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New Model Arab League joins UOP
Students gather to learn about the Middle East and gain tolerance

BY KRISTINE NETHERS
News Editor

The events of Sept. 11, 2001 made many students on campus want to better understand the politics, religions and traditions of the people in the Arab nations. Eight students along with Political Science Professor Jerry Hewitt are learning about the diverse region by preparing for the regional Model Arab League in San Francisco in mid-April.

Senior Rebecca Blandit said, “Through this class, we would like to promote awareness of inter-Arab relations. We believe that if someone knows the politics of the region, they will better appreciate the true struggles that are happening.”

The class meets weekly on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. to learn about Algeria and the inter workings of the region. The class will represent Algeria at the summit in April and will have to thoroughly understand all aspects about their nation when they go to San Francisco to represent UOP.

Freshman Eddie Richardson said, “Our team was excited that we were given the nation of Algeria because it has an interesting background and history and for the most part, it is independent of other nations.”

While the delegates attend the session in San Francisco, tensions will be high.

Junior Emily Santos-Gomez said, “I attended the summit last year and was surprised about how intense it can be. For the three days that we are there, every moment is spent thinking about the current issues and policies on the floor.”

The summit consists of two General Assembly meetings, five committees ranging from Palestinian affairs to social issues. There are also agenda items that must be negotiated on before the summit closes.

Santos-Gomez said, “The summit is really modeled after the Arab League. While

Fisk Jubilee Singers to Sing on Campus Feb. 2

The current students in the Fisk University Jubilee Singers will be on campus on Saturday night to sing their time-honored gospel songs. See story on page 3.

Alcohol Awareness Week begins Feb. 4

BY AMBER PROCHASKA
Assistant News Editor

From Feb. 4 - Feb. 8, Student Life and Pacific’s Impact Program will be sponsoring Alcohol Awareness Week.

“I’m hoping that somewhere during the course of this week students will realize that with a choice comes a consequence and that everybody has a choice,” said Health Educator, Maryanne Pearson.

In California alone, there are two alcohol related traffic accidents every hour. In representation of all that have died in California in the year 2000, 2,352 flags will be placed on Anderson lawn for the week.

On Monday, Feb. 4, Baun Fitness Center will host a sobriety test with beer goggles from noon to 2:00 p.m. The fitness center will also offer students free admittance all week long with the password “alcohol free.”

Student Life will also host an informa-
Black History Month 2002: Calendar of Events

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Events are free and open to the public.

Weather History

January of 1977 was Philadelphia’s coldest January in 211 years. Buffalo, N.Y., was buried in a huge blizzard, and more than 100 inches of snow fell in West Virginia.

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Public Safety Report

January 16-22, 2002- Prepared by Jerry L. Houston

VANDALISM

Stagg Stadium: Jan. 16 Graffiti on ticket booths
Price House: Jan. 19 Broken license plate on vehicle

THEFT

Lot #10 (Pharmacy): Jan. 16 Vehicle stolen
Lot #3 (S. of Athletics): Jan. 17 Parking decal
Wood Bridge: Jan. 21 Missing traffic signs

BURGLARY

Mormon Church: Jan. 16 Loss unknown
Athletic field house: Jan. 22 Forced entry - loss unknown

MISCELLANEOUS

Raney Recreation Center: Jan. 19 Two subjects rob two students
Stagg Stadium: Jan. 22 Vehicle license plate damaged
Stadium Dr. by Library: Jan. 22 Fire extinguishers found from Grace Covel Hall

DID YOU KNOW?

During this period of time, Public Safety provided 45 hours of foot patrol, found 15 open windows/doors (3 were propped open), provided 12 escorts, assisted 4 stranded motorists, interviewed 13 suspicious persons and interviewed 2 persons with an open container of alcohol.

If you have any inquiries about the information provided in this report, you are encouraged to contact Jerry L. Houston, Associate Director of Public Safety at 946-2537 or Extension 2537.
Tips and guidelines to follow when consuming alcohol

By MARY BULLARD
Cowell Health Center

When you're at a party it's so easy to drink excess, whatever "excess" is to you. We see it over and over, right here at UOP a party situation that nearly turns into a tragedy.

- Trust your limit. Set guidelines. Alcohol is an anesthetic pure and simple. It has the same effect on you as ether. One beer equals one shot of hard liquor.
- Order a soda! Don't be embarrassed to refuse alcohol.
- Sip and Space Drinks. Don't be pushed to drink more than you can tolerate. Set your limit and stick to it.
- False: Dancing or other activities do not "use up" alcohol faster. It is detoxified in your liver at the rate of about one drink per hour. Nothing can speed the process.
- Possess Mixed Drink Know-how.
  - Two shots of tequila in one glass and your margarita equals two strong drinks.
  - HA HA HA... It's not so funny. Beware of jerks who think it's a joke to add "extra" alcohol to party drinks.
  - Stay away from liquor like EverClear; almost 100 percent alcohol, which easily doubles or triples your alcohol level.
  - No sudden cure! A cup of coffee...a cold shower...they won't sober you up.
  - You may temporarily feel more alert, but it won't improve your reactions and judgement.
  - Eat While You Drink! Foods high in fat and protein can slow the absorption of alcohol.
  - Alcohol can be dangerous.

If a friend gets sick or passes out, come on over to the Student Health Center for a check or at least call for some help in determining the seriousness. Never assume he or she can "sleep it off."

Mark Sterner will bring his dramatic experiences with drinking and driving to campus on Feb. 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

Sterner's life changed dramatically when three of his best friends and fraternity brothers were killed in an impaired driving car crash during spring break in 1994. He was driving the car. Instead of great spring break memories, Sterner ended up with three felony convictions and spent three years in jail.

He would have been the first one in his family to graduate from college, now he is the first to serve time in jail.

Out to live it up on their last night on Sanibel Island, Fla., Sterner and four of his friends did not designate a sober driver. Instead, they chose the "least drunk" person to shuttle them to the next bar. Tests after the accident showed that, with a blood alcohol level of .17 to his friends'.22 or greater, Sterner was indeed the least drunk. But that didn't change the tragic outcome. "Would my friends be married by now?" wonders Sterner. "Would they have kids? I don't know. I'll wonder what if for the rest of my life."

He doesn't want others to have to ask themselves the same questions, so Sterner shares his message with high school and college students across the country. He has spoken to more than 300,000 students since 1995.

Sterner has received requests to appear on Oprah. Montel, 20/20 and 48 hours, but he has denied these requests for two reasons. First, he feels his presentation is most powerful in person. Second, out of consideration for his friends' families, Sterner does not want national media attention that might cause them to have to relive the tragedy. The families of Sterner's friends have encouraged his efforts to prevent impaired drinking and supported his reduced prison sentence so he could share his story.

Sterner shares a video that the men made that fateful night. Images of laughing college kids driving from one bar to the next, downing shots of alcohol and dancing are followed by still photos of the car after the crash.

In a powerful presentation, Sterner asks students not to make the same mistake he did. Overwhelmingly, they respond to his message.

"If anything is going to affect whether students drink and drive, that was it," said one college student who heard Sterner's program.

The Greek Council and UOP Athletics sponsored this event.

Fisk Jubilee Singers to perform the gospel

By KRISTINE NETHERS
News Editor

The world renowned Fisk Jubilee Singers will sing their famous songs and spirituals on campus Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Faye Spanos Hall.

This group from Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., was created in 1866 and has sung traditional slave songs since its inception after the Civil War.

The university singers have continued to travel all over the United States and world for large audiences. The group began to travel in 1871 and in its early years performed in the White House, in Europe and even for Queen Victoria.

The group originally composed of two quartets and a pianist but now consists of many talented college men and women who perform both at Fisk University and around the world. Their songs have themes that celebrate life, survival and victory in a traditional gospel setting. The group was the first to publicly perform songs of slaves, which have become anthems of the African American community.

The group is named for the year that they were formed in the Old Testament as the "Year of Jubilee," which in Hebrew law states that all slaves much be set free.

Fisk University was originally named Fisk Free Colored School and was formed by the Freedmen's Bureau as a liberal arts school in the South. The school was dedicated to educating ex-slaves who strove for an education and began with basic elementary education and then taught African-Americans the skills necessary for becoming teachers.

In 1871, the University had some financial problems and the choir director at the time decided first the group to publicly perform their songs to raise money. The group was so successful that they raised $50,000 dollars within 10 years.

