Pacific says goodbye to Schubert

By CHELSEA SIME
News Editor

Pacific freshman Nicholas Schubert, 18, was found dead Sunday night in his Grace Covell Hall dorm room.

Schubert's roommate came home from a weekend away and assumed he was sleeping. A few hours later, after returning to the room and trying to wake Schubert, he contacted the resident assistant, university spokesman Russell Wylie said according to The Record.

They also reported that the resident assistant and a number of other students attempted to wake the student before calling 911.

The coroner reached the room shortly after the call and proceeded to take the body to the San Joaquin County morgue. An autopsy performed on Monday yielded no distinct cause of death, The Record said.

Francoise Barna, freshman, was affected by the sudden death of her Grace hallmate and holds high regards of Schubert.

"He's really nice, really sweet. He always really supportive of everyone," she said.

Schubert's resident assistant Isis Maharajh has similar sentiments for the student. She said, "He was just a great guy. He cared about everyone and was always really supportive of everybody."

Maharajh said that Schubert loved to get involved in the dorm community and was the community council representative for their hall.

Grace head resident Cynthia Krieger said that she didn't know Schubert well but "it's clear that he affected a lot of students here. It's really touching to see our community come together."

According to Krieger, support group sessions in the residence hall will be held for students affected by Schubert's death. The counseling center also offers free counseling to anyone interested.

Israel wages its own 'war on terror'

A man runs from the damage done by Israeli air strikes in Gaza that started after alleged Palestinian terrorist attacks killed nearly 20 in Israel and wounded many more.

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Tigers advance to Sweet Sixteen

By MATTHEW DUBENDORF
Staff Writer

The Tigers advanced to the Sweet Sixteen as they blazed through the first two rounds of the NCAA Volleyball Championships. Pacific dispensed of Alabama A&M and Louisville without too much trouble.

"We have been playing very well lately," said coach Jayne McHugh. "Which is a direct result of our success serving and passing."

Leading the way to victory were senior Jamie Hamm and sophomore Jennifer Joines. Joines finished the two matches with 38 kills and 13 blocks; during the second match she surpassed the 1,000-career kill mark.

Hamm dominated against Louisville as she tied a career high with 30 digs. In this match she moved into third place in all-time digs for the Big West. To go along with her superb defense she recorded 19 kills to give her her 23rd double double of the season.

The team chemistry has been great in the past weeks, as the Tigers were much more efficient on their attack and eeked out a victory.

The Cardinals continued to play well but Pacific finally woke up. The Tigers were much more efficient on their attack and eked out a victory in the second game behind Swails' eight kills.

The deciding factor for the last two games was the Tigers' defense, which shut down the attack of the Cardinals. The Tigers held the Cardinals to only 20 kills and forced 14 errors in those two matches.

Pacific was able to take control and dominate the final two games as they only allowed 19 and 22 points respectively in those games.

In the first game of the tournament Pacific took on Alabama A&M. The match didn't last long as Pacific didn't allow A&M more than 18 points in any game.

Defense again was the key as the Tigers only allowed Alabama A&M 29 kills but forced 27 errors in the matches. Because the Tigers were able to dominate all the games, it allowed McHugh to put in 11 different players.
The university is changing policy to make the express system more efficient, The administration sees a lot of problems with the collective use of the system and makes it easier to use debit cards for laundry services and even in soda machines around campus. There are also plans in the future to possibly add the card also for residential hall access instead of a key like the card used in many hotel rooms. This would make it easier because everything work that puts in place certain controls that parents can monitor the bill. Cavanaugh said, "These are expensive changes so services will have to be added systematically."

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These changes also come at a time when the university is looking at the dining hall services and accepting bids from other food providers.

Cavanaugh said, "The card swipe system that is used in the dining hall is archaic. So this is a timely opportunity to upgrade and install new technologies and extend the convenience to other parts of the campus. Other schools already are starting to install similar debit-style card systems to make sure that the system is still accountable.

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The administration is making these changes in the express card as an added benefit to both students and parents. Sparrow said, "The purpose of the changes was to help students not carry cash on campus.

There are plans to expand the usage of the express system and make the debit system available on more parts of the campus. The school administration sees a lot of possibilities in the new debit-style system.

Burhram said, "We have bought the software needed for the new express card which would expand the purchasing to more parts of campus. We are also looking into payments over the Internet and the existing network that puts in place certain controls that parents can monitor the bill.

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Pike fraternity goes homeless for charity
UOP students get a 'Hit of Reality' for a good cause

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The members of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity (Pike) at UOP went homeless in the name of charity yesterday. This event, called "Hit of Reality," was first started at UOP in 1996. Last year, Pikes were able to raise over $100,000 in food for the food bank.

This is a unique event because each dollar raised by the fraternity members is worth $26 in food for the San Joaquin County Food Bank.

Fraternity members are determined to raise even more money this year by setting their goal at $10,000, which will provide $260,000 in food for those less fortunate in Lodi, Tracy, Manteca and Stockton communities.

Pike has money donated from local businesses and organizations on campus. The businesses in return, will receive their name printed on a banner that will be displayed in UOP's McCaffrey Center. Other Greek Organizations are also donating to Pike's event in which all donations will be given to their charity.

This year's event started yesterday and will end Friday. During that time, the fraternity members will be abandoning their daily lives to go homeless for 50 straight hours. "Pikes" will live in the middle of the McCaffrey Center for three days to raise awareness about the homeless situation that is a problem in Stockton and all over the United States.

"We will be living without shelter to simulate the daily lives of those that are less fortunate than us. 'Hit of Reality' brings the awareness of homelessness to the eyes of the students of UOP and the residents of San Joaquin County," said Pike President David Pace.

"The AIDS epidemic affects 58 million people around the world. 'Dance for a Chance' is a simple way for everyone to come out and do something worthwhile." Each dancer is required to raise a minimum of $100 and the money will be given to The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

Last year was the first year they had "Dance for a Chance," which raised close to $13,000 with over 200 dancers.

Shary Trent, administrative assistant of student activities said, "[Dance for a Chance] is for a great cause. It's a great way to bring people together. It's a universal thing that we can do on campus where anyone can be involved. It brings unity to UOP."

Everyone at Pacific, including all organizations on campus, is encouraged to participate. Fraternity Omega Phi Alpha is playing a big role in "Dance for a Chance" this year because they are also sponsoring an AIDS orphanage in Kilifi, Kenya. For all of their efforts, 10 percent of the proceeds will be given to Omega Phi for their orphanage.

Head Resident of Omega Phi Alpha, Joel Colf said, "The AIDS epidemic affects 58 million people around the world. 'Dance for a Chance' is important because it shows we have resources here at Pacific among the student body."

"Dance for a Chance" is a great idea, not to mention how wonderful it is that they have decided to hold classes there on the weekdays, I am convinced that the remodeling will be a success and hopefully it will even attract more UOP students on the weekends than before."
Israel attacks Palestine and accuses Arafat of terror

By KRISTINE NETHERS
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A full force of Israeli artillery attacked the West Bank and the Gaza Strip on Monday night while their Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, accused Yasser Arafat of starting war and continuing terrorism. The Israeli army hit Arafat's three helicopters near his home. In the West Bank, the army bombed Arafat's headquarters and a police building.

