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Vital statistics are in for the class of 2004

Freshman class not as large as last year

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Over the past couple of years, the University of the Pacific has transformed into a larger community. Granted, UOP has not grown to the size of tens of thousands like UC Davis or Sacramento State, class sizes have been increasing.

In 1997, the current seniors enrollment size their freshman year was at 568. The following year, in 1998, the enrollment size was at 642 students. Last year’s freshman class totaled the largest amount in a long time, 751.

According to Rob Brodnick, the Records and Research Office, this years UOP freshman class due to graduate in 2004 consist of 742 students enrolled as of Sept. 25, 2000. As the semester flies by, some students will transfer while others will drop, so the enrollment numbers will fluctuate.

Why come to UOP? Freshman Emily Rountree answered, “The small school atmosphere, the personal attention and the beautiful campus.” Robert Ornelas came to UOP “Because it’s a long way from Texas.” UOP has proven to be appealing to students that live both in and out of the state of California.

In addition, keeping up with UOP standards, the freshman class is compiled with 61 percent female students and 39 percent male students. This ratio is normal and stays about the same from year to year.

It is harder now than ever to try to get into UOP. Two years ago, the number of applicants was 2,766. This year, the number of applicants jumped to 3,194. Pacific is growing in popularity year by year.

This year’s freshman class has other things to be proud of rather than just their enrollment numbers. The class of 2004 has an average high school GPA of 3.47 and an average SAT score of 1120. In fact, there is a rumor that the residence hall of John Ballantyne, the Honors Dorm, is filled with all honor students and is not able to accommodate the other freshman honors students who wish to reside there. The Residential Life and Housing Office

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Clockwise from top left: Freshmen Conservatory students Laurel Frich-Wright, Tiffany Moodie, Claire Hudkins, Robert Albini, Christine Walker, Tracy Foster, Sarah Mills and Shaun Manley.

Office of Student Life searches for new chaplain

CHRIS HOFFMAN
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The office of student life is currently conducting a nationwide search for a suitable candidate to fill the position of acting chaplain here at UOP. Spearheading this search is our own Peggy Rossen of the student advising center. Together with a committee of roughly eight individuals representing diverse backgrounds, it is Rossen’s hope to have the position filled by no later than July 1, 2001.

Advertisement for the position of chaplain is currently being distributed throughout various higher education and religious journals, including such prestigious volumes as “The Chronicle of Higher Education.” It is the intention of the committee to attract well-qualified applicants and those that will enhance the spiritual and social life of the university community.

According to Rossen and Vice President of Student Life Judy Chambers, the committee currently being formed will be a representation of all those that have an interest in the office of the chaplain candidates. Such representation will include students, administration, members of the community and local clergy. It will be the committee’s duty to screen for qualified applicants and to create a list of candidates to be submitted to the Vice President of Student Life’s office for further consideration.

Rossen was pleased to announce roughly two thirds of the intended committee has confirmed their place within the group and she hopes to have the remaining confirmations soon. Committee members were chosen through both a voluntary and premeditated screening process. Preliminary selection of possible candidates will begin Nov. 1.

Advertisement for chaplain duties include “[serving] as the spiritual leader to the campus and community. [However], the primary responsibility of the University Chaplain is to attend to the spiritual needs of students, faculty and staff through pastoral counseling. Additional responsibilities include advising student religious organizations, coordinating campus religious programs, working with community churches and religious organizations, and administrative duties.”

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Bill Maher humors audience with political prowess

Pacific plays host to “Politically Incorrect” comedy

Bill Maher, host of “Politically Incorrect,” put on a show at UOP. It’s a fun show; I like seeing people share their opinions. It was a good opportunity to just get up there and have fun and talk about issues that I don’t get to talk about when I’m doing sports, like politics.

Not only did the show appeal to those participating, but also those observing. The panelists did an excellent job of integrating the audience with the performance by having a question and answer period afterwards. Anne Regan, Pacific sophomore, was one of the students who spoke up to ask a question of the panelists concerning political apathy, or lack thereof, in youth. After a somewhat negative response from the host, Regan said, “Bill Maher is a clever guy, but he should have been more youth-activism-oriented, especially if he’s going to be touring college campuses and pretending to be all youth.”

Fellow sophomore Jake Dowd follows Maher’s program religiously. “The real show is a lot tamer. As [Maher] said, ABC censors a lot of it, so he was much more free than on the actual program,” Dowd said. “I thought it was hilarious.

“In matters of youth activism or whatever, we are apathetic, but that doesn’t encompass the whole age group. There’s a lot of kids who just watch MTV and aren’t motivated to do anything, but then there’s a lot of us who are,” said Dowd.

Maher himself also seemed to enjoy the opportunity to do a live performance. When we do live shows, it’s like unplugged, “Politically Incorrect” unplugged. I don’t know what it is, but I know I have a ball,” Maher said. “I won’t lie to you, I didn’t choose the campuses, the people who put the tour together chose the campuses. But I have to tell you that I had no idea what this would be like and this was a great one. I mean, what a great audience,” Maher said of Pacific.

