This Week...

Pacific staff members debate union plan....p.5
These last few months have been challenging for some Paci­fic staff members. While students were off gallivanting the summer away, UOP's hard­working personnel were dedi­cated to acquiring something many carefree students take for granted: a voice in their university community.

Last Lasermium show is an awesome hit........p.9
"There is no smoking, of anything, during the Lasermium show," casually men­tioned the laser programmer at the Morrison Planetarium in Golden Gate Park. "Tonight is the very last perfor­mance of Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon, so lean back in your seats and enjoy the show."

UOP Volleyball Profile...p.15
To put into perspective the talent lost when last year's seniors ended their Pacific careers, it would be roughly equal to Joe Montana, Jerry Rice, and Roger Craig all retiring after the 49ers took down Cincy in the Super Bowl.

Weekend WEATHER
Friday
Mostly sunny with a high of 92 and low of 55
Saturday
Mostly sunny with a high of 93 and a low of 55
Sunday
Partly Cloudy with a high of 92 and low of 54

Getting back in the swing of things

President still eligible as leader

"Your president is eligible to be president."

Ricky Peterson
ASUOP President

Rumors spread quickly around the UOP campus, but you shouldn't believe all of them that you hear. Ricky Peterson, ASUOP President, has only taken 24 units, but that does not mean that he can't be our president.

In the formal election packet that contains all of the rules and regulations for students who decide to run for an office it states, "The prerequisites to an Executive Branch Officer are the completion of 30 units with Minimum University GPA of 2.5. A minimum load of 12 units must be maintained while holding the office."

If this rule was enforced then Peterson would not have been able to run for the office of ASUOP President last year because he said that he really couldn't afford to be at UOP during the summer months. So, instead of trying to comply with the rule, Peterson decided on his own accord to only take 24 units his first year because he said that he wants to take his college years slowly and he is already planning to be at UOP for five years.

He had also thought about taking some classes during the summer, but when asked about this he said that he really couldn’t afford to be at UOP during the summer months. So, instead of trying to comply with the rule, Peterson decided to challenge this particular prerequisite. He wrote a formal proposal for election reevaluation to the ASUOP Senate; Rich Gohlke, Elections Coordinator, and the Election's Committee. In his letter Peterson stated that the spirit of the 30 unit prerequisite is "an attempt to limit eligibility in the hope that individuals wanting to be a part of student government will have accumulated experience."
A welcome from the President

PRESIDENT DONALD DEROSA

I welcome all new and returning students as we begin the fall semester on our three campuses. For our new students, I hope your transition to Pacific is a rewarding one. You probably have already observed that we have an outstanding faculty and staff deeply committed to your success. This important quality of Pacific is fairly unique in higher education and we highly value and celebrate this component of our mission.

Ph.D boosts Pacific faculty

NIKOS ACUNA & MICHELLE-ELIZABETH VALLE

Guest Writers

Philosophy teacher, Dr. James Hefferman, enjoys his work here at UOP. He has asserted his fondness for teaching students what he has learned through the years.

A former resident of New York, Dr. Hefferman knew he wanted to teach philosophy since he was 19. He graduated from Fordham University with a B.A. in chemistry. Dr. Hefferman acquired a balanced sense of knowledge after receiving a Masters in Philosophy and then working as a programmer and systems analyst for IBM. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy at University of Notre Dame. It was the American Philosophical Organization that led him to apply for a position at UOP.

Dr. Hefferman always had a fondness with the west coast. "I like Stockton because it's relatively small compared to the big city where I grew up, and Stockton has weather that east coasters dream of. I'm glad to see the sun everyday."

A position at UOP gave Dr. Hefferman an opportunity to move to the west coast. As it turned out, UOP was looking for someone who has an undergraduate degree in science and a masters in philosophy.

Dr. Hefferman's love for knowledge exists within UOP's intellectual community. "I certainly like students," he said. "They taught me a lot about how to teach, how to understand. "Students have taught me to take my ideas much less seriously. It's a great age to be, poised on the brink of leaving home. It's a very interesting time in which students experiment and learn responsibility."

His affection for nature compliments his philosophical integrity. "I found out that I could not live without reading philosophy. Other than that, I love to be in nature. Hiking is a great activity because it is thought-provoking and it gets you in shape!"

Dr. Hefferman expresses his hopes for progressive development in the philosophy department. "Our department has changed a lot," he said. In 1996 he was the youngest teacher in his department. This year he is the oldest. After the retiree, Dr. Hefferman hopes to write a book entitled Philosophy for dummys. Yet his transition to retirement will not happen any time soon. "I have thinking about ending my career in about 10 years, because I love teaching so much."

Dr. Hefferman looks forward to a brighter future as the new millennium begins. "Your generation has to worry about environment. California now is certainly changing. I sure hope we don't lose this beautiful place. I guess you have your work cut out for you."
Former Pacific counselor fondly remembered

Dennis Rupel remembered.

