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Back to business
Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

The student voice at a university is highly important and that is why, along with many other students, faculty, and administrators, we have committed ourselves to keeping The Pacifican tradition alive. We are back in production and with a few exciting personnel, design and content changes. The Pacifican lost four editors; Jessica Curley, managing editor, Jagdeep Dhillon, opinion editor, and Michelle-Elizabeth Valle, arts and entertainment editor. All three resigned in January as well as Editor-in-Chief Sheila Furtado.

The reasons for their resignations were personal and dealt with internal issues within The Pacifican. Many appreciated their hard work on the newspaper last semester, as well as in past years. I wish these four individuals the best of luck in their future ambitions. I believe that this new beginning for The Pacifican will be a positive transition back into the semester. Dr. Keith Hilton, the faculty adviser for The Pacifican, has dedicated his time and efforts into rebuilding and strengthening our student paper and creating a new organization designed to serve college journalists. Since its introduction in 1975, the SCJ is the nation’s oldest organization designed to serve college journalists. Since its introduction in 1975, the SCJ is designed to give our talented journalists the added experience and knowledge that they need for their careers.

Chartered on May 8, 2001, the Pacific’s SCJ is only one of two charters on the West Coast, along with a community college in Oxnard, CA. The SCJ is the nation’s oldest organization designed to serve college journalists.

With regards to where the organization plans on going, the program had two specializations, management and entrepreneurship, two fields that targeted people who have had jobs and are looking to take a step ahead in their career. In order to make the program functional for recent college grads, two new specializations were added that better targeted the new job market, finance and marketing.

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Pacific has a top disability program

BY LAUREL HOOVER
Stiff Writer

UOP is recommended by many as one of the top universities for students with learning disabilities throughout the Western Region.

UOP is forbidden to question any new students about their disability, however students have the option to reveal their disability as soon as they are admitted. There are also times when incoming students do not reveal their disability, because they are afraid of the reaction they will get or afraid of not being admitted to the University.

However, a great number of applicants admitted with learning disabilities are relatively honor roll students and scored high SAT/ACT scores. UOP admits 30 to 40 new students each year with learning disabilities.

"I had never heard of University of the Pacific," said a father sitting in Howard Houck's office, coordinator of the LD Support Program, "until I started looking for quality universities that had strong learning disability support programs."

Another parent said, "I am visiting UOP because a counselor at the prep school in Vermont where my son attends, recommended this school as the top university for students with learning disabilities in the west."

Houck would like to thank the many faculty members at UOP for all of their efforts and additional time they have devoted to helping students with learning disabilities.

To prove the success of the LD Support Program, Houck states that since 1990, when he was given the job as the LD Support Program, each and every unit on this campus had at least one student with a learning disability graduate. While these students were here, approximately 10% of them were on the Dean's List and about 10% earned a 3.00 GPA or higher, and 80% of them had a 2.00 GPA or higher.

Just because a student has a learning disability, does not necessarily mean that they do not have the normal brain capacity as those without a learning disability. In fact, a few of the various ways in which a student with a learning disability is able to learn is by using tape-recorded textbooks or be given a little extra time to complete an exam. Recent studies have found that typical students do not progress to a higher state with these accommodations (tape-recording method and or extra time given when needed), whereas the student with the learning disability can do significantly better with them.

What many of us do not realize throughout the years is, there has been many people whom have had learning disabilities. A few of these individuals include: Charles Schwab, Neil Bush, Walt Disney, Lewis Carroll, Steven Spielberg, Ted Turner and William Hewlett.

"I find that working with the students who have learning disabilities has been an unforgettable and fantastic experience. The rewards have been nothing less then heady," said Houck.

Houck recently did research on the financial level and discovered that the overwhelming majority of students with learning disabilities who pay full tuition are approximately 10% of them were on the Dean's List and about 10% earned a 3.00 GPA or higher, and 80% of them had a 2.00 GPA or higher.

Beginning this summer, UOP's new disability programs will be restructured into one office that will house it, and the School of Business. In addition to changes inside the program, UOP has "expanded its recruiting scope, looking up and beyond to broaden the head student base," said Pfaff.

After six weeks the applicant pool has increased 200% from last year.

The program has undergone a lot of changes, but Pfaff said, "A lot of great things are still yet to come for the new program."
PR Amgen director speaks on Olympic drug tests

BY NATALE GORIEL
Editor-in-Chief

“ outfit for their drug
and support other Olympic
drug testing. “We are an innovated
company that makes life saving
 drugs like darbepoietin to help
those who need it,” said
Richardson. He also said that
the company was unaware of
how the drug was purchased.
However, during an interview
with the BBC in London, one
reporter was able to purchase
the drug online and was able to
have it shipped straight to
his home without a prescription.
Richard response was,
“the only way you can pur-
chase our drug is through a
prescription from a certified
physician.”

Before the Olympics came
to an end, three award-win-
ing athletes were detected of
having the drug in their sys-
tem. Cross country skiers, Jo-
hann Muehlegg of Spain and
Russia’s Larissa Lazutina both
lost their gold medals. Olga
Danilova of Russia also tested
positive for the drug and was
disqualified.

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camp survivors are an aging
population—so this project
was designed to get down on
paper—and out before the
Lodi public’s eyes—the sto-
ries of camp survivors while
we still can,” she said.

Directors of Global Public Relations, Jeffrey C. Richardson
visited PR students to talk about Amgen’s involvement
with the 2002 Winter Olympics.

UOP professor displays WWII
Japanese internment exhibit

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Using research and inter-
views conducted by 11 of
her students, University of
the Pacific Professor Edie
Sparks and her assistant
Daniel Ainslie will setup an
exhibit on Japanese inter-
ment camps during World
War II to be displayed March
1 through 15 at Lodi’s
Hutcheson Street Square Per-
forming Arts Theatre, 125 S.
Hutcheson St.

The exhibit is part of the
“One Book One Lodi” cam-
paign sponsored by the Lodi
Arts Commission and the
California Council for the
Humanities to encourage
youth and others to read the
novel, Farewell to Manzanar.

The novel is a simply told
story of events of September
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stand this nation’s history of
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Dr. Hilton commented, “The
SCJ, ideally, will serve as a con-
duit for leadership develop-
ment on campus. It will also
serve as a training ground for
aspiring journalists looking for
an additional avenue to sup-
plement the classroom and
Pacifican experiences.”

Enthusiasm for the new club
is incredibly high. Dr. Hilton
said, “The four officers of the
club are very excited about
building this new organiza-
tion. With that enthusiasm, it
cannot help but spill over to
other students who would poten-
tially join the club.”

Hilton idealizes the organi-
zation to grow triple in size in
the next year and a half.

“Journalism is not only inter-
disciplinary, but multidisci-
plinary as well. Therefore,
there are a lot of students who
might be interested once they
see the natural connection to
their discipline,” said Hilton.

For more information on
membership or other facets of
the SCJ, contact Hilton at
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President Jessica Wakefield at
The Pacifican office.
Growth brings change to UOP

BY SARAH WELLS
Staff Writer

As anyone who has been at UOP for a few years can attest, application and enrollment on the Stockton campus has grown, and with this growth has come many changes for the University.