When asked of his intentions to do another national campus tour, Maher said, “I don’t know, I mean, that isn’t a guarantee. But I would imagine we’ll do it. I enjoy it, it’s fun, and [the audience] enjoys it, so we haven’t had any problems.”

In the meantime, “Politically Incorrect” can be caught in its usual time and place: 12:05 a.m. on ABC Channel 10.
Cyber cafe looks to meet student needs at Pacific

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Where do you go for that late night fix of caffeine that keeps the juices flowing? Until recently, this meant a trip off campus to one of a handful of places that might be open during the late hours of the night. However, our newly refinished Callison Hall, located behind John Ballantyne Hall and Carter House, will soon be available to meet your late night needs.

Plans concerning the purpose of Callison Hall have been tossed back and forth for the past several years, as everyone awaited construction to conclude. Eventually, it was decided that Callison should serve as a cyber cafe to students and some fifty Ethernet ports were added to the infrastructure. The design became conducive to that of a large gathering place in which students could meet and have Internet access for networking and studying purposes.

As it stands, Marriott dining services had first right of refusal for taking over such a project. Initially the company ran their own in-house cost analysis of running such a business and came to the conclusion that they would require "between $30,000 and $50,000 from the university" to effectively run such a project each year, according to ASUOP President Ricky Peterson.

Marriott's proposal was rejected by the convening committee on this issue and was asked to present other options to get the cyber cafe off the ground.

It was rumored that ASUOP would be charged with running the cyber cafe if Marriott could not find a satisfactory option in a timely manner. Peterson pointed out that "financially and with our staff, we couldn't take it over at this time."

As luck would have it, an exciting option was found that means more than just coffee and Internet access for students of Pacific. Kevin Gentry, district manager of Marriott services, announced at a meeting Sept. 29 that a school had been found which had to deal with this very same problem and they came up with a novel cost cutting solution. That school was Loyola Marymount and they had created an internship program for their students that allowed them to earn money to pay for the cost of running the cyber cafe as a way to pay for their educational experience.

It is now hoped that such a program for Pacific can be off the ground within the next few months that would allow Eberhardt School of Business students to use their newly acquired business finesse to get the cyber cafe off the ground.

Peterson said, "This will be a truly positive experience for all involved." As early as Oct. 12, the cyber cafe will be opened to the board of regents and will feature twelve brand new Sunray computers. These computers come to Pacific from a joint project between Sun Microsystems and Cisco systems. Considerable funding has already been dedicated by the president’s office to the Sunray project at Pacific and it is planned that all academic departments will soon have access to such technology. It is planned that the cyber cafe will feature up to 30 Sunray computers by the time of its grand opening to students. This leaves approximately 20 additional ports for students to plug their individual laptops into while enjoying a cup of coffee.

Suggested hours for the facility are 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. every night. These hours remain tentative and have been recommended from the observance that students have been requesting the use of Knoles until as late/early as 2 a.m. It is now felt that initially food and drink will not be offered at the facility until a more concrete plan can be set down and the internship program can begin to allocate what steps need to be taken in ordering and setting prices for such things.

A meeting is scheduled for Oct. 20 in order to discuss the final logistics proposal concerning the cyber cafe. This meeting will determine when the cafe will be open to students on a permanent basis and should begin to set into place the internship program. While all the final details are being discussed, it is hoped that work study students can be found that will be available to supervise the cafe as a study area initially with the possibility of coffee being served from the connecting Elbert Covell dining hall. Until this time students remain enthusiastic that they will soon see their long awaited cyber cafe open to the public.

In the words of Peterson, "It’s exciting for me because it’s already been a success at LMU. If they can do it, so can we."

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History of COP Dean

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Many College of the Pacific students don’t know much about their dean, Dr. Robert Benedetti. He is a man who has done wonders to the evolution of a school and the initiator of an important educational core program here at UOP.

After graduating from Palo Alto High School in June of 1960, College of the Pacific Dean, Robert Benedetti attended Amherst College in Massachusetts. There, he majored in English Literature and Political Science.

Dean Benedetti then went on to Union Theological Seminary in New York City where he received a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. There he strove toward a career as an Episcopalian priest.

But priesthood wasn’t what Benedetti wanted and he left to go to University of Pennsylvania in 1965, where he received his Masters degree in 1967 in Political Science. For the remaining three years, Benedetti worked on his doctorate, but didn’t actually get his Ph.D. until 1975 when he completed his dissertation.

After he received his degree, Dean Benedetti became a professor at New College at the University of South Florida in Sarasota, Fl., which was an experimental school. It was modeled after New College Oxford in England. There he helped rebuild and restructure the college’s admissions profile. Dean Benedetti worked his way from being a teacher to provost and stayed at New College for 19 years.