Dennis Rupel was a pioneer in what became known in the 60's as Community Psychiatry. He helped develop and direct Oaklawn Psychiatric Center in Elkhart, Indiana, the first day hospital for mental health patients in the U.S.

Dr. Rupel was in the forefront of creating programs and services to apply successfully the theories only being written about at that time.

Dennis Rupel was a psychiatrist in private practice in Stockton since 1984.

For ten years prior, he was Medical Director for San Joaquin County Mental Health Services. Dr. Rupel was a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School. He took his psychiatric residency at Topeka State Hospital and a fellowship at Menninger School of Psychiatry. He was certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and a life fellow in the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Rupel was a member of Rotary for the past 35 years and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Dr. Rupel is survived by his wife, La Von Rupel, former Director of the University's Counseling Center, and their children: Wesley, Kirsten and Ingrid. Two memorial services were held in June. Memorials may be directed to the Rupel Family Scholarship, La Verne University.

Financial Aid Center deals with low staff

As many of the students passing the financial aid center noticed the first week of school, a rather large line of individuals were awaiting a conference with a financial aid counselor. Reports claim wait times extending past thirty minutes.

However, perceptions can be deceiving as the director of financial aid reports one of the smoothest opening weeks in recent history.

Lynn Fox, director of financial aid, explains that long waits are to be expected the first week or two of school, as many students are wishing to confirm their financial status and clear up any erroneous details that may exist.

Fox even recounted a particular oddity this year, as the first three days of the official school year left the office mostly vacant of student inquiries.

However, the reality does remain that the financial aid center is at a loss for roughly one-third of its permanent staffing. According to Fox, "there are about 4-5 vacant positions at this time," from a full compliment of thirteen.

What this translates to is outside hiring of temporary workers and much-appreciated volunteers from the Burns Tower staff. It is the hope of the financial aid office that all vacant positions will be filled partly through the fall semester.

The void of vacant workers was most felt during the summer as many of the financial award letters were being processed. Temporary workers were still adjusting to the quirks of the job and existing employees were working harder as ever. In the end, novel computing techniques and a little know how enabled the office to send out nearly all the award letters.

In fact, in anticipation of the large influx of students anticipated this fall, the financial aid office attempted to process all of the freshman attending the third orientation session of the summer. This, in conjunction with new processing procedures has contributed to the self proclaimed success of the office this year.

A highlight within the new processing programs are master promissory notes for those students receiving a Direct loan. In the past, students had to physically come into the financial aid office and sign a new promissory each year they renewed such a loan.

With the master promissory note program now in effect, students need only stop into the office once and sign.
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## Financial Aid

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such a form. The financial aid office takes it from there for the duration of the renewal process.

Not all students are sympathetic to issues that the financial aid office has had to overcome. Freshman Nicole Poulette, cites an instance in which she had to return to the financial aid office eight times in one day to resolve a single issue. She reports leaving the office frustrated and unsatisfied with the level of support she received.

Junior and resident assistant Laurin Johnson, also reports dissatisfaction with the financial aid office. She understands that “they get a big rush and it’s hard to process everyone at once, but they need to take into consideration the students’ point of view.” She also reports frustration in the apparent lack of communication between the finance and financial aid centers.

In an effort to address this issue, Fox states that “we do all we can to try and provide every program available to students.” Sometimes unmet need is a necessary condition, as regulated by guidelines of various programs.

Concerning the communication issue, he explained, “there is always the perception that students get bounced back and forth from the finance center and us, and that’s a correct perception.” To try and assuage this dilemma the financial aid office sent representatives over to the finance center in an effort to localize the financial aid process, during the orientation processes.

“Are we where we want to be, probably not. We made some changes and progress to try and make the process more seamless,” says Fox.

Communication seems to be an ongoing effort between the two offices and remains work in progress.

Fox remains confident that the financial aid center is meeting the needs of the students. He claims that not all campuses can offer work-study to all students, but every student eligible for work-study at Pacific will receive such a program. He assures students that he will make every effort to accommodate that which he can to work to resolve any issue that may come up.
Why does my telephone not work?

UOP is having a little problem providing students with working phone service. Every year, several students have problems hooking up their phone service with Pacific Bell, and Pacific Bell is still the root of much telephone evil. But there has also been some serious lagging in Residential Life and Housing, and a little mysterious subsidiary that I just found out about called Telecommunications.

It all started yesterday morning when my mother called while I was in the shower. She must have had a pretty good reason to call me at 9:30 in the morning after we had just spoken the night before, so I decided to call her right back. But wait! To my surprise, when I picked up the phone, "gasp" there was no dial tone! What's up? So I played around with the long-distance number. In fact, I dialed the number that we have taped to the wall. Perhaps it needed re-tapping, Aha, relief, that seemed to make it work again. So I dialed the long-distance number. Instead of hearing my mother's cheerful voice on the other line I heard a recording that I've since memorized, "We're sorry, the number you are dialing cannot be reached from this telephone at the customer's request," I had certainly not made any such requests, and I was pretty darn sure my roommates hadn't either.