The attack is partly in response to the three suicide bombings that took place over the weekend. A radical Palestinian group, Hamas, had confessed to the recent bombings in Israel and said they were upset when their leader was killed on the West Bank. The Palestinian government is also reporting that two bulldozers entered the Gaza Strip at the Gaza International Airport and attempted to destroy the runway. Israeli officials declined to comment.

Many people died in the incidents and the response has been more violence and more deaths are certain.

The Israeli government claims that this was more of a political measure rather than a physical response.

Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told the New York Times, "...A war has been forced upon us. A war of terror. A war that claims innocent victims every day. A war of terror being conducted systematically, in an organized fashion and with direction."

He went on to state, "Israel does not start wars. This war of terror, as in the past, has been forced upon us. We know who is responsible."

Palestinian chief negotiator, Sebe Erekat told the New York Times that they were the victims and that, "This means a 'full-out', 'full-scale' war." He further called for peace when he said, "We don't want to push, not just Palestinians and Israelis, but the whole region down to a cycle of bloodshed."

The U.S. policy has been to push peace between the two nations, yet the Bush administration has clearly sided with Israel. President Bush has continued to tell Arafat to act against militants, but he has not attempted to stop Israeli attacks.

Secretary of State Colin Power had just given a speech in which he raised the Bush administration's plan for peace in the area.

"This is unfortunately contrary to all meanings of democracy that the United States and other countries raise as a banner," said Muhammad Ghazal, a political leader of Hamas in the West Bank. In the last couple of days, the Bush administration has continued to look down at Arafat and had still pushed Palestine towards peace.

Despite the United States' official policy, University of the Pacific students and faculty have personally reacted to the recent bombings with a heightened sense of what could happen next.

Political science professor Brian Klunk said, "These two nations are always in some kind of conflict, so I can't imagine an immediate improvement in the system."

Members of the Hillel group on campus have also had deep interest in the latest news of what is going on in Israel and Palestine. Member Dave Belman said, "Although these two nations have not been in a full-out war, there is always some kind of conflict and I can't see things getting better without getting worse first."

Many around the nation are wondering what the impact of Monday's attack will have to both nations in the region. "Israel is the furthest from peace than I can ever remember. I want peace, but in war both sides lose because there is a loss of men," said Belman.

This week is also Pacific's Palestinian-Israeli Awareness Week, which is sponsored by ASUOP, Hillel, MSA and IPAW. There have been events all week including the movie "Promises" shown on Monday night. There have also been meetings about the history of the conflict and student voices. Today there is a Living Room Dialogue Group in the Bechel Dialogue Center at 7:30 p.m.

The recent events in Israel and Palestine are affecting people everywhere because they have just increased the seemingly constant violence in the Middle East with planned deliberate bombings. The future between these two nations is questionable, yet it will have an impact on people around the world.

City invites public to view "Community Holiday Tree"

The Pacifican

The City of Stockton is delighted to extend an invitation to the community to come and observe this year's "Community Holiday Tree" which is located in the rotunda of City Hall, 425 N. El Dorado Street, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Each year, the theme of the tree this year is one of cultural diversity and patriotism. Coordinators, Stephanie Morales, working with staff from Parks and Recreation, has collection decorations from children enrolled in City-sponsored after-school programs throughout the community as well as creative illustrations from the children of some City employees. The enthusiastic response from the children has resulted in a beautiful display of cultural artistry.

Further, as a result of the tragedy our country experienced September 11th, Morales has incorporated more than 100 American flag into the decor adding to the theme.

The Community Holiday Tree is inspiring and exhibits a community coming together this Holiday Season in peace and harmony. "I'm proud to live and work in a community as diverse as Stockton and this beautiful tree represents the entire community," says Mayor Gary Podesta, "I hope that everyone comes out to see it."
Fifth year seniors are common

[U-WIRE] Roughly half of undergraduates don’t finish in four years. Only one-third of undergraduates attending a four-year college in the nation graduate on time.

Ann Mester, assistant dean for LAS, said one reason students take more than four years to graduate is because they are not sure of their major when they come to the University. She said this is one reason why students choose a Big Ten school, which can offer different options.

“They can go all sorts of directions,” Mester said. “Many people who come here don’t know what they want to do.”

Other than indecision, several other factors affect the length of students’ stay at the university.

Harry Wenzel, assistant dean for engineering, said the most common reason for students needing more than four years is that they also hold jobs while in school and can’t take a full load of classes. He said other reasons involve getting minors, dual degrees and studying abroad.

Mester said most of these reasons are voluntary and students know they might need to take extra semesters when needed.

Drew Haning, senior in LAS, is graduating late because he switched majors multiple times and took time off because he didn’t know what he wanted to do.

“I wasn’t in a real hurry (to graduate), but now I’m ready to leave,” Haning said.

Mester also said some specialized programs require more than 120 hours to graduate. She said if those students don’t start with that program right away, it is difficult to graduate on time.

Wenzel said an advantage to graduating later is the ability to take extra courses that the student otherwise wouldn’t be able to take. Also, going to school longer allows students to get multiple degrees.

As far as the job market goes, Wenzel said it’s a “trade-off.” If the student takes an extra semester, they could miss out on possible wages.

Wenzel said the best thing students can do is “see advisors early and often to make sure they’re on track toward a degree.”

“We don’t like to see students advise themselves,” Mester said.

Wenzel said advisers don’t “overly emphasize” graduating in four years.

“We don’t push them,” Wenzel said. “If a student wants to delay graduation, we’ll talk about it.”

Wenzel said the biggest emphasis is making sure the students take at least 12 hours every semester. The proper course of action to take and when to graduate is ultimately the student’s decision.

Nick Hilliard, junior in LAS, will be taking two extra semesters before graduation. Hilliard switched majors a few times before deciding on a double major in history and English. He said one of his advisors mapped out a plan for him to graduate on time, but he wasn’t interested.

“I don’t mind being here an extra year,” Hilliard said.
Stress is the spice of life.
- Hans Selye

Finals, holidays, and the short break

It's that time of year again. Pull out that dusty box of lights, broken ornaments and ready-to-assemble tree. The holidays are officially here! The end of the semester is looming in on students like a dark ominous storm cloud as they excitedly await the day they can return home to spend time with their parents and friends from home.

There is only one thing obstructing the joyous arrival of Winter Break - finals. For Pacific students this holiday season will be filled with less-than-merry sentiments as they cram for finals the week before that last bit of sanity you have left. Let's rationalize for a moment about these dreaded final exams. Think of those two to three-hour long tests as a way to show off achievement. In five paragraphs you can show how much you've learned about the Ming dynasty. In two pages of facts you can rationalize Plato or Shakespeare. You can show how well you test and how well you paid attention during lectures.

On the other hand, finals may be a way to get students' stress levels riled up. You might be a good student but not test well. Finals can either make or break you. Those tests may be a way to show off how much you've learned, but they can also take away the last bit of sanity you have left.

At least you can get the semester done and behind you to celebrate your break with family and friends. You can finally take that vacation to Lake Tahoe that you planned at the beginning of the semester. Or visit relatives in another state. Perhaps a trip down to Mexico will calm your overworked and overstressed nerves. You can catch up on family matters as you're enjoying the luxury of an early trip home. Yet the majority of us are stuck on campus until Dec. 21 - the last day of finals.