Benedetti decided to come and teach in California for several reasons. The first reason was because he lived here during his youth before he went off to college. “I wanted both to come back to my state and to contribute to liberal arts education here in Northern California,” said Benedetti. This second reason was because he believed that there was too little of it in this region. He also wanted “to see if some of the concepts of experimental education could be incorporated into more traditional educational institutions.

Dean Benedetti came to UOP in 1989, because it was committed to the liberal arts as well as a place that had experimentation but turned away from it. In order to get closer experimental education, Benedetti, along with a few colleagues, instituted the Mentor program. He taught all three of the Mentor classes along with several political science classes during his stay here as dean of COP.

Today, Benedetti wants to focus on the infrastructure of the university, connect more with Pacific alumni through reunions, and promote admissions growth in the humanities. Benedetti wants to see a balance of majors at Pacific, so the “natural science majors will always be bumping into an English major.” He has been working on establishing an alumni board to get alumni more involved. Benedetti’s goal is to bring these people together to make our school a better place.

One of Benedetti’s favorite things about being COP dean is the good conversations he has with people. He says that good conversations breed creativity and that “there’s no problem creativity can’t solve.”

One of his past projects, besides Mentor, was heading up the committee that brought Sister Prejean, the nun whose experiences were made into the motion picture “Dead Man Walking,” to speak on campus last school year.

Dean Benedetti’s goals and aspirations for creative problem solving will certainly aid Pacific in becoming a bigger and better university well into this new millennium.

Contributions made by Jason Cox and Becky Curry.

Fundraising for Pacific Italian Cultural Center has begun

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There are plans in the works to build an Italian Cultural Center on campus. The center will be mainly used for the College of the Pacific’s humanities programs, conferences, social events, seminars and even classes. The plan is to build this two-story, Roman rotunda between the Gladys L. Bernard School of Education and the Long Theater on South Campus.

There has been no word on when the project will be estimated to start or when it will finish. However, all of the money has not yet been raised to start construction. Only a little more than $2 million has been raised with the total cost at an estimate of $6 million. The University is in the process of raising the rest of the necessary money.

Another purpose of the Italian Cultural Center is to be a storehouse of artifacts, photographs and art from Italy. It is also to honor the first Italian-Americans who came and helped shape the Central Valley during the Gold Rush.

There are great hopes that the environment will enable students to get an Italian feel and unify scholars and students from the United States and Italy. The center will have direct connections to Italy that will provide students with opportunities to study abroad or a chance to communicate with Italian students.

An estimated 80,000 Italian-Americans live in the San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties. This center will provide for them a part of their history. It will enable them, and the community of UOP to experience and understand how influential the Italian immigrants were to the Central Valley.

In the words of Frank Garavano, the honorary chair of the campaign, as quoted in the University of the Pacific’s Bulletin, “I believe it is time to remember what it has meant to be an Italian-American in the Central Valley. We must celebrate the contributions of our culture and share its accomplishments with our neighbors.”

The Italian Cultural Center will provide individuals with the chance to learn about a new culture, or to find out more information.

NEWS

The position of university chaplain will be open until a qualified applicant is found. Appointments for many individuals within this field last for one-year periods and it is recognized that a likely candidate for UOP will not be available until their previous contract is served out. However, the position will be offered at their earliest availability.

As of Aug. 1, Associate Chaplain Joy Preisser was appointed as acting chaplain. Chambers vouches for Preisser’s reliability stating, “She is wonderful with students and has a great religious background.” Her past experience offers her knowledge of the workings within the university and certainly lends to her success.

It is unclear as to how long the university will be without a permanent chaplain, however Preisser will continue to serve in this capacity until a suitable individual can be found. Rosen remains confident that her committee will find several exceptional candidates before the year’s end. Until then, both the student body and community at large will be waiting, in anticipation of our new chaplain.

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DINING SERVICES

OCTOBER EVENTS

ELBERT COVELL
Oct. 11th Gourmet Night
GRILLED PACIFIC SALMON AND CORNISH HENS
Oct. 26th Steak Night
Oct. 30th Directors/ Chef’s Dinner, limited space, make your reservations early!

GRACE COVELL
Oct. 11th Gourmet Night
Oct. 25th Xtreme Cuisine
Oct. 26th Steak Night

REDWOOD ROOM
Oct. 16th Boss’ Day Theme Meal
Oct. 27th Oktoberfest Theme Meal

SUMMIT
Oct. 21st Homecoming;
Open 9-4pm, 8-11pm.

Forensics Weekend;
Oct. 28th open 7:15am - 11pm
Oct. 29th open 7:15am-12, and 8-11pm.
Legalization of the “abortion pill” merits round of applause for the FDA

Last Thursday, the federal Food and Drug Administration approved the sale of Mifepristone in the United States. Marketed under the name Mifeprax, the pill will be available only through physicians. It is a combination of two medications that inhibit the hormone progesterone to prevent or terminate pregnancy.