I was frustrated and wanted to do something about the situation, but like most of us here on the UOP campus, I had to get to class. Later I came home to a very frustrated roommate. She reported spent several hours on the phone with Pacific Bell and our long distance company to no avail. I called Pacific Bell's 611 repair line only to be told that our line was just fine and that if we weren't getting long distance service it was our long distance carrier's problem. I called our long distance company to say, they told me that our phone lines had been sneakily switched? Was it a hooligan prank, like the little bastard who kept on pulling the fire alarms in Grace when I was a freshman? It seemed unlikely, but still, the only calls we were getting were the ones intended for the girls down the hall, and our phone calls were going somewhere...to phone call heaven? To someone else in our complex? We just didn't know. Pacific Bell said that they could fix it but we had to wait until the 23rd, and they were going to charge us. Unless we had someone responsible for fixing the phone lines on campus, they could take care of it. But could they? So I talked to my R.A., who said that we were on the long list of people waiting to have their phone lines fixed. And as anyone who has been at this school for five minutes knows, being on the waiting list for any kind of repairs is not a happy place to be. Needless to say, we were not comforted by the words, "they're taking care of it." No one could tell us when they were going to take care of it even approximately.

I didn't realize how much I depend on the phone. I couldn't call my writers, or my contacts, and they couldn't call me. My roommate is trying to connect with potential cell phone contacts, and they couldn't call her. She's possibly already lost our girlfriends. When we need it fixed, we don't need it a week from Tuesday, we need it now. I know that I'm not the only person on campus living in a void.

— Jean-Paul Sartre

Existentialist Corner

"The void creeps in everywhere. Every creature secretes his own void."

— Jean-Paul Sartre

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What is the price of a human life? Sixty dollars and nine years in prison

SCOTT SWITZER
Managing Editor

Last week, five kids in New York killed the owner of a Chinese delivery restaurant for a free meal.
The kids had already eaten earlier that day police say, but when they were still hungry and didn't have any money left, they placed a call for $60 worth of food, delivered to an abandoned house. When the owner got there, they threw a sheet over his head and beat him to death with bricks.

Is that what the price of life is now, is it so cheap? For $60, a man lost his life. Admittedly, the kids did not want to kill him, it just happened. The youngest of the group, 14, delivered the death blow, and may receive up to 9 years in prison. So, now the price of life is up to $60 dollars and 9 years.

Is it any wonder that with prices like these, murder is a buyer's market? These spoiled little brats, and hundreds more like them, are killing people and getting away with it. Don't kid yourselves, getting 9 years in prison is getting away with it. Few of them have received the punishment they deserve, and therefore the trend continues.

Years ago, the fad among teens was ripped jeans and 80's music. Later, it became Goth. Now it seems that the new fads among our youth are murder and suicide. You can't be cool until you kill someone needlessly.

Aside from the fault that lies with the perpetrators, the kids, is the fault that lies with the parents.

Yes, this is a tired theme, blame the parents, but they share in the blame. This is a direct result of the idiotic concept that kids don't need to be punished. Whoever thought up the concept of a "time-out" for misbehaving should be dragged out and beaten for such a stupid notion.

Kids misbehave, this is a fact, and if they get away with it, they will continue to misbehave, this is also a fact. It is not just a phase, they will not grow out of it, unless they are given a reason.

Then there are the parents who say "I just don't know what to do." We've tried talking to little Tommy, but he won't stop putting cats in the garbage disposal." The phrase "a little less talk and a lot more action" comes to mind here. Beating a child is never excusable, but neither is never spanking your kid. It teaches them that what they did was wrong, and leaves a reminder as well. A stern talking to just does not have the same effect.

If parents handle this problem when a kid is young, as in still in the mischievous range of torturing animals, in most instances there are not going to be these major problems later. Some of you are reading this and thinking "well, what about violence on T.V., that is the problem." Wrong. It has little to do with the actual problem. Violence on television has been a constant for decades, whereas this plague of murders is recent.

To sum all this up in a brief statement, discipline your kids. Don't give up, place the blame on society or their friends. Take it upon yourselves to keep them in control. Human life is worth much more than $60 dollars and a few years in jail.

Is stem cell research ethical?

MICHELLE-ELIZABETH VALLE
Staff Writer

In the recent months, reports of scientists using human embryo cells as a means of finding cures to genetic diseases and disorders have been surfacing. This issue has brought up ethical as well as legal concerns.

Stem cells, which are predecessors of all organs and tissues in the body, are extracted from a human embryo and used in research for replacing depleted cells caused by many diseases and disorders. Scientists also believe that these cells can eventually be used to grow new body parts to replace failing organs.

On August 23, the government announced that it will publicly fund this type of research which caused much uproar from pro-life activists. Pro-lifers argue that a human embryo must be killed in order for these cells to be extracted.

