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Festival of Lights designed to bring all Pacific students together for holidays

By Chelsea Sime
News Editor

University students, faculty and friends will come together on Sunday, Dec. 2 as the 11th annual Festival of Lights ceremony brings faith and festivities to the Pacific campus.

The event's featured highlight will be the illumination of the thousands of little white lights on the large tree next to Burns Tower, but will also include cookies, caroling and an interfaith service presented by university chaplain Joy Preisser.

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First human embryo clones created in lab

By Amber Prochaska
Staff Writer

Last weekend, Advanced Cell Technology Inc. in Worcester, Massachusetts announced that they had created human embryos from cloning. On Oct. 13, two of the eight eggs involved in the study were divided to develop early embryos of four cells and one developed to a six-cell stage before it stopped dividing.

However, the project was not intended to create a human being, but to help treat a variety of ailments, such as Parkinson's disease, diabetes, AIDS, cancer and strokes. They do this by extracting master blank cells that can transform themselves. The company made it clear that they were not interested in cloning human beings and did not create the embryos for reproductive purposes. Yet it was announced that by cloning, they might not only lose the embryo but the mother carrying it.

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UOP organizations fundraise for AIDS orphanage in Africa

BY LAUREL HOOVER
Staff writer

This year, UOP has several student organizations, including sororities and fraternities, as well as the School of International Studies dedicating their time to fundraising money in order to build an AIDS orphanage in Kilifi, Kenya. Similar to the rest of Africa, the little town of Kilifi (located on Kenya's east coast) has been severely struck by the HIV/AIDS crisis.

The horrifying statistics give proof that they are desperately in need of a helping hand. In Kilifi, 50 percent of all hospital admissions are HIV/AIDS related and 16 percent of all pregnant women are infected.

AIDS is not just an issue in Africa, but it is worldwide as well. Studies show that HIV has affected 88 million people worldwide. Today, over 36 million people live with HIV/AIDS and 95 percent of them are in the developing countries.

More women than men are infected with the virus in Africa. This is the region that has that statistic. Many women in Africa live in poverty and lack education. This problem may lead to the act of prostitution, putting them at risk of infection.

"AIDS isn't just a virus in Africa, it is a way of life. It saddens me when I hear about all of the deaths that occur as a result of being infected with the AIDS virus, especially when we can do something to help," said Lisa Dinubilo, philanthropy chair of the Omega Little Sis' Program. "I feel honored to be able to take part in an organization such as this because it makes me feel so good that I am able to make a difference in a country that is thousands of miles away.

The number of people, especially in Africa, who are becoming infected with AIDS is increasing. AIDS killed seven million of Africa's agricultural workers, who will harvest the food to feed the people.

AIDS is usually contracted between the ages 15-24, but there is also a rise in the number of adult deaths. The life expectancy is unfortunately decreasing, mainly because without the help of the parents, many children are suffering from malnutrition, poverty, lack of education and most importantly the necessary medication to improve their status. "I love the fact that so many students are ready and willing to donate their time to do any kind of fundraising. I definitely think that we should take this opportunity to make a difference by helping in any way possible," said A.R. Sammakieh, brother of the Omega Phi Alpha fraternity.

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Omega Phi Alpha is one of the campus organizations fundraising for an AIDS orphanage, being left orphaned and a lot of these children are already carriers of the AIDS virus. Not only are these children suffering from this deadly infection, but they are suffering from malnutrition, poverty, lack of education and most importantly the necessary medication to improve their status. "I love the fact that so many students are ready and willing to donate their time to do any kind of fundraising. I definitely think that we should take this opportunity to make a difference by helping in any way possible," said A.R. Sammakieh, brother of the Omega Phi Alpha fraternity. "I know now that I feel for the children of Africa because compared to them, we are all living a great life. I feel proud to be able to make it possible for these children to lead a happy life of their own," said Dinubilo.
Bio-warfare panel to address issues in George Wilson Hall

BY KRISTINE NETHERS
Assistant News Editor

The School of International Studies is sponsoring a panel today at 6 p.m. in George Wilson Hall that deals with the new bio-terrorism and infectious diseases in America.

There will be three speakers: Jerry Hewitt of the Political Science Department, Samir Kouzi from the School of Pharmacy, and a law professor from the McGeorge Law School.

Each professor will make a short presentation of their knowledge within their particular field and the rest of the time will be devoted to question and answer from the audience.

The presentation comes shortly after the latest anthrax-related death of Ottilie Lundgren, a 94-year-old woman in Connecticut. She was the 17th American to contract the anthrax disease since the Sept. 11 bombings.

There are also other frightening statistics in dealing with the possible threat of anthrax. Nearly 80 to 90 percent of people that contract inhalation anthrax will die within a week.

It also only requires only eight spores to do lethal damage to humans. It is also a fairly cheap biological weapon to produce because it only cost $50 to produce a kilogram of anthrax. Since one-billionth of a gram (or the size of a dust particle) could provide a lethal dose for humans, one kilogram could possibly infect upwards of 100,000 people.

Kouzi, an expert on infectious diseases from a scientific standpoint in light of the new anthrax scare.

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—Dr. Samir Kouzi, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy

Kouzi said, "We have all learned a lot more about anthrax and infectious diseases in the last couple of months. I will discuss infectious diseases from a scientific standpoint in dealing light of the new anthrax scare."

Kouzi will also address the many aspects that come with a biological attack on the United States. He will discuss whether the public should be vaccinated with the Cipro antibiotics for anthrax, which are only made by the Bio Port Company in Michigan.

Kouzi will talk about the other possible threats of biological weapons such as smallpox and the plague. He will also mention the symptoms of infectious diseases and how to deal with infection and treatment.

The other panel members will address the many issues that might present themselves in light of the war with Afghanistan and the new anthrax scare.

In light of the recent deaths, this panel will help decipher all of the recent information and provide facts to inform the general public and students of the latest news about bio weapons used against the United States.

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Pacific student elected to local school board

By THE PACIFICAN

On Tuesday, Nov. 6 Max Carlson, Pacific student, was elected to the Jamestown School Board of Education. Carlson is debatably the youngest individual to ever be elected to a school board of education in California’s state history.

What makes this story even more interesting is the fact that one of the two other individuals elected to the board of education was Carlson’s mother, Cathy Stone-Carlson, a veteran school board member and a special education teacher and administrator.

Never before in state history has a mother and son been elected to the same governing school board in the same election.

In this debated race there were seven candidates running for three seats. Despite the age of Carlson, he was victorious. He feels that his “new and innovative perspective will enhance the education at Jamestown Elementary,” as it was only six years ago that he attended the school himself.

On Dec. 7, he, his mother and the other elected official will be sworn into the school board of trustees.

Carlson is currently a sophomore with junior standing at Pacific and he plans on graduating in the spring of 2003 with a degree in Business Administration and a concentration in Business Law. After UOP, Carlson plans on attending law school and then intends to further pursue a career in national politics.
Congressional bill to end segregation in college admission

[U-WIRE] While the Declaration of Independence holds that all men are created equal, racial profiling and stereotyping still exists. “It is clearly something that has to end,” said Ed Yohnka, director of communications at the Chicago office of the American Civil Liberties Union.

