would remain tied until Nicolette Wiegang was able to put in the winning goal.

Junior goalkeeper Gina Sadler made only her second start but looked like a veteran as she stopped seven shots and only allowed one goal in 70 minutes of play.

This year's field hockey team was much improved from last year by recording two more wins, to go along with four fewer losses. The team gained some much-needed experience, which will only make them better next year.
season's end. Both made immediate impacts from the moment they donned Pacific jerseys, and this year looks to be no different.

Along with d' Hondt, the Tigers have a dependable post presence in sophomore local product Andrea Nederostek, 6-foot-5 Alicia Smith and red-shirt freshman Darlene Gibbard.

One of the biggest boosts for the Tigers could come from a healthy Ahsha Johnson, a fearless and ferocious slasher who can get into the paint and create as well as hit the boards.

While Pacific has put together a splendid roster, they have also put together one of the Big West’s finest coaching groups.

Head coach Sherri Murrell guided her Tigers to a school record-tying conference record (10-5) in her first year at the helm, and bested that record last season (10-4) in just her third year. With her own crop of hand-picked assistants to help steer the ship, there is no reason to think the Tigers will have anything but a fantastic year.

In their season-opener exhibition, the Tigers showed a little early season rust, but played well enough to throttle the visiting NWBL Elite team 100-51. If it’s possible for a 100-51 game to not be as close as the score indicates, such was indeed the case.

Up 54-15 at halftime, the Tigers managed to get everyone plenty of playing time, and saw everyone contribute.

Dinges led a quartet of double-digit scorers with 20 points on 4-of-7 shooting from outside, and also hauled in nine assists and five boards from outside, and also hauled in nine assists. 

The other half of Pacific’s deadly backcourt duo, Ho, dropped in 11 points of her own, sizzling three from long range while dishing out nine assists against just a single turnover. 

Mercier was the only other Tiger to hit double figures with 10 points in just 12 minutes on the floor.

Also coming up big in the rout was Smith, with a game-high seven boards to go with eight points and a block, also in just a dozen minutes of action.

Pacific also got another six boards and eight points from Johnson, nine points and five boards from Meeker, and five points, five boards, and six assists from sophomore reserve point guard Corinne Wong.

The Tigers start things off for real this Friday night as they take on New Mexico in the opening round of the 16-team preseason NIT.

Things however, do not look quite so definite for the men.

They finished last season strong, riding the upset express all the way to the conference championship game, and the Tigers will look to duplicate the feat again this season.

However, it won’t be an easy task.

Much like the women’s team, the men have an abundance of talent at the guard position, which features a speedy sharp-shooter in Jono Metzger-Jones, and a slashing rebounder in Maurice McLemore.

This season’s newest addition comes in the form of 5-foot-9 junior Demetrius Jackson, a lightning fast, expert ball handler who looks to provide the Tigers with a spark in the backcourt.

While the backcourt stands solid for Pacific, the frontcourt doesn’t look as stable. The center-by-committee-ploy looks to be the plan, as a year ago, neither Ross Mills, Tim Johnson or Mike Hahn averaged more than 4.9 boards per contest.

Likewise, the revolving door at the forward positions also has a question mark for Pacific. Eli Kledowd has shown flashes of brilliance, but for whatever reason never seems to garner much playing time. Conversely, what has been seen of new Tiger Christian Maraker has not been as impressive.

The Swiss import played well against the Tigers on their European tour last year, though looked kind of shaky in Pacific’s exhibition opener, a 103-84 beating of the Delta Jammers.

In what looks to be a very tough conference, stacked with a widely talented UC Irvine squad, as well as rising powerhouses Long Beach State and defending champs Utah State, Pacific will have to learn to play tough in the paint to make a run at this year’s title.

With nearly two decades of experience, Pacific head coach Bob Thomason should be able to mold his Tigers into a cohesive and tough team that could challenge for the top spot in the Big West.

Hopefully, this will be the year.

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Tigers looking to dance this season

By JOSH MONTERO
Guest Writer

Could this be the year the Tigers finally go dancing? With an invite to the pre-season National Invitational Tournament, the women’s basketball team is definitely getting more national respect, and might take the step awaiting them in the NCAA Championship Tournament in March.

Meanwhile, the men’s team enters the season with nothing but question marks and wishing thinking. The women boast a strong squad, returning four starters from a season ago. Among them is senior Selena Ho, the Big West’s premiere point guard, soon to be the conference’s all-time career three-point champ.

Ho enters the season with 201 longballs, just 32 shy of the Big West career record, and coming off a campaign where she shot 301 from the free throw line, fourth best in the country. Joining Ho is fellow senior Dolinda Meeker, a defensive wiz who ranks ninth all time at Pacific in steals with 128 heading into this season. The Tigers also get a pair of sophomores in sharpshooters Nancy Dinges and center Gillian d’Hondt to round out their returning starters from last year. Dinges shot the lights out as a freshman, ringing up 48 treys for the sixth-best single season total in Pacific history, and made up 48 treys for the sixth-best single season total in Pacific history as well. The conference’s deadliest shooting tandem in d’Hondt, Pacific has finally found the center it needs to get in and bang after losing the superb rebounding senior Millie Kimpton at Stanford last weekend.

Dinges helps women start with a bang

By BRETT BARRIE
Sports Editor

The women’s basketball team definitely started things off pretty well last weekend, topping the century mark and going on to win by 49 points, 100-51. Obviously, it was a team effort, but a large part of the win came from sophomore guard Nancy Dinges.

The NWBL came out in a 3-2 zone, which opened up the outside for the Tigers. Dinges took advantage of it and didn’t waste any time getting involved. She came off the bench last Saturday and put in 20 points, going 8-for-14 from the field, including 4-for-7 from the three-point line. She also pulled down six rebounds, all in just 17 minutes of play. “(Nancy) played so awesome, and she was on fire,” said center Gillian d’Hondt. “She just came out and shot with tons of confidence.” Also considered this week:

Demetrius Jackson
Men’s Basketball

In his first game as a Tiger, Jackson led the team in scoring, as the Tigers went on to win 103-84 over the Delta Jammers. Jackson scored 16 points and had five assists in his Tiger debut. He also came up with a steal in his 29 minutes of action. He was 4-of-9 from the field, including 2-for-3 from 3-point land and 6-for-8 from the charity stripe.

Jamie Hamm
Women’s Volleyball

This season everyone has watched Hamm play, wondering how long it would take her to break the all-time Pacific digs mark. Well she finally made it this weekend, becoming the first Tiger to pass 1,500 career digs and just the eighth player in Big West history to pass the mark.

The senior had another stellar week for the Tigers last week, tallying 40 kills and 51 digs as the Tigers went 2-1. Their loss came to No. 1 Long Beach State, the third Tigers’ loss against the top-ranked team in the nation this season.

Dennis Zavalock
Men’s Water Polo

Zavalock was put in a tough spot this year, being thrown into the starting goalie spot midway through the season. He went through his ups and downs and took his lumps for the Tigers, but the sophomore came up big in the Tigers’ 10-7 loss to No. 1 Stanford last weekend. Zavalock saved 10 shots against the Cardinal, which had its biggest test of the season against the Tigers.

The game marked the smallest margin of victory for Stanford this season.