While it is true that the embryo is destroyed in the process of extraction, the embryos that have been used in past research have been created through in vitro fertilization. Frozen embryos donated by couples who no longer need them for childbirth are also used.

The government is not insensitive to opponents' concerns. They have set guidelines to blunt criticism from these opponents. While scientists can use existing frozen or lab-created embryos, they cannot create new embryos for this research. The scientists also cannot extract the cells needed for research themselves, rather a private laboratory does the extraction.

School of pharmacy and health sciences student, Nicole Wilson, agrees wholeheartedly for stem cell research.

"I'm totally for it because it will aid in cloning of organs, we don't have to rely on someone else dying or going brain-dead to get their organs to save lives," she said.

So then it is a good thing that the government is funding this type of research. With the technology that exists to do such exploration into this form of science, it would be a waste of life to ignore it.

Sophomore Jose Gutierrez, claims that as long as the cells are being taken from frozen and in vitro embryos, the research should continue.

Medical research has come a long way during the 20th century. This next century can prove to be one where scientists can find a cure for any disease known to the public.

Perhaps in the near future, there will be many advances that allow scientists to create cells without the need for an embryo cell extraction. We cannot allow such an opportunity for medical research to be slowed because a few opponents believe it to be morally wrong; for it is those same opponents who may someday benefit from this type of research.

At the same time, we cannot be insensitive to the phrasing of the question. For instance, is this embryo growing to be a human life whether the life concerned is an embryo growing to become a fully formed human being, or a patient who is badly in need of a kidney or heart donor.

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Drunk Driving Sentence too lenient

STAFF EDITORIAL
The GW Hatchet

[U-WIRE] "To get behind the wheel with a blood alcohol level nearly three times the legal limit was almost as dangerous as pointing a loaded gun into a room full of people and firing."

These harsh words were spoken by Superior Court Judge Ann O'Regan Keary as she levied a far too lenient sentence against Ricardo Aspillaga, the man who struck and killed student Seth Wadley last December.

Wadley died a day after Aspillaga's car hit him with enough force to throw the 24-year-old's body about 30 yards.

Wadley's keys, in his hands when he was hit, remained embedded in the windshield of the damaged car and were discovered by a police officer who stopped Aspillaga for erratic driving.

Tests revealed the driver's blood alcohol level was 0.22 percent — almost triple the District's .08 percent limit.

So why did the offender who pled guilty to manslaughter receive a sentence of only two to six years? The answer most likely lies in a plea bargain reached between the defendant and the U.S. Attorney's office.

But prosecutors committed a grievous error in pursuing such a light penalty for such an outrageous crime.

Seth Wadley is dead because of the reckless and criminal actions of a man who showed disregard for human life by driving while intoxicated.

Now prosecutors have shown a disregard for Wadley's life by exacting so little punishment for his death.

The law is not the problem. The law provides an appropriate penalty for murder. But unless prosecutors and judges use the law to its fullest extent, it is useless.
To ASUOP Members:

Ok, so now that we have returned the bathing suits to their drawers, the barbecue grills to the garage, and squeezed out the last of the suntan lotion, here we are once again facing unknown professors, study sessions until 3 a.m. and all the wonderful excitement of a new year.

Welcome to University of the Pacific! ASUOP is your student government. As the recognized student government of University of the Pacific, ASUOP operates as a corporation, completely run and funded by students. ASUOP provides you an array of activities and services in addition to students’ experiences beyond the classroom.

The authority of the ASUOP governance structure is vested in three separate branches: the executive, legislative and judicial. The executive branch is responsible for the initiation, operation, and management of campus-wide services and events. We need your involvement in this area — right now is a great time to make this commitment. Presently, there are many committees where you can make an impact by simply volunteering your time for activities that you enjoy, that make a difference, and that can give you the opportunity to grow and learn leadership skills. Please stop by the office and ask to speak with Ricky or any of my staff, so I can personally meet you and talk to you about any present or future involvement.

You are now part of a group of over 4000 innovative and industrious individuals who are seeking to better themselves through higher education. As of this moment, however, you are at a critical crossroad in your educational life. You must make a decision regarding whether you will be an active part of our student body by joining one of our dozens of clubs and organizations, or will rely solely on your academic curriculum to provide you with your educational experience.

We refer to this as an experience because you will encounter many new things at UOP. For example, you will find new friends, some of whom may be from a country or culture totally different from yours. Also, you will find new groups, new activities, and new interests all of which will serve to engage you in a learning process that is totally different than that offered by academia.

Through my own life, I can personally attest to the fact that being involved in co-curricular activities has added a whole new perspective to my education — the perspective of leadership, interpersonal skill, and self-confidence. You can also become involved and watch yourself learn to apply the talents that you have and the skill that you learn in class. It’s exciting! So I invite you to become an active part of your campus and join the thousands of students who are already benefitting from their participation in our clubs and organizations!

Ricky L. Peterson, II
Associated Students
President
University Of the Pacific

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New Highlander is anything but an end

SCOTT SWITZER
Managing Editor

"In the end, there can be only one." This is the line that has described the frenzy behind the "Highlander" movie craze, as well as a popular series on the theme.