“It’s immoral, illegal and bad police work,” he said, adding racial profiling is often associated with law enforcement but can also be seen in a broad range of areas.

Individuals at airports migrating to the United States may be searched, urban communities in which a African-American or Hispanic male seems to fit a criminal description and “driving while black or brown” are some of the incidences Yohnka said racial profiling is present.

In an effort to alleviate racial profiling, Yohnka said, “There are three things we [ACLU] do: educate the public on the subject, aim at bringing about a legislative change and enforce litigation.”

Legislative change that coincides with state legislation particularly pertains to the End of Racial Profiling Act of 2001. The U.S. Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) in June, as well as data collection within the police departments and other areas of the community introduced the act.

The End Racial Profiling Act, while not yet signed, creates a solution to racial profiling according to Yohnka. “It knocks away excuses,” he said.

Co-sponsoring the bill is U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson (R-Ill.). Matt Bisbee, press secretary for Johnson, said the act serves as a study intended to gather racial data and to look at where and when profiling has become a problem.

Bisbee said after the bill has been reviewed and agreed upon, it will be enforced within local police departments.

Members of the House will try to pass legislation that would cut down discrimination in admission processes after being urged by lobbying groups such as the ACLU and NAACP.

Johnson is working toward reducing racial profiling by generating discussion among diverse organizations in Champaign and McLean County, he said, specifically naming the Urban League Board of Champaign County and the McLean County NAACP as two of these particular organizations.

Chief Ronald Swan of the Illinois State University Police Department said he intends to do as much as he can to see that the act becomes legislation.

Swan said while there is no question racial profiling exists, he said, “I don’t believe ISUPD are racial profiling. There have been no identifiable reports in the ISU area he added. He said ISUPD is one of the few police departments that voluntarily collects law enforcement data on traffic violations and this continues to be one of the effective efforts against racial profiling.

In addition to keeping these records, officers attend interpersonal communication and cultural diversity training classes.

Yohnka said he is absolutely certain racial profiling is representing nationwide and unsure if it is decreasing.

“There are probably some officers that have engaged in it subconsciously, and many are working toward reducing it, but it is hard to tell whether it has decreased,” he added.

Swan said, “I think there is no question there are a great number of departments which it does exist, yet there are many officers who are strict out there to do their job.”
Schedule of events for 11th annual Festival of Lights

- 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. Open house at the DeRosa home including refreshments and caroling
- 6:30 p.m. Interfaith religious service in Morris Chapel featuring Joy Preisser, chaplain
- 7:00 p.m. Tree lighting outside Burns Tower
- 7:15 p.m. Pacific's surprise 150th birthday celebration with cake and cocoa in the President's Room
- 8:15 p.m. Lighting of the Greek Circle houses

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munity members who can drive by and see our tree."
This year the occasion has another addition in store: the lighting of the Greek houses.
Normally, each house lights separately in what eventually turns into a competition of sorts. The new idea, which was presented to DeRosa from a member of the Greek community, will require all houses to turn on their lights at once.
The event is annually coordinated by a select group of students and faculty who represent various organizations on campus such as ASUOP, RHA and Greek Council.
This year's panel also included DeRosa, chair, Preisser, in charge of the religious service and Professor Cetto, who organizes the ceremony's musical groups.
DeRosa said, "Everybody just does their little part and it turns out beautifully. It really has turned into a wonderful event."
Dave Belman, ASUOP's panel representative, said, "I think this is an amazing opportunity to bring students together of all religious faiths and backgrounds.
There are few chances students have during the holiday season to be exposed to all those different ideas and reasons to celebrate."
This year's festivities will commence at 4:30 p.m. in the DeRosa's home and will end after the 8:15 p.m. lighting of the Greek houses.
All the events are open to UOP students, faculty, family and friends.

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Good news, bad news and even more bad news

Well, there is some good news and there is some bad news.

The problem is the good news is also laced with some bad news.

Let’s begin with the good news first. The war in Afghanistan is going much better than anyone could have predicted. Within six weeks of America declaring war and a mere 10 weeks after the attacks on Sept. 11, the Taliban has been removed from power in every corner of Afghanistan.

It was a swift removal that occurred much faster than anyone could have predicted. The running and surrendering of the Taliban forces has been shocking in the last few weeks. The images of men shaving their beards and women removing their veils in Kabul are images most Americans will savor for a long time.

As of press time, the Taliban surrender was not yet complete but it was very close. Removing them from power is obviously a good sign, but there are lingering questions and concerns about this war.

That’s the bad news.

Does removing the Taliban from power bring an end to terrorism? Of course not. Capturing Osama bin Laden and breaking up his Al Qaeda network would be a much more important step. Hopefully, that will be taken care of in the next few weeks.

Also, there is the problem of who is taking over in Afghanistan, the Northern Alliance. They are now American allies, but they just seem to be a rogue group of soldiers with heavy artillery. That does not seem like the most stable form of government to set up in a country that desperately needs stability.

President Bush is warning the American public that this war is not yet over, which means American soldiers will likely be over there for a while helping set up this new regime. No one is really sure how long that will take, it might be months, it might be years.

So even though the war is going well it is certainly not all positive.

Still, that is just the bad news about the good news.

Now, the actual bad news. All of us that are going to be graduating in the next few years will be the first group of American college graduates in 10 years that will be entering the real world during a recession. It was made official on Monday. The National Bureau of Economic Research in Cambridge, Mass., which arbitrates when recessions begin, decided that this one began back in March.

This decision officially ends the longest uninterrupted economic expansion in American history. The expansion lasted almost exactly 10 years. We all saw this coming, but it is still a bit distressing when it is made official. It is the 10th recession in the U.S. since World War II.

The economy was headed downward before the Sept. 11 attacks, but they did hurt us immeasurably. We probably would have hit a recession anyway, but the attacks and the uncertainties of war have speeded the process along.

There is some good news however as the economy has recovered some in the last 10 weeks. The Dow Jones industrial average has jumped nearly 21 percent since its low on Sept. 21, while the Nasdaq composite index has improved 33 percent since its low.

But a recession looms as we head out to the job market. For many of us, that probably leads to graduation school. Then we can extend our ride on this gravy train known as education. For others, it probably means lots of anger and anguish as we try to find a job that is worthy of our Pacific education. At this point, neither option seems that appealing.

So, get ready for a rough next few years. It will be an interesting time if not a little depressing, to be sure.

This editorial reflects the views of The Pacifican. This week’s editorial was written by Jagdip Dhillon. Any questions or comments can be directed to jdhillon@thepacifican.com.
If you’re really lucky, I might let you have my baby

BY DONALD BELLENGER
Staff Writer

I was talking to a friend when she mentioned a class assignment where she has to write about where she’ll be in 10 years. Naturally selfish, I thought about where I’ll be in 10 years from now. I guess I’ve got a lot to look forward too.

Not only am I selfish and perfect, but I’m going places too. That’s right, all sorts of places. I realize that I absolutely don’t want any kind of wife, but would actually like to have a son, as it’s the next best thing to cloning myself. It’s important that I don’t have any kind of wife who can pollute my son’s personality if I’m going to have a carbon copy of myself.