This is a rare and timely performance for UOP in that this famous and talented group is performing in Black History Month during Pacific's 150th Year.

**UOP is there we must really role-play and represent the Algerian team well. We act as if we were really negotiating for the league."**

Blanditt said, "Even lunch and other meals are times of networking and negotiations in which other important deals are made."

Professor Hewitt and advisors from other schools will also be present to assist students and to help carry along the talks of the day.

Santos-Gomez said, "At the end of the summit, awards are given by points received throughout the meeting based on articulation, negotiation, speaking and also negotiations are given."

Pacifc's team looks to represent UOP well and hopefully be invited to nationals in Washington, D.C. where they could meet delegates from the real Arab League.

The team predicts that the Model Arab League class will continue in the future. Santos-Gomez said, "We now have members in the class that are a good foundation to build on, we will certainly learn off of each other and really get to understand the culture and media perception of all of the Arab countries."

Two slots are still open in the class and students have the option of taking the class for one to four units. Santos-Gomez said, "This class and league shows the greatest importance on human communications, negotiations and interaction. This class can teach a larger understanding of the world and the techniques acquired in the class can be applicable in anyone's life."

If you are interested in joining the class, contact Emily Santos-Gomez at mal_emily@hotmail.com.
Second Annual Dance for a Chance comes to campus

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The 18-hour dance marathon in the Main Gym is returning for its second year. The event is from 4 p.m. Feb. 23 until 10 a.m. Feb. 24. All proceeds from the benefit go to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

Last year’s event was highly successful as it raised a lot of money for the AIDS foundation and was the first attempt at orchestrating a campuswide philanthropy that involved many organizations within UOP and surrounding community.

Last year’s marathon included more than 250 students and involved more than 30 teams ranging from residence halls, Greek halls, campus organizations and faculty members. There was a diverse amount of entertainment featured throughout the 18-hour event, including hours for line dancing, swing lessons and hula lessons. There was a guest DJ and live performances throughout the event. Prizes were awarded for the most spirited team, best costume and team which raised the most money. Individual awards were also given to those that danced the entire 18 hours and to the most enthusiastic.

Various sponsors from the community also contributed to the success of the event. Last year’s sponsors included the Alumni office, Sodexho Dining Services, Student Activities, The Pacifican, Greek Council, Order of Omega, Residence Hall Association, Lagorio Farms, Nor Cal Beverage, Coca-Cola and Josten’s College Division.

These sponsors were able to hand out many prizes to the participants of the event.

Some of the prizes awarded at the event include a two-night stay at the Feather River Inn, Radisson Hotel, Jackson Rancheria or Courtyard Marriott. Gift certificates were given by Chili’s, Dante’s Pizza, El Torito, Angelina’s, Outback Steakhouse and the Spaghetti Factory. ASUOP also donated tickets to an upcoming event. DeVons Jewelers, Circuit City, AAA, Gilardi’s and others gave other prizes, too.

Last year’s event raised over $13,000 for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and this year organizers hope to raise more. The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation focuses on AIDS and HIV by trying to prevent the transmission of the disease from mother to children, improve the lives of children with HIV/AIDS and to ensure that children are getting the most advanced HIV/AIDS medication.

It’s not too late to enter a team for Dance for a Chance. Pick up a flyer in the McCaffrey Center and have all forms in by Feb. 1. If you have any questions call (209) 946-2174.

The race for elections began last Wednesday at Noon. Election packets are now available in the ASUOP office on the second floor of the McCaffrey Center. Every student who will have sophomore standing next year and meets other requirements is encouraged to run for office. Many positions are left open and need to be filled. Over the past few years, student voting has increased, while competition for positions has waned. If offices are left empty, then it only follows that students will be underrepresented on important faculty and administrative boards. Think of all you could say about tuition, parking, the alcohol policy, academic grievances and construction, among other issues. Pick up your election packet today.

At ASUOP, we hope you all get involved this semester. Even if you don’t run for office, come out and vote. Every student has something to add to make UOP the best it can be.

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tional booth in the McCaffrey Center with pamphlets and brochures alerting students about alcohol and its effects.

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, students have the opportunity to commit to wearing a seatbelt, not driving after drinking, being a designated driver, or taking the keys of someone who should not be driving by signing their name on a paper chain link that will be displayed in the McCaffrey Center.

“Students can only read and learn so much about alcohol. I don’t think you can fully understand the repercussions that can occur unless something is being directly related to you. I think you should understand the realities that it can happen to them,” said freshman Josh Kawahara.

At 8:00 p.m., Mark Sterner will be speaking at the Faye Spanos Concert Hall, and will explain how a single bad decision forever altered his life. On Thursday, Feb. 7, Spanos Fitness Center will again host a sobriety test with beer goggles from 11:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. Their question, “Can you pass a sobriety test when sober?”

In the McCaffrey Theater at 8:00 p.m., Chaplain Joy Preisser, Assistant D.A., Mike Rasmussen, Superior Court Judge, Richard A. Vlavianos, CHP Officer Ted Montez and ER Nurse Janel Bardon will be speaking on “Choices and Consequences: You, Alcohol and the Law.”

Tuesday through Thursday, cars that were in actual alcohol related traffic accidents will be brought in and displayed at the McCaffrey Center pedestrian walkway and the corner of Atchley Way and Presidents Drive. “This is real awareness to what is going on,” said Pearson.

On Feb. 8, the Campus Recreation Center will be hosting a floor hockey tournament in the main gym from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Assistant Director of Campus Recreation, Jennifer Sexton said, “I think that the activities planned for the week are giving people alternatives that do not include alcohol. In my perspective, the purpose of this week is to make people aware of responsible drinking. If there is temptation, this could be an alternative.” We want to give students more options.”

RAJ, ASUOP, Omega Phi Alpha and MADD are possible other organizations that may help with Alcohol Awareness Week. Pearson wants to hang up facts about alcohol in areas where students will see and read them, such as the dining facilities.

“Maybe [the facts] will make students think. Students need to think about the intake of drinking itself. The problem comes when they’ve had too much. This is real life here,” said Pearson.

If students have any questions or concerns you can reach Pearson at 946-2428. If interested in being a part of the Floor Hockey Tournament, please contact the Campus Recreation Center at 946-2738. To show your support for Alcohol Awareness Week, pick up your red ribbon in the McCaffrey Center.
Groups 'MADD' over alcohol sponsorship at the Olympics

[U-WIRE] The Alcohol Policy Coalition joined with Mothers Against Drunk Driving on Thursday to express its concern related to Anheuser-Busch's sponsorship of the Olympics according to George Van Komen, president of the Alcohol Policy Coalition, the International Olympic Committee does not accept commercial associations that produce alcoholic beverages.

Van Komen said Anheuser-Busch circumvented this by claiming themselves as producers of "malt drinks." Just like the crickets that invaded Salt Lake City in the 1800s, Anheuser-Busch is invading Salt Lake City with their aggressive beer campaigns," Van Komen said. Gordon Lindsay, department chair of Health Sciences at Brigham Young University said he believes that Anheuser-Busch's efforts to liberalize alcohol laws in Utah will have long-term effects.

"It doesn't matter where the Olympics go, the industry wants the local community to loosen up. After the Olympics, all of those policies stay and the communities suffer the consequences of more liberal alcohol policies," Lindsay said. Mary Phillips, president of the Utah chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving said MADD became involved with coalition because of concern with Anheuser-Busch's ad campaign.

Anheuser-Busch has exclusive rights to broadcast commercials on NBC, CNBC and MSNBC for the duration of the Olympics. "We're concerned with how they translate their sponsorship, " Phillips said. The Budweiser Web site features a youthful-looking snowboarder. "From looking at the picture, you can't verify whether or not he is 21," Phillips said. Lindsay said that he believes the ambiguity in the ad was a conscious decision to cater to a younger audience.

"They don't want to hurt people, but they want to make money. They know where their money comes from and they want to appeal to that youthful market," said Lindsay. In addition, Anheuser-Busch is sponsoring Bud World, an Olympic party that will dominate the Gallivan Center in Salt Lake City for the duration of the Olympics. It is touted as a family-oriented attraction and will feature Budweiser penguins.