Mifepristone is the same drug as RU-486, which was developed by French physicians and has been used safely in Europe for the last 10 years. Several groups including feminists, doctors, the Population Council, and many politicians have been trying to get the so-called “abortion pill” legalized in the United States for years, but the political controversy surrounding abortion-related issues caused delays in Mifepristone’s legalization.

“Mifepristone, or the early-abortion pill, is as significant a technological advance for women’s health as the birth-control pill was 40 years ago,” said Gloria Feldt, president of Planned Parenthood. “It will enable them, if they choose to terminate a pregnancy, to do that earlier (and) to do it without surgery. For many women, that is a very positive thing.”

It works by blocking receptors of progesterone and preventing the implanting of a fertilized egg. It can be taken within the first seven weeks of pregnancy, unlike the “morning-after pill,” which has been legal since 1998, which can only be taken up to 12 hours after intercourse. But both the “abortion pill” and the “morning-after pill” work on the same principles of preventing implantation of a fertilized egg. If the egg cannot implant, an embryo cannot grow.

The “morning-after pill” is simply a high concentration of the hormones used in standard birth control pills, and has been used by women effectively to prevent unwanted pregnancy after an accident, a rape, or a failure of birth control methods. The “morning-after pill” has saved thousands of women from the emotional and physical consequences of both unwanted pregnancy, and surgical abortion. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, the abortion rate since the “morning-after pill” was legalized is at its lowest level in 20 years. Mifepristone will do the same, and will give women a longer time frame in which it can be effectively used.

Studies have shown that when used within the first seven weeks of pregnancy the drug is 92-95.5 percent effective. Only a very small percentage of patients need additional surgery or blood transfusions. The process is usually over in a few hours — a week at the most.

Opponents claim that the legalization of Mifepristone is going to increase the rate of abortions. According to our test case, France, this is not the case. The French Ministry of Health says that their abortion rate remained unchanged after the introduction of the pill option. Others say that dangerous side effects include heavy bleeding, and birth defects in fetuses the pills fail to abort.

The Population Council disputed those assertions, 

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Shotguns in schoolyards: Another teenage tragedy

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Staff Writer

I suppose some of us thought it was over, that we could finally relax and get on with our lives without the underlying fear that next time it could be us, or our brother, or our daughter, or our best friend on the receiving end of someone’s rage and anguish.

We thought that the epidemic of violence in schools, the shootings that brought so much suffering to so many people, was finally over. We were wrong.

Last week at a New Orleans school, a thirteen year old and a fifteen year old shot each other with a gun that someone passed through the fence. Suddenly, students who thought they were safe were not. Luckily, this incident was not as large-scale as Columbine or other mass shootings at schools. The underlying problem, though, is the same. Students are bringing guns on campus. They are using them. We are seeing metal detectors in entry ways. Instead of nuclear bomb drills like during the Cold War, we now have lockdown drills so that we will be safer if there is a shooter on campus. What has society come to when our country is an undiscussed superpower but we cannot protect children in school?

To understand the behavior of these troubled children, we need to look at the society that they live in. Violent movies, the death penalty, and the publicity that violence in society receives from the media all imply the same message: violence is a valid way to solve your problems. James Bond, the government, and anyone else with a grudge use violence to get their way, so why shouldn’t they?

We all know that violence is no way to solve our problems. But this knowledge seems to be less apparent when we get angry, when we have problems. The anger we are, the less likely we are to try to solve things peacefully. The children that act out with violence are too angry to voice their opinions calmly. They were driven to action by immense amounts of rage that they could not control. They had to act out, and they did not know any other way to do so.

Why do they let things go so far that they feel they have to use guns against their peers, that they have to take another life to resolve the problem? There are a lot of variables, but one seems most obvious to me. These children do not know how to express their opinions and emotions. They bottle them up until they boil over and are converted into violent actions. Like I said before, we all know that violence is bad. But for these children, it is the only way that they know. They might feel that if they say something, nobody will understand them, or people will laugh at them. Maybe they want to say something, but they do not know how to. All of their anger, resentment, sorrow, and disappointment fester inside of them. They are time bombs.

It is our job as a society to make sure that children learn how to express themselves calmly and respectfully. It is also our job to cultivate a society where it is okay to express your thoughts and feelings. Someone who cries is not a baby or a wimp, they are a human with human emotions. Without some drastic changes, we will continue to see shootings in schools. The problem will not go away. You may have thought it was over, but believe me, it is just beginning.

The Pacifican presents as a fact that “the Senate did not get a chance to even peruse the new document [Mission Vision Priorities] before it was asked to be passed.” This is absolutely wrong, and how long do you think of an opinion do you have of the senate to think that they would pass something they had never seen? Not only did they see it, it was revised, and then approved by the senate.

The author of “The Pacifican,” the author or author’s, or as they choose to call themselves “journalists” seem to have the distinct ability of printing false information and labeling it as fact.

I am sure that all who read this sham of a real publication know exactly what I am talking about. Anyone who considers themselves a journalist at least have the integrity or the courage to put their name on their work. However, our esteemed “voice” seems to only be capable of hiding behind their printed lies and leaving an e-mail address.