But how do I get this son without picking up some messy wife in the process? It’s as if I can see exactly what I want at the end of a field, but I know that there is dog crap lurking in the tall grass, waiting for one of my sandaled feet to violate it’s stiff choco-
late membrane and unleash it’s brown treasure of stink-foot. Wow, that was awesomely poetic. It looks like I feel more passionate about dog droppings than parenthood.

So here is where it starts. Hopefully, in 10 years from now I will have finished the lengthy interview process by which I intend to find my mate. Every conversation with a girl ultimately turns into a secret interview. Just as important as getting the right answers, is getting the right genes.

Gentle reader, understand this: my genes are way awesome. If they were surfing, they’d totally be hangin’ ten, dudes. Most likely, your redneck genes don’t come near my free-range stomp. It’s important that I find a suitable match to reciprocate my DNA. I know this is a lot of science talk, so let me break it down in easy terms. Remember in Jurassic Park where they filled in the missing parts of the dinosaur DNA with frog DNA? Well that’s exactly what I’m doing, except I need a frog with gigantic breasts.

It’s important that I have a son for lots of reasons. There’s the sports advantage, the math/science advantage, all of which are salient to me. But most important to me, is the fact that if I have a daughter she won’t be able to inherit her dad’s alpha-male personality.

Now, if there’s one thing I know well it’s women, and I know they’ll do the most ridiculous things at the most inconvenient times. What if I fiercely inseminate my partner, need, only for her to shoot out a daughter? Well, as a genius I’ve thought through that scenario. I’ve decided that the daughter will be a gift, kind of like a paycheck for her work. How cool would that be, not only do you get to carry my son until I run away with him and your wallet, but you get to keep all the rejects too. While that really sweetens the deal for all you women out there, it makes sense for me. It may take me all 10 years to find the perfect breeding material, so it’s highly unlikely that I’ll be able to find a good replacement breeder for the nine months of gestation. So if I toss in a bonus or two, I should be able to get another crack at it.

I’m looking for the genes, hopefully the ability to spit out a son the first time, but I’m also looking for the right answers and the right personality. That personality is actually quite simple. I need somebody who absolutely worships me. That way if I were to somehow fall on hard times and I didn’t have any more blood to sell, I could come back to whatever dump she’s living in and maybe I could take some of her money.

But more about me: obviously I would never want to sell my sperm. My sperm is so valuable I have to have ultimate creative control, if somebody were ever to want it they’d have to pass the interview and I just know those greedy sperm-bankers would give it away for a fraction of it’s worth.

I’m so glad that I’ve begun thinking of this already. This genomics project is extensive that it really needs to be started right now. It’s good that I always think of myself.

If I didn’t then I wouldn’t have this all planned out and I would be completely unprepared when finally ready to raise my kick-ass son. Holy crow, I can’t wait!

Standing for something and something you believe in

BY JENNIFER D. MAYNARD
Staff Writer

I borrow this title from another author in order to convey a very important point: It seems life has little meaning if one does not have something to live or die for. After coming back from the recent Thanksgiving break, I sat in Elbert Coffin Dining Hall for breakfast Monday morning with a friend. As we sat there, talking about what we had done over break, I could not tune out the lyrics to a song that was playing over the speakers.

It is not that I don’t like certain types of music; I truly do love all forms of the art. Yet, the words of this song were extremely offensive to me. Containing lewd references to sex and male-female relationships, it filled the room, at least for me, with a bad spirit or feeling. It made me want to get out of there very quickly and we left shortly after we had finished eating.

It was very upsetting to hear such vulgar and disrespectful music. I am surprised that someone has not said anything about this problem. Nevertheless, I was disturbed to hear it.

I realize that we are all adults and will not be “sheltered” while at this college. I also feel, however, that as students of this very expensive university we have certain rights. I feel very firmly that I have the right to eat in the dining hall without having to listen to music that will make me uncomfortable. I feel strongly that, even though I have the option of having take-out and eating elsewhere, I should not be forced to do so. While I lack suggestions on how to solve this problem, I still feel it expedient that I say something and trust that another person may be able to offer a solution.

I respect everyone’s opinion of what is tasteful and what is not; of what is appropriate and what is not; of what is good music and what is not. I respect the criticism that this article may induce and I say bring it on!

I would encourage any such student, faculty member or member of the community that may read this article, who may feel the same way as I do regarding the personal rights of UOP students, will please step forward and stand for something. I would encourage any such person to either e-mail me personally or write to the editor, even if only one’s name in support of this cause is left to create a petition.

In Mentor Seminar I, the freshmen are now discussing what exactly makes life worth living. I say that having something to stand for, something to fight for and die for is what makes life worth living. Whether that be religion, service, art, music, science, teaching, sports or making the world a better place, one must find something, hold fast to it and stand up for it. Please take this opportunity, if there is anyone that feels the way as I do on this issue, to speak your mind. Decide now that you will stand for decency and all that is good. Decide now to make a difference and improve the discrepancies that lie around us.

Attention all Frosh: "Freshman Perspective“ is the official column written expressly for freshmen. That’s why The Pacifican needs your views! Have a topic that you feel other freshmen would find enticing to read? Let me know! If you use your idea, I’ll make sure you’re given credit. E-mail your ideas to: UOpFROSHperspec@aol.com
Letters to the Editor

TOA

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to an article written in The Pacifican, November 8. The article was “Transition of Authenticity flourishes.” I appreciated the in-depth analysis of TOA. I know a few people whom are associated with TOA and I have seen TOA paraphernalia around the campus. I have always wondered what TOA meant exactly and what the group members stood for. My initial presumption of TOA was that only male black individuals were allowed to be a part of the club. I also thought that they recruited members. My two assumptions were cleared up in the article.

I now know enlightening information about TOA. I know that the members are of all backgrounds: Caucasian, Mexican, Asian and black members. I also know that 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.” TOA is a great organization that promotes cultural diversity and community service involvement. I think the organization is a great way to acknowledge other cultures and at the same time give back to the local community.

Marisa Mason

Lodi

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article “Educational television: Filling your mind with junk” which appeared in last week’s Pacifican November 15, 2001. I totally disagree with the way you related your topics of “getting up and going to Idaho to meet with some white supremacists when all I have to do is drive to Lodi.” I am from Lodi and find that very stereotypical of you to say that.

I do not think that Lodi is a white supremacist town. Sure there might be the few percent like in every city of hate groups. But we aren’t as bad as the major ones full of the hate groups. Hey I guess it takes a big man to say those things in a newspaper that doesn’t even know the town.

All I know is that your past articles have been very offensive to people. But I guess that must be your way to make yourself feel good since you having such a high self-esteem.

Tim McKenzie

Pot and Kettle

To the Editor:

I thought I would take a minute and tell you that I think one of the best parts of The Pacifican is the Top Ten List. It gives the paper some life! Find something else to do with your time. I am writing in response to the letter from the girl who was whining because she thought the U.S. should take the hint from Great Britain and legalize marijuana. It just so happened last week that I received an e-mail from one of my high school friends who is attending a private college in Southern California.