As you look at your calendar you realize something is very wrong. Winter Break has gotten shorter. At least that's what one of my friends observed when he was planning a trip abroad. Three winters ago break used to be called intersession and lasted a little over a month. Students could literally take short two-unit classes between semesters. This year, break is a whole three weeks. We are being deprived of our much-needed vacation.

Three weeks isn't enough to go abroad and get a feel for the culture. It's not even enough to lower stress levels for the upcoming spring semester. Whatever happened to two to three weeks vacation, although six may be a way to wind down, relax, and catch up on family affairs. Now we're lucky if we can get vacation time in. CSU Sacramento has over six weeks for their break.

And so do most of the state schools. But alas, we are not a state school. Three weeks will have to be enough time to hang out with the family, get vacation time in and psyche yourselves up for the next semester.

Think of it this way, there is always someone out there who's in a worse situation than you. UC Davis' break lasts only as long to encompass Christmas and New Years, and then it's back to hitting the books for those students. Three weeks will just have to be enough for vacation, although six may even be better.

This editorial reflects the views of The Pacifican. This week's editorial was written by Michelle-Elizabeth Valle. Any questions or comments can be directed to mvalle@thepacifican.com.

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Terrorists belong in court after their capture

BY CHRISTOPHER BAYER
Guest Writer

Attorney General John Ashcroft, in recently defending Bush's executive order to revive military tribunals, outright stated that the U.S. Constitution did not apply to foreigners. The military order signed into law on Nov. 13, 2001, reasons that it is not "practicable to apply in military commissions under this order the principles of law and the rules of evidence generally recognized in the trial of criminal cases in the United States district courts."

Specifically, time-honored practices such as a trial by jury, a limited amount of time a suspect can be imprisoned before being tried, the right of the accused to a public trial, the hailed maxim of U.S. domestic law "innocent 'till proven guilty," the right stated that the U.S. government would have to hold in a just court of Law, how would the Bush administration justify the deaths of innocent thousands from hunger, disease, bombs and the intensifying cold?

Shortly before the U.S. retaliatory strikes took place, the Taliban had offered to hand over bin Laden to a third party. Assuming the Afghan government really was able to hand over the leader of Al Qaeda, this offer could have resulted in the formation of an international tribunal, such as the Voice of the Islamic Republic, an Iranian radio station suggested as an alternative solution to air strikes against Afghanistan. In fact, out of 37 countries surveyed by Gallup International in late September, the majority of people in 34 countries agree that extradition and trial of suspects responsible for the attacks on the U.S. is preferable to U.S. military reprisal. The three exceptions were Israel, India and the United States. Ashcroft, why would the 'self-evident' principles you defend for Americans, such as the right to a fair trial and equality before the law within their borders, not also apply in to the international arena?

Does any crisis excuse double standards? From a moral standpoint, Jesus Christ's decree to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" I believe can be applied here as well. For those who do not believe in this wisdom, consider the prospect that some day the U.S. empire will collapse or subside, just as all empires before it.

As the sole surviving superpower, the U.S. enjoys the unprecedented opportunity to structure the norms and rules of the international system in its own image. An international law that allows for the internment of terrorists and the fair trial of those on its behalf could be the cornerstone of a more just world.

BY JENNIFER D. MAYNARD
Staff Writer

Advanced Placement classes: Taken for nothing?

You're familiar with the situation: your high school counselor, your parents and teachers told you to take them. They said it would not only be a great experience, but would save you money and time in the long run. What am I talking about? If you've taken such classes you have probably already guessed. They are high school Advanced Placement classes, otherwise affectionately known as "AP" classes.

Why do I bring this up? Only a few of you will ask this. I say this because of the frustration that many UOP freshmen find themselves in once they arrive at Pacific: most AP tests won't give you UOP general education credit. Sure, if you sweat, lose sleep, lose weight, gain weight, lose a boyfriend, lose a girlfriend, as a result of taking these courses, UOP will generously grant you course elective credit. However, if you did well on a test, you have no place in our lives if we are not giving insufficient recognition for them in college. I am grateful that I did take these classes because they were the only classes that could have possibly prepared me for college and the life of academia. In addition, I also gained a great deal of knowledge and came to love great British authors and appreciate colonial American history as a result of taking these beloved AP classes.

Just because a student has taken AP classes does not mean he or she will get the credit. As a music major I will have to repeat certain classes because they were the only classes that gave me a foundation to understand the world of music; most students, however, are not doing this. They are just earning double credit and getting the proper credit we deserve. We truly worked our tails off in high school AP classes. Other schools reward such diligent students. What reason has UOP to not do the same?

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

THE PACIFICAN FAST FACT

Another nasty accusation appears to be swirling around Paul Reubens, aka Pee-wee Herman. Los Angeles police raided the actor's Hollywood Hills home and seized material after an unidentified accuser claimed Reubens was into child pornography.

Pee-Wee's playhouse indeed.

—E! Online
One view of the true meaning of the holidays

BY DONALD BELLENGER
Staff Writer

The holiday season. Yay! I just love being depressed.

Thanksgiving is weeks in the past, but now we're stuck dreading going home yet again for Christmas. Christmas: the most ridiculous holiday of the year. Now, if your life is as easy as mine is, and I guarantee you it isn't, then you can commiserate with me and recognize just how painful it is to go back home for a whole month and hang out with our no-good families.

Here in this UOP paradise, I have reasons to wake up in the morning, things to look forward too. Inside that ghetto you call home. But Christmas is so

I have reasons to wake up in the morning, things to look forward to. Inside that squalor that many of you kids must live in. But don't worry, while I'm driving home to Santa Rosa, I'll send a prayer to pagan Jesus so that you may safely find whatever Frenesian ghetto you call home.

Christmas strikes me as the most pointless of all holidays. That includes the really dumb ones, like Canadian Boxing Day and Groundhog Day. Strangely enough it also bothers me when others don't like the American Christmas season, sighting it as simply "too commercialized." But it has always been compulsory. But can meshing a pagan gift giving tradition with the birth of Jesus benefit an Awesoman like myself?
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game. Americans are feared, respected, despised, worshiped because of the power they wield, thus also a target of terrorism. With this unparalleled power, Americans have the option not to use their far superior military capability as the first political option. Imagine the precedent the United States could have set: Americans strive to resolve conflict nonviolently, have the option not to use punishment of only those responsible, can embrace the vast opportunities of international law, American efforts to undermine non-state terror will be severely hampered.

What good might have resulted from an international tribunal trying those responsible for atrocities of Sept. 11? With the threat of force, the political capital that the international community bestowed on the U.S., and the international appeal for lawful justice, not one nation (this includes Saudi Arabia and Egypt) would have dared to withhold any suspected persons or shrapnel of evidence pertinent to the extensive trial. Judicial collaboration on such a massive scale would have further united the world’s nations under constructive norms and binding agreements against any form of human repression or use of terror. The process would have encouraged peaceful multilateral collaboration, as opposed to opting for the tactics of political/militaristic coercion that terrorists also implement. An acceptable definition of terrorism would have been sought (still a lacuna in the international sphere), the first step toward any lasting understanding in the international arena.