"That's the kind of thing that can call underage youth to drinking. We'd prefer to err on the cautious side and not advertising that displays animals or sports figures," said Phillips. The Alcohol Policy Coalition reached a consensus last month over a set of alcohol service rules for the square. In addition to expressing their concerns, the Alcohol Policy coalition and MADD unveiled their three-pronged plan for an alcohol-safe Olympics. The plan involves monitoring activities where alcohol is involved, documenting any violations and studying the effects of the advertising campaign on minors.

"The world is watching. We need to watch in Utah as well," said Phillips.

U.S. deploys special force troops to Philippines for training

[U-WIRE] Continuing a global fight against terrorism, the United States deployed 850 Special Forces troops to the Philippines in the past few weeks, according to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Rumsfeld and Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo have claimed that U.S. forces are there simply to train the Philippine Army in its war against rebels in the southern part of the country.

"In Washington's world view, Muslims seeking independence... are ipso facto terrorists," according to Tahir Mirza, of Antiwar.com, a noted peace organization. Mirza and his colleagues have become one of several voices of opposition in the United States.

Rumsfeld has said that there are "definite linkages" between the Abu Sayyaf rebels in the Philippines and Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network. The Abu Sayyaf is currently holding several American hostages. Rumsfeld also pointed out that the United States would pursue terrorists, even if they were not related to the Sept. 11 attacks or al Qaeda. This means that the United States might get involved in other problem areas such as the Middle East. In the Philippines, some leftist lawmakers are calling for the resignation of Arroyo because she has allowed foreign troops into the country. Several of these lawmakers are claiming that this action is in violation of the Philippine Constitution, which bars any foreign troops from operating on its soil.

Due to President George W. Bush's high approval ratings with most Americans, it seems unlikely that the administration will back off from its current policy. Bush's approval rate is still in the 80s and shows no sign of letting up.

"I think we should go after these people wherever they hide," said Kristin Murphy, a senior at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Rumsfeld has indicated that he will do just that. "We are determined to find terrorist networks and do what we can to help root them out and stop them from killing people," he said.

SIS lectures to come

The School of International Studies is pleased to announce the following lectures and discussions being held in January and February at the Bechtel Center. The events are free and open to interested community members.

September 11: The View From Abroad Thursday, Jan. 31 Noon - 1 p.m. A panel of Pacific students who were overseas studying when the terrorist bombings occurred will discuss their reactions and those of their host country to the events of 9-11.

Why Don't They Like Us? Thursday, Jan. 31 Hosted by the World Affairs Council, 7 p.m.

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The saga of the American Taliban

Terror has taken on many faces since the Sept. 11 attacks. Osama bin Laden has been the constant while others have made cameos.

For now, the face of terror is John Walker Lindh. He was brought back to the United States last week to face trial for his alleged transgressions. The charges levied against him by the government include:

- Engaging in a conspiracy to kill U.S. nationals abroad.
- Providing or attempting to provide material support and resources to designated terrorist organizations, including al Qaeda.
- Engaging in prohibited transactions with the Taliban, the ousted regime in Afghanistan.
- By now, everyone knows Walker Lindh's story. He was a normal American boy who went to Yemen to study Arabic and Islam. The U.S. government alleges that the journey eventually took him to al Qaeda training camps in Afghanistan. The government further alleges that during one of his training camps this past summer, Walker Lindh was told by one of his instructors that bin Laden "had sent people to the United States to carry out several suicide operations."
- There have also been allegations that bin Laden thanked Walker Lindh personally for taking part in the "jihad." After the U.S. occupied Afghanistan, Walker Lindh was taken into custody by the U.S. military after a bloody prison uprising in late November. Now, if he is convicted, Walker Lindh faces life in prison. He will not however, face the death penalty.
- Since the attacks we have all heard many sentences that have begun with "In this time of war..." That phrase seems appropriate in light of the allegations against Walker Lindh. It is the right phrase to use for both sides. Should the government send a message to other possible traitors by giving Walker Lindh the death penalty? Or should it instead care more about the values that are engrained in all Americans?
- Those values include "innocent until proven guilty" and "a right to a fair trial." Lead defense attorney James Brosnahan, feels that these laws have been overlooked since Walker Lindh's capture.
- "For 54 days, the United States government has kept John Lindh away from a lawyer. He began requesting a lawyer almost immediately, which would have been Dec. 2 or 3," Brosnahan told reporters during the initial hearing last week. "For 54 days, he was held incommunicado."
- Attorney General John Ashcroft has said repeatedly that Walker Lindh waived his rights to an attorney both orally and in writing during the month-long interrogation sessions.
- The parents of Walker Lindh both made statements following him being brought in.
- "John loves America. We love America. John did not do anything against America. John did not take up arms against America. He never meant to harm any American and he never did harm any American. John is innocent of these charges," his father Frank Lindh said last week.

This kind of statement will not help Walker Lindh in the court of public opinion.

The question now for the American public is where their sense of fairness lies. Does Walker Lindh deserve to be tried and if not, why? Is it more important to send messages during a time of war or is it more important to live in a country that can treat even its most heinous criminals fairly?

Though this might be going against the tidal wave currently engulfing this country, we feel it is bit more important to uphold the laws and values that have made this country great, as opposed to ditching them in vindictive actions against a select few criminals.

Walker Lindh should be tried and if convicted punished, but he should not be treated any differently then any other man on trial. That may be hard to do, but it is the right thing to do.

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
How we can all become much better friends

By JENNIFER D. MAYNARD
Staff Writer

Friends. We all have them. They are the people with whom we share our lives: we confide in them, trust in them and find support in them. They are the people by whom we are influenced and who, in a way, help determine who we are and who we will become.

That said, who are our friends? Are they of the “true blue” sort, or are they just casual acquaintances, people who may “befriend” us only to use us, giving nothing in return? This is a question that we should consider carefully; for, it is so important to have a good network of close, true friends.

Lately, circumstances have arisen in my life and the life of my friends that have caused me to look at my friendships and what they really mean to me. I have realized that although I may have a number of social friends, I have a few very close and dear friends in whom I place my full trust and faith. With them I feel secure and valued as the person that I am. I also discovered that my most intimate friendships share six common qualities or characteristics. I call them the “SIXxes” of friendship.

1) Selflessness. The word says it all: in true friendship there is displaced the love of self in favor of the love of another. Think of what it says in the Bible — that there is no greater love than to lay down one’s own life for the life of a friend.

2) Support. Again, the meaning of the word is pretty clear: we support our friends and they support us. But what does it mean to support someone? It means to never give up on a friend, to never turn away from him or her, refusing to help. It means crying with friends and praying with friends; it means having a positive outlook on even the dreariest situation and encouraging the friend in trouble to keep going.

3) Sacrifice. Friendship takes time and the giving of time takes sacrifice. Relationships between people can enlighten our lives with their bubbling personalities. This is what friendship is all about. These things bring comfort — being comforted about being yourself in another person’s presence; this is the key to a lasting friendship.

4) Service. Whether a little or a lot, serving one another is an integral part of friendship. We all need help — emotional or otherwise at one time or another, and how wonderful it is to have a friend who not only notices our burdens, but offers to bear them as well.

5) Sacred. This quality may be a little puzzling to some at first, but it is really quite necessary that any enduring friendship be sacred. I don’t mean this religiously really. Rather, it is important that we do not look upon friendship lightly, or with triviality; the friendship institution is an astronomically special thing. When you think about it, interaction among people — even all species — is a divine thing. We, as humans, have the ability to speak, to communicate with other people. How important it is that we do not misuse this privilege and in so doing use our words and actions in hurtful or pretentious ways.

6) Sizzle. On the lighter side, there is “sizzle.” It’s one of those onomatopoetic words that simply means friends add flavor to our lives. They can make us laugh, cheer us up; they can bring a smile to our face, renewing our confidence; they can enlighten our lives with their bubbling personalities.

These SIXxes are important and necessary for friendship.

We should all strive to have friendships as good as Joey, Phoebe, Chandler, Monica, Ross and Rachel.

Why can’t America get over drugs and alcohol?

By LISA HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

In grade school most of us were subjected to programs that were designed to scare us away from drugs and alcohol. Remember D.A.R.E. or Drug Abuse Resistance Education? Police officers would come into our classrooms and force us to complete boring workbooks with cute cartoons of stoners pressuring other kids to smoke pot with them.

All I got out of this program was a t-shirt and a nagging idea that they were stretching the truth. I was right. Just look at the news today.