She has told me in the past that she is aware that the guys who live across the hall from her, smoke marijuana and often the smoke is so thick that it irritates her lungs. She has also said that she suspected they were dealing drugs as well.

Last week, they were robbed at gunpoint. She told me that she doesn’t know shy someone would commit armed robbery for marijuana — it’s easy to obtain without taking that kind of risk. She suspects that there are more hardcore drugs in these guys’ rooms.

Obviously she and her dorm mates were lucky that no one was hurt. It could’ve gone the other way — people could have ended up dead. So to answer the question, “Why do I care if you smoke pot?” The answer is because the drug culture is dangerous and that lifestyle is the quickest way to find an early death. My friend does not do drugs, but she might have been the victim in this pint sized drug war. People who do drugs endanger those around them.

To everyone who is eager to legalize marijuana, I say let’s just wait and see if Great Britain has an increase in crime and innocent victims. Marijuana in itself may not be the most “dangerous” drug, but let’s face it: people who do marijuana a lot are more likely to move on to other drugs. That is why the legalization is not a practical drug enforcement. And to all you potheads who are whining about how we should legalize pot, get a life! Find something else to do with your time.

Katherine Opp

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Of course not everyone who smokes pot will become addicted (just as not everyone who drinks becomes alcoholic), and marijuana addicts don’t usually have the same level of problems as, say, some heroin addicts or alcoholics (e.g. losing their families, homes, dying of a disease related to their chronic use); however, there are several potentially serious side effects that can affect regular to heavy users of pot. Probably the most common side effect is called “amotivational syndrome,” where people lose their motivation to succeed in areas such as school and work and stop following through on their basic life responsibilities.

Pot can also make people stop caring that their grades and follow-through on other responsibilities are suffering. Obviously for college students trying to succeed in school this can become a major issue.

I believe Ms. Brady is right that it doesn’t make sense that pot is considered worse than alcohol in the eyes of the law, and that spending so much money on interdiction and enforcement is a flawed policy. I believe that putting more money into education, prevention, and treatment of substance-use disorders is a more humane and likely more successful way to fight a “war on drugs.”

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Religion and school are once again the topic of debate. The post Sept. 11 patriotism that burned its way into American hearts and homes also found its way into the schools, in the form of the slogan "God Bless America."

Rocklin Unified School District's Breen Elementary posted the slogan, and now the ACLU says the slogan is unconstitutional according to the United Press. Of course, anytime the ACLU says anything it has to cause controversy. Particularly among the religious front that are once again trying to push prayer back into schools.

I don't think that there is anything wrong with what Breen Elementary chose to do, so long as they have the support of all parents and students, which as I understand it they do not. I also do not believe the ACLU was wrong in their actions.

The problem is one of hypocrisy, which is all too often the case. Supporters of the slogan seek to vilify the ACLU for their actions. Yet, the slogan does present a significant quandary. Would supporters of "God Bless America" also support other religious slogans? Would they support "By the eightfold path of enlightenment" in a classroom? The answers are no, no, no.

What many supporters actually mean when they say they support religion in school is they support Christianity in school. Those of us who are of a different faith are left out in the cold on this and indeed the ACLU is right in this instance, the message is "hurtful and divisive."

If all religions and faiths were to be tolerated in school, and I really don't think they could or should be, then it may be a different circumstance. However, then you reach the problem of infringing on the atheist, who believes in no supreme deity. Should he/she be constantly bombarded by messages of dozens of faiths, many saying there is a god(s) and you are wrong.

School is for learning, not about religion, but the basics for life. The skills we will need as professionals and the socialization we need to survive among other humans. Each individual should seek religion on their own, until they find the one or none that best suits them. As for prayer in school, organized prayer can only lead to trouble for the same reasons, only one will be sought after. Individuals that wish to pray in school should do so, it really is not possible to stop that. Any college student who has been through finals week probably knows that.

A friend of mine once even named me his deity of choice just before a final given by Dr. Koper. My point is, everybody has different beliefs and placing just one of many religions in school and calling it fair is anything but. All or none are the choices and schools would be better off with the latter.

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Eighth Wonder of the World: Jennifer Lopez is on her European Tour.

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Now that’s not what I call music

By JAGDIP DHILLON
Opinion Editor

Get it, get it, get it, get it, ummhhhh-Britney Spears, Slave For You.

No, Britney, I do not. I don’t get current popular music at all. Popular music has always been a minefield, one has to make sure not to step on a bomb getting to the good stuff. Well, that good stuff has seemingly run out.

Most of us grew up during the late 80s and the 90s. Music was not perfect, but it was certainly acceptable. What happened?

I have always been into gangsta rap and this time period was the genre’s golden age. We had Ice-T, N.W.A. which created Ice Cube, Easy-E and Death Row with Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg. Then we were lucky enough to have 2Pac grace us with his presence. Hell, even Biggie and the Bad Boy crew weren’t half bad. One is not going to find much of that now. Gangsta rap has been replaced by homogenized hip-hop. Sure, more people listen now, but it just isn’t the same.

Even the bad stuff from this time period blows away the popular stuff now. Sure we had New Kids on the Block but now we have N-Sync, Backstreet Boys, 98 Degrees and O-Town. I’m sure I left some fabulous boy bands out. Looking back, Vanilla Ice wasn’t a high point but he was no worse then Eminem, Kid Rock and Limp Bizkit. But even this horrible era in music has no answer for the atrocity that was M.C. Hammer.

And the biggest victory for our era was that our hot women could actually sing and perform. After watching Britney Spears lip-sync her entire set on her HBO concert special, I longed for the days of a young Madonna. She was a better singer and dirtier than Britney can ever be.

With these things in mind, I thought I would take a look at the Billboard Top Ten for the week of Dec. 1:

1) Scarecrow, Garth Brooks: I don’t listen to country so I’ll refrain from comment. But c’mon, Garth Brooks?

2) Britney, Britney Spears: How can anyone actually listen to this stuff? Though, I will admit to watching her on T.V. after hitting the mute button.

3) Laundry Service, Shakira: Another Britney/Christina/Mandy clone. She is acceptable though. She has a nice voice.

4) Invincible, Michael Jackson: Hahahahahahahaha. It’s over Mike, go back to Never-Never Land Ranch.

5) A Day Without Rain, Enya: Who? What?

6) Escape, Enrique Iglesias: Please. Just a boy without the band.

7) GHV2: Greatest Hits Volume 2, Madonna: This might actually be really good. To paraphrase Ice-T, she’s the OS; Original Slut.

8) Sinister Urge, Rob Zombie: Is it still the 70s? Didn’t think so.

9) This Way, Jewel: One person’s bad poetry is another person’s music career.

10) Silver Side Up, Nick-Elback: Who? What?

Yes, that really is the Top Ten. Actually, one of the best albums out there is 16 on the list, DMX’S The Great Depression. I would recommend that over any of these albums.

I will continue my quest to find good music in quite possibly the worst era in music since the disco days of the 70s. Hopefully, someone will emerge to take me out of my musical Great Depression.

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A lack of story ideas

By JESSICA C. CURLEY
Managing Editor

Newspaper readers might pick up a paper and read through the whole thing slowly, looking at every article. Other readers might just flip to the sports section to see if their team won and others might just find their favorite writer’s weekly column.