Furthermore, an ad hoc tribunal initiated by the U.S. would have further encouraged all people of the global world to wrestle with the issue of terrorism. The chasm between barbarism and civility would become clearer, parallels between Bush and bin Laden unthinkable. It would have interrupted the human ritual of force met with force. The intense international and national investigations that would have resulted may have uncovered evidence that will now never surface. Strong evidence could have lead to a worldwide condemnation of the guilty without a shadow of doubt, generally undermining public support for future terrorist acts. The recruitment of terrorists might have become a more hazardous occupation. The message to existing terrorists would be that their means are deemed less acceptable even by their own kind. Thus, the global psychological impact of the Sept. 11 tribunal could have been great.

Also, the broad, high-level international discussion on terrorism President Bush would have initiated, might also have elevated the condemnation of political injustice, in part responsible for instigating desperate acts of terror. Those who wonder whether there was any justification for Sept. 11 could have conversed about initiatives to resolve the public issues on the table. Then world leaders of all nations would have further united international powers.

This paradigm shift would altogether undermine reasons for humans to terrorize an international civilization foremost interested in the rule of law. The opposing vision the current U.S. leadership has for the place of international law will likely prove detrimental to harmonizing international powers. Until future U.S. leadership can embrace the vast opportunities of international law, American efforts to undermine non-state terror will be severely hampered.

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Canadian immigration officers say they are constantly on television. The Turner Networks, TBS/TNT, and later NBC, hitched their ride on Jordan and the Wizards have come up short. The ratings were higher than normal at the beginning of the season, but it will be interesting to see if Jordan worshippers will continue to watch him lose. Jordan has never been a quitter, but that exact thought has to be crossing his mind. He is no longer the best player in the league. In fact, he might not even be one of the top five players. It has to hurt him psychologically to go from being the greatest player on the best team to just a really good player on a terrible team. Jordan, though, cannot be absolved from blame entirely. His presence seems to have stunted the growth of young players like Richard Hamilton and Kwame Brown. Maybe he's too intimidating. He also needs to burden some of the blame for his play though his scoring stats look good, he is only shooting 40 percent from the field, a full 10 percent lower than his career average. That's not good for someone who still takes a majority of his team's shots.

This third return for Jordan has not yet disintegrated into the same drudgery of the first two. Can we have enough people being born every minute as it is. But cloning embryos is a completely different matter. They are being created to realize completely different goals of the part of the scientists. How is it that people are quick to disregard this advancement without seriously considering the benefits that we can procured from stem cell research? Part of medical science's goal is to help relieve what ails us.
Soul Sista: Keke Wyatt’s latest album could have been better.

Keke Wyatt breaks out with album “Soul Sista”

By Minda DeGuzman
Staff Writer

The R&B genre is not one that can produce an artist that can measure up to its predecessors, but the file is starting to get to that point where it will be possible. A potential product of this genre is the up and coming Keke Wyatt.

Wyatt has many years of singing behind her. At the age of two she started singing gospel music at her church — where her father played the organ and her mother sang. She continued to sing with her brothers, Kendal and Keever.

As she developed her skill, she had the chance to work with Steve Huff, making several demos. Huff introduced Wyatt to Avant at a recording session. Wyatt was then featured on the track “My First Love” with Avant. She was also given the chance to tour with Avant and perform on stage. After this experience, Wyatt said, “I’m looking forward to doing my album’s songs on stage, because there’s nothing like sharing the love, yourself and your talent with a real live audience.”

Keke Wyatt debuts her first album on the MCA Record label. This album, “Soul Sista,” has potential to make it on the charts. But overall, it’s not something that I would be jumping up and down to run to the nearest store to add to my CD collection.

A number of the tracks have a good danceable beat, but there are so many other things that could be better about them. For instance, the introduction to the songs are much too long. The purpose of an introduction is to set the mood of a song, not to drone on. If an introduction just keeps going after it’s expected to end, I felt the need to skip the track all together. Such a track with this problem is “Used To Love.”

There are also songs that could be shorter. The length of a song is what can make or break it. If you like a song and it just does not stop, you would be inclined to get turned off from that song. You can only have a song go on for so long before you don’t want to hear it anymore.

However, there are those few songs that stand out among the rest as fairly decent. The track that stood out the most was “Don’t Take Your Love.” Of Wyatt’s talent is “If You Only Knew,” a cover song first sung by Avant once again; on two tracks, “Nothing In The World” and “I Can’t Wait.” These two tracks are very different from each other. “Nothing In The World” is more of a mellow song about love, while “I Can’t Wait” is more of an upbeat song with a different flavor. However, I concur that both have good harmonies.

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Book features garish take on America

[U-WIRE] Just how far will our cultural obsession with images and their consumption take us? Jennifer Egan's "Look At Me" is a kind of fable for our times, examining the excesses of the present and positing a possible vision of the not-so-distant future. Her conclusion is dismal: At our current rate, the juggernaut of American mass culture will inexorably crush all that stands in its path.

In "Look At Me," which was a finalist for this year's National Book Award, strong sociopolitical commentary dominates an intricate literary framework. The novel weaves together the seemingly disparate stories of several complex characters: a second-rate model whose face has been completely reconstructed in the aftermath of a serious accident; an introspective teen distinguished by her utter lack of beauty; a history professor whose personal intellectual revelation has both ruined and redeemed his life; and a math teacher who has ruthlessly and repeatedly reinvented himself. The action of the novel unfolds in two very different sites — the fame, fortune and appeal of a supermodel in the world of New York City and the suburban town of Rockford, Ill., an erstwhile paragon of industrialization against the backdrop of contemporary American culture.

Egan's first novel, "The Invisible Circus" (1995), received critical acclaim and was recently made into a film starring Cameron Diaz and Jordana Brewster. "Look At Me," her second novel, is the product of more than five years of work. As a contributor to publications such as The New York Times Magazine, The New Yorker and Harper's, Egan has written frequently about issues of identity and technology. Much of the research for these articles handily doubled as research for the novel.

The novel centers on the ambitious Charlotte Swenson, a model who will do almost anything to gain entrance into "the mirrored room," a magical place whose inhabitants embody success and fame. Her failure to revive her modeling career leads her to alcoholism, a sort of selective amnesia and depression. Desperate to attain her dream, Charlotte signs on to a new commercial venture best described as the Internet version of "The Real World" or "Truman Show." As the project takes on a life of its own, nurtured by the public's insatiable appetite for intimate, "real" knowledge of people, her story merges with that of the other characters, and all of their individual motivations and actions are overshadowed by the ravenous, corrupt force of American mass culture.

"Look At Me" explores the potential consequences of America's insatiable image and information-driven mass culture. What emerges is a lurid caricature of the 1990s: a "beautiful, starving metropolitan" model to satisfy the craze for "real" people; Charlotte's saving grace is an Internet start-up which broadcasts, recounts and eventually rewrites the lives of representative Ordinary People (such as coal miners, fishermen, the homeless, addicts and farmers) and selected Extraordinary People (like herself) via the Internet; a terrorist is assimilated, one Big Mac at a time, into the American culture that he sought to infiltrate and destroy.