Students who would once have been relegated to housing in the Health Center now reap the benefits of a new residence hall since the completion of Monagan Hall, and soon, students who would once have been granted admission to Pacific may not be so lucky if the Board of Regents accepts the new enrollment plan. The increased number of applicants leaves the University with an important decision to make: quantity vs. quality.

This year’s freshman class entered with an average GPA of 3.42 and an average SAT score of 1126. Ranked as a tier-two school, these statistics place UOP at the low end of the bracket. Assistant Provost Tom Rajala has a plan to place Pacific “firmly” in the second tier without sacrificing the number or quality of incoming freshman by 2010. In his last two presentation to the Board of Regents and through the resulting discussions, Rajala has devised a plan to gradually increase the mean GPA to 3.6 and the SAT score to 1175. He feels that increasing these numbers gradually (approximately 5 SAT points a year) will both increase the caliber of incoming freshman and preserve the current enrollment size of about 730 freshman students that Pacific has seen for the last three years.

Rajala hopes to attract “more and stronger applicants to boost baseline for admissions up,” and it looks as if UOP has the potential to do just that.

Already, applications are up 13% from last year, which Rajala attributes to the online application and having the application fee waived.

Based on the results of other institutions with similar programs, Rajala is confident less serious students unwilling to pay the fee will not compromise the quality of applicants. In addition to the on-line application, Rajala hopes changes within the school will help attract more qualified students. Refinements in the scholarship program and the Freshman Honors program as well as an evaluation of the high schools targeted by admissions counselors are all attempts to improve the application pool and the student body.

Rajala plans to target students in the School of International Studies, the School of Engineering, and the School of Education, all of which have room to grow and would not require new faculty of facilities to accommodate an increase in students. His goal is to attract students “who will make the best use of faculty and the Brick and Mortar.”

He feels institutions are measured by quality, and the value of a degree is based on a school’s selectivity. More prepared students make for a better educational experience, and he feels his plan can help accomplish this in within the first decade of the century.

To increase target scores and GPAs any higher would necessarily lessen the number of students eligible for enrollment; to increase even 5-10 points a year is “challenging,” according to Rajala. At the same time, increasing student body is costly. Every additional 200 students require new dormitories and new facilities for already impacted departments like biology. Enrolling less-prepared freshman simply for tuition would very likely entail lowering the Universities admission requirements, which would hurt the school’s reputation and the value of a student’s diploma.

Ultimately, Rajala feels the two issues are linked. “The harder [a school] is to get into the more demanding academically the more people want in.”

The Board of Regents meets again in April at the McGeorge campus in Sacramento to review the plans.

**UVR rocks Pacific**

The punk band UVR played at ASUOP Unplugged last Wed. Feb. 27. Photo by Stuart Kriegl

**NEWS**

**Facility Profile**

Dr. Randall Koper climbs Mt. Shasta to success

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Communication Professor, Dr. Randall Koper has been a part of the Pacific faculty since 1985.

BY ALEX WAGNER
Staff Writer

Communication Professor Randall Koper climbs mountains, personally and professionally. One 4th of July not long ago, he scaled the 14,162-foot face of Mt. Shasta.

As a member of the UOP faculty since 1985, Dr. Koper is an expert in sociology, anthropology, and communication. As he noted in a faculty guide, “I believe that the quality of people’s lives is strongly influenced by the quality of their communication with others and the quality of their relationships.”

Communicating, Dr. Koper believes, “is perhaps the most powerful and pervasive feature of social reality.”

For a mountain lover, Koper grew up in the mostly flat farmlands of western and central Michigan. Born in Grand Rapids, MN in 1952, he did his undergraduate work at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Receiving his B.A. in 1975, Koper moved to New York where he struggled as a studio and street musician. He plays guitar. Of this time in his life, Koper said, “I learned New York is a tough town. To make it in the music business, you have to have determination and luck.” Koper would find his luck elsewhere.

Two years later, he returned to East Lansing to pursue his graduate studies at Michigan State and in 1985, he received his doctorate in communication. Koper said he studied communication because, “It chose me. I have always been interested in psychology, anthropology, and sociology. Communication is a perfect mixture of all three.”

Koper teaches various communication courses for undergraduate and graduate students, and has also been involved in the Mentor Seminars.

Like most faculty members, Koper maintains a busy academic life outside the classroom, researching, writing, and also participating in many administrative activities.

He has served on such committees as the Professional Relations Committee, the College of the Pacific Council, the Committee for Academic Planning and Development.

He has also been a guest professor at the University of California-Davis, where he taught, “Theories of...”

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Whittier College newspaper office bugged
Should the Pacific campus be concerned for student journalism?

BY AMBER PROCHASKA
News Editor

A maintenance worker was fixing a broken light table, when he found a problem with the electrical socket. When the worker took it apart, he found the device soldered to the back of the socket. The following week, an electrician checked all other sockets in the office, but no other bugs were found.

University spokesman Caye Brundage said, "Student journalism and the free exchange of ideas is something that the institution has supported since its inception. So we're very concerned about anything that would inhibit the ability of our students to exchange ideas freely or that would create an atmosphere where they felt they were being inhibited."

The newspaper staff and the university administration share a sense of concern. However, the Whittier Police Department is hesitant to take action, because they have no evidence. If the Whittier newspaper staff decided to file a report, the device would be taken under custody of the department and would probably be thrown away at a later time. Because of this, Whittier's student government took possession of the bug.

"It's a violation of privacy and I wouldn't want other people to hear my private conversations," Sophomore Jeff Beck said, "I'd be really mad that thing that the institution has supported since its inception."

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— Whittier University Spokesperson, Caye Brundage
The Pacifican ain’t goin no where

By ARTHUR JENKINS III
Opinion Co-Editor

I am glad to be a part of The Pacifican, a 100 year-old Pacific tradition. The student-based newspaper was able to endure many long years because of its staff’s dedication to student interests. The current Pacifican staff understands the role of the student press and how it can increase or decrease morale and school spirit. I believe our team will stay true to the legacy that has been passed down from previous generations. We have made “staying true to the paper” an attainable goal for this semester and many years to come.

In a recent discussion in my “Theory of Mass Communication” class, the question was raised, “Are Pacific students apathetic to issues that are affecting their campus?” There were mixed opinions about it, but I believe that when necessary Pacific students know how to come together in the midst of hard times. This was evident on September 11, evident in the death of one of our freshmen and also evident in the recent fire at Grace.

In all three situations, students helped assist others affected and our administration also handled each situation with sensitivity. Whether it was President DeRosa coming to Grace, or students seeking refuge in one of the fraternities or sororities houses, we came together. The same can be said with The Pacifican being momentarily inoperable. Students came together under the supervision and dedication of our adviser, Dr. Keith Hilton, to get the newspaper back up and moving forward.

The new Pacifican staff gained momentum as we participated in staff workshops and went over the duties and expectation of reporters, editors and the adviser. The support and aid of Hilton was greatly appreciated during our transformation.

During the training period, some students asked me if the rumors were true about the newspaper not being active for the remainder of the semester. In my opinion, I feel some people underestimated the focus of The Pacifican and Dr. Hilton. It is evident that in times of crises, Pacific students, are not as apathetic as some may think.

We are excited to be back in production and want to continue providing a weekly newspaper that portrays a well-rounded picture of Pacific life and in the infamous words of contemporary artist P. Diddy, “We ain’t goin no where.”