Doctors now have it in their power to prescribe pot, or “medicinal marijuana” to their cancer patients to alleviate pain and stimulate hearty appetites. So what exactly are we to believe nowadays? Not only has marijuana received an unfair rap, but alcohol has too.

Most people have heard by now that drinking a glass of red wine daily is good for the heart. According to recent research, red grapes contain anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer properties. Until recently, beer has been left by the wayside.

Now, according to Dutch scientists, drinking a moderate amount of any alcoholic beverage, one to three times daily helps prevent Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. This is another strike against the drug and alcohol programs infiltrating elementary schools. However, I doubt most young kids will pick up on this contradiction right away, for right now they are being scared to stay on the straight and narrow path.

Which is probably the best thing for them at the moment because the idea of little kids running around drinking and doing drugs scares me. Oh, but wait a minute, this is occurring anyway.

This points to an obvious problem in our system. Too many young people are abusing drugs and alcohol because they remained mysterious nos for so long. We were constantly told “don’t drink, don’t do drugs, they are very bad for you.”

The government contradicts itself anyway by allowing cigarettes to remain legal, which are drugs that have been proven to be physically addicting and a leader in causing cancerous deaths.

I’m not promoting drug use here, although where marijuana is concerned I think we should legalize it. However, I do believe that it’s a personal choice and if you choose to do them be moderate and be prepared to deal with the consequences. But as far as alcohol is concerned we are being told that drinking is good for you, which is a huge contradiction to what we have been taught to believe. These education programs might have worked when we were younger, but it seems like once we got to high school all of that went by the wayside. Part of the problem lies in the fact that drugs are illegal and we can’t drink until we are 21.

If we were cultured in a society where we were allowed a glass of alcohol daily and we saw our parents smoking marijuana cigarettes and still taking care of business, these things wouldn’t be such a big deal and therefore wouldn’t be abused. Or maybe we should be taught Drug Addiction Resistance Education when we are tots, because drugs and alcohol only become a problem when they are abused.
Praising the always interesting, consistent fast food industry

[U-WIRE] – This month, the fast food industry lost one of its founding fathers. Dave Thomas, the owner of Wendy’s, died on Jan. 8 of liver cancer.

Thomas was always my favorite of the fast food pitchmen. He was more human than the surreal Ronald McDonald or the remote, iconic Colonel Sanders and certainly more endearing than the Taco Bell dog.

However, my goal today is not to praise this remarkable man. I want to praise the remarkable industry that he helped create.

Fast food is one of the most underappreciated marvels of the 20th century. It’s not the best food in the world, but it’s certainly not predictable.

You can visit a fast food restaurant in pretty much any major urban area on earth and get a meal that’s cheap, fast, safe and identical to what you’d get on the other side of the globe.

Eric Schlosser, the author of “Fast Food Nation,” has said that “the Golden Arches are now more widely recognized than the Christian cross.”

That’s not bad for an organization that has only existed since the 1950s and has attained its dominance without the aid of any martyrs, crusades or Spanish Inquisitions.

And if these observations haven’t convinced you that fast food companies are worthy of respect, I invite you to think for a moment about the various forces that are opposed to them.

Take the animal rights crowd. Many of the things they say make a lot of sense. Yes, the way we treat livestock is abominable. Yes, there’s no reason to inflict pain on living creatures if good alternatives are readily available.

And yes, meat farming is a grossly inefficient means of agriculture with a nasty environmental impact. I accept all of these facts. Yet every time I see another ham-fisted display on why hot dogs are murder, I feel the urge to renounce my own vegetarianism and noisily devour the nearest quadruped.

Given the long lines for meat that inevitably occur on “Vegan Nite” at Sharpe’s, it seems that many others feel likewise. A man can only hear so many repetitions of the fact that Gandhi was a vegetarian before he starved craving the taste of blood.

Another notable combatant in the burger wars is the mischievous nation of France. In August 1999, French farmer José Bové destroyed a McDonald’s near his home and promptly became a folk hero in the process.

Thousands of demonstrators showed up for his trial, and President Jacques Chirac praised his choice of targets, saying, “[I] too detest McDonald’s food.” Don’t they feel just a little bit sheepish over this? Hasn’t anyone thought to themselves, “If our culture is so fragile and weak that it could be overwhelmed by hamburgers, why are we bothering to protect it?” Oh, well. To borrow a phrase from F. Scott Fitzgerald, the French are different from you and me.

And then there are the health crusaders. H.L. Mencken once wrote, “Such fanatics infest every health department in the land.”

They assume glibly that the whole aim of civilization is to cut down the death rate, and to attain that end they are willing to make a sacrifice of everything else imaginable, including their own sense of humor.

Not much has changed from his day. Although the bulk of their vitriol is still spent on the demon weed tobacco, now that the cigarette companies have been sufficiently strong-armed, the crusaders are starting to turn their attention toward beef.

The Journal of the American Medical Association has called for public officials to combat the fat “epidemic,” and Surgeon General David Satcher, the bashybody in chief, has taken up the call, announcing a sweeping new initiative to fight obesity.

This would be amply justified if the health problems inherent in a diet of fast food were some sort of a secret menace that consumers were unaware of. The proposals put forward so far do focus a lot on education and public awareness programs. But somehow I doubt that the nation will be greatly shocked by the revelation that eating junk food makes you fat and being fat is bad for your health.

Dave Thomas may be no more, but I feel confident that the industry he helped to create is going to outlast all of its detractors. Good night, sweet entrepreneur, and may a flight of angels ask you, “Would you like fries with that?”

Don’t blame the immigrants

[U-WIRE] Just last week, the nation observed Martin Luther King Jr. Day in an attempt to celebrate diversity and unity. Even now, the actions of a few are dictating the treatment of many as we progress further in the war against terrorism.

After Sept. 11, the automatic target for the average American’s anger became anyone of Middle Eastern descent, from the true villains to the passerby on the street. While the months following have decreased the number of hateful comments and crimes, the problem has not gone away.

Currently, a large amount of Middle Eastern people who have come into the United States have either been jailed, are in jail or live in fear of committing even a small traffic violation for fear of being arrested or deported.

While many of those still jailed may have been convicted of crimes worthy of their sentence, one cannot ignore the reports of innocent people being detained without a reason purely because of their descent or where they happened to be at a certain time. Such is the case of one man who was arrested after dropping his wife off at her job, at a military base and held for three months without ever being charged.

It is true the United States should become more careful about who is coming into the country and what threats are being posed, but racial discrimination is not the answer.

Last year, police forces across the nation were working on proving racial discrimination did not occur, and if it had, it was thoroughly discouraged. Yet, just as after Pearl Harbor and the Oklahoma City bombing, the finger of blame has turned on an ethnic group and all we have worked toward equality and freedom slips easily out the window.

As a result of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, a law was put into place that allowed for the rounding-up of several hundred American-Japanese families. The goal was to trap the potential spies for the Japanese and protect American civilians. Yet, in doing so, many families were torn apart and homes lost forever as these fellow citizens were forced into internment camps.

The scary part is the law is still on the books. The law was challenged in Korematsu v. United States and while the family of Korematsu received recompense for their losses, the law was kept “in case of emergency.” Emergency makes discrimination all right?

Following the Oklahoma City bombing, once again, those of Middle Eastern descent were rounded up as immediate criminals in the case. Only later was it made known that, rather than someone from across the pond, it was a citizen from our own country that committed the terrorist act. One would think, after two significant mistakes, lessons would be learned and our country would learn to focus on those who were to blame, not those who could be. Yet how will this be possible unless we feel safe in our own homes?

Immigration officers need to step up and do their job, making sure everyone entering into the country is there for a true purpose and then check-up to make sure students are going to school and workers are working.

Most of those coming to the United States on visas are doing what they came to do, going to school or working. If the loopholes are closed, not only will we be able to feel safer, we can avoid the discrimination of entire groups of people trying to enjoy many of the same freedoms as a citizen. After all, we cannot achieve a diverse-but-equal society if entire groups still can be scapegoats.
Drugs and cookies and how they intertwine

BY RICKY L. PETERSON
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I was brainstorming for another mentally titillating topic on the train ride to Bakersfield when I met a most interesting Australian. An amazing individual who was wrapping up his two years of world travel.

Somehow we got on the topic of the "War on Drugs." In the midst of our discussion I discovered a most intriguing occurrence in Australia. Apparently "Injection Rooms," like government sponsored Half-Way Houses are currently being tested in Australia.