The fact is, The Pacifican has made every effort to present both sides of the issue with President Peterson. Also, at least I have the pride to present something as fact, as it actually is fact. As quoted from The Voice “Fact: President Peterson has a talent to persuade Senators so that he is usually able to gain favor for his document.” That is not fact, it is an opinion, you can tell the difference rather easily, if you had a desire to try. The Voice also presents as a fact that “the Senate did not get a chance to even peruse the new document [Mission Vision Priorities] before it was asked to be passed.” This is absolutely wrong, and how long do you think of an opinion do you have of the senate to think that they would pass something they had never seen? Not only did they see it, it was revised, and then approved by the senate.

Then our esteemed voice returns to the matter at hand, in a criticism of Rock Gohle it reads “it was his responsibility to uphold the Senate approved job descriptions.” First, there are no senate approved job descriptions, the senate only approved the job descriptions after they had never been approved. This matter was brought among other things, to the senate last year by the executive board. Then Communications Affairs commissioner Bobbi Lanfranco says “It was pointed out that their were contradictions between the new approved constitution and old regulations, but nothing was done.”

So how do such an unbiased news source present issues in such a biased way? I refuse to believe that someone could be so ignorant as to list blatant lies and not even realize it. So how does such an unbiased news source present issues in such a biased way? I refuse to believe that someone could be so ignorant as to list blatant lies and not even realize it. So how does such an unbiased news source present issues in such a biased way? I refuse to believe that someone could be so ignorant as to list blatant lies and not even realize it. So how does such an unbiased news source present issues in such a biased way? I refuse to believe that someone could be so ignorant as to list blatant lies and not even realize it. So how does such an unbiased news source present issues in such a biased way? I refuse to believe that someone could be so ignorant as to list blatant lies and not even realize it.
Women as portrayed on T.V.

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Women in television and in movies captivate audiences everywhere they appear. Denise Richards and Neve Campbell scandalously kiss each other in “Wild Things” and Jenna Elfman captures your heart as you watch her funny antics every Wednesday night. What makes these women so appealing to audiences everywhere? What makes us take one look at them and say, “Ooh, she’s sexy”? The role of women has changed from being a ditzy damsel in distress to woman hero and savior, and yes, even sex kitten.

Last week I talked about the show Survivor. The women portrayed on this show were either conniving, sexy, or cute, and often clever. Colleen Haskell and Jenna Lewis, two contestants of Survivor were viewed by audiences as strong, yet cute young women. Because of their appeal to audiences, “Playboy” the magazine for men, offered them thousands of dollars to pose nude in upcoming editions. Refusals for both of them, they refused the offers for personal reasons.

I’ve noticed on television, the reversal of responsibility roles between teenaged female characters and twenty- to thirty- something female characters. While Joey from Dawson’s Creek realizes something about her love for Dawson, Ally McBeal’s character is imagining a dancing baby and many uncertainties about her various relationships. Jane Rosenzweig wrote for “The American Prospect,” American pop culture has become preoccupied with our collective inability to grow up. Indeed, we’d like to tell Ally that she should just grow up and settle down. But that’s impossible for her character to do. If Ally just realized she “should have settled down a long time ago, the show would no longer exist.

While older women are snuggling teenage parts, their characters have more responsibility when it comes to relationships. Maybe then it is no wonder that older men such as Sean Connery are snagging young women such as Catherine Zeta Jones to play in opposite roles. Women on popular television shows and in movies are getting younger while their male co-stars are aging with grace. Older men are more mature, but younger women (if only by appearance) have that certain sex appeal that men crave.

In America, youth sells. We’ll accept that some of the cast members on “Beverly Hills: 90210” were old enough to be parents, but the show was cancelled, as long as the people who play the characters have that youthful look. We would rather see a distasteful photo spread of Darva Conger, known for her instant divorce from husband and on “Who wants to marry a multi-millionaire?”

“American pop-culture has become preoccupied with our collective inability to grow up.”

If I ruled Pacific

Dear Editor,

I read about the new student activities center that the University plans to build, and I was not very impressed. The $42 million it will cost to build this center could be spent more wisely. Instead of wasting all this money on something that will lose its splendor after one semester, the University should let fraternities have real parties and then students would not need this new center.

Part one is to adjust these foolish rules that prevent the fraternities from properly entertaining students. I’ve been here long enough to remember the “pre-new alcohol policy” days when school functions were actually enjoyable. Now, I am prevented from having a beer in the lobby of my building while I watch football games. How upright is this school? If this student center is built, then we will all see a tuition hike or new activity fee. This amounts to a lot more money out of my pocket than the old ten bucks to go to a party.