This editorial reflects the views of The Pacifican. This week’s editorial was written by Arthur Jenkins III. Any question or comments can be directed to pacificanopinion@hotmail.com

Let dysfunctional families end with you!

By JENNIFER D. MAYNARD
Staff Writer

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you."

Ephesians 4:31-32

An issue that has come up lately in my life is the effects of family life on the individual. How one was raised, treated, and dealt with by his or her parents or those very close to him or her, and how these interactions and relationships have shaped the individual’s life are a few concerns of mine.

As students at Pacific, we come from different backgrounds: culture, class, religion, sex, in addition to other variances. A key difference is the “why we are the way we are” the tattoos, that each of us wears wherever we go.

This is to say, that because each of us has had different experiences in life, including the fruits of influential and varying relationships with the people in our lives, we will see ourselves and others, as well as life events, not in the same way as would any other person. Easier said: if you were praised all your life, you are likely to be confident; if you were put down all your life, you may be more disposed to have little faith in yourself.

Take a look at the quality you like most or least about yourself. Have you ever considered from where you inherited it? Is it a character trait of your mother, your father or your best friend? It is possible that you had a poor childhood, you know painfully well from what or whom you may have inherited an undesirable quality or viewpoint. Or, more likely, you are afraid for your future because you fear becoming like your father or your best friend.

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I need help! I am 19 years old and I have been single all my life. I have never had a girlfriend or date for that matter and I am a nice looking guy. I'm 6'6 and into fitness. I know girls notice me, but my problem is that I am too shy. I am getting better, but I think I am stuck up because I do not always smile or talk to them or approach them. So I can not win either way... I will not approach them cause I am shy, and they will not approach me cause they are intimidated by me or think I am unapproachable. The ones I am interested in I can not let myself be vulnerable to talk to them or show them I am interested in them... except maybe in writing. I am so tired of being alone... I guess I just need some advice about how to talk to girls and show them I like them. Also, do you recommend any books for shy guys looking to meet and talk to women they like and are attracted to?

Dear Too Shy:

I know there is all of this talk lately about how girls are so modern and how they like to make the first move, and how guys like it when they do. Well, to tell you the truth, I think that guys are just happier with a safe bet than with an unsure thing. You may feel like the only guy who has trouble talking to girls, but just me you are not. And the ones that do have an easy time are the ones that drive by in their beat up Cadillacs and yell obscenities at you as you walk down the street. I am assuming that you do not want to be one of those guys.

If you are afraid of rejection, which I would guess is the case, then I would suggest minimizing the chance that some girl could laugh in your face (which I am sure no self-respecting girl would do). Instead of approaching a girl and expecting her to go out on a date with you right away, approach her with the intention of becoming friends first. If you find something you have in common (maybe you were both reading the same book in the coffee shop or have a class together), then it will be easier for you to talk to her. Once you establish a pret

"Guys are just happier with a safe bet than an unsure thing"

As spring break comes our way, last minute plans are being made. I think I am not alone in saying that everyone is sick of school! Yes we have our Dick's and Jane's who love the repetition of the sometimes utmost boring classes, but there are a few of us Bart Simpson folks left out there who are in need of a break.

There are the usual spenders that are going to exotic places like Hawaii, Denmark, Spain, and Mexico, but we still have our local Californians who will stay true to their home over the next week. Whether they believe California is their own country, or they simply do not have the funds, it seems that the majority of students on campus are staying in the sunshine state for this spring break.

"I don't see any reason to leave California. We have beaches, good weather, and inexpensive opportunities in our state," said Sophomore Ashleigh Crooker. The opportunities in California include visiting Disneyland, California Adventures, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, shopping on Rodeo, kayaking in Santa Cruz, boogie boarding in Los Angeles, skiing in Tahoe, and bathing in the sun on Muscle Beach. The only problem is where are our friends from other college during spring break?

For some odd reason, it seems that Pacific always has a different spring break week than other schools have. Students have noticed this as well. "I am never home at the same time over spring break as my high school friends," said Sophomore Kelly Silva.

This year we are still one week ahead than all other state colleges in California. The only positive of this situation is that the lines at Disneyland will not be as long, but if you do not have anyone to go to Disneyland with, why would it matter anyway?

Not being able to hang out with your friends over spring break defeats the whole purpose of the week with no classes and having fun at home. Not to mention the weather is not that hot yet, so the beach babes and surfer hotties will not even get a good base tan.

Spring break is a time to relax, sit back, and enjoy the scenery. Even though not all of us will be able to afford the extravagant vacations that some of the parents will be sending their kids to go on over the next week, we can all find a place to go hang out and soak in some good ole' Californian sunshine.

Surfing is one of the many things to do over spring break.
Another passing trend, loving New York City

BY ERIN RUPPEL
Staff Writer

The other day, I saw a guy on campus wearing a shirt that said “FDNY” on it. Then, last week on the Grammys, I saw one of the members of N’Sync wearing one of those “I Love NY” shirts with a heart in place of the word love. I know those shirts were popular back in the 80’s, but I cannot remember the last time I saw a pop star wearing one.

At that moment, with all the artists onstage singing to millions of people, in all of their “trendiness,” I realized that that’s what the munificence and support that carried us through the aftermath of Sep. 11, has been bastardized. It has become nothing more than a trend.

When people would wave flags and signs on the street corners, there was something really true and human about that. It was truthful and full of heart. Now, it seems that people wear their support more as a fashion statement than as an indication of any true feeling or remembrance.

It is trendy to wear New York Fire Department shirts (although I have to ask, how much meaning is taken away from that shirt because of it?). It is also trendy to give lip-service to the people who fought, to the people who died, to New York itself in support of their efforts and losses.

But how many of the people that you see wearing those shirts, except of course the people who really do work for FDNY, would stand out on a street corner in the cold late-fall air waving flags and screaming. It seems that such a display, while sometimes appreciated when done by others, would be too much effort, too much emotion, too “uncool.”

If the true effects of the attacks on Sep. 11 leave us with only a bunch of twenty-somethings wearing shirts that they bought at Abercrombie, then what does that say about our ability to remember, fight, and mourn together? It means that one thing, that New York has lost its punk, to the war on terrorism, has lost all meaning. It is now nothing more than a fashion statement.

Alcohol could be the answer to your libidinal longing

[U-WIRE] Several weeks ago, The Economist featured an article on the bad behavior of British teens. Cited was Shakespeare’s “The Winter’s Tale,” in which the Shepherd “wishes away” adolescence and early adulthood — time spent “getting wenching with child, thinking the ancient, stealing [and] fighting.” The youth in Britain are still doing so, and the article apologizes for them. American youth have no such luck. Columbia University’s National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, the 21st century temperance think-tank, made waves last week. Its study, “Teen Tippers,” claimed that 25 percent of all alcohol in the United States is consumed by 20 percent of the population — specifically, 12-20 year olds.

News organizations announced the young’s stride towards Gomorrah until the next day, when the Center admitted a minor error in its methodology: 40 percent of its sample consisted of teenagers. It turns out that the 12-20 year-old age bracket’s alcohol consumption is only 11 percent.

The remaining 145 pages are more honest, and the insights gleaned even less critical: today’s girls drink as frequently as boys do. Teenagers are more likely to know that Smirnoff Ice is an alcoholic beverage than adults, binge drinking, laughably defined as consuming five drinks without pause, is more prevalent among young people than old. However the killer factor is this: “At whatever age teenage boys and girls begin to drink, they almost always continue to drink as they get older.”