The idea is based on the presumption that people are going to use drugs, whether they're legal or not, so why not provide them with sanitary materials and a safe environment? Now, though this experiment is still in its infant stage, I applaud the Australian Commonwealth for thinking outside the box to address the spread of disease and unfortunate deaths caused by the abuse, uneducated and unsafe use of drugs.

In my eyes its time for America to embrace the Australian trend, instead of the other way around. Contrary to the propaganda spread by the DEA on its official government website, there does exist a need for debate and discussion about the public welfare dilemma with regards to the regulation of illegal drugs in the States.

Although the DEA asserts that this type of discussion is just a catalyst for a "relaxed public perception of the harms of drugs," it is my hope that sound, rational, logical, academic minds will reveal the fallacy of this premise.

Let me begin by illustrating the current arguments for the prohibition of drugs with an analogy. I firmly believe that chocolate chip cookies should be illegal to make, sell or consume! After all, over 30 percent of Americans are allergic to chocolate and therefore poses tremendous public health risks, especially when consumed in excess.

These cookies, and I frown on anyone who would disagree, have been proven to be both addictive and used as an aphrodisiac to asset in immoral acts. And since these cookies can be made almost anywhere, at any time of the year, and supply and demand is at all time high, it would be impossible to regulate.

Furthermore, chocolate chip cookies are destroying the moral fabric of our American Communities with a stunning 65 percent of convicted felons admitting to have eaten the evil chocolate chip cookies at some point in their life. Most saddening of all these facts is that it is now impossible to regulate.

The time has come to re-evaluate their moral arrogance and start to address this complex problem with equally complex solutions.

Please join me in fighting the "War on Cookies." Seem silly? I believe this illustration validly points out the necessary conclusion that anything in excess is bad and with a little creativity and number crunching a case can be made for the prohibition of most anything.

Like the alcohol and tobacco industry, now illegal drugs are an untapped economic gold mine. Just consider the economic strain of monitoring the "60 million people that enter the United States on more than 675,000 commercial and private flights, 6 million that come by sea and 370 million by land, 116 million vehicles that cross the land borders with Canada and Mexico, 90,000 merchants and passenger ships in US Ports containing more than 9 million shipping containers and 400 million tons of cargo and 157,000 smaller vessels that visit our many coastal towns."

Whee, that's a lot of traffic. Imagine the possible revenue generated from the taxation, licensing and packaging of drugs. Additionally, with regulation, there is greater potential for ensuring quality and proper education.

I'm reminded of California's extensive anti-smoking campaign that has literally transformed perception of this once idealized drug. I personally don't think it is unreasonable to explore the successes of Australia, Amsterdam and even early Native Americans who all seem to have lived in harmony with "evil drugs."

To come up with a more practical approach. Whether or not you agree with my point of view, it simply can't be denied that the "War on Drugs" can be paralleled to the dismal failure of "Alcohol Prohibition." The war has had little to no impact on the problems of abuse, lack of education, and some would argue has contributed to the overwhelming increase in both supply and demand.

It is high time for Americans to re-evaluate their moral arrogance and start to address this complex problem with equally complex solutions.

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The heartbreaking tale of sweatshops and immigrants

By DONALD BELLINGER
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I’m a supermodel. No, really I am. But my kind of beauty comes with a price. I know that there are some places that I really shouldn’t go. For example, I should really stay off of the bike path. There are lots of riff-raff that hang out under the bridges and they cat-call all the pretty somethings who might pass them. I consider myself a pretty-something. These junior hoodlums shouldn’t be lolly-gagging and oggmoogling during the middle of a school-day, not to mention making me feel like a dirty boy-whore. No, these punks should be in school, or better yet, a filthy sweatshop making my clothes.

Sweatshops, and poor exploited children are a winning team. I can imagine some disenfranchised starving youth fading in and out of consciousness, who then gets some motivational encouragement from a scary vaquero with a six-shooter, or a Genghis Kahn with a whip depending on which flavor of the third world you’re stuck in. When my oversexed mind gets a glimpse of this drama, I sometimes catch myself whispering, “make me some Nikes” to that little slacker.

There are many good things that come out of sweatshops, besides your designer clothes, most notably is it keeps these kids out of trouble, and hopefully after 14 years in the Old Navy factory they’ll be “scared straight”. This is an impressive feat, considering that scaring kids these days usually takes an act of talk-show intervention. It’s especially important that these kids stay off the street in primitive countries, because it’s a commonly known fact that there are no laws in these countries. If it weren’t for the mentorship of the taskmaster with the six-shooter, these kids could quite easily be getting away with murder, drunk driving, rape or murder, drunk driving, rape or...
Different approach to buffet-style Asian dining

By CRYSTAL JUSTICE
Staff Writer

Ghinggis Khan Mongolian BBQ may be one of the unknown wonders of Stockton. Located nearJava Aroma, many people are familiar with the restaurant, myself included. My freshman and sophomore years at University of the Pacific I passed by Ghinggis Khan wondering what the restaurant was. I didn’t think to eat there until a friend of mine — a native of Stockton — recommended it.

Ghinggis Khan offers a limited variety of food, however most people find that it is very enjoyable. The food is served buffet style, where you get to choose your own dish. Upon entering the establishment you take a bowl, put in the noodles, then place your uncooked meats (you can choose from chicken, turkey, beef and pork) and vegetables of your choice in the bowl. Then you choose your sauces — you can choose from various flavors such as the house special, barbecue, sweet and sour, teriyaki, garlic and cooking wine.

The restaurant recommends that you chose one of each type of sauce or three scoops of one sauce plus a scoop of cooking oil. However, I found that it is better to add more of the sauces than recommended. If you like to have excess sauce at the bottom of your bowl for a lot of flavorful then try six to seven scoops of flavorful plus one scoop of cooking oil. If you prefer just enough sauce to have it flavor your entire meal and not have extra at the bottom of the bowl then put in four scoops of sauce plus one scoop of cooking oil.

The next step is to have your food cooked. Behind the counter there is a large round grill that the chefs cook the food on. Customers hand the cooks their bowl of food that have just been prepared. The chefs will then ask if you would like garlic added, which I highly recommend. Then they prepare it in front of you.

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Starsailor debuts “Love is Here” in United States

By MINDA DIGUZMAN
Staff Writer

England has brought us many talents and here is yet another one — Starsailor. This four-piece band from northwest England consists of drummer Ben Byrne, bassist James Stelfox, vocalist and lead guitarist James Walsh and keyboard player Barry Westhead. When it comes to the songwriting in this band, Walsh, who is the source, puts all of his emotion into his writing.

With a band nicknamed from a Tim Buckley album and an aesthetic that delights in dreamy, whimsical nights dosed with sublime depression, Starsailor sounds many years beyond its 20-something status.

The band started out in Chorley, England where Walsh started his songwriting career at the age of 14. Years later while attending college, Walsh met Stelfox and Byrne. When the three

Starsailor: James Walsh, Ben Byrne, Barry Westhead and James Stelfox.
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Encore album hits stands at Target

[U-WIRE]—To reclaim the title of “biggest band in the world,” our beloved, rejuve­nated U2 has recently had to do some serious selling out.

Deals with Best Buy and a performance at the NBA Finals were a bit disheartening, but the forthcoming Super Bowl halftime extravaganza is what really keeps those arms folded firmly across our chests.

In reality, though, we simply cannot live without U2, especially in a post-Sept. 11 world. They are too important and, most of all, too ace to be shunned. More creative bands exist, but nobody plays as well as they in the spotlight. Bono and company are at the pinnacle of their career and can essentially do no wrong. That includes releasing their new remixes and rarities offering, “7,” exclusively at Target Stores nationwide.

Is it a cash-cow record? Absolutely. Does it suck that you have to buy it at Target, instead of supporting your local indie record store? You bet. But, is it good enough to swallow your pride? Definitely.

“7” essentially serves as an added bonus for those who closely followed the period marking their best record in a decade, “All That You Can’t Leave Behind,” and the most exhilarating tour most will ever know, Elevation 2001. It’s composed of three remixes, three rarities and one acoustic take of “Stuck In A Moment You Can’t Get Out Of.”