The story goes that there are immortals that walk among us, persons who cannot die unless you take their head, and with it their power.

These immortals fight each other with swords in "the game," where the last immortal receives the prize, which will allow him to grow old, to die, as well as to have children, which immortals cannot do. This game is what sparks the line, "there can be only one."

The prize would also allow for an immortal to influence and control the events of mankind. If a good immortal wins, this will benefit mankind, if an evil immortal wins, then the world would be in for eons of terror.

In 1986, the first Highlander movie came out, following Connor McCleod of the clan McCleod, a Scottish clansmen in the 1500s called, "The Highlander," in his quest to win the prize, which at the end it appears he does. Future sequels served only to confuse fans, but the latest movie tries to correct these mistakes.

"Highlander: Endgame" sees both Connor McCleod and Duncan McCleod, of the same clan, born 75 years apart, and both immortal. Duncan McCleod was the main character of the series, which spanned six seasons before the producers ended it.

"Endgame" has not disappointed, it introduces popular characters from the series as well as the movie, and many fans feel it is to be the bridge between the series and the movie, with more movies likely to come out about Duncan McCleod. It is a mixture of great music, special effects, and choreography. The sword fights are intense, and come alive to the viewer.

The story is quite simply the best since the original movie, succeeding where the others fell short. A powerful immortal has arisen, and has forsaken all of the rules that govern the game. Immortals follow a strict code, that no other immortal may interfere in a fight, and that these fights cannot take place on holy ground.

Connor and Duncan team up, to try between them to put an end to this immortal, for should he win the prize, mankind is in trouble.

"Highlander: Endgame" is a must see to any fan of the series or the movies, and for any others who haven’t seen it, it is very easy to follow. Flashback scenes of both Connor and Duncan help to explain the whole purpose, and the history of the story. Most viewers will go away very fulfilled.

Movie Review

Last Laserium show is an awesome hit

EMILY DAVIDSON
Sports Editor

"There is no smoking, of anything, during the Laserium show," casually mentioned the laser programmer at the Morrison Planetarium in Golden Gate Park.

"Tonight is the very last performance of Pink Floyd’s Dark Side of the Moon, so lean back in your seats and enjoy the show."

Saturday, September 2 marked the end of an era in San Francisco history. After 26 years of lighting up the indoor sky, Pink Floyd’s "Cosmic Laser Concert" would be leaving the Bay Area for good.

A long line of people curled around the California Academy of Science Building, the 7:30 p.m. show had already sold out, we were now in line for the 9:30.

The air was filled with anticipation and pot smoke as the crowd of ex-hippies, alternative-teeners and thrill seekers waited to see the psychedelic fantasia.

Around 9:00 p.m. we paid our six dollar student admission and crept through the vacant museum halls, past dinosaurs and penguins, to the planetarium.

As we settled in to our reclining seats, the more die-hard fans started reminiscing about Pink Floyd concerts and clapping whenever a piece of trivia flashed upon the beige dome.

Finally the lights dimmed, the stars appeared and the first song “Speak to Me” began with a display of aurora-borealis wisps.

As the music intensified so did the colors and patterns, sucking in the viewer with pulses of bright green and multi-colored fireworks. The Laserium lived up to its motto to "Music for your Eyes" as See Laserium, page 10
The Stockton Royal opens back up for business

**Synopsis**

Mike Delorenzo
Staff Writer

The Stockton Royal is one of the dominating historic structures with a towering neon sign that graces the landscape of Pacific Avenue. Many people who lived in Stockton in the 1950's when the theater first opened recall the theater being known and desired for its lavish decor and modern comforts.

Now with the introduction of new technology and ultra-modern THX multiplexes, the lavishness has been replaced with ambience. The Stockton Royal over the years has fallen into a state of disrepair, with a number of different theater companies operating the grand building.

Previously a second run theater, the Royal gained a tarnished reputation as a must-see for the huggish ruggish crowd of the discount audience. Those times are gone and all remnants of that are being swept away. Closed for about two months, the Royal received a face-lift, with fresh paint and new tile and an upgrade in the area of sound; the theater is back in business.

Signature Theaters now runs and operates the classic movie house and the venue now consists of limited release films, which have been long overdue here in Stockton. Now you are able to see high quality cinema in Stockton and not be forced to drive to Sacramento or the Bay Area. Independent films such as "The Virgin Suicides," "Croupier," and "Chuck and Buck," and foreign films like "Butterfly" and "The Cup" along with re-release films such as the Coen brother's "Blood Simple" have now made their way to the big screen here in Stockton.

New improvements are being made daily at the Royal with plans to include an extended Cafe' square menu. Now in the second month of operation the Royal is picking up speed and gaining more support. The Royal is an excellent outlet for college students being close to campus and a variety of restaurants and cafes and it has a tasteful ambiance, be it the stunning murals that grace the walls of the main theater, or the crystal neon lobby circle.