It does not occur to the temperance propagandists that it would be slightly awkward for most boys to scheme to get each other drunk. If teenage drinking is a problem, it’s better when teens drink Smirnoff than mind-erasers like Everclear. “Binge drinking” compared to “blackout drinking” is a joke (and that is remembered of “blackout drinking” is usually remembered with fondness); and that pleasurable habits are hard and often counterproductive to break.

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Remembering truth-seeker, Pearl

[U-WIRE] He was known among colleagues as a “cautious reporter,” perhaps an oxymoron considering the alarming death of Daniel Pearl. Pearl, The Wall Street Journal’s South Asia Bureau Chief, was reluctant to leave his pregnant wife to cover the war in Afghanistan. But he had it in his blood to find truth, and for that, his blood was shed.

Pearl went to Karachi to meet a contact and did not come home. A videocassette delivered later to police in the Sindh province indicated that after his kidnap­ping Pearl was brutally murdered by Pakistani mili­tants: his throat slit and head dismembered. The Wall Street Journal called the slaying an “Act of Barbarism.”

Much has been said about the inhumanity of the terrorists who murdered him and the callousness of those like them. Less has been said about the valor of the man who laid down his life for the cause of truth, or of the heroism of those who are like him. A statement from Pearl’s family de­scribed him as “a musician, a writer, a story-teller and bridge-builder, he was a walking sunshine of truth, humor, friendship and compassion.”

His humanity emanated through his writing, as he typified the role of a journalist: to disseminate truth from those who have it to those who do not. That in­portant quest often involves stepping outside of office of comfort to the devastating backround of war.

Especially in times of war, journalists are indispensable. They serve as watch-dogs and discourage coun­tries from straying too far from internationally sup­ported rules of engagement. Terrorists understood the invaluable role they played as they threat­ened Pearl and threatened all-American journalists.

As many as 100 news media staff, like Pearl, were killed around the world, ac­cording to the Interna­tional Federation of Journalists in 2001. Their job is to pay high-risk, reporting jobs are not merely to sell papers; they are to find truth.

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**Supreme Court v. Third Grade**

[U-WIRE] The Supreme Court of the United States, a mighty arena of great principles and weighty decisions: federalism, slavery, antitrust laws, abortion, presidential elections, and of course, peer grading of quizzes in elementary school.

Yes, indeed, peer grading. The increasing value of a good education has led to an environment where parents spend millions to hook their toddlers on phonics and other educational products which purport to remedy the alleged deficiencies of the public schools. In such a climate, it comes as no surprise that an issue like peer grading would make it all the way up to the Supreme Court. It did, in Owasso Independent School Dist. No. v. Falvo; a case whose decision was handed down just days ago.

Falvo, the mother of three students in the school system, challenged peer grading on the ground that it was embarrassing her children. The case comes with a twist, though.

The students involved were special education students who were savaged by their insensitive classmates. The embarrassment discussed is a bit more intense than just a little shame-facedness at a B.

In one method of peer grading, two students would swap papers, the teacher would read out answers, the students would mark them, exchange the papers again, then report their own grades.

They were given the option of calling the grades out or walking up to the front of the room and showing the marked-up quiz to the teacher. Of course, the fact that one other person in the room already knows the grade serves to keep the student honest should he decide to announce the grade to the teacher, and thereby, to the class.

Sometimes the grader announces the grade as well, and other variations are possible on the theme. In the first form of peer grading, students have the option of not revealing their grade except to the teacher. In the second form, no such choice exists. However, eliminating peer grading will not eliminate embarrassment due to grades.

Savage bullies can and probably still will announce low grades, looking over shoulders, sneaking a peek when the student is out of his desk. The real problem is insensitivity and a thrill in successful humiliation.

This is true not just from a special education angle. There are bullies in schools everywhere. And the next time an over-competitive third-grader sneaks a peek at his peer’s score, could the Supreme Court step in and order the third grader to stop looking at others’ grades? Of course not. Why, then, should the Supreme Court ban peer grading? They are both manifestations of the same urge to humiliate.

Interestingly, the Supreme Court ignored the special education angle completely in its opinion. Perhaps they looked upon this as a touch of color in their weighty days of hearings.

News accounts showed the Justices reminiscing fondly about their own schoolboy (schoolgirl for O’Connor and Ginsburg) days, remarking on their own embarrassing little moments.

More likely, they saw the problem noted above, peer grading was not done specifically to humiliate special education students. It is done to save teachers time, and also serves as a learning tool as solutions are explored.

**ALCOHOL** from page 8

is the solution, and the solution to the problem.

In this newspaper, gallons of ink have been and will be spent uncovering the already-naked stumbling blocks to having a life here. Even under the assumption (correct, in my view) that the grievances of depressed and friendless students who do not mate frequently are dramatically over-represented in these pages, everyone agrees with the core argument: that socially, things are more difficult than they should be.

If you’re a transfer student, or you’ve read “The Rules of Attraction,” you know full well that undergraduates have more friends and sex on a real campus (there are, as you’d expect, three exceptions: gays, lesbians and gold-digging girls with the best genes; for each group, NYU is optimal).

In case you have not noticed, students tend to doubt the success of their adjustment, decry a lack of community and make friends with the Paxil family. It can not be proven empirically, but it is probably the case that the requisite “chemical imbalance” is diagnosed at a higher rate here than any Vassar-like school. If the Paxil drugs were harmless, it would not matter.

However, they are not. The effects of these drugs smack of the Faustian: you can find a mate, but you can not mate; you can participate in class, but you can not wake up for it. The good the drugs do, however, can’t be denied and should not be played down.

The way they do it is also important to know: Paxil and its cousins dramatically increase the amount of serotonin, an invaluable neurotransmitter, floating around in your brain. And so does alcohol. That’s why every temperance group will always lose (which is good) and why the anxiety industry will always win (which is bad).

Shakespeare’s Shepherd and the dishonest or dumb temperance crusaders at the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse have the kids all wrong. The latter are beset by their libidinal longings and the terror of evil — and really busy making the sloppy best of a good situation. Paxil poppers would do well to heed the kids’ example. Let the anxiety industry eat, and have a drink, or five.
plained. Eliminating peer grading would remove its positive benefits for the class as a whole while not eliminating the humiliation suffered by some.

The case, though, was built upon the Buckley Amendment, that protects the privacy of educational records, and claims that graded papers constitute a form of "record." This was too far a stretch to be credible to the Justices.

However, the way the Supreme Court works is that it responds to legal complaints, so the majority opinion filled half a dozen pages with discussions of the meaning of words like "record" in the context of the law.

At the same time, Justice Scalia, one of the most conservative members of the Court, who nevertheless stuns observers every once in a million cases by joining J.P. Stevens in a two-man dissent, wrote an opinion. She disagreed with all of the Court's rationale and ends, "The Court's ... theory of records is... incurably confusing ... I concur only in the judgment of the Court."

In defeat, Falvo claims that she at least brought an important issue to the attention of the nation. Most news accounts treated this as light entertainment, making it seem as though a mother had sued to protect her precious little children from a little bit of embarrassment. They're own lack of hard work, almost like the way fathers nowadays beat each other up over their kids' hockey games. The case was about peer grading, and so everyone, from the Supreme Court to the news media, treated that as the main concern.