If I ruled Pacific

Part two of the plan consists of the University making up for its mistreatment of our great fraternities. The University should give each fraternity $1 million to have these new, more enjoyable parties. This comes to a total of only four million dollars, ok, five million technically, which is much cheaper than the $42 million for the center. Imagine your social calendar if each fraternity had this money in their social budget. There would be awesome parties every weekend, students would be interacting like never before, grades would get better, alumni will actually return with fond memories. That comment about grades improving might be a bit of an exaggeration, but then again it has been shown that when students enjoy their college experience outside of the classroom they typically perform better in the classroom.

Let’s give the fraternities a chance, they are more fun than a few bowling lanes and increased tuition.

Sincerely,
David Pace

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saying that of 620,000 European women who used the drug, only 26 ended up having babies. None of the babies had abnormalities detected at birth. They also denied that the pills cause inordinate bleeding. No one is saying that Mifepristone is completely safe, they are just saying it is safer.

Mifepristone prevents women from having to have surgical abortions, and surgical abortions have a multitude of risks, as serious as infertility and even death. There are risks associated with Mifepristone, mostly the loss of blood, but they are by far less common or serious.

A drug-induced abortion is less invasive, and more private. No anesthesia is required, and there is less risk of infection. Since it can be administered in a doctor’s office and doesn’t require going to an abortion clinic, it lessens the emotions of guilt associated with the stigma of having an abortion.

Nevertheless, being legal and being right are not the same thing. The legalization of a chemical compound for whatever use does not substitute for a woman’s own personal judgment. It does not take the place of making responsible decisions about sex and birth control.

Using Mifepristone to end a pregnancy still constitutes an abortion. This pill does not make abortion right. No one should have to go through the physical or emotional pain of having an abortion, either medical or surgical. Many women, regardless of their political or moral stance, go through their own personal hell following an abortion. In an ideal world, no one would have to.

But this isn’t an ideal world. Mistakes can happen to the best of us, and we need to have safe, legal options for women who cannot, for whatever reason, have a child. There are women who should not be having babies. Having an abortion isn’t any more immoral than bringing a child into the world when you’re not ready to give that child the love and support it needs. If Mifepristone makes abortion even just a little bit safer or less traumatic, it deserves our support.
Information on the various groups and events

Fellowship of Christian Athletes or FCA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes or FCA plans to present to the University of the Pacific’s student body the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church, through three types of outreaches.

These outreaches include events, activities, and sharing about our relationship with Jesus Christ.

We have chosen athletics as our platform of sharing the message of Jesus Christ and all are welcome. We are not a discipleship ministry but an outreach ministry. Which means we do not stand up and preach and we do not have small groups.

Instead we have professional Christian athletes come and speak on campus. We plan activities such as broom ball, rock climbing, ultimate frisbee, bike trips, video scavenger hunts. In addition we have intercollegiate Christian athletes on campus share about their awesome relationships with Jesus Christ.

Many UOP students go to the “Crosswalk” service and about 300 to 350 people show up on a typical Sunday morning in the Gym. At First Baptist we are given the opportunity to plug into a small group or a ministry.

We have a great desire to meet other Christian and non-Christian intercollegiate and recreational athletes on campus. So meet us on Sunday mornings at 10:40 am at the flag pole on Pacific Ave. We will pray at the flag pole and walk down the street to First Baptist.

We are planning a broom ball activity on October 26, at Oak Park Skating Arena, off of Oak Park in Stockton. Cost is three dollars and this includes a raffle ticket.

The event starts at 10 pm. Look for flyers for the most current information and directions. If you want to reserve yourself a ticket for broom ball and have any questions regarding the activity, please call Peter at 932-4142.

If you have any questions regarding the club email us at fcatigers@hotmail.com. Check out our website at http://rock.eng.uop.edu/student/jring/fca/fca.htm

We can’t wait to meet you!

President Justin Perry

Hillel

Hillel is the new Jewish organization on campus. We are an educational, social and religious/cultural group. We hope to embrace and share who we are with the whole UOP community. We will accomplish this by opening our doors and asking you to participate in our programs. Coming up we have:

- Rosh Hashanah services—September 30
- Kol Nidre services—October 8
- Yom Kippur—October 9

Break Fast—October 9 Shabbat Dinner and services on—October 20

Museum of Tolerance—TBA

Israel Trip—Winter Break

Want to visit other colleges, check out other Hillels. Join us on our Highway to Hillel road trips around California. Connect with other schools, students, and traditions as we explore what is Hillel?

AmeriCorps on campus

America’s Promise has an AmeriCorps member by the name of Tanya Anderson, who is working on the UOP Campus. Focusing on opportunities for young people to serve in their communities, this program has a wealth of connections with services for children that are eager to involve UOP students as tutors, mentors, coaches, etc.

You can reach Tanya every Thursday & Friday, Room 203 located in Colliver Hall within in Morris Chapel. Call now to find out how you can get involved for the upcoming “Make A Difference Day” on Saturday, October 28, 2000.

As long as some are not represented, we are not whole.

Association of Campus Ministries

Representatives of the following faith-based organizations meet monthly to encourage and support each other as we find ways to provide opportunities for spiritual growth to all UOP students.