But whatever kind of newspaper reader you are, the articles you read wouldn’t be there if someone didn’t think of the story.

Thinking of story ideas is sometimes the hardest part of writing for a newspaper. A writer or editor is always, or should always be, on the look out for story ideas. What’s happening on campus? What’s going on in the city, the state or the country?

You don’t want to miss a big story when something is going on, but sometimes there isn’t much happening and that’s when it gets really difficult. The newspaper still has to run so if there isn’t much going on.

Story ideas come from press releases that get mailed or faxed to the newspaper, people will sometimes call or even come to the office if they have an idea for a story they think should run. Writers and editors also get ideas from friends or other people they know who might have an idea.

One of the best ways to get story ideas is to talk to people, which writers and editors do a lot of the time. If you’re just stuck in the office all the time there’s no way that you’re going to know what is happening in the world. You have to get out there and talk to other people to find out what is happening and then you can report it to the readers.
Student movement for better education, service

BY LEAH DEGUZMAN
Staff Writer

Being the first and second generation of a family in the United States comes with several pressures. On the one hand there’s a push to speak, dress and act as one who was fluent in English. To be “Americanized,” as some would refer to it.

On the flip side, is the additional expectation from family and friends to remain in touch with your culture. Many can relate to this pull from the two opposing cultures that a first or second generation individual in the U.S. has to struggle with.

In the past MEChA has been a haven for those students who are heavily cultured in the Chicano culture.

The club was first started in Santa Barbara, Calif. in 1969, where it was called El Plan de Santa Barbara as a way to help children of migrant workers and minorities integrate into higher education.

It was later renamed MEChA, which stands for “Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano Aztlan” literally translating to Chicano student movement towards utopia.

As all organizations must learn to adapt to changes in the times so has MEChA. Recently, the club on University of the Pacific’s campus has changed its group dynamics for targeting students belonging to the first and second generation.

The club has remained a support system for members, but has also shifted its activities to align the club goals with promoting Chicano/Latino heritage, identity and culture.

They also strive to promote education among “our people” and issues that affect Hispanics. Some issues include social justice, equal education and political rights.

With these goals they hope to help members recognize, understand and experience the culture in a fuller and more complete manner.

Most of MEChA’s activities focus on Hispanic holidays and Latin dances. Members perform a folkloric ballet on “Cinco de Mayo,” where they usually provide a Mariachi band.

They also take part in the festivities at the international dinner and various other events both on and off campus.

They have recently taken on some community service

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A look back at the Rat Pack

BY JAGDIP DHILLON
Opinion Editor

The Rat Pack ran things in the entertainment industry decades ago. Unfortunately, it was so long ago that all of the members are no longer with us. But with two new released albums, “The Rat Pack Live at the Sands” and “Eee-O Eleven: The Best of The Rat Pack,” their legacy lives on.

The Rat Pack had many honorary members including Joey Bishop and Peter Lawford, but the stars were Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis, Jr. These three combined to do movies, albums and unforgettable live shows in Las Vegas. Vegas was their domain as they were credited for being responsible for the city’s booming popularity during the 1960s.

The two new albums give people a little glimpse into their talents and even more revealingly, their friendships.

“Live at the Sands” is a fabulous mix of music, stand-up comedy and hilarious interaction between Sinatra, Martin and Davis. The three of them cutting people a little glimpse into their talents and even more revealingly, their friendships.

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The jokes have to be put in the context of the time period and because of that some of them come off flat. All that said, most of their material is still funny.

There is also some nice music with Davis singing “The Lady is a Tramp” and Sinatra and Martin doing a “Guys and Dolls” duet. This album would have been better served if there was a visual to go along with it and it was a DVD. But no video really exists of these shows so this is as good as it is going to get. It is a nice nostalgia buy and definitely a good pickup as a gift if you know a Rat Pack fan.

“The Best of The Rat Pack” is just music and as the title suggests, only the best music. If you have any interest in 50s and 60s, this album is the best to have.

Take a trip down nostalgia alley with two CD’s packed with classics by Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Frank Sinatra.
For many years, Paul McCartney has been in the limelight of the popular music scene. His name is known throughout the world by both the young and old—he has built up a legacy for himself. Beginning at the age of 15 with a young John Lennon, McCartney continues to compose music with a faithful following. Having an abundance of albums under his belt, his new album Driving Rain under the Capitol Records label has that unique McCartney feel to it.

If you are looking for something to calm your nerves after a long day, just put in this album in your CD player and relax. The breezy feel for just about every track will take you away. The genius that McCartney put into this album will get you right to the place that you want to be at the end of the day.

You can feel the emotion and passion he puts into every track, each with its own tone and setting. “Lonely Road” starting with a catchy bass line (care of McCartney), has more of an upbeat feel to it. This track is most likely about his late wife, Linda McCartney (1941-1998); as is “Magic.” His mourning of his wife has long passed, yet these tracks efficiently express those feelings. But with signs of hope and progress, tracks with different tones to them. If you feel a little bit country, “Your Way” is a perfect track, it’s a little twangy. And if that still isn’t quite your flavor, there is always “Riding Into Jupiter” that is a total new age rock out. “Rinse The Raindrop,” the last track, is just a 10-minute run on of music. When you finally get passed that, there is a bonus track with an inspiring theme of freedom; it is a very delightful song.

If you are looking for something a little different than that good old smooth, easy listening rock, there are some good old smooth, easy listening rock, there are some

Paul McCartney’s new album “Driving Rain” is sure to be a pleaser to listeners.

“From A Lover To A Friend” is a good look at what is to come for McCartney. This album, as I said earlier, is much more than just a professional of emotions of his deceased wife, but a constant flowing piece of music that will get a hold of you when you are about ready to turn in for the day and sleep in peace. “Spinning on an Axis” and “Heather” are great for falling asleep.

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DVD magazine more than mainstream media

[U-WIRE] For everyone who has always loved magazines but never liked to read, there’s a new kind of periodical. A magazine called SubstanceTV presents everything one would see in a standard paper magazine: music, documentaries and art, but puts it all on a DVD. The publication runs 10 times a year and a subscription costs $20.

Unlike many other magazines, however, SubstanceTV gears itself not towards mainstream media but rather towards topics that receive little media attention.

“SubstanceTV aims at what is below the surface of mainstream media,” said Mike Wilson, CEO and one of the founders of the company.

SubstanceTV, based out of Texas, began two years ago after Wilson, Jim Bloom, Rick Stults, Doug Myres and Harry Miller, decided that their friends and more generally the people of their generation — Generation X — were not addressed by the mainstream media.

“We’re a lost generation of people that has never been seen as adults by adults. We’re still viewed as gamers and skaters,” Wilson said.

After selling his other company, God Games, Wilson took his staff and threw them into the production of something entirely new. They aimed to do something that had never been done before, a magazine unlike all others, a magazine on DVD.

According to Wilson, DVDs are in approximately 25 percent of all households and is one of the most rapidly growing industries. He hopes to take advantage of this growing trend.