There is no problem with that. When an issue is brought up in a legal challenge, it should be directly addressed. However, Falvo's mistake is in choosing the wrong issue. The problem is not peers grading; it is, instead, the sometimes very cruel nature of children.

Both issues are sociological and educational issues, not legal issues, and hitchhiking onto a skewed interpretation of a law passed for an entirely different purpose did not convince anyone and, rather than highlight the real problem, buried it as the focus was placed onto the fronting issue.

That is the really sad thing about this episode; that the Supreme Court, doing its job earnestly as always, had to decide a nonissue to prevent it from doing unanticipated damage to regular education.

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THE PACIFICAN FAST FACTS

"According to the National Geographic Society, a survey of 18-24 year olds from nine nations put the United States dead last in general geographic knowledge scores. One in seven – about 24 million people – could not find their own country on a world map."

"50,000 of the cells in your body will die and be replaced with new cells all while you have been reading this sentence."

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LOOKING FOR A JOB?

The Pacifican is back and looking for talented writers to join our growing staff.

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K-PAC roars back to Pacific
Radio returns with a new sound and a new look

BY JESSICA WAKEFIELD
Staff writer

K-PAC, Pacific's student radio station, is back and better than ever! With an enthusiastic advisor and crew, the radio station came back on-air last semester. Since then, Pacific students have shown that they have pride in representing the student voice.

Production manager and disc jockey, junior Stephanie Segien, has also felt the excitement of K-PAC. "It gives students an opportunity to have a great creative outlet, both for on-air personalities and for listeners," said Segien. "We get all sorts of reactions from the numerous people calling the shows on a daily basis, which is really showing that the campus is listening and that students are interested."

In addition to the new and improved Power Point advertisements running on Channel 2, the broadcast has recently gone through a decoration transformation. The bare walls and monotonous colors have been replaced with a plethora of movie, music, comedic posters and a checkerboard bulletin board, which brings color and stimulation into the environment. "The station feels real now with a young and fun atmosphere," said Segien. Because students have shown a strong interest in the station, more show times and days have been added to the line-up. K-PAC advisor Professor Alan Ray is currently in the process of organizing a new live TV news program that would also open the doors for more advertisers to invest in the station.

New live programs will be introduced after spring break. In addition, the station will be heard on 88.5 FM. So turn on your radio and television sets for the entertaining sounds and visions of K-PAC.

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Coming soon to a computer near you...University of the Pacific's first online magazine! Tiger Paw will allow students to leave their imprint on the campus and view other students' artwork, writing, thoughts and opinions. Tiger Paw would like to incorporate as many student submissions as possible in every issue.

March is "Women's Month," so send us your thoughts, poems, and artwork about the ideal woman and/or what it means to be a woman. Please submit via campus mail to "The Pacifican, Tiger Paw Magazine" or email to uop_tigerpaw@hotmail.com by Thursday March 21.

Address all submissions to "Tiger Paw: Women's Month". If your submission is chosen, it will be featured in the new edition of Tiger Paw, Pacific's first online magazine! Submit today!
RESTAURANT REVIEW

Portofino Pizza Cafe: More than just pizza

BY ALINA SARKISSIAN
Staff Writer

With all the chain restaurants that have invaded the streets of Stockton, it was definitely a pleasant change of pace to enjoy a quiet meal in a charming cafe. Portofino Pizza Cafe, located at 900 West Benjamin Holt Drive, provides its patrons with the perfect scenery for a relaxing dinner with your significant other or best friend.

Setting the scene for a private atmosphere, the tables are spaced far enough apart so your conversation is not interrupted by the noise of the table next to you. In the evenings, a warm feeling infuses the restaurant because of the dimmed lighting and the candlelit tables. Also, with seating available on their beautiful patio, I’m sure that outdoor dining at Portofino will be a great experience as the weather begins to take a turn towards the warmer side.

The menu at Portofino offers a range of food, varying from appetizers, soups, salads, hot sandwiches, and their trademark item - pizza. Their expansive pizza menu offers twelve signature gourmet pizzas that are available in three sizes (nine inches, fourteen inches, and sixteen inches). The prices of the gourmet pizzas begin at around $8.85 for the personal size (nine inches) to $22.95 for the large pizza (sixteen inch). The pizza menu also provides you with the option to “create your own.”

Although not as pricey as their gourmet pizza, the prices of the “create your own” range from $5.95 for the personal size to $15.85 for the large pizza plus an additional cost for each topping you add. I ordered a personal sized gourmet “Bianca” pizza, which consisted of white pesto sauce and a variety of cheeses, and I must admit the $8.85 was well worth it. However, the fact that many of us are college students with limited funds, I would suggest saving Portofino for special occasions.

The waitress that served my friend and I for the evening was very attentive, but not at all intrusive. The service was quick and efficient, and the best part of it was that we were left alone to enjoy our meal and not presented with the bill the moment our food arrived.

I would definitely recommend Portofino Pizza Cafe to anybody who has a few extra dollars to spare and is looking for a nice restaurant to escape to. Not only does it provide you with a pleasant atmosphere, but it also offers different tastes for different palates.

St. Patrick’s Day enjoyed by everyone

Irish traditions and fun carried on by patriotic enthusiasts

BY MARIE KALMANTIS
A & E Assistant Editor

March 17 seems like a good day to don the big hat, have some corned beef and pinch unsuspecting strangers who forget to wear the color that is associated with this holiday.

As a child, I loathed that I had not one article of clothing to prevent me from being nipped, so I resorted to the ubiquitous green plastic shamrock broach. I do like the sense of community that this holiday brings, but St. Patrick’s Day is not only a day in which the Irish observe traditions of old, but also a holiday that other cultures can celebrate.

This year St. Patrick’s Day falls on a Sunday, the day we come back from our spring break. In case there are some St. Paddy’s enthusiasts, some of the Celti-fabulous festivities that are going on in our area might interest you.

If you are of age and want to get tommyknocked on the day “everybody is Irish” there are many pubs that will be having the traditional beverage drinking.

Flynn’s is a bar that has an Irish feel to it as well as a new look. Bull and Bear offers a pub atmosphere that will be having the usual drinks that might turn out to be green. There are always the town hot spots like bowling alleys, movies, and the Pacific strip which will probably host some fun.

However, you can also have a fun with friends and eat a lot and think up some limericks. And now in limierick form, some of the events that commemorate the luck o’ the Irish around our nation...

In Chicago, there’s a green river flow
In Massachusetts, green infuses the snow
They dye it that tint
To give one a hint
That St. Paddy’s gives all people a glow

American schoolchildren happily take part in pointless parades and delight in tissue wrapped crafts that turn their fingers shades of kelly, all for the patron saint of Ireland. Add some color to your life next Sunday and have a great time tripping among the clovers and just enjoying the spring break.
The Haggin: A Little Piece of Beauty in Stockton

Who knew such a place featuring culture and fine art existed right here in Stockton for all of us to enjoy?

BY ROSIE BALENCNAS
Staff writer

How many Pacific students are aware that there is a treasure of fine art, music, and history right here in Stockton for all of us to enjoy? Not many of us have realized that there is a source of entertainment, education, and renowned fine art only a few miles down Pershing Avenue.