Among the rarities, “Big Girls Are Best” is the keeper. It stands closer to “The Fly” than it does to “Wild Honey,” and serves as a reminder that the old boys are still able to create layered, electronic rock, as opposed to their recent minimalist songs. “Summer Rain” and “Always” are good too and cover more familiar territory, although it’s understandable why they didn’t make the new record. In fact, the chorus of “Always” sounds so much like “Beautiful Day,” its omission seems like a wise move.

The second half of the record consists of the remixes, which, unless you see Victor Calderone in the album credits, should generate a little skepticism.

But to our delight, we get a passable, if not tedious, “Beautiful Day,” which clocks in at eight-minutes and a jangly acoustic take of “Stuck In A Moment You Can’t Get Out Of,” instantly recognizable as the coming-out music of the band’s recent world tour. Somehow, it captures that feeling of overwhelming anticipation you felt as the Dubliners made their way into the fully lit arena. So, yeah, pull your collar up, put your shades on and make a beeline for the electronics department at Target. It’s certainly corporate rock ‘n’ roll, but you know you like it.

Drug movie about life during war not just drugs and slackers

By Darren Pope
Guest Writer

It’s the last day of school, somewhere in Middle America, summer 1976. Watergate is four years old and America is about to weather Jimmy Carter’s misery-index regime. When that bell rings, all hell will break loose. High school jocks are lurking outside junior-high classrooms, custom-made paddles in hand, to ceremoniously sting the posteriors of boys about to be fall freshmen.

Meanwhile, the female seniors are cooking up similarly abusive rites of passage for the incoming freshmen girls. After the pain and humiliation, multiple parties are planned with beer, loud music and dope. It’s going to be a wild night.

“Dazed and Confused” is not a call to smoke ‘em if you got ‘em; nor is it a civic-minded admonition about the evils of narcotics. It’s about life during wartime — the wartime of high school, where the staff is crazy, the parents are clueless and the students are bizarre.

Nothing makes sense. The times are so weird, it makes perfect sense to get through them on the drug — or self-delusion — of your choice. If joints and six-packs aren’t appealing, you can seek refuge in eccentricity or alienation. If you’re appalled at the younger generation, you can always lose yourself in a purple haze of shock.

The mostly first-time performers in this ensemble drama are too numerous to outline, but two emerge.

There’s Jason London as a star quarterback all set to lead the team to victory the following semester. He’s been asked to sign a team pledge not to use drugs or alcohol, but he resents the author-

ityarianism.

Then there’s sweet-faced Wiley Wiggins, an eighth grader who grimly anticipates the ritual beating he’s in for — not only today, but probably for the whole summer. It doesn’t help matters that his overprotective sister asked the sadistic seniors to go easy on him.

“Dazed” reaps culturally reflective success and sums up an even younger generation’s absurdities, frustrations and joys.

There’s a knowing, sympathetic and witty spirit about the exercise that makes you laugh; as you wince, whether you inhale or not.
More variety of music choices found on the Web

[U-WIRE] - For the music enthusiast, there are plenty of ways to get the music 411 on the Web. A sad thing about our society is that what the radio and MTV play represents only a small sampling of today's broad musical culture.

Luckily for us, the Internet yields quite a few music-oriented sites that contain information about great bands and genres of music that are not prevalent on the airwaves.

These sites offer info not only on the popular and obscure musicians of today, but also the great bands of the past.

Possibly the largest and most informative music Web site on the net is the All Music Guide, located at allmusic.com.

By simply typing in an artist's name, one is instantly taken to a page containing not only the artist's biography, but also reviews of every album that the artist has produced.

And it only gets better. On the same page that lists the band's information, one can also find who influenced the band and who, in turn, the band influenced.

Additionally, related artists are also listed. This allows anyone with any knowledge of music to really dive further into any genre or particular sound.

For those more into the indie rock scene check out Nudieasthenews.com. Nudieasthenews.com is an excellent site that contains intelligently written articles and reviews.

The site primarily showcases movements in indie rock.

[U-WIRE] - Rolling Stone's Web site should not be overlooked, despite its faults. Rollingstone.com, although it is based on the venerable magazine, is difficult to tackle for someone simply looking for raw info about an artist. The magazine has often been questioned about its album reviews and the Web site reflects these same criticisms.

Rollingstone.com is like the old man who used to smash Elvis Presley records when they first came out — the magazine is intolerant of new and different music.

For instance, the magazine gave Nirvana's breakthrough album "Nevermind" three stars out of five. Needless to say, this is not an accurate rating. Still, each is entitled to his or her own opinion.

Another characteristic of Rollingstone.com is the uptightness with which they give out their ratings.

You would be hard-pressed to find a five-star rating adorning any album recently released.

For example, there are more than 200 amazing photos of Britney Spears. Rollingstone.com also offers an often-updated news section. All in all, Rollingstone.com is a large site with plenty of decent articles and pictures, but just as in the magazine many of the reviews are questionable.

Sonicnet.com, recently purchased by MTV, is an example of a great site updated daily.

The Web site has its thumb directly on the pulse of modern music. Basically, Sonicnet is MTV news turned into a Web site. Tabloid topics such as various musicians' arrest records, as well as more official items like album reviews may be found here.

Spin.com, based on the magazine, covers the pop scene of musical culture.

The Web site sports an attractive look and is relatively easy to navigate. Spin.com also contains a prolific

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Moore flick contains predictable storyline

Khan is also relatively inexpensive. Lunch includes one bowl at the food line, a bowl of soup, appetizer and rice for $5.50. The nice thing about lunch at Ghinggis Khan is that you can take your leftovers home in a doggy bag. So pile as much food in your bowl as possible.

Dinner is $7.50 and includes unlimited bowls at the buffet line, soup, appetizer, rice and freshly made crisp biscuits. Unlike lunch, you cannot take any food home with dinner. You can also get various drinks with your meal beginning at $1.00.

I give Ghinggis Khan three out of five stars. I give them the three stars for having good food at a reasonable price. However, they lose one star for having such a limited selection of food; it would be nice to have a variety for those people who do not want to eat the designated food items. They also lose another star for having such a small dining establishment. During lunch the restaurant is not usually crowded. However for dinner they are always full of people and there is not much room to move around. Overall Ghinggis Khan was a pleasant dining experience where I left a full and content person.

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Sean West and singer-turned-actress Mandy Moore star in the cheesy and predictable "A Walk to Remember."
The Pacifican Crossword Puzzle

Across
1. Slip
6. Higher
11. Federal Communications Commission
14. Adherent of Hinduism
15. Daughter of one's brother or sister
16. Retirement plan
17. Communion table
18. Staggers
19. Slow run
20. Jesus Christ
22. Trellis
24. Fruit
26. Having red hair
30. Middle
34. Metal-bearing mineral
35. Semitic language
36. Female given name
37. Living in a city
39. Partially opened flower
40. Standard of perfection
41. Spurt
42. Small in amount
43. Coming before (prefix)
45. Fungal disease of cereals
46. Midmorning break
48. Small drink of liquor
49. Carves
54. Hanging ice
59. Used to be
60. Fat insoluble in water
62. Former central African republic
63. Hail
64. Texas mission
65. Like an elf
66. Affirmative reply
67. Characteristic rhythm
68. Perfume

Down
1. Sovereign
2. Air mattress
3. International (Abbr.)
4. June 6, 1944
5. Inhabitant of Europe
6. Illegible
7. Filled pastry crust
8. Rind
9. Showy actions
10. Repose
11. South Pacific archipelago
12. Crocodile
13. Prison
21. Close
23. Next after the second
25. Reconstruct
26. Red cosmetic
27. Mistake
28. Rice pest
29. Australian aboriginal instrument
31. Oceanic trenches
32. Trap
33. Stories
35. Coral island
40. Enumerates
43. Heating, ventilating, and air conditioning
47. Steps for scaling a fence
49. Swing to and fro
50. Hollow in the earth
51. Employs
52. Plot of ground
53. Tinned luncheon meat
55. Calculation
56. Animate existence
57. Ireland
58. Transmitted
61. Mischievous child

CALENDAR
Local Art & Entertainment events
January - February

Jan. 31 (5-7 p.m.)
Movie Memorabilia
Collection of Jerry Silva
Opening reception, LH Horton Jr.
Gallery, SJ Delta College