The following are some of the movies showing at the Royal.

"Chuck and Buck"
Directed by Miguel Arteta

"Saveing Grace"
Directed by Nigel Cole

"Butterfly"
Directed by Jose Luis Cuerda

"But I'm a Cheerleader"
Directed by Jamie Babbit

Films showing at The Stockton Royal

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Laser Show

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the sky throbbed with vibrant light, perfectly synced with music.

The sensory experience continued through "Money" and "Brain Damage" with each new display eliciting applause and shouts of "Pink Floyd rocks!" from the crowd.

It was true, Pink Floyd did "rock" set to the krypton laser's magic, it was like watching the apocalypse light up the sky while in the serene state of being heavily drugged.

A pinpoint of intense color light explodes into clusters of jewel like webs, fiery pinwheels and whirling lariats," said People Magazine. "Laserium is still the closest thing to tripping out in outer space."

Unfortunately, Laserium is on its way out of popular culture, replaced by the new age of computer animation and hi-tech graphics.

Since 1974, over 15 million people have learned back in their planetariums and watched the sky explode.

Unfortunately, it is too late to join them in San Francisco. If you still wish to see this magnificent show though, the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles is still running the show. For more information visit, www.laserium.com.
Tio Pepe's offers a little taste of Mexico in Stockton

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Tio Pepe's, located on West and East March Lanes has a family atmosphere and authentic Mexican flair. With its affordable prices, this restaurant has gained a quaint reputation among the residents of Stockton. Tio Pepe's was founded in 1979 by Carmen Flores on Lower Sacramento Road in north Stockton. It then moved to its current location four years ago, with managers Mario Flores and Jessica Flores and Carmen still running the show.

The restaurant has a certain friendliness. Family owned and runned, it caters to many different people. Students at UOP will love the quick service and affordable prices. Tio Pepe's seats about 150.

Bar accommodations are limited to various brands of wine and beer. Because the owners wish to uphold the family atmosphere, no hard liquor is served.

This seat yourself restaurant serves excellent Mexican cuisine. We're very fond of ordering the basic enchilada dinner for around $6.25.

This particular meal comes with two enchiladas and you get your choice of beef, chicken, pork or cheese enchiladas. The enchiladas are then topped with a special Tio Pepe's sauce, that you can choose to have on the side. As with all the combos at Tio Pepe's this one comes with refried beans, Spanish rice, fresh lettuce and tortillas. The tortillas come served with salsa before your actual meal.

Lunch specials usually are one item dishes and cost $4.85. Dinner combinations are slightly pricier, but you have more to choose from. There are 26 basic combinations and several other filling dishes as well.

Regardless of when you wish to come or what you feel like having to eat, Tio Pepe's offers a vast array of traditional and tasty Mexican food. The generous portions is well worth the prices.

The overall environment at Tio Pepe's was excellent. The service and food also exceed standard expectations. I give Tio Pepe's an overall rating of four chefs out of five. Be sure to go and try Tio Pepe's out yourself.

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Tio Pepe's on West Lane offers an alternative to school, with a vast array of tasty Mexican food.
Featuring Lenny Dave “Creativity the Essence of Success”

"Thumbs Up! Campus Activities Magazine, March 2000 "Creativity: The Essence of Success!" emphasizes that the fundamental concepts of creative thinking can, in fact, be learned and put into practice immediately in campus organizations, in a career search, in the workplace, in the community, and personally. Creative thinkers move organizations forward! But, what exactly is creativity? What kills it? What are some tools we can use to enhance our creative thinking? And, perhaps most importantly, how can we apply this information? In "Creativity: The Essence of Success!" Lenny challenges students with new ideas and the kind of relevant 'real world' information which they don't get exposed to in the classroom...information, which can positively impact their lives.

& Special Guest Juliet Funt “Buff Up Your Insides!”

Lunch Keynote Incredibly inspiring...thought provoking insightful, real world stuff, that's Juliet. Juliet Funt, daughter of Candid Camera Creator Allen Funt, knows a thing or two about observing the hidden truths beneath our social selves. She is one of the most impactful speakers available today on topics related to collegiate self-esteem. Her program Buff Up Your Insides urges students to find value in themselves and others based on character and values, not the perfect haircut, car or exterior appearance. She discusses our society's overemphasis on external content, damaging media images and poor value systems. Hers is a message of self-appreciation and empowerment in a world that often tears self-esteem apart.

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UOP Soccer falls in final minutes

THE PACIFICAN

Pacific's women's soccer team fell to 3-2-1 on the season with a 3-2 loss to visiting San Jose State, on Sunday, September 10 at Stagg Stadium.

The Tigers took an early lead when sophomore Becky Moffitt (Portland, Ore.) scored her first goal of the season at 4:37 into the game. She took the feed from junior Mariah Metras (Cotati, Calif.) from the corner of the field.