While the social commentary forms a significant part of the novel, "Look At Me" functions best as a purely literary work, thanks in large part to Egan's remarkable narrative skill. Egan mixes flashbacks, stream of consciousness narratives and intellectual diatribes with careless ease to create a fluidly paced, engaging narrative that gradually builds in power. Her descriptions are precise and highly evocative. Charlotte details the reawakening of sauce further accented with an intricate process of mozzarella, feta, provolone, tomato and basil. The other half of the pizza pursued the savory side of the menu, featuring the distinct flavor of roasted garlic, artichoke hearts, mozzarella, feta, provolone, tomato and basil. This dish was a perfect example of how a simple topping can elevate a pizza to new heights. The sauce was rich and flavorful, perfectly balanced with the tangy cheese and fresh tomato. The crust was crisp and chewy, providing a wonderful contrast to the soft and juicy toppings.

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The Monterey seemed a bit showy with its huge arched windows and white columns. The interior was spacious, with high ceilings and big windows allowing plenty of natural light. The food was delicious, with a special emphasis on fresh, locally sourced ingredients. The sauce was vibrant and robust, with a hint of sweetness that complemented the rich cheese and fresh tomatoes. The crust was perfectly cooked, with a soft, chewy center and a crispy, golden-brown crust. Overall, it was a fantastic meal that left us feeling satisfied and happy.

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FILM REVIEW
Edward Burns is in love in ‘New York’

[34x896]Edward Burns and Heather Graham reunite in Burns’ latest flick “Sidewalks in New York.” It is sure to please audiences.

[U-WIRE] Like many directors before him, Edward Burns is content with casting significant women in his life for leading roles. John Huston did it with his daughter, Angelica, in “Prizzi’s Honor,” as did Francis Ford Coppola with his beloved Sophia in “The Godfather, Part III.” (Hopefully, he won’t make that mistake twice.) Woody Allen does it with practically whomever he is dating at the time.

Edward Burns’ Valkyrie-like girlfriends have appeared in each of his films; Maxine Bahns in “The Brothers McMullen” and “She’s the One,” Lauren Holly in “No Looking Back” and now the actor/director’s ex love interest Heather Graham in his quasi-documentary examination of modern relationships, “Sidewalks of New York.” Maybe Burns should try a new approach, since the resulting performances are never more than average. Not that this trend is necessarily detrimental to his new film.

In his latest attempt, Burns jetisons his usual pontifications on the influence of Catholic guilt in relationships and sex for a more universal approach of just relationships and sex. The film, accompanied with quick jump cuts and arbitrary “man-on-the-street interviews,” intertwines the stories of five New Yorkers. Graham plays a fashionably dressed Upper West Side real-estate agent whose snobbish, cheating husband (a smarmy Stanley Tucci) is stupid enough to come home reeking of his mistress’s perfume.

Burns himself is a cynical television producer andBrittany Murphy, appearing in everything these days (most recently as the “I’ll never tell!” mental patient in “Don’t Say a Word”) rounds out the cast as a Brooklyn waitress. Burns, though, lets his average guy, blue-collar persona, and to a greater extent his frenetic direction, over-saturate the film, stealing the characters’ individualities and quirks (it is slightly disconcerting to witness a seasoned actor like Stanley Tucci spout Burns’ romantic rhetoric).

Yet, “Sidewalks of New York,” when not philosophizing, can be quite insightful, if not in the way Allen’s Manhattan — which “Sidewalks” is highly influenced by — is the most poignant example of love relations ever captured on film. Burns points out the ironies of finding happiness for yourself when searching for love, as with Dennis Farina’s confident but crude lothario who’d rather be completely up front and honest than waste time romancing. Sometimes, the film cleverly states it’s ideals, like Farina’s that may contain the best advice.

It is doubtful Burns’ Irish brogue will become as synonymous with love and New York as Woody Allen’s Jewish intricacies have, but “Sidewalks” is certainly a step forward for the young director. Let’s just hope Christy Turlington isn’t in his next film.

Video game offers mixed bag of goodies

[U-WIRE] Leave it to the maniacs at Rockstar to create another unconventional video game experience. Already with “Grand Theft Auto 3” under its belt, it seems like the video game publisher is content to put out titles that push the envelope on what a clean-cut, moral person can take. Their latest release, “Smuggler’s Run 2: Hostile Territory,” puts gamers into the role of a rookie, making a career in a smuggling ring.

Players join a gang and the game’s story is told through grainy full-motion video. Unlike modern video games, “Smuggler’s Run 2” forgoes computer-generated images, and in a throwback to the old Sega CD day, the game uses real actors to portray the plot. The acting and production in these scenes is B-movie quality at best. The actors can’t act and the settings look like they were filmed in someone’s backyard.

But ignoring those faults in the storytelling, Angel Studios, the group that designed “Smuggler’s Run 2,” did a fairly good job with the gameplay. For the most part, the game has shades of Sega’s “Crazy Taxi” and borrows a lot of the ideas in the game’s design. The meat of the game comes from a variety of missions in which players have to pick up smuggled goods and deliver them to a drop-off point. The title introduces other variations on the theme in the form of capture-the-flag. Using this in the multiplayer mode, gamers can have a blast with a friend in head-to-head competition.

Graphically, “Smuggler’s Run 2” is astounding in its level design. It spans miles of rolling hills and impoverished villages. Gamers have the opportunity to smuggle goods around environments modeled after Russia and Vietnam. Looking toward the horizon, players can see all the way across a valley. There isn’t any fog to hide graphics that pop up unrealistically in the distance.

When it comes to music, Rockstar’s offering can be pretty annoying. The techno soundtrack goes from bland to exasperating as players try to complete one mission two or three times. The ability to choose which song to play would have done a lot to mitigate this. The sound effects for the game are good but nothing to write home about.

Overall, “Smuggler’s Run 2” is a mixed bag. It fits the “Crazy Taxi” mold for those looking for a similar game. But for the rest of the gamers looking for a different experience, other than a few modes, “Smuggler’s Run 2” might leave people feeling like they’re running on empty.
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her memory: "The boredom and stasis of my present circumstances were driving me to introspection in the desultory way that a person cooped up in an old house will eventually make her way to the attic and upend a few boxes." Egan's tone shifts, often humorously, to reflect the personality of the character on whose behalf she writes, as when Charlotte talks of New York nightclubs in which "mere unhappiness was about as welcome as an overweight cousin from New Jersey." Egan's greatest achievement is the cast of characters she assembles, each of whom we come to know in painstaking, brutally honest and innovative detail, but whose actions and thoughts we can never quite predict.

Egan presents her characters as, indistinctly, whether we like them, never purporting to explain them completely. We remain emotionally invested in characters that do despicable things.

For all the literary adroitness that the novel exhibits, "Look At Me," or, more precisely, its message, is extremely hard to swallow. Egan is undeniably an incisive and perceptive commentator. Certain aspects of the novel seem eerily prescient; she conceived of the essentials of its plot in 1995. The supremacy of globalization, the rise of reality-Tv, the rise of insidious terrorism — "Look At Me" contains them all. Yet her prognosis for America seems to be blithely overdramatized and more seriously, fundamentally misanthropic.

Though American culture may be plumbing new depths, it has not sunk to the level where "Who Wants to Marry A Multi-Millionaire?" and McDonald's can encapsulate its essence. Americans may consume superficial, spiritually empty products without exhibiting serious qualms, but that does not mean we are doomed to lose our ability to appreciate, connect to, and dream of something better. Ironically, literary talent like Egan's bolsters our faith that such a superior dimension exists in American culture.
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But that was as close as the Tigers could get. “This was a learning experience,” Jackson said. “We know what we have to work on. We know the problems we have, and what we need to do to work on them.”