Feb. 2 (7-30 p.m.)
Fisk Jubilee Singers
Faye Spanos Concert Hall

Feb. 6 (8 p.m.)
Guest Lecturer: Mark stere
Faye Spanos Concert Hall

Feb. 7 (5 p.m.)
Faculty Soapbox series: Roy Childs
Wendell Phillips Center 219

Feb. 7 (7:30 p.m.)
8,9 (8 p.m.)
Sacramento Ballet presents
Carmina Burana
Sacramento Community Center Theater

Feb. 8 (5:30-9 p.m.)
Tony Hawk 2 PlayStation Tournament
McCaffrey Theater

Feb. 9 (All day event)
Kirkwood Ski Trip
Meet at Burns Tower

Feb. 9, 15 (5 p.m.)
Terry McMillian guest lecturer
Faye Spanos Concert Hall

Feb. 14 (5 p.m.)
Faculty Soapbox series: TBA
Wendell Phillips Center 219

Feb. 14 (7 and 9 p.m.)
"Screw Valentines" Movie Marathon
McCaffrey Theater

Feb. 16 (All day event)
Carmel and Big Sur Trip
Meet at Burns Tower

Feb. 18
Presidents Day Holiday
No classes in session

Feb. 18 (All day event)
Price is Right and Melrose Ave. trip
Meet at Burns Tower

Feb. 20 (7 p.m.)
Guest lecturer: Benjamin Hooks
Faye Spanos Concert Hall

Feb. 21 (7:30 p.m.)
Terry McMillian guest lecturer
Faye Spanos Concert Hall

Feb. 23 (3 p.m.)
University of the Pacific Gospel Fest
Central United Methodist Church

Feb. 23, 24 (4 p.m.-10 a.m.)
Dance For a Chance
Main Gym

Feb. 27 (8-10 p.m.)
ASUOP Unplugged featuring UVR
Static Attic

Feb. 28 (5 p.m.)
Faculty Soapbox: David Chase
Wendell Phillips Center 219

For more information on ASUOP related events visit the ASUOP office at the McCaffrey Center or call 946-2233.
Clubs Calendar

Here is a listing of various clubs on campus. All meetings are open to students interested in joining.

Newman Club
7 p.m. Wednesday
Newman House

Circle K International
9 a.m. Wednesday
McCallan Center Lounge

Students for Environmental Action (SEA)
9 a.m. Wednesday
Anderson C Center

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
8 p.m. tonight
Khoury Hall 203

Hawaii Club
1 p.m. every other Sunday
Grace Cowell Tiger Lounge

Muslim Students Association
Noon every other Thursday
Wendell Phillips Center 111

Pacific Christian Fellowship
7 p.m. Friday
Grace Cowell Tiger Lounge

Society of Women Engineers
5 p.m. every other Wednesday
Khoury Hall

Music & Entertainment Industry Student Association (MEISA)
Noon today
Weber 203

Residence Hall Association
8 p.m. Tuesday
Space Room

Hillel
9 p.m. Wednesday
The Summit

Latin American Dance Club
7 and 8 p.m. Monday
Lessons at the Callison Room

Pacific Students Alumni Association (PSAA)
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Education Building 206

Iranian-American Cultural Organization
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Sorority Room

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Big West Champions UCSB Gauchos fall to Pacific Tigers

The men's and women's Pacific swim teams net arch rivals UC Santa Barbara Gauchos on Jan 26 with both defending Big West Champions falling to Pacific: The men's team came out on top with a score of 166-95 and the women walked away with a victorious 166-93. These latest triumphs pushed the men's Tigers record to 10-9 and the women's team record to 13-9.

With the men's team splitting two events, the Tigers swam away with 11 consecutive victories, upsetting the defending conference champions. Junior Filip Wronski and sophomore Matt Mills controlled the lead as both men collected three individual wins for Pacific. Wronski took the 100 (57.55) and 200 breast (2:03.03) with another top time in the 200 individual medley (1:54.56). Mills secured the 200 free (1:40.18), 200 fly (1:51.39) and the 500 free with an impressive time of 4:36.38. The 50 free and 100 free belonged to Vince Martinez, with times of 20.80 and 45.75.

The women's team wasted no time in steering the Tigers to a 13-4 lead after the 200 Medley Relay, when Pacific finished first and third in the event. The next 12 of the 13 events belonged to the Tigers, leaving Santa Barbara in the wake of Pacific victory. "Everyone came in with a lot of energy, and it was just awesome to be able to beat our biggest rivals at home, in our pool," said freshman Shelley Aspevig.

Freshman Heidi Schmidt led the pack with three individual victories in the 100 breast (1:03.32), 200 breast (2:16.34) and 200 individual medley (2:06). Sophomore Sarah Marshall took home the 100 and 200 back with times of 56.10 and 2:01.33, while fellow sophomore Robin Errecart stole the 1,000 free (10:28.25) and the 100 fly (56.91). Joining them was sophomore Shannon Cata­lano with wins of 1:53.02 in the 200 free and 5:04.31 in the 500 free. Freshman Lind­say McNamee claimed the 50 free (23.99) and 100 free (52.22). Pacific Tigers and UC Santa Barbara Gauchos will spend the next two weeks preparing for the Big West Championships on Feb 15-16 in Irvine, Calif.

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something that this campus desperately needs.

Then again, not everyone drinks, but a lot of people are just too darn lazy to walk all the way across campus to the Alex G. Spanos Center, especially in the winter. There is also the matter of safety to consider. A shuttle service would dilute some of the apprehension that students feel about walking around at night.

After getting the opinion of numerous students on campus, I found that every single person I talked to agreed that they would attend more games if alcoholic beverages were served. Junior biology major Sarah Bang said, "I feel that alcohol should be provided at sporting events along with a shuttle service. I know that when I used to live on campus we would drink before games and it was irritating to try and find a sober driver to take us back and forth." I don’t know how likely this would ever be of happening, especially considering the strict alcohol policy that UOP has been trying to implement for the last few years, but I wanted to put the idea out there and see what the rest of the student body thinks.

Even if serving alcohol at the games is asking too much, I do not think that the provision of a shuttle service is.
The 2002 dual match season began on Jan. 26 for the Tigers with a 5-2 win over UC Davis. The elements did not stop the Tigers as rain forced matches to be relocated to the West Lane Tennis courts, which holds only three courts, resulting in a six hour match. Although UC Davis won the doubles point, five Tigers won their singles matches. Susanne Bertel defeated UC Davis’ Jill Howard 6-0, 6-0 at the no. 1 position. The Tigers take to the court again at Stanford on Jan. 31 at 1:30 p.m.

Singles
1. Susanne Bertel (Pacific) def. Jill Howard (UC Davis) - 6-0, 6-0
2. Katherine Heil (Pacific) def. Alisse Ali-Christie (UC Davis) - 4-6, 7-6, 6-2
3. Melinda Kocsis (Pacific) def. Britni Webb (UC Davis) - 4-6, 7-5, 7-5
4. Urska Dvorsek (Pacific) def. Janice Salomon (UC Davis) - 6-2, 6-1
5. Jaimee Bremner (Pacific) def. Gretchen Schantz - 7-6, 6-2
6. Nancy Mok (UC Davis) def. Lisa Lester (Pacific) - 6-2, 6-2

Doubles
1. Ali-Christie/Salomon (UC Davis) def. Bertel/Heil (Pacific) - 8-3
2. Bremner/Kocsis (Pacific) def. Webb/Sanchez - 8-4
3. Howard/Mok (UC Davis) def. Dvorsek/Luster (Pacific) - 8-5

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See the Tigers back in action on Feb. 1 when they host Hawaii at 7:00 p.m. at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

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It’s been a bad week for the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos, being dominated by Pacific in numerous sports. The men’s volleyball team gladly handed UCSB its first defeat of the season with a 3-1 score (30-20, 30-28, 24-30, 30-27) on Jan. 25. This moves Pacific to 2-4 in the season and gives the Tigers their first victory in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. This knocked the Gauchos down to 5-1 overall and 2-1 in the MPSF. The Tigers wasted no time in pouncing on the Gauchos in the opening minutes of the first game, earning a 7-2 lead on a kill from senior Tim Gerlach. The Tigers took the lead to eight by the middle of the game with an 18-10 lead on another kill from Gerlach. They finished off with a victorious 30-20 win. In a nerve-racking second set, Pacific trailed behind Santa Barbara for the majority of the game. But a kill from Aaron Watchfogel captured a one point lead for the Tigers at 22-21. However, the Gauchos came back with a lead of 26-24 until a four point streak reigned in the set for Pacific. Senior Dan Hoefer took advantage, clinching the first two points with a kill, then a service ace. After a Gauchos victory in game three, Pacific terminated Santa Barbara in game four when Hoefer grabbed the game with a final point for the Tigers. Finishing the match with double-digit kills were Watchfogel, who had a match high of 20, with Gerlach and Martin Bernsten getting 15 apiece. Hoefer and Sean Rodgers finished with 11 kills each.