One of the oldest cultural landmarks in Stockton is the Haggin Museum. Most of us have seen it on our way to the freeway, and possibly never gave it a second thought. A gorgeous park and two ponds surround the Haggin Museum, making it a nice spot to relax, while at the same time enjoy the various art forms. The museum is over 70 years old and contains about 34,000 feet of exhibit space. The local history and art provide a great opportunity to learn something about Stockton before you graduate.

Currently on display is an annual exhibition of art from local students in kindergarten through high school. The Robert T. McKee Student Art Exhibition is an annual event, which includes paintings, drawings, sculpture, and photography. The exhibit will be open for viewing through March 31.

Opening March 10, over two dozen Victorian handbags will be on display. These elaborate beaded bags are decorated with glass, plastic, and metal beads, and were all handmade by women of the 19th and early 20th century.

The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission for adults 18 and older is $5, but with a student ID admission is only $2.50. For only $10, students under 21, can get membership to the museum. The membership includes free admission to the museum, a discount to the museum, a discount to signatureTheatres, and more.

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Staff writer

The Haggin Museum is located at 6262 West Lane, Stockton, CA 95207. For more information, please call (209) 955-5680 or visit the museum's website at www.haggin.org.
A display at the Haggin.

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 p.m. Wednesday
McCaffrey Center Lounge

Students for Environmental Action (SEA)
9 p.m. Wednesday
Anderson Y Center

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

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

Muslim Students Association
Noon every other Thursday
Wendell Phillips Center 131

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

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

Music & Entertainment Industry Student Association (MEISA)
Noon today
Weber 202

Student Council
8 p.m. Tuesday
Spruce 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)
5 p.m. Wednesday Grace Covell Small Dining Room

Music Education National Conference
10 p.m. Monday
Buck Hall

Phi Delta Kappa
Noon today
Education Building 108

Naranjado Yearbook Club
Noon Friday
Marketing & University Relations office

TOA
8 p.m. every other Thursday
Monogan Hall

M.E.Ch.A.
5:30 p.m. Wednesday
Southwest Residence Hall

PRSSA
Noon every other Thursday
Education Building 208

Iranian-American Cultural Organization
9 p.m. Wednesday
Spruce Room

Hmong Students Association
9 p.m. Wednesday
Kilusan Pilipino

Culture Club
7 p.m. tonight
Grace Covell Tiger Lounge

If you are a new club on campus and would like to let everyone know when you meet, submit club times and information to The Pacifican office in South/West Hall or e-mail to pacifican_au@hotmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9 - 17 Spring Break
March 20, 7:30 p.m., Faye Spanos, Lecture: Bishop Spring
Bishop John Shelby Spring will lecture on his views of the Christian faith. His lecture will discuss ways for all to challenge their own principles.

If you have an event that you would like announced, please send an email to Pacifican_AB@hotmail.com or send a note via campus mail to "The Pacifican, Arts & Entertainment section".

Thanks!

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4 nights/air & land package

COSTA RICA $773
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Prices include round-trip air, accommodations and may include ground transportation. Rates are subject to change without notice. All prices are based on airfare from nearest major gateway. Prices do not include taxes.
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tions. In the dating arena,
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for the clean, together ap-
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date success rates. Style is
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We would like to reiterate
that we aim to please our
readers and we are open to
any and all suggestions. As
a forewarning, we would
also like to make it known
that this column is written
in jest. Style is not serious
business and we do not al-
ways intend to be taken lit-
erally. As editors of the Arts
& Entertainment section,
we have the privilege of
printing lighthearted ma-
terial about a topic that is
always present in our life—
fun!

Try to keep things on the D.L. if you do not
want to get kicked out of school!

Lucky Day: March 15

CANCER: June 21 -July 21
Having the sun in line with Neptune is
creating some issues with your coping abil-
ities. Remember that the end of this
month is going to be fabulous and Cancer
will be in control again.

Lucky Day: March 13

LEO: July 22-Aug. 21
Do not let the lack of funds get your week
off to a bad start. You know you are hot and
someone else seconds that notion. Use this
to your advantage and move your groove
like you have not ever done it before!

Lucky Day: March 5

VIRGO: Aug. 22 -Sept. 21
Thank God Venus has entered Pisces to
help you with your emotional stability of
telling “you know who” what you have not
been able to do.

Give this week your gut and
stars will soon be twinkling in your eyes!

Lucky Day: March 1

LIBRA: Sept. 22 -Oct. 22
Don’t freak out just because you heard
a not so nice comment from your neigh-
Bors’ room that happened to be about you.

They might have just had a bad day, or
maybe a bad life! But knowing you, Mr.
or Mrs. Positive, you can help your neigh-
or regain normal consciousness by doing
what you do best, listening.

Lucky Day: March 9

SCORPIO: Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Ok, now that the sun is shining, it is
time to get up off your *** and enjoy it!

Just because you live in the sunshine state,
you are given no reason to take advantage
of such opportunities. Get a book, a good
cocktail and good music, and enjoy the
sun-ride!

Lucky Day: March 14

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 -Dec. 20
Pat on the back for all you Capricorn’s
giving your time to community service
late! At least some people give back what
they receive! Because of your good doings,
good things will come your way...so keep
your eyes peeled!

Lucky Day: March 8

AQUARIUS: Jan. 19 - Feb. 17
Ok water lovers, start drinking it! Do
not forget your body is a temple and
spring flu season will soon hit if you aren’t
being healthy. You are in luck, there is
someone who has been wanting to take
you out to coffee but is just now getting
the chance, so girls apply the red lipstick
and pucker up!

Lucky Day: March 12
victory, finishing with 11 points.

With less than two minutes remaining in the second half, the Aggies pulled closely behind Pacific with a two-point margin at 51-49 on a three-pointer from Ronnie Ross.

However, the Tigers would not be denied as McLemore and junior Demetrious Jackson nailed two free-throws each in the final two minutes to ensure the victory.

Jackson, the Freshmen sensation, continues to make key contributions for Pacific with 11 points and 6 assists.

Also finishing strong for the Tigers was junior Eli Nolan with 11 points and tying a career-high with seven rebounds. He was also the assist man, providing a high-flying alley-oop in the second half.

For the Aggies, Tony Brown led the way with a game-high 16 points.

The Tigers win marked the first time since Jan. 7, 1999 that Pacific has defeated Utah State. With the loss the Aggies still clinch the Big West conference championship.

Student Jen Lowry said, “This win will give them tons of confidence heading into the Big West. Now they know that they are capable of tearing it up in the Big West.”

On Sunday March 2, the Tigers carried their winning momentum against Big West bottom-dwellers Idaho Vandals who are 9-18 on the season and 6-12 in Big West play. The Tigers continued the aerial attack and unflattering defense blistering the Vandals 57-49.

For the tiger seniors, this was their last game on their home floor. While emotions ran high, the seniors vowed to finish strong as the Tigers devoured the Vandals 57-49 in front of an audience of 3,000.

The Tigers never trailed in the game and were out in front by as many as 11 in the first half. Tremendous offensive rebounding and precise ball distribution allowed the Tigers to carry a 9-point lead into the locker room at halftime.

Jackson joined in on the senior’s fun by electrifying the court with a barrage of three-pointers and spectacular plays. He finished with a game high 20 points, shooting and unprecedented 7-10 from the field.