As you look at this list, if you do not see a representative of your faith tradition (Hindu, Buddhist, or many others) and would like to be a part of creating a community of faith for others who believe as you do, please contact the Chaplain at 946-2326 or any of the people or organizations listed below.

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Catholic
Newman House
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951-0881

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Chi Alpha
Cheena Kumar
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Christian Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Justin Perry
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Christian InterVarsity
Jerry and Kelly Haraguchi
946-2326

Methodist
Bishops Scholars
Ben Scheffield
946-2325

Environmentalist
Anderson Y/SEA/
Char Wilson 946-2444

Jewish
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Lament/Greg Rishe
946-2549

Muslim
Muslim Students Association
Faria Chohan 946-2326

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Muslim Student Association

The Muslim Students Association at UOP is a culturally diverse group of students who come together with a common goal-to expand people's knowledge of Islam.

The mission of the MSA is to help people understand what Islam is really about and to get rid of the stereotypes that today's society has produced. In this process, club members hope to gain a more firm understanding of Islam themselves, while also allowing people to truly see what Islam has to offer.

However, the club not only seeks to act as a tool for explaining the Islamic vision, but also hold social events so that Muslim students can get to know more people on the UOP campus. Some of the activities that the club has participated in are dinner banquets, potluck dinners and lunches, bowling, coffee night, and several others. The events that MSA holds are intended to expose Islam to other people.

Information about Islam

Islam is the Arabic word for peace. Islam is the acceptance of the teachings and guidance of God as revealed to Prophet Muhammad(pbuh). Allah is the name for God in Arabic. Muslims live by the Five Pillars of Islam: the declaration of faith which calls them to bear witness that there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is His messenger, prayer five times daily, fasting during the holy month of Ramadan, annually give money to the less fortunate, and to make a pilgrimage to Mecca once in a lifetime.

Ramadan is a holy month in which Muslims are required to abstain from food, drink, and sexual activity each day from sunrise until sunset. This month also requires that Muslims remind themselves of evil intentions or desires, and strives to teach love, sincerity and devotion. Although it is often difficult for Muslims to fast each day for an entire month, Ramadan teaches Muslims virtues such as patience, selflessness, will power, and allows them to have a sound social conscience. It reminds Muslims of those who are deprived of the basic life necessities on a daily basis, and for a period allows Muslims to realize the suffering of the hungry and the poor. This year Ramadan falls at the end of November until the end of December. This determination is based on a lunar cycle.

The pilgrimage to Mecca is one of the most important pillars in Islam, because it allows Muslims from all over the world to unite in one place to declare their faith. Pilgrimage gives an opportunity to all Muslims to meet other Muslims. This pilgrimage is known as Hajj to Muslims. The time for Hajj is always approximate two months and ten days after the last day of Ramadan.

A Festival of Lights

An inter-faith Winter Holiday

Sunday, December 10 in the late afternoon, we gather as a community to celebrate the many traditions that we each hold close during this holiday season.

We would be honored to have you, your friends and family, join us at the pillars to wander the campus.

We will carry candles and sing songs from all traditions in their original languages.

We want to share this special event with all. We will then join the faculty at the home of President DeRosa.

As a group, a collective spirit, we will gather, students staff, administration, and faculty to enter the Chapel as one.

After a brief service, we will continue our journey out to the festival of Lights ceremony where we will light the holidays as a UOP family.

A new faith community is forming!

October 20th Morris Chapel
www.startchurch.org
Multi-sensory worship style
For more information call 948-1578
Small groups beginning October 4th
Preview service October 20th

"Imagine a faith community that is affected more by the grace of Jesus Christ than by the culture."
Welcome to Newman Catholic Community


Retreat October 20-22

Take the weekend off from Stockton and come with us to Madonna of Peace in Copperopolis. Talk to God, make some new friends, and punch up your faith life. $35. per person.

November 17th Thanksgiving Dinner Newman-style!

Prepared fresh with the finest ingredients; the succulent fruit of labor of Father David & friends 6 PM. It’s good... real good

Taize simple Christian meditative prayer and chant

Fridays @ 7:15 PM
September 29, October 27, December 15

Understanding Jesus through film

(Front line series PBS)
"From Jesus to Christ: the first Christians"

September 15th - The mystery of Jesus and his mission
September 22nd - The rise of Christianity
November 3rd - The impact of the gospels
November 10th - The growth of Christianity

Pilgrimage to the California Missions

October 13th- (Friday) Movie: "Inside the California Missions"
October 14th- (Sat) Trip to California Mission at Carmel (San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo)
November 18th- Trip to California Mission at Sonoma (San Francisco) + (Sonoma Wine Country)
December 9th- Mission trip to San Francisco de Asis (Spend a day in San Francisco)

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship (XA)

Where, When: We meet every Friday night at 8:00pm in the Pine Room in the upstairs area of the McCaffrey Center (Across from the summit)