The Tigers were able to avenge the loss to the Bulldogs, and they took a 77-54 victory at Montana.

Senior center Ross Mills led the way, scoring 12 of his game-high 21 points in the second as the Tigers managed to pull away for the win.

Mills shot 4-for-4 from the 3-point line. Aside from Mills, three other Tigers finished in double digits. Mike Hahn had 13 points, while Demetrious Jackson and Tim Johnson each added 11.

Senior Maurice McLemore tallied a career-high 10 assists while pulling down a game-high seven rebounds.

The Tigers return to the Spanos Center on Saturday to take on non-conference opponent San Jose State. Tip-off is at 7 p.m.

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It was loud and supportive of its team.

However, the Pacific crowd was even louder, ready to show its Tiger pride. And even though the game itself wasn’t as close as we all had hoped, this game still meant something. What it showed is how much fun a game can be when the Spanos Center is near full capacity.

Obviously, it would be hard for the school to sell out every home game, mainly because of the size of the student population. But that doesn’t mean that we can’t pull in 4,000 or more for most games.

Imagine how much better the games would be if more people came out to support the Tiger athletes.

Point guard Demetrious Jackson said after the game that the team really enjoyed playing in front of a big home crowd, and that it wished it could have put on a better show for the fans.

Regardless of the show the team put on, students should be at the games supporting their fellow classmates.

Athletes put in hours upon hours of practice each week in order to represent our school, so we should support them in their efforts, regardless of whether or not the games turn out the way we’d like them to.

Speaking of good-sized crowds, the women’s basketball team could have used much more support in its game against Rutgers last Thursday. Maybe everyone was all pooped out from the Fresno game the night before, but the lady Tigers put up a tough fight and could have used some extra fan support.

But anyways, enough about last week. That’s in the past and we can’t do anything to change it. The men’s and women’s basketball teams are both playing at home this weekend.

Men’s Basketball

After winning against Montana on Sunday, the men’s ballers return home to face non-conference opponent San Jose State.

The Tigers open up conference play at Idaho State next Thursday. Maybe everyone was all pooped out from the Fresno game last Thursday before being nipped by UC San Diego 64-63 on Saturday.

However, the Tigers return home Saturday night to take on Portland. Senior point guard Selena Ho is leading the Tigers in scoring thus far at 16.6 points per game.

INTRAMURAL UPDATE

By David Hall

The Intramural Bowling tournament had a record turnout of 102 students at West Lane Bowl Friday, Nov. 16. The highest game recorded in IM history was rolled by Brandon Nakagawa, who bowled a 280.

Stephanie Siegan had the women’s high game at 155. The champions were Lithium for the men’s division, Alpha Phi in women’s action and Team Mononucleosis in Co-Rec play.

Twelve teams entered the 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Saturday, Nov. 17. We Got Game outlasted Physical Therapy in the men’s final, while The Fockers beat Alpha Phi for the women’s division final.

Upcoming events:

Pre-Holiday 5-on-5 Hoops tournament begins Friday, Dec. 7th. Sign up in the Main Gym, Room 114.

The Baun Fitness Center Second Annual Bench Press Competition is coming up Friday at 4 p.m.

All UOP students, faculty and staff are invited to enter. There will be men’s and women’s weight classes. Stop by the Baun Fitness Center front desk to sign-up. This event is free.
SPORTS

 Shootout in St. Louis should be something special

By MATTHEW DUBENDORF
Staff Writer

San Francisco at St. Louis
This should be the battle of the year, as both teams hold the best record in the league and have prolific offenses. But because the game will be won or lost will be on the defensive side of the ball. The Rams allow the second lowest yards per game in the league but look for the Niners to take advantage of a defense riddled by injury.
Prediction: 49ers 42, Rams 38

Kansas City at Oakland
These two teams are nearly equal when it comes to statistics, with the exception that the Raiders know how to finish games and the Chiefs don't. After playing uninspired against the Cardinals, the Raiders will wake up and win this game as they battle for home field advantage in the playoffs.
Prediction: Raiders 35, Chiefs 24

Detroit at Tampa Bay
With Charlie Batch hurt we should get a good look at the Lions' promising young quarterback Mike McMahon. Look for the Bucs to exploit the Lions' weak rush defense with a heavy diet of Warrick Dunn while they get it very interesting. Look for the Packers to win at Lambeau Field.
Prediction: Packers 31, Bears 28

Indianapolis at Miami
The Dolphins' tough defense will put the pressure on Peyton Manning and force him into more turnovers. But Manning will be the one who keeps the Colts in the game; their defense will be the reason they lose.
Prediction: Dolphins 17, Colts 14

Carolina at Buffalo
These teams have combined for 21 losses on the season. The Panthers are ranked dead last in total offense and defense. The Bills, on the other hand, just can't find a way to win. They should bounce back from last weeks beating at the hand of the Niners to win their second game of the season.
Prediction: Bills 24, Panthers 17

Chicago at Green Bay
The Packers' running game will have a tough time as the massive Bears' defensive line engulf most would be rushers. If the Bears have any weaknesses, Brett Favre will exploit them. If the Bears can get rookie running back Anthony Thomas back and healthy they should make it very interesting. Look for the Packers to win.
Prediction: Packers 28, Bears 22

Cleveland at New England
The Patriots just seem to keep winning with Tom Brady at the helm. The Browns have also impressed this year but with the second worst offense in the league and a mediocre record, don't expect them to make the playoffs.
Prediction: Patriots 17, Browns 10

Jacksonville at Cincinnati
The Jaguars haven't won a single game on the road this season and don't look for that trend to end this week. Corey Dillon should get back on track after fumbling away a possible victory against the Bucs last week in overtime. The Jaguars have no fluidity on offense, which will make the Bengals' job much easier.
Prediction: Bengals 14, Jaguars 10

New Orleans at Atlanta
With Chris Chandler's availability in question, the Saints will have to prepare for Michael Vick who is dead专访 both in the air and on the ground. But he is also very inexperienced, which a veteran defense should take advantage of and force at least four turnovers. That, coupled with the Eagles' strong defense and it would take a miracle for the Chargers to win.
Prediction: Saints 28, Falcons 10

N.Y. Giants at Dallas
The Cowboys' defense will give the Giants' running back duo a headache by the end of the day. If only the Cowboys' offense was half as good as their defense. But lucky for the Giants they're not; if they want to win this game and keep their dim playoff hopes alive they are going to have to win this game with their defense.
Prediction: Giants 16, Cowboys 9

San Diego at Philadelphia
The Eagles have the NFC East title in the bag if they can keep playing like they are supposed to. The Chargers, on the other hand, started off the season great. Then, reality set in and they have proceeded to lose their last five games. Donovan McNabb will cause a banged up Chargers secondary a lot of problems. Couple that with the Eagles' strong defense and it would take a miracle for the Chargers to win.
Prediction: Eagles 34, Chargers 24

Tennessee at Minnesota
The Vikings have been in a funk all year and just can't seem to find their way out of it. Their offense should rack up the yards against the Titans' defense. But the Titans play well at home and their offense should find their own rhythm against the Vikings.
Prediction: Titans 20, Vikings 17

Washington at Arizona
Both teams experienced a reversal of fortunes last week as the Cardinals upset the Raiders and the Redskins had their five game winning streak ended in a loss to Dallas. Look for things to return to normal as the Redskins' secondary will force Jake Plummer to throw a couple of interceptions.
Prediction: Redskins 24, Cardinals 10

Women capture Speedo Cup

By JAIN PATTERSON
Staff Writer

The women's and men's swim teams traveled to Irvine, Calif. this past weekend to compete in the Speedo Cup at UC Irvine. Both teams swam well in the three-day meet. The women's team came home with the trophy, while the men finished third.