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2001-2002 Football season comes to an end

Rams and Patriots headed to the Super Bowl

Walk through any dorm on campus on any given Sunday during football season and you hear nothing but raucous yells from students cheering for their favorite teams. There is loud cursing when a play goes wrong or the "other" team makes a touch down.

Vociferous whoops and hollers are heard as bets are won, bragging begins and the insults fly to opposing fans across the hall. Well sports fans, that time has just about come to an end.

Sunday, Jan. 27 determined which teams will go to the Super Bowl, and which teams are forced to swallow their pride and observe from their television sets.

If anyone happened to miss a game in the last three weeks, this is what happened:

The Pacific offensive was swingman Maurice McLemore, who led all scorers with 17 points on 3-5 shooting from downtown and a perfect 4-4 from the line. Just one other Tiger made it into double digits in scoring, sixthman Jono Metzger-Jones who hit for 11 while collecting a game-high two steals.

Despite scoring all seven of his points in the game's first eight minutes, forward Mike Hahn outboarded everyone on the court, pulling in a game-high eight rebounds.

Once the talent vs. heart argument had been settled, the Tigers welcomed Fullerton State in town, hoping to put the hurt on the Titans and win their seventh straight at home in the process.

In the same manner that they did away with Riverside, the Tigers made short work of the Titans, pummeling Fullerton into submission 82-48 and running that home win streak to seven.

As they have done so frequently at home, the Tigers flat out dominated, nearly doubling the Titans' shooting percentage (.556 - .300), though perhaps the most promising stat for the Tigers was their 20 team assists to just five turnovers. As any box score will show, the team who protects the ball will virtually always arise victorious.

In the "everybody plays" type blowout, an even dozen Tigers scored, ten managed to pull in at least one rebound, eight more recorded an assist, six hit from downtown and four came up with a steal.

Pacific's Eli Kiedrowski and Hahn each had nice nights, scoring 10 points apiece, though it was point guard Demetrius Jackson who came through with a team-high 13 points. Jackson also dished a game-high five assists and came up strong from the line, connecting on 7-10 freebies.

If you count points-per-minute though, the star of the game was Pacific guard Bradley Bland. The diminutive guard saw just a single minute of action, but managed to ring up a three-pointer before his time was up.

Pacific comes away from the weekend a solid 13-6, but just 5-4 Big West, good for fifth place in conference. This coming week has the Tigers in action just once, at home for a Thursday night contest with Cal State Northridge.
Tigers sack the Cal State Fullerton Titans

THE PACIFICAN

History is being made on the basketball courts of UOP. The Tigers women's basketball team is off to its best start in school history in the Big West Conference. The Tigers move to 5-1 in conference play with the victory over Cal State Fullerton with a score of 63-52. This moved Pacific to 10-7 on the season, leaving the Titans with a pitiful 3-16 overall and 1-6 in conference. Although the Tigers were trailing 17-11 with 10:08 remaining in the first half, the women came back with a vengeance, scoring 10 points within the remaining five minutes to take on a 21-17 lead.

Leading the run was sophomore Nancy Dinges with four of her six points in the game. The Titans would draw within one, but the Tigers extended the margin back to six at 34-28 at the break. In the second half, six of the first eight points were scored by Pacific for a 40-30 lead with 17:03 remaining. The Tigers seemed unstoppable, stretching their lead to 60-45.

Gillian d'Hondt and Selena Ho led the Tigers with 17 points a piece, with the help of senior Dolinda Meeker sparking the Tiger offense. Meeker tied a season-high with four steals in the match and was a staple in the Tigers victory. The Tigers are back on Jan. 30, when they take on Cal State Northridge at 7:00 p.m. in the Alex G. Spanos Center.

Winter Olympics almost here

Salt Lake City, Utah steps into the arena

By STEPHANIE LEE

Sports Editor

Never before has there been a better time for America to show the rest of the planet that we are the powerhouse of the world.

As the nations join in celebration and competition of the finest athletes of today, the United States will once again prove that, without a doubt, we are the best that the world has to offer.

On Feb. 8, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time), at the Rice Eccles Olympic Stadium in Salt Lake City, Utah will be in the world's spotlight. Approximately 3.5 billion viewers will tune into watch the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Winter Games of 2002. Millions of people will witness first hand a variety of performers and entertainers throughout the 17 days of Olympic competition and nine days of the Paralympic Winter Games.

Among the shows being performed at the opening ceremonies are vocal artists Sting, Dixie Chicks, LeAnn Rimes, Native American performers Rita Coolidge and Walela, composer performer Robbie Robertson, and cellist Yo-Yo Ma. The sporting events that will take place include the following: alpine skiing, biathlon, bobsleding, cross-country, curling, figure skating, freestyle skiing, ice hockey, luge, Nordic combined, short track, skeleton, ski jumping, snowboarding and speed skating.

The medal ceremonies will take place at the Olympics Medal Plaza, Salt Lake Ice Center and E Center venue locations. Closing ceremonies begin at 6:00 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time) on Feb. 24 at the Rice Eccles Olympic Stadium.

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Tigers win big against opponents UC Riverside and Cal State Fullerton

By JOSH MONTERO
Guest Writer

Matt Mills and Filip Wronski have been tough against Tiger opponents all season, taking numerous individual victories this season.

However, the swimmers’ biggest competition as of late has been each other. They both took two individual victories for Pacific two weeks ago, and they both have been named Big West Conference Swimmer of the Week this year.

But their biggest accomplishment this season came last Saturday, when the Tiger swimmers upset defending conference champ UC Santa Barbara.

And it wasn’t even close. Wronski and Mills each took three individual wins, and the Tigers rattled off 11 consecutive victories at one point, downing the Gauchos and improving their record to 10-10 for the year.

Wronski, a junior, took first in both the 100 and 200 breaststrokes, with times of 57.55 and 2:03.33, respectively, along with a victory in the 200 IM (1:54.56).

The sophomore Mills took wins in the 200 free (1:40.18), 200 fly (1:51.39) and the 500 free (4:36.38).

Also considered this week:

Susanne Bertel
Women’s Tennis

The women’s tennis team opened its season by downing visiting UC Davis last weekend, and although it took a little while, Bertel helped the Tigers come out on top with a 5-2 win.

Bertel won her No. 1 singles match without sweating too much, putting down the Aggies’ Jill Howard in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0.

Play started on the outdoor courts at the West Lane Tennis Courts, but the match was moved to the inside courts when the rain came. The complex only houses three inside courts, so it took six hours to complete the entire match.

Heidi Schmidt
Women’s Swimming

The women’s swim team was just as successful as the men last weekend, downing Santa Barbara 166-93.

Schmidt matched Wronski and Mills in victories for the meet, also taking three victories. She took individual wins in the 100 and 200 breast, as well as the 200 IM.

CO-ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

NAME: FILIP WRONSKI
SPORT: MEN’S SWIMMING
YEAR: JUNIOR

Also considered:
Susanne Bertel, W. Tennis • Heidi Schmidt, W. Tennis

20-second timeout

Stephanie Lee
Sports Editor

Could alcohol plus shuttle transportation equal higher attendance?

Last week in one of my public relations classes, the professor presented us with an in-class problem and we were to find a solution within two hours. The situation was how to raise attendance at sporting events on campus, i.e., volleyball and basketball since they are generally the most heavily attended games. The majority of the class decided that there was were two things that would definitely draw more students—alcohol and a shuttle service.

Now, before you start condemning the idea of alcohol at games, consider the reasons for such a solution. I mean come on, let’s face it. There a lot of students on campus who like to enjoy a few beers and if this service was provided for students 21 and older, imagine the possibilities it could bring. It would open a number of job opportunities for students with work study, such as serving the alcohol and driving the shuttle service that would be provided to all students living on campus, including the apartment complexes and fraternities that are housed off campus.

For those students who do attend games after consuming alcohol, the shuttle would cut down on drinking and driving, which is...