The Tigers came flying out from the gates in the second half, pushing the lead to a game-high 20-point difference between first and second place. Pacific shots fell quite frequently, while the Vandals surrendered to the merciless Tiger defense. McLemore tallied 12 points for the Tigers while his senior counterparts Mike Hahn and Mike Presto recorded 9 and 5 points respectively. Seniors Nathan Davis and Ross Mills also made positive contributions for the Tigers, closing out their Pacific basketball careers.

This win over Idaho marks the 12 win of the season for the Tigers, a first since 1997-1998. The Tigers are confident and hungry heading into the Big West Tournament.

The Tigers will be back in action facing off against Cal State Northridge in the Big West Tournament today, March 7, at noon in Anaheim, CA.
**Softball**

On Sunday, March 3 at the Worth Invitational in Fullerton, Calif., the Pacific Tigers suffered a 6-2 loss against the Ohio State Buckeyes.

The Tigers finished up their seven game road trip at a record of 1-6, making their overall season record, during the season, 11-9. Ohio State's record improves to 12-4. Pacific freshman Michelle Anunciation (Chino Hills, Calif.) put the Tigers in a 1-0 lead when she led off with a single, and eventually allowed her to score on a RBI single hit by sophomore Boni Kading (Escondido, Calif.).

Ohio State hit back, putting two runs on the board in the second inning to claim the lead with a score of 2-1. They managed to add four more runs on four hits in the third inning, including a two-run homerun by Kristine Himes (Danville, Calif.) to make the game a tie at 6-6. In the ninth inning, pitcher Brian Huck pitched a scoreless inning.

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In the bottom of the third, the Tigers answered the Pilots challenge when Aaron Harper (Richland, Wash.) singed in Joel Summers (Bellingham, Wash.), making the score 6-3. The score jumped to 6-4 when Kory Kinder (Savannah, Mo.) delivered an RBI single in the fifth inning. In the eighth inning, a pair of sacrifice flies from Adam Alverson (Pleasanton, Calif.) and Tim Gilhooly (Danville, Calif.) to make the game a tie at 6-6. In the ninth inning, pitcher Brian Huck pitched a scoreless top of the inning to put the Tigers in optimum scoring position. However, the Pilots pitcher, Brule Speck, answered the challenge by also pitching a scoreless inning.

Portland seemed to gain their strength in the top of the 10th inning by putting five runs on the scoreboard, highlighted by Eric Hull's grand slam. The Tigers fought back, and added a run in the bottom of the inning off of a Gilhooly RBI triple, but were unable to take over the Pilots lead of 11-7. Huck took the loss, and dropped to 0-1.

Watch the Tigers take on Fordham this Friday, March 8 at 7p.m. in a first of a two-game series.

**Women's Tennis**

On Sunday, March 3, the Pacific women's tennis team defeated UC Irvine at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts, improving to 8-1 in the season, and 4-1 in the Big West Conference.

Freshmen Niclas Otte (Hannover, Germany) and Junaid Hassain (Melbourne, Australia) captured the No.1 position, 8-4, in the doubles upset against #23 Brian Morton and Jonathan Endrikat. Seniors Gernot Kerschbaumer (Klagenfurt, Austria) and Dietrich Haug (Freudenstadt, Germany) captured the second position with their defeat over Sean O'Connor and Greg Bjorkman. Haug led the Pacific four out of six singles matches by earning a 0-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory over...

**STAY SLIM SNACK OF THE WEEK**

**Banana Smoothie**

**What you need:**
- 1 ripe banana (a ripe banana has tiny brown spots on the peel)
- 1/2 c. nonfat yogurt
- 1 tsp. sugar or honey (or to taste)
- 1 c. crushed ice
- 1 tbsp. fresh lime juice lime wedge or banana slice, for garnish

**What you do:**
- Combine the first 5 ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth.
- Pour the smoothie into a large glass and garnish with a lime wedge or banana slice. Serves 1.

**Nutritional Information:**
- 215 calories per serving; 8 g protein; 1 g fat; 48 g carbohydrate; 38 mg sodium; 2 mg cholesterol.

From Smoothie Galore,
www.homeschoolzone.com/m2m/recipes/smoothies.htm
Pacific swimming teams have something to smile about

Recently, it is almost impossible to walk around campus without seeing at least one or two Pacific swimmers wearing their swim team shirts. The Pacific Tiger's men and women's swimming teams have a lot to be happy about. Both teams competed in the Big West Championship game on Saturday, Feb. 16 at Long Beach, Calif.

The success of their performances caused a victory for the men's team that broke a 23-year reign in the Big West for UC Santa Barbara, and was the Tiger's first title in men's swimming since 1974.

It was also the first time ever in Tiger history that Pacific has won the Big West Championship in women's swimming.

The women's team easily won the competition with a total of 963 points, which was 114 points well over the second place team, UC Santa Barbara. The men's team also drowned out all other competition with a score of 948 points, an almost identical difference of 114.5 points as the women's team, over the second place UC Santa Barbara Gauchos.

It was the victories in the final five events that cemented the Tiger men's championship title.

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some school spirit.

Go on a road trip with four of your closest friends (or someone who has a car), and make memories to last a lifetime. Just think about all of the games you could catch if you took a trip down to Southern California.

You could all meet at the baseball game on Friday here in Stockton, then drive down after the game to hit the women's waterpolo, then the men's volleyball games at UC Irvine.

Stop in on the women's Big West Tournament on Saturday to root on the Tigers in Anaheim, and then catch the women's softball games for the rest of the weekend.

Even after all of that, you still have the rest of the week left to do whatever else you want to do.

My point is, during this break there are no excuses not to go to the games if you have nothing else to do. There is no reason to sit at home and be bored by yourself during this break. Get out and go meet some new people and make some friends.

While, at the same time, you can root on our school athletes who would probably appreciate your support. I am sure it would be nice for them to have some fans in the stands, and familiar faces from school rooting them on to victory.

Show some school spirit, stay active this spring break, and have a sports-filled fun time.
Many Pacific students know what a great athletic tradition this university has. From our legacy in women's volleyball to our conference-winning men and women's swim team, UOP athletes are well-respected and feared across the Big West.

However, there is another athletic tradition at this school that is less familiar, but no less grand. Intramural athletics are widespread and highly popular throughout the country. Here at UOP it is no different. Over 70 percent of our student population participates in intramurals. Every single fraternity and sorority, many clubs, and more than half of the residence halls compete in furious, fast-paced and fun sport activities during the year.

There are 72 basketball teams with anywhere from six to 14 players each, totaling approximately 700 participants! Statistics aside, what makes me want to watch these games? The excitement and the spirit, of course! Many students are aware of the University's attempts at instilling spirit into this otherwise unruffled campus. If athletics is looking for spirit, they should come to the Main Gym Sunday day through Thursday nights. The competition is fierce, the players are tough, the Main Gym is roaring almost every night.

For instance, last week I watched a game between Kappa Psi and a team called the Original Shiznit. It was everything you could ever hope for in a basketball game. Fast-moving point guards cut to the hole burning defenders left and right. Tall forwards and centers crashed the boards as their elbows crash into each other in the paint. There's more drama than most NBA games! Every basket was answered with a resounding scream from the stands. I've never seen or heard such a spectacle in the Spanos Center.