The women's team dominated the rest of the schools, as they were victorious by more than 300 points against other teams. Sarah Marshall accumulated three individual victories for the team, one of which was the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:58.63.

Also, Robin Erecart won the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:01.34. As a team, the Tigers also won the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The men's team finished third overall in the meet. Filip Wronski won the Tiger's first victory as he won the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:01.41. The team continued after Wronski's event as Matt Mills finished third in the 200-yard butterfly with another season's best time of 1:52.17.

In the last event of the meet, the 400-yard freestyle team finished second to wrap up third place.

In all, the women swimmers bettered season-best times for the team in 16-of-20 events.

The men bettered times in 18-of-16 events for the year.

The two teams take the rest of the year off and will be back in early 2002 as they head to Hawaii to train for the second half of their season. Next year, the team will mostly tour southern California with events in Irvine, Northridge and UCLA. They also have an out-of-state trip to Las Vegas.


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For things to return to normal
McKenzie brings ultimate fighting to Pacific

By BROOKE HOLMQUIST
Staff Writer

It is the style of fighting that is revered by most, the fiercest competition in no-holds-barred fighting. It is ultimate fighting, the underground cage matches where almost everything goes. Well, almost.

This sport is said to bring together the world’s most talented mixed martial artists to see which styles of fighting are the most successful in a tournament. Such styles include boxing, kickboxing, jiu-jitsu, karate, sumo and wrestling.

This started with one of two pay-per-view shows to get worldwide attention and support. However, it has turned into one of the premier mixed martial arts events in the world.

Pacific harbors one athlete who is trying to create a name in the ultimate fighting world, sophomore Tim McKenzie.

McKenzie has honed his skills as a fighter and athlete to be a part of this elite class of fighters. He got into the sport after wrestling in high school. He had friends that were doing jiu-jitsu and asked him to come with them. McKenzie met people from jiu-jitsu that were training in ultimate fighting and thought it would be fun to try something a little more dangerous.

He trains at the Gracie Jiu-jitsu Academy, where they focus on all different types of martial arts. So far, McKenzie has been doing jiu-jitsu for a year now and has worked on a lot of different types of martial arts for a few months. However, McKenzie says he is more of a grappler.

“I like striking,” he said. There is a difference in training for ultimate fighting from other sports. There is some weightlifting involved, but McKenzie chooses to focus more on the cardiovascular aspect to stay in shape for more exhausting fights.

He also trains a lot with the punching bag to get his punches stronger, and the Academy works with him specifically on grappling and training with his own body weight.

So why does McKenzie like ultimate fighting?

“I like being able to get into the ring, fight, get money and not get in trouble for it,” McKenzie said. “You get up and shake hands and don’t worry about taking anything out of the ring.”

McKenzie’s first three fights were canceled because of either opponent or location problems. But finally, on Nov. 9 he fought Dax Bruce in Orville, California at Gold Country Casino.

Ultimate fighting is illegal in the state of California, so it can only hold events on Indian Reservation Casinos.

McKenzie expected Bruce to come out charging, and he did just that. But Bruce didn’t hit as hard as McKenzie expected, so McKenzie knew he would win if Bruce didn’t use too many submission moves. The fights are three, five-minute rounds, and McKenzie won 3:07 into the first round.

“He was dazed from my striking,” McKenzie said of Bruce. “He was expecting more grappling from me. The referee stopped the fight because (Bruce) couldn’t defend himself.”

Bruce had already worked his first three matches and was a level higher in jiu-jitsu than McKenzie.

said McKenzie, “I was thinking ‘what the heck am I doing? Am I ready? I can’t lose. Please God, don’t let me get my butt kicked!’”

McKenzie is a native of Stockton and attended Tokay High School in Lodi, where he played water polo and wrestled.

Water polo, he says, helped with conditioning and wrestling helped with technique in the ring.

As a freshman, McKenzie came to Pacific to play water polo, but stopped midway through last year. He plans to go back to water polo for the Tigers in the spring.

Sophomore Tim McKenzie gets it done both in the classroom and in the fighting cage.

Tigers earn honors

By JESSIE BOWEN
Staff Writer

The fall semester is rounding out here at Pacific, and that means that several sports teams are wrapping up their seasons as well.

Many teams played particularly well this semester, and several Pacific athletes have earned honors as well.

Women’s Field Hockey
Senior defender Leanne Tarr was named to the NorPac All-Conference First Team for the second-consecutive year. Tarr is the Tigers’ career defensive saves leader with 13 defensive saves.

Senior midfielder Giovanna Tripiano was named to the NorPac All-Conference Second Team.

Women’s Soccer
Freshman Kim Force, sophomore Gabby Olivares and junior Becky Moffitt were named to the All-Big West Second Team.

Sophomore Kristina Fetter and senior Angela Allgier were awarded All-Big West Conference Honororable Mention for 2001.

Frisbee
Had three players named to the All-Big West Conference First Team and one named an MPSF honorable mention. Senior Jamie Hamm, sophomore Jennifer Jomes and junior Megan Hauschild were all named to the First Team, while junior Elaine Goeders garnered an honorable mention.

Men’s Water Polo
Junior Nic Hepner received an MPSF honorable mention for his play this year. He threw in 32 goals for the Tigers this year.
Tough times for the Tigers

BY JOSH MONTERO
Guest Writer

At home is where the Tigers are the toughest. But frankly, the Scarlet Knights didn't seem to care.

When Rutgers invaded the Spanos Center last Thursday night, the Scarlet Knights brought with them a tough, pressing defense, as well as a No. 23 ranking.

Just as promised, the Tigers proved to be a tough competitor at home, giving Rutgers all it could handle in the first ever meeting of the schools.

Both teams shot around 40 percent in the first half and both went 0-2 from the line, making the contest as close as could be heading into the break all square at 24.

Pacific seemed to have taken control heading into intermission scoring the half’s final eight points, six of which came from a slashing Vanessa Dupont.

Though Rutgers would turn the tide quickly, opening the second half on a 7-2 run before senior Selena Ho rung up back-to-back three-pointers to give the Tigers their first lead 34-33 with just under 16 minutes remaining.

Though they struggled with the Scarlet Knights' full-court press all night, the Tigers managed to hold onto their intensity, as well as the lead, remaining on top 36-35 with 12:51 left to play. Then, mysteriously, the wheels fell off for Pacific.

In the remaining minutes, Pacific would commit turnover after costly turnover, quickly falling behind a Rutgers team who quickly turned the Tigers' misfortune into their own opportunity. The Knights all but put the game away, rattling off a crushing 10-0 run, which was eventually stretched to 14-1. Rutgers' suffocating defense held the Tigers scoreless for nearly seven full minutes, not allowing a point until sophomore Andrea Nederostek hit a free-throw with 7:41 left on the clock.