San Jose State battled back with the tying goal just 5:30 minutes later, when Jolene Keel scored from 15 feet out. The game was 2-2 at halftime.

Jennifer Mescher scored the game-winning goal for San Jose State at 66:00. The Spartans tallied 17 shots on goal for the game to Pacific's 12. Sophomore goalkeeper Megan Pickering (Portland, Ore.) finished the match with 12 saves.

"We have to be more consistent," said head coach Keith Coleman. "We didn't play bad. The first five minutes were incredible. We just have to sustain it. I hate to lose at home, but this should prepare us for conference play."

The Tigers lost senior forward KJ Nishikawa (Kaneohe, Haw.) to a knee injury in the 66th minute of today's match. "She's a fighter," Coleman added. "It takes away one of our go-to players. Anytime you take away a player like her, you lose an energy you can't replace."

The Tigers will face Weber State this Friday and Fairfield on Sunday in Stagg Stadium.

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Golf

CORVALIS, Ore. - The Pacific men's golf team opened its season at the Northwest Collegiate Classic by shooting 571 over the first two rounds to currently sit in ninth place among the field.

The Tigers were led by Jason Higton who shot 140 for the first two rounds to sit in a tie for 17th place. Tom O'Stasik shot a 142 to sit in a tie for 28th place after the first day.

Women's Volleyball

ATLANTA, Ga. — Pacific (5-2) rallied from a two to one deficit to win the last two games of the match and defeat Georgia Tech 3-2 (13-15, 15-6, 9-15, 15-4, 15-13) on Sunday afternoon in Atlanta, Ga. The match gave the Tigers a 2-1 record for the weekend in the Georgia Tech Tournament.

Georgia Tech won two of the first three games and was tied at 4-4 in the fourth game before Pacific took the next 11 points to send the match to a fifth game. In the fifth game, which was rally scoring, Pacific broke away from an 8-8 tie and scored the next two points to help push them to a 15-13 win in the deciding game.

Pacific was led by its seniors as Kara Gormsen finished with 58 assists and a career-high 23 digs, while Danielle Shinn had 21 kills and eight digs. Juniors Courtney Miller and Jamie Hamm (Bellevue, Neb.) each had double-doubles, as Miller finished with 15 kills and 16 digs and Hamm had 11 kills and 13 digs on the match.

Freshmen Jennifer Joines, Jaima Ortega and Misty Swails all had big performances in the match for the Tigers. Joines had 10 kills and nine block assists, Ortega had 12 kills and Swails had 19 digs on the day for Pacific.

Georgia Tech was led by Kele Eveland who had 70 assists and 17 digs and Maja Pachale who finished with 22 kills and 29 assists on the day.

Men's Water Polo

BERKELEY, Calif. - Ninth ranked Pacific (1-1) fell to No. 2 ranked California (2-0) 12-8 on Saturday afternoon, September 9.

Pacific jumped out to a 3-1 lead in the first period, but the Bears outscored the Tigers 4-2 in the second period to knot the score at 5-5 at the half. Pacific took the lead early in the second half on Chris Spencer's goals to give it a 6-5 lead. However, California used a five goal third period to outscore the Tigers 7-2 the rest of the game and come away with a the victory.

The Tigers received two goals each from Spencer, Chris Lund and Brady Norvall to lead the way. They also had goals from Sergey Bushuev and Eddie Wissniewski on the day. California go five goals from Mike West and four goals from Eldad Hazer.

Senior goalkeeper Ryan Brown had seven saves on the day for the Tigers.

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LA X-Men

A friend of mine is on my case to respect the NBA Champion L.A. Lakers. Fat chance. If you ask me that team would be nothing if they hadn’t genetically engineered that cross-eyed, knuckle-dragging mutant called Shaq. Go Kings.

Freshie Fever

Golf has Tiger Woods, tennis has the Williams sisters and gymnastics... you get the idea.

The same is true with the Tigers; there are young all-stars all over the place. With the women’s soccer team getting younger everyday and the student body now dipping as low as sixteen for freshmen, I predict diapers in a few more years.

Ruggers Rising

I hear that the Pacific Club Rugby Team has a new manager and, get this, uniforms. Yeah, I was blown away too. Those crazy guys are great but a little bizarre at times.

Like Archie Tingle said: I am going to want to be at every game this year. Don’t stop there; I am going to want to be at every after-game bar party too. Pints ahoy, mates.
Women's Volleyball
Tigers strong while rebuilding

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To put into perspective the talent lost when last year's seniors ended their Pacific careers, it would be roughly equal to Joe Montana, Jerry Rice, and Roger Craig all retiring after the 49ers took down Cincy in the Super Bowl.

However, this season's Tiger squad seems already equipped with the Steve Young, Terrell Owens, and Charlie Garner to step right up and fill their shoes. Fortunately, there are no pesky salary cap implications to worry about.

Home in the friendly confines of the Spanos Center, the Tigers opened up the season last weekend hosting the Pacific Nike Invitational. Among the three teams invited were NCAA participants Sacramento State and Michigan, the team Pacific beat 19-17 in a thrilling game five to send the Tigers to the Final Four.