True enough, these players could probably never go the distance with our varsity team. But for any student who was a high school athlete and didn't want to give up on sports in college, this is the closest they will get to the guts and glory of collegiate athletics. There are hundreds of these students on this campus, who up until now, have not received much recognition for their athleticism.

Did you know that football is alive and well at Pacific? Every fall approximately 40 teams compete on Zuckerman Field for the honor of being flag football champions and getting the chance to compete in regional tournaments. Don't feel like driving all the way over to the football field? Take the short walk over the footbridge to Brookside Field starting March 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Intramural sports offer an opportunity for intense competition or for exercise and some laughs with friends. The best part about intramural sports is that everyone plays. There are highly competitive, moderate competition and low competition leagues. It's true not every game is fast and furious. Many teams are out there to have a good time and get some exercise. It is also an inexpensive way to build camaraderie in a club or residence hall.

To get some action, stop by the Main Gym Sunday through Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. To get a schedule of who is playing, go to www.uop.edu, click on Student Life, then Recreation. Or, with so many people playing Intramurals, just ask your friends!

Selena Ho named Big West Player of the Week

Selena Ho is UOP basketball’s leading scorer and leader of the team. She is a force to be reckoned with on the court and a role model to all. Her leadership and work ethic are second to none, and her team is grateful for her presence.

Senior Selena Ho has carried the Tigers since her freshman days, but now the tables have turned and her prolific career here at UOP is drawing near to a close. Luckily for Tiger fans, she will not be exiting quietly.

According to the Big West Office, Selena Ho was named Big West Player of the Week on Monday, Feb. 25. This is her second time receiving this recognition this season. With this distinction, Ho ties Allie Nieman of Idaho, and Cindy Brown of Long Beach State, for the fourth most acknowledged “Player of the Week” honors in a career with six.

Senior Josh Mattison said, “Selena Ho is UOP basketball. The team would be lost without her leadership.”

It is obvious that Ho is well deserving of this distinction. Ho averaged 17.5 ppg, 8.0 apg, 2.5 rpg and has a 5.33 to one turnover ratio in a week, where Pacific went 2-0 with wins against Cal State Fullerton and UC Riverside. Selena was pivotal in the victory over the Highlanders, allowing Pacific to move just a half game out of second place in the Big West at 11-4.

The Tiger’s 78-60 victory over UC Riverside was Ho’s final home game at the Alex G. Spanos Center. She dazzled the audience one more time recording 16 points, on 4-7 three point shooting, and nearly hitting a career-high with 9 assists.

In her last dance at UOP, Ho showcased her deadly perimeter shooting. She hit three 3-pointers in the first seven and a half minutes of the game to get the Tigers off to a fast start, and the Pacific never relented as it handed second place UC Riverside an 18-point defeat.

In her final week before the Big West Tournament, Ho moved to 16th place on the Big West all-time scoring list at 1,621 career points. She also moved into 24th on the NCAA all-time three-pointers made list with 266 in her career.

While Ho is an obvious outside threat, her precision passing opens up the floor for her teammates. Ho is one of three Pacific Tigers of all time to register 400 or more assists in a career. Her career total sits at 408.

Junior Marcus Landon said, “She is the complete package for women’s point guards. She has speed, vision, and agility. She makes her teammates better. Players like her are an asset to any team.”

Currently, Ho is ranked in the Top-Five in the Big West in six categories. She is first in free throw percentage at .802, first in three-pointers made at 2.50, third in points at 15.1, third in 3-point field goal percentage at .406, third in assists at 4.73 and third assist-to-turnover ratio at 1.73.

Selena has brought new life into Pacific’s women’s basketball program over the past 4 years. Her leadership will be missed in the future, but this season is not through yet. Selena may still have some tricks up her sleeve. Stay tuned Tiger fans!
Five in a row for men’s basketball

BY STEPHANIE SEGIEN
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The rims were rocking the Alex G. Spanos Center this week as the Pacific Tigers men’s basketball team posted consecutive wins against Big West conference leader Utah State (55-51) and Idaho (57-49). The Tigers head into the Big West tournament with a five game winning streak under their belts and a much needed confidence boost.

The Tigers have been mentally preparing for league leader Utah State for quite some time now, but on Thursday night, it was time to step back and put the game faces aside, and play ball. The Tigers courageously defended their home court proving that they could compete with the finest that the Big West has to offer. This win moves the Tigers to a record of 18-9 on the season and 10-7 in Big West action, while the Aggies fell to 21-5 overall and 13-4 in conference.

Utah State jumped out into the spotlight during the first half of the game by building a 22-14 lead with 6:45 remaining. Senior, Maurice McLemore, quickly responded by scoring three quick buckets for the Tigers, providing a much needed lift going into halftime. The Tigers trotted into the locker room with a halftime score of 29-25. The Aggies came charging out of halftime taking the lead 37-27, but the Tigers battled back by going on a 15-0 run of their own, played again by McLemore. McLemore continued to carry the team by hitting pivotal back-to-back buckets late in the second half. He energized the Tiger team by hitting key shots and playing tenacious defense. McLemore led the tigers to eight of 12 shooting, and went three for seven from three-point land.

Tigers carry momentum into Big West

BY STEPHANIE SEGIEN
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The Pacific Tigers women’s basketball team is fine-tuned and operating on all cylinders. The Tigers believe this is their year to win the Big West, but first stopped by Cowan Spectrum to secure the 71-63 win against the lowly regarded Idaho Vandals.

The road offered few problems for the Tigers as they recorded the victory with ease. With the win, Pacific set a school record for a second year in a row for its best Big West record at 12-4, and finished the regular season 17-10 overall. Idaho dropped to 5-11 in conference play and 11-16 overall.

Both the Vandals and the Tigers played a close first half that consisted of eight ties. The Tiger took a slim 30-29 lead at halftime, but were sure to step up their offense and tighten up the defense in the second half. Gillain d’Hondt’s offense took control for the Tigers in the second half. After the intermission, Pacific came flying out from behind the gate, scoring the first six points of the second half, all on lay-ups by Gillian d’Hondt. She scored the first ten points of the second half of the game for Pacific.

Nancy Dinges sparked the Tigers offense as she shot nearly flawlessly from the field. She drained timely three-pointers while recording key defensive stops.

Meanwhile, Idaho cut the score down to 50-48 with 9:42 remaining. The Vandals closed in on the Tiger’s lead at a score of 67-63 with 38 seconds left, but the Tigers scored the last four points to win by the final margin of 71-63.

At the end of the day, the Tigers were led by fireworks of Nancy Dinges who had a game-high 21 points on eight of 12 shooting, and went three for seven from three-point land.

Also leading the Tigers, Gillian d’Hondt finished the game with 17 points, three blocks and three steals on the night. Vanessa Dupont also notched double figures for the Tigers with 11 points and six rebounds.

Senior standout Selena Ho had a tremendous all around effort. While only tallied two points she contributed in other ways. Ho tied a career-high in assists at 10, along with six rebounds and three steals.

This win left the Tigers tied for second place in the Big West for the second season in a row. However, Pacific lost a coin toss to the Highlanders to determine who got the second seed. The Tigers will now be the No. 3 seed where they will play the No. 6 seeded Idaho Vandals in the first round of the Big West Tournament on Mar. 6 at 12 p.m.