Not helping the Tigers' cause any was their inability to get to the line in the second half. Pacific had earned just a single team foul to Rutgers' five at the 13 minute mark in the second half, and quickly
got themselves into the bonus, but were not able to use it to their advantage. The Tigers got to the line just five times in the second half and made a measly one of those attempts. Meanwhile, the Scarlet Knights managed to do what Pacific could not, making nine of fourteen second half foul shots.

Though the Tigers showed their holiday spirit in giving the game away late, they did not have much to show for their efforts. Dupont and Ho led Pacific with a dozen points apiece, and while all of Dupont's points came in the paint, Ho got hers on 4-9 shooting from downtown.

Sophomore Nancy Dinges also chipped in 10 points along with leading her team in boards with nine (four of which offensive). Also in double figures for the Tigers was Nederostek with 11 points and eight boards. Her lone free-throw was the only one made by Pacific all night as they fell 61-53.

Still reeling from dropping their home opener to Rutgers, the Tigers made their way to San Diego to do battle with the Toreros.

Down 36-30 at the half, Pacific looked sluggish and appeared to be headed to its second straight defeat. Though anywho that has watched this team over the past few seasons should know that you can never count the Tigers out of any game.

Midway through the second half, the Tigers were finally firing on all cylinders and began to close the gap, actually taking the lead and holding it until the final two minutes of the game. Though just as quickly as they rebounded, the Tigers fell apart, turning the ball over on three of their final five possessions, letting San Diego take over for good.

Pacific out-rebounded the Toreros 29-28 and committed fewer turnovers (18-19), but made three fewer free-throws (14-11), and in the end lost the game by just a point, 64-63.

Sophomores Gillian d’Hondt and Dinges led the Tigers with 13 points each, with d’Hondt also pulling down seven boards and coming up with four steals.

Ho also contributed 12 points, but was held without a trey as her lone attempt was no good.

Fortunately for the Tigers, they have some time to work the kinks out before their next contest which won’t take place until next Wednesday. At 3-3, Pacific will play host to Santa Clara on Dec. 7 here in the Spanos Center at 7:00 p.m.

Marshall takes over at the Speedo Cup

BY BRET BARRIE
Sports Editor

Sarah Marshall was voted the MVP of her high school swim team in both her freshman and senior seasons. She's only in her freshman year at Pacific, but she could be on the same track.

The women’s swim team dominated the competition in the Speedo Cup down in Irvine last weekend, capturing first place as a team, and the freshman was the key contributor.

The backstroker/flyer from Dixon, Calif, won three individual events to lead the Tigers to victory. Marshall swam the 200 backstroke in 1:58.63 for one of her victories for Pacific.

Marshall came to Pacific this year out of Will C. Wood High School in Vacaville, where she was an All-American in the 100 backstroke and the 100 butterfly her senior season. While in her prep years, she qualified for the Junior Championships as well.

The biology major holds Will C. Wood’s school record for the 100 fly, 100 backstroke and 200 IM.

Also considered this week:

Misty Swails
Women's Volleyball

The sophomore was one of the centerpieces in Pacific’s 3-1 victory over Louisville in the second round of the NCAA Tournament last Saturday in Kentucky.

She set career-highs in both kills and digs in the match, with 14 kills and 22 digs. Swails also led the Tigers with a .414 hitting percentage and three service aces.

Ross Mills
Men’s Basketball

After a tough loss to Fresno State last Wednesday, the Tigers rebounded with a big win over Montana on Saturday night.

Mills led Pacific with a career-and-game-high 21 points, including 4-of-4 from 3-point range.

He scored nine points in just eight minutes of action in the first half.

Jamie Hamm
Women's Volleyball

Hamm had another good weekend for the Tigers, leading the team through the first two rounds of the tournament.

She led the Tigers past Louisville with her 23rd double-double of the season, tying a career-high with 30 digs while also tallying 19 kills.

Hamm moved into third all-time on the Big West digs list with 1,642 for her career.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

NAME: SARAH MARSHALL
SPORT: WOMEN’S SWIMMING
GRADE: FRESHMAN

ALSO CONSIDERED:• MISTY SWAILS, W. VOLLEYBALL
• ROSS MILLS, M. BASKETBALL
• JAMIE HAMM, W. VOLLEYBALL
POWER ALLEY

Tough week for Tigers

Clearing off the desktop:

Last week was an interesting one here at Pacific. The men’s basketball game against Fresno State last Wednesday was especially fascinating. Wow, what a crowd that was. The Spanos Center hasn’t been that full since Dec. 18, 1998 when the Tigers squared off against Stanford.

Fresno State brought in 2,000 fans, but I think there was more orange and black in the packed house of 5,372 than red and white. Nonetheless, let’s pretend that Fresno didn’t bring anyone. That would still be 3,372 fans in attendance, which is about what the men’s team averaged last year. But then again, how many Pacific students didn’t attend the game?

There was a great turnout from the Greek system, as many members from all the fraternities and sororities attended the game, as well the fanfest beforehand.

Head coach Bob Thomason attended the fanfest before the game and handed down some instructions to Pacific fans.

“When the big Red Wave gets up and yells, we need to yell louder,” he said.

The Red Wave was there.

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By Bret Barrie
Sports Editor

Jerry Tarkanian and the No. 20 Fresno State basketball team rolled through Stockton last week, looking to breeze past the hometown Tigers and take an easy win at the Spanos Center.

The Tigers were looking to pull the upset, but they never managed to get on track as Fresno State went on to a 73-65 victory in front of 5,372.

“I think this was the best Fresno team we’ve played against,” said Pacific head coach Bob Thomason. “We had a great crowd, and I wish we could have played better for them.”

Fresno State (4-1) was led by center Melvin Ely, who had a game-high 24 points, 12 rebounds and six blocks. Point-forward Chris Jeffries added 16 points and pulled down a game-high 13 boards for the Bulldogs, who out-rebounded Pacific 46-43 on the night.

Junior guard Demetrius Jackson led the Tigers’ attack with 18 points, including 12 in the second half. He also added a team-high six rebounds.

Senior David Bunts came off the bench and added 11 points, including two 3-pointers in the final two minutes of the game.

The Tigers had a hard time getting shots to fall in this one. They made just 30 percent from the floor, while the Bulldogs dropped 41 percent.

Fresno also blocked eight of the Tigers’ shots.

“They’re ranked for a reason,” Jackson said. “They’ve got a big front line, but we just couldn’t get on track. We couldn’t find a rhythm, and we just didn’t play as well as we wanted to.”

Fresno State jumped out to an 11-3 lead in the opening half, behind four points in the paint from Ely. The Tigers clawed back in it, but the Bulldogs went on a 10-0 run to close out the half, going into the locker room with a 42-25 advantage.

The Bulldogs dominated the entire second half, and the Tigers never got closer than 10 points.

With two minutes left, Fresno held a 19-point lead at 71-52, but Bunts led the Tigers back, scoring all of his points in that time to cut the lead to eight at 73-65.

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Junior guard Demetrius Jackson (10) drives to the hole against Fresno St. in front of 5,372 fans in the Spanos Center.

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