In creating this DVD magazine, SubstanceTV hopes to address this generation as adults for the first time. He wants to spark interest in what he sees as artists who have not been acknowledged by mainstream society.

“The artists of the future are right there,” Wilson said.

Wilson sees the magazine as a navigator in what he describes as a wide-eyed exploration of the arts. He aims to include an eclectic selection of documentaries and music.

“This magazine aims to be an outlet for bands and artists who might not otherwise have exposure,” said Bloom, SubstanceTV’s executive producer and co-founder.

Under fluffy pop music and action movies, there is a counter-culture of art and media that Wilson wants to bring to the attention of the public. The magazine features an eclectic selection of documentaries and music.
Pitt got little ‘Game’ in the year’s newest spy flick

[U-WIRE] MADISON, Wis. - Brad Pitt has a knack for ruining retirements. He turned Morgan Freeman’s tour in “Seven” and preempted Harrison Ford’s in “The Devil’s Own.”

Most recently, Mr. Jennifer Aniston prevents Robert Redford from kicking off his shoes in the Bahamas in “Spy Game,” a film that had the potential to be a layered thrill ride but ultimately settles for entertainingly average.

The film takes the usual spy-flick fodder — espionage, mind games and shaky martinis — and attempts to spin it in a “new” way with multiple character struggles and fast-paced, fancy editing. But “Spy Game,” despite its mega star power, overloads the viewer without being terribly clever or creative.

Tom (Pitt) is trapped in a Chinese prison and slated for execution. Nathan (Redford, “The Last Castle”) is in Washington and slated for retirement. Having trained and worked with Tom, the powers that be at the CIA question Nathan on his knowledge of Tom as a person and as an operative. Not one to trust even his own denser adhesive, Nathan is cautious as to what he reveals about his younger protégé.

Through Nathan’s flashbacks, we learn of the romance behind how Tom and he met and fell in love with the spy life and each other’s egos.

The back-story is nothing new and nothing exciting, as we are already aware of the outcome and only moderately entertained.

Redford, who is supposed to age about 25 years throughout the film, looks no different in ’76 than he does in 2001, which is about 93-years-old anyway you slice it.

Yet his charisma shows through as he smooth talks the suits at the CIA and gives out fatherly spy advice to Tom.

While the storylines pile up around him, Redford slickly navigates through, pulling the viewer along and guiding the film the best he can.

He seems to be aware of the uninspired piece of work in which he is involved, and while he reserves his acting guns for something more deserving, he puts forth some effort and redeems most of the film.

Pitt, on the other hand, does little more than phone in his performance. His character’s cock-sure demeanor is wasted; we are given no reason to believe why he should be so damn certain. He’s a good killer, or so we’ve been told, was once a boy-scout and he’s a good-looking man. Still, the protection of our country’s secrets should seem to go to those slightly more qualified.

What makes “Spy Game” interesting, though, is its simultaneous stories. While Tom is trapped on the other side of the world, Nathan is busy hoodwinking his boss while trying to figure out what happened in China. At the same time, he tells stories of previous missions, which have elements of suspense and drama.

However, this creates a...
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obligations, such as a reading programs at the local hospital to ill children.
With their efforts, members hope to be examples to the children they interact with so the children they encounter know they have a chance to go to college and get an education as well.
Because of events such as these members have the opportunity to meet new people. The latest was when they had the chance to attend and experience a social gathering along side Christy Haubegger, the CEO and founder of Latina magazine, which provides great insight into the Latin culture and issues.
MEChA members had the chance to network and learn from her success at an intimate reception prior to her appearance at Faye Spanos Concert Hall on Nov. 14.
"We’re really open to anybody trying to spread the Latin culture, although we are not trying to force anyone to a certain way of life," said public relations officer Marian Borroel. MEChA has evolved to become a place to celebrate Hispanic diversity.
Borroel said, "After all, no matter what region one may be from, we are all Hispanic when it comes down to it."

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drawback for the film. The viewer feels pulled too many directions, unsure about where to lay his concern the most. Attention to Redford's scanning and out-witting the CIA, the film's strong suit, is overshadowed by worry for the pretty boy in the prison. The flashbacks have minimal suspense because, as stated before, the outcome is no secret.
And the flashy editing, including black and white freeze frames noting the time, are absurd and belong on MTV, not a Redford picture.
The last time Redford and Pitt teamed up was for 1991's "A River Runs Through It." Pitt was a fresh-faced talent and Redford had his place behind the camera as the film's director.
Oh, how times have changed. Pitt has little business in changed. Pitt has little business in
"Spy Game," which is disappointing as he has proven that he can be more than just a pretty face. Redford, although not at all a fresh face, almost makes up for the director's co-star.
As a director, his patient eye and character developing technique would have aided "Spy Game."
But in the end, "Spy Game" is too caught up in dazzling the audience with its visuals and letting the potential of its stories fall through the cracks. Not even Brad will be able to delay its quick retirement to Blockbuster.

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decidedly old school. All 18 tracks on this album are classics but some of the standout include Martin's "Ain't That A Kick in the Head," Sinatra and Davis' "Me and My Shadow" about their friendship, Martin's "Volare" and "You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You."
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The clear alternative to cellular:
Games becoming a must win for some teams

Buffalo at San Francisco

Both of these teams have surprised this season. The Bills' struggles might have been foreseen, but nobody thought that they would only have one win at this point in the season. The 49ers have to be thankful they are going up against Alex Van Pelt instead of Rob Johnson. The Niners need this win if they want to keep the pressure on the Rams.

Prediction: 49ers 35, Bills 28

Arizona at Oakland

The Cardinals' offensive game has come around, but they still have the same horrid defense. The Raiders' talented secondary will slow David Boston but the Cardinals will still be able to move the ball. But that won't be nearly enough to make this game close.

Prediction: Raiders 38, Cardinals 20

Philadelphia at Kansas City

The Eagles are coming off a disappointing loss to the Redskins, and must win this game to retain the lead in the NFC East. The Chiefs finally won a home game last week, but don't look for that trend to continue.

Prediction: Eagles 24, Chiefs 17

Carolina at New Orleans

The Saints' defense has been struggling the past few weeks. This week they should be able to return to their old form as they take on the 28th ranked offense in the league. Aaron Brooks and Ricky Williams will exploit the gaps in the worst ranked defense. The Saints must win if they have any postseason aspirations.

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Indianapolis at Baltimore

This game puts the Colts second ranked offense against the Ravens' third ranked defense. The Colts are a team that is riddled with injuries, Peyton Manning and company will struggle without Edgerrin James and Jerome Pathon. The Ravens on the other hand will be able to score nearly all will against the Colts' defense.

Prediction: Ravens 28, Colts 24

Minnesota at Pittsburgh

The Steelers are rolling as they control their season. The Vikings are on the other end of the spectrum. Even with the bevy of offensive weapons that they holster, the Vikings just can't seem to win or play up to their potential. Jerome Bettis will have yet another 100-yard game as the Steelers will improve to 9-2.

Prediction: Steelers 21, Vikings 17

New England at N.Y. Jets

If the Jets want to get into the playoffs they are going to have to play much better at home. The Patriots will have trouble stopping Curtis Martin, especially in the fourth quarter when he has had a chance to wear down their de-

Prediction: Titans 17, Browns 10

San Diego at Seattle

The Bucs ran over the Rams, changing the playoff picture. In a close game Martin will be the difference.