Looking to improve an already stellar opening day record of 14-1 under head coach John Dunning, the Tigers suited up to get it on with the Hornets of Sac State on Friday night.

In a match seriously lacking any offensive cohesion, Pacific turned to its always strong defense to get the job done. In rolling the Hornets 3-0 (16-14, 15-5, 15-12), the Tigers were digging like gold miners (though the NCAA still bans those lighted helmets during play), recording a wicked 72 digs as a team. Leading the defensive front was senior setter Kara Gormsen with game highs of 18 digs, as well as 43 assists. Fellow senior Danielle Shinn led the offensive attack leading all attackers with 17 kills and a solid .351 hitting percentage.

Saturday morning saw the Tigers back in action for what would be little more than a light workout against the severely overmatched Maryland. Pacific out-hit Maryland .318-.022, out-killed 35-22, out-dug 49-37, out-blocked 7-1, and out-assisted the Terps 34-22.

Once again it was Gormsen leading Pacific with 17 assists, while Clarissa Bonner paced the Tigers with ten digs and five kills. Also doing her best to exploit the Terps inability to return serves was freshman Jaima Ortega who broke off a trio of aces.

After their dogfight in the Elite Eight worthy of ESPN Classic, Pacific and Michigan, both in disarray after the loss of several prominent seniors, locked horns Saturday night in the Invitational's finale.

Coach John Dunning has a 409-98 career record.

Even at this early point in the season, the 3-0 Tigers are looking strong. Their defensive intensity still looks like that of a championship contender, and with time will come the chemistry to propel Pacific back into the top ten and possibly back to another Final Four.

Elsa Stegemann was plain and simple the best volleyball player in the country last year, and while her presence will certainly be missed, this season's Tigers are still stocked top to bottom with more than capable players, including Gormsen, who's weekend performance earned her co-Big West Player of the Week honors for last week.

Only time will tell if Pacific has what it will take to defend their Big West title and remain champs of the nation's strongest volleyball conference.

Women's volleyball will face Saint Mary's Friday at 7 p.m. in the Spanos Center.

1999 Season Results

32-3 Overall
18-1 at Home
15-1 Big West Conference
Average Attendance: 2042
Longest winning streak: 15 games
Longest losing streak: 1 game

Senior Danielle Shinn jumps for the spike against Santa Clara.

Senior Kara Gormsen

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Clarissa Bonne
Outside hitter
6-0, Junior

Jaimie Hamm
Outside hitter
6-0, Junior

Courtney Miller
Outside hitter
6-2, Junior

Danielle Shinn
OH/MB
6-0, Senior

Michele Kelley
Def. specialist
5-7, Junior

Kara Gormsen
Setter
5-10, Senior

Returning Tigers
Tigers suffer an early loss at Stanford

JULIE WEINBERG
Staff Writer

The sun shone brighter than ever, while parents, friends and relatives from Boston, Mass. screamed and shouted with loud obnoxious accents, making it difficult to decipher whether they were at Fenway Park or Stanford's turf hockey field. Maybe these could have been some reasons that prevented the lady Tigers from soaring higher than the Boston College Eagles.

Whether or not the reputation holds true that Boston College is an Irish drinking school, the girls wearing maroon and white uniforms came prancing on Stanford University's field at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning had no sign of hangovers. The BC Eagles connected every time, scoring eight goals and making it almost impossible for Pacific's Tigers to attempt any shots on Boston's number 1 ranked goalie.

Lisa Beach, savior and ultimate Pacific goalkeeper fought hard but couldn't do it on her own. Within two minutes of the game, the Eagles pounded a goal past the Tigers and only two and half minutes later, they scored once again. Four more were put past the Tigers during the first half, taking the halftime score, 6-0. When the team is down by six and the remainder of the game is not looking promising, what does the coach say during the halftime speech? Junior starter, Giovanna Tripathi, said, "It's difficult to regain composure but during the half, Coach Linda told us to relax, forget about the past 35 minutes and force the ball with teammates towards the strong side. It is imperative that we make it a 0-0 game, going in the second half with positive attitudes. Think game of hockey, not just playing."

Karis McGraw, a Junior was placed in front of the goal for the second leg of the game, in hopes of holding the score at six, allowing Pacific to increase the intensity and begin concentrating on passing, shooting and defending. This unfortunately did not happen so easily. Early in the second half, the Tigers were once again bombarded by BC giving them a short corner and an easy shot on goal. I remember sitting on the sideline, looking at the clock at the 16 minute mark and thinking the name of the game is DEFENSE. A few minutes later, as the last goal was scored against Pacific, the name of the game changed drastically from defense to If we hurry up, Neiman Marcus is still open at Stanford Shopping Center. Though Karis' efforts increased with a few great saves and clears, the rest of the team couldn't connect and come back by any means.

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Women's Volleyball

2000 Team Profile

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