Prediction: Bucs 14, Bengals 10

The Packers should be fully healthy for this game, having had 10 days of rest. The Jaguars' defense will have a long day, the Packers defense has been on top of their game.

Prediction: Packers 28, Jaguars 2

The Redskins are the hotter team in the NFL, winning their past five games. The Cowboys on the other hand might as well throw the towel in. The Cowboys' defense will keep them in the game, but they won't be able to do anything on offense.

Prediction: Redskins 28, Cowboys 17

The Rams have been slumping as of late. They haven't proven that they can win the tough road games. Shaun Alexander had a tough only had 43 yards last week. Look for him to rack up the yards if the Seahawks want to win.

Prediction: Seahawks 35, Chargers 28

The Titans are beginning to play at a higher level and still have dreams of making the playoffs. The Browns will have to rely on their defense if they want to win. The Browns' worst ranked offense will have problems putting enough points on the board.

Prediction: Titans 17, Browns 10
McKinley takes 15th in Texas

By JESSE BOWEN  
Staff Writer

The Savane All-America Golf Classic is perhaps the most prestigious college tournament in the nation. Past winners of the All-America Golf Classic have been such famous names as Davis Love III, Tiger Woods and David Duval. Last week, junior Troy McKinley tried to join the ranks of these great golfers. Pacific golf has gained a lot of ground in the national scene at the Savane College All-America Golf Classic in El Paso, Texas.

Team leader, Troy McKinley went into the tournament ranked number 85 out of the registered 2,500 golfers in the country. The tournament was filled with the US's most outstanding collegiate golfers. McKinley was admitted as an honorable mention into the tournament, but once he was there surrounded by the nation's best golfers fear started to set in.

"Last week was a good wake up call for me. I felt like I could win every tournament, but when I got there I was intimidated and didn't think I could win, but by the end of the tournament I knew I could compete with them in any tournament," McKinley said.

Tournament winner Brad Heaven won the tournament with an incredible 45-foot putt on the final hole to win the tournament in a dramatic ending with a final score of 202, which put him at 11-under par for the tournament.

McKinley had a total score of 214 and finished 1-over par, one stroke behind seven other golfers for a tie for eighth place. McKinley said, "I'm feeling confident about next year because my short game is good especially around the hole. Ever since I switched to the long putter I've been deadly near the holes."

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Swim teams split with BYU, Davis
Tigers’ men and women split squads continue to excel

BY IAIN PATTERSON
Staff Writer

Both the men’s and women’s swim teams competed in split squad dual meets this past weekend. Half of each team traveled to Utah to face the BYU Cougars while the other half swam against UC Davis at their home pool.

The women’s teams were both victorious as they defeated BYU 135-102 and UC Davis 168-94. In Utah, the team won nine out of 13 events overall. Kris Willey won two individual events, the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke. She also anchored the victorious 200-yard medley relay team to claim the first event of the meet.

In Davis, Katie Carmell swept the distance freestyle events. She won the 200, 500 and 1000-yard races. She also won the 200 and 1000 back-to-back. The men unfortunately were not as successful. They lost to BYU 135-62 while the other half was defeated by UCD 178-83.

In Provo, Miles Whitfield claimed the only event won by the Tigers as he medalled in the 1000-yard freestyle. For the Davis squad, Brian Campbell and Brian Lamar won the only two events for the Tigers.

Campbell won the 100 back with a time of 53.25 while Lamar won the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:02.90. The two teams compete this weekend as a whole as they travel to Irvine to swim in the Speedo Cup.

Tough season ends for polo

BY IAIN PATTERSON
Staff Writer

In the final game of its season, the men’s water polo team played UC Irvine at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation tournament. Though they hadn’t won a league game all season, the team went in with a positive mindset to the tournament. In the end, the Tigers came up a little short, dropping the game 8-5.

While most of us got to go home for the break, the team had to stay here all week and practice for the year-end tournament. Since they were unable to be with their families on Thanksgiving, they had a feast on Thursday night before they headed up to Berkeley.

The Tigers entered the tournament with a No. 9 seed and played hard against the No. 8 Anteaters of UCI. The two teams played close earlier in the season with Irvine winning 9-6. This time UCI had an even harder time against the Tigers. Pacific fought hard and forced overtime in the opening round game.

The game was a microcosm of their season. They played maximum effort against stronger teams, but just couldn’t seem to come out on top.

This season was a trying one for the team. The decision was made to red-shirt key players from last season. They were without top goal scorer from last year, Eddie Wisniewski, who went on an engineering Co-Op this semester, and driver Sasha Maese who also red-shirted this season.

They didn’t, however, use this as an excuse for their season. They were young and inexperienced, but continued to learn and get better as the season progressed.

They were not successful in winning an MPSF league game, but they faced teams that were all in the top 10 in the nation. Their overall record was 6-13, but when they were favored to win a game, they did it.

There were games when individual players would just shine, like Jared Pendergrass scoring 12 goals in a weekend sweep against Santa Clara and UC Santa Cruz. But there were also games when the victory came because of a team effort, as was the case against Santa Cruz later in the season where 10 players scored goals.

In their second go-around with Stanford, the best team in the nation, they played the Cardinal tougher than any other opponent had all year. They nearly upset the undefeated Cardinal, but fell just short in a 10-7 loss.

Players such as Pendergrass, Brady Norvall and Nic Hepner all emerged as leaders this season. They will all be looked to next season to contribute when Wisniewski and Maese return to the lineup.

For the season, Pendergrass and Hepner led the team in goals with 28 each. Chris Nowak was third on the team with 21, while Norvall was next with 19 goals.

After gaining the starting job in the middle of the season, goalie Dennis Zavlock played steadily in the cage. He saved 81 shots in 16 games, averaging 5.1 saves per game.
Men's basketball splits in New Mexico

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While the majority of students were sitting on the couch on Friday enjoying Thanksgiving leftovers and watching college football, the Pacific men's basketball team was in New Mexico working hard to bring home wins.

The Tigers took part in the State Farm Hispanic College Fund Tournament, going 1-1 to take home the consolation crown.

In their first game they faced the hometown favorites, University of New Mexico. The Lobos beat up the Tigers 85-66, improving 2-1 and receiving their 500th victory in their new arena, The Pit. This was Pacific’s first loss of the season, as it fell to 2-1.

Pacific was able to trim the margin to five at 34-29, but Lobos’ guard Ruben Douglas hit a pair of 3-pointers just before halftime to increase the lead to 40-32. Then, New Mexico came out strong in the second half using an 11-0 run to put the nail in the coffin for the Tigers at 54-36.

Despite the loss, Pacific had three players in double figures with junior Eli Nolan leading with 13 points. Senior Maurice McLemore added 12 and junior Demetrius Jackson had 10 points for Pacific.

On Saturday, the Tigers played Southern Miss for the consolation game of the tournament. This time, Pacific came out on top defeating the Golden Eagles 65-50.

The Tigers went in at halftime with a 27-22 lead and never trailed in the second half. Pacific built an early 36-25 lead and although the Eagles got within seven at 41-34, they stayed above eight points in the advantage down the stretch.

Senior Jono Metzger-Jones hit 5-of-7 shots, 4-of-6 from 3-point territory, giving him a team-high 17 points. Jackson added 15 points, helping Pacific shoot 60 percent from 3-point range.

Prior to the tournament in New Mexico, the Tigers won two games to improve their record and their confidence.

First, the season opener at Santa Clara on Saturday, Nov. 17. Pacific came back from a 12-3 run just before halftime to give them a 43-30 lead going into the break. Senior center Ross Mills got the game started, hitting the first of four 3-pointers for the Tigers.

The second win came on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at home against Cal State Monterey Bay. The Tigers trounced the Otters 86-65, dropping them to 2-2 for the season.

The two teams were close at 31-17, but the Tigers went on a 12-3 run just before halftime to give them a 43-30 lead going into the break.

Senior center Ross Mills got the game started, hitting the first of four 3-pointers for the Tigers.

Tigers steal road win over Gonzaga

BY JOSH MONTERO
Guest Writer

Many teams have tried to stop Pacific senior Selena Ho, though few as fruitlessly as Gonzaga.

The Tigers’ lone game last week took them up north to Spokane, Wash. for a date with Gonzaga, where they hoped to continue their winning ways after dispensing of Sacramento State 86-46 earlier in the week.

In just 25 minutes against Sac State, Ho broke off 15 points and dished 10 assists without a single turnover. After reading a boxscore for most any game of the last three seasons, the Zags knew what Ho was capable of and hoped they could take down the Tigers by shutting down their leader.

Not only was Gonzaga incapable of stopping Ho, but they did so in spectacular fashion.

In her 40 minutes on the floor, Ho shot 3's like they were free throws, knocking down a career-high eight triples on 8-of-14 shooting from deep.

Speaking of free throws, Ho was a perfect 4-for-4 from the line there too and all told racked up a career-best 32-point night.

Add to that her four assists and three steals, and it seems clear that Gonzaga had not watched enough tape on how to stop Ho. Though despite Ho’s performance, the Zags still fought the Tigers wire to wire.

In the opening half, Pacific outshot Gonzaga .429-.382 from the floor and .545-.167 from downtown to take a nine-point lead at 40-31 into halftime.

Coming out of the break, Gonzaga fought back ferociously, outscoring the Tigers 47-38 in the second half.

With just seconds left in regulation, Pacific nursed a three point lead at 78-75 and looked to have the game all but won. Enter the Zags’ Jessica Malone.

Gonzaga’s scoring leader drained a long trey to send the contest into overtime. As over­time began, it was the Tigers’ shooters who would take over.

With just 1:18 left in the game, Pacific led 86-81 thanks to some lights-out shooting from three by Ho and sophomore Nancy Dinges. Gonzaga would add four more points, but would come up one short as the Tigers managed to hold on for the substantial 86-85 win in overtime.

With the win, Pacific improves to 2-1, taking over first place in the Big West in this young season, though finding itself with a dismal 155 RPI ranking.

More than just an emotional win, the triumph over Gonzaga brought out the best in the Tigers, showcasing an assortment of career best performances.

Aside from Ho’s career best 32 points and eight treys, Dinges also posted a career best with her six 3-pointers. Fellow sophomores Gillian d’Hondt and Andrea Nederostek also posted career best numbers.

For d’Hondt, it was her 18 points as she also led the Tigers with five assists and three steals. The Zags got within seven at 41-34, they stayed above eight points in the advantage down the stretch.

Senior center Ross Mills got the game started, hitting the first of four 3-pointers for the Tigers.
**POWER ALLEY**

**McHugh carries on tradition**

Women's volleyball coach Jayne McHugh had some big shoes to fill when she took over for Stanford-bound John Dunning this summer.

Dunning, who had been at the helm for 16 seasons and led Pacific to two national championships, was very well-liked by players, coaches, administrators and fans. So taking over for Dunning wasn't going to be an easy task for McHugh.

But McHugh has surpassed all expectations and predictions and has the Tigers ready for another postseason run.

"We feel really good right now," McHugh said. "I'm really happy with our play lately, especially with the seniors."

McHugh led the Tigers to a 26-7 overall record this season, and 15-3 in Big West Conference play. Three of the Tigers' losses, including two in conference action, have come to the No. 1 ranked team in the nation. Pacific went down twice to current No. 1 Long Beach St. in conference play and went down to then-No. 1 Nebraska at the State Farm Classic earlier in the year.

But in all honesty, the No. 12 Tigers' chances this year are better than they might look on paper.

The Tigers were 28-4 at this point last year, but the competition wasn't nearly as tough as it is this year.

**Volleyball packs its bags for the big show**

**Team heads to Louisville, Ky.**

**By Matthew Dubendorf**

Staff Writer

The Tigers learned Monday afternoon that they will need to pack, as they will play the first round of the NCAA tournament in Louisville, Ky. The Tigers will take on Alabama A&M, Friday evening. If they win that match they will take on the winner of the Louisville-Georgia Tech match.

The team goes into the tournament on the right foot as they have won 10 of their last 11 matches. Included in that streak was their winning the Bankers Classic.

In order to win their fifth consecutive Bankers Classic, the Tigers had to defeat the ninth ranked Hawaii Wahine. This game was a perfect warm-up for the Tigers ahead for good in the first round of the NCAA tourney. The native of the championship match.

**Ho leads Tigers to victory at Gonzaga**

**By Bret Barrie**

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Women's basketball player Selena Ho is back for her senior campaign, and the Tigers are looking for her to sink some long-range baskets as she did in her previous three seasons in the orange and black.

But Ho hadn't led the Tigers in scoring in either of their first two regular season games.

However, things changed on Saturday night, as Ho poured in a career-high 32 points to lead the lady ballers to an 86-85 overtime victory over Gonzaga.

Ho, who went 0-for-9 from the floor in the Tigers' 81-54 loss to New Mexico in the Preseason National Invitational Tournament, netted a career-high eight 3-pointers against Gonzaga.

She was 10-for-21 from the floor and a perfect 4-of-4 from the free throw line, playing all 40 minutes of the contest. The native of Belmont, Calif. also helped the Tigers defensively, tallying three steals on the night.

And fellow guard Nancy Dinges put the Tigers ahead for good in the overtime period, sinking back-to-back 3-pointers to make the score 86-81, and the Tigers were able to hold on for the victory.

Ho added another 20 points in the Tigers' 69-60 win over Southern Utah on Monday and was 4-of-8 from 3-point land.

Also considered this week:

- **Jamie Hamm**
  - Women's Volleyball
  - This one's a real shocker.
  - Hamm continued her consistent play for the women's volleyball team last weekend, taking home Bankers' Classic Tournament MVP honors for the second consecutive year.

The senior outside hitter tallied 41 kills and 29 digs as the Tigers outled No. 9 Hawaii 3-2 (30-26, 30-19, 30-21, 20-30, 15-13). With the win, the Tigers clinched a record-setting fifth straight Bankers' Classic.

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