Consists of: Fun, fellowship, friendships, Bible studies/small groups, worship, teaching, community service, retreats with other college Chi Alpha groups, mission trips

We are a group of students who have purpose and vision, committed to making a difference at UOP and abroad. We exist as a student organization to help people find peace and hope in God through Jesus Christ, while we grow together in our own faith, knowledge, and love of God. Every time we get together, our goal is to meet with God, know God more, and meet each other’s needs. There are a lot of things in life that are just too big to carry yourself. That’s why we believe in building strong friendships with each other and building a stronger relationship with God that will help us through those tough times. You may not know anything about God or the bible, or you may have been a Christian for years. In either case, you will find support, encouragement, and a place to belong in Chi Alpha. Everyone is welcome! Come and check us out!

“XA is a welcoming place where everyone can find support, friendships, and lots of love.”

-Mari Wepperecht

More questions? website: www.bigfoot.com/~uopxa
E-mail: uopxa@bigfoot.com
Write to: Chi Alpha
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Stockton, CA 95204
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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

One in ten people are gay, lesbian, or bisexual. The following is a partial list of the community of faculty, staff, and students who support the civil rights of all people, regardless of sexual orientation.


Thank you to those who make our campus a safe place for ALL students.
*This is not a comprehensive list of those who support gay, lesbian or bisexual students.

The Pacific Gay Straight Alliance would like to thank the sponsors of this message; Assistant Provost Heather Mayne, and Celebrate Diversity Committee.

The Pacific Gay Straight Alliance presents:

“A Forum for Understanding”
featuring a panel of students and faculty for National Coming Out Day.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 @ 8pm McCaffrey Theatre

For more information email uopgsa@hotmail.com or call Cynthia Krieger, 463-5002
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Restaurant Review

Tandoori Nites offers a new experience

MICHELLE-ELIZABETH VALLE
Staff Writer

Location: 8102 Kelley Dr. Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday
Cash or credit card

Tandoori Nites, located at the shopping center next to In-Shape City on Hammer Lane and I-5, offers excellent dishes in Indian cuisine.

The restaurant opened in 1993 by current owner, Jasbir Singh. It is a family owned and operated business that has a large dining area as well as a special area for personal parties.

Tandoori Nites offers quite a selection of dishes ranging in price from $5.95 for the lunch buffet to $12.50 for individual combination dinners.

Movie Review

Perfect movie, perfect season for Titans

TAMMY GONZALES
Assistant A&E Editor

Stars: Denzel Washington
Will Patton
Director: Boaz Yokim
Rated: PG

Lunchtime at the restaurant is from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is a buffet style set up against the back wall for those who want to sample many of the Indian dishes that Tandoori Nites has on their menu. On Sunday, the brunch buffet is $7.95 and is from noon to 2:30 p.m.

There are 15 items on their lunch menu including dishes like the Tandoori chicken, massala, and pillau rice. Lunch here is a great way to taste Indian cuisine without committing yourself to one single dish. The Sunday brunch buffet has 16 items including unlimited champagne.

Tandoori Nites lets all of its customers know that, “Coming [here] to dine will be an adventure in alternative dining.” Here “dinners are individually prepared mild, medium or hot for the discriminating taste.” For those who don’t have a taste for spicy, mild is highly recommended. Though the medium spicy dishes aren’t too bad to go with either.

Many dishes on the menu are made with chicken, lamb, and duck. A military approach is the approach Washington has to take in “Remember the Titans” story on and off the field. This is who’s your daddy? This one of the first questions Coach Herman Boone (Denzel Washington) asks his players. Their answer, “You are sir!”

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Top Ten

Top Ten Failed Reality Shows for the Fall Season

10) Who wants to be a crack addict?
9) Five men in a room who don’t speak the same language
8) Survivor I: In South Stockton
7) The REAL World: Find out what happens when 7 students graduate and have to face college debts and entry-level jobs
6) What’s Darva Conger doing this week?
5) When good food turns bad!
4) School Rules: Follow the lives of 5 engineering students trying to stay awake during ENGR 122: Thermodynamics.
3) El Television’s: Wild in Cancun, hosted by Al Gore
2) 24 hr. surveillance footage of your local 7-11
1) John TV: The Series

Compiled by Brad Franca
**Fall Film Series 2000**

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"Mulan"

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**Restaurant**  
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Seafood or vegetables. There are no beef or pork dishes because of religious beliefs. In order to acquaint us to what Indian cuisine was like, my companion and I decided to get the dinner for two. The dinner for two can come as vegetarian, which costs $18.95, or as non-vegetarian, which costs $22.95. We went for the non-vegetarian dinner. The non-vegetarian includes mulligatawny soup, tandoori chicken, boti kabab, chicken masala, allo matar, pilau rice and naan.

Mulligatawny soup is a thick orange colored soup, which is similar to chowder and chicken soup. It contains chicken pieces and a few herbs and spices. The tandoori chicken is a type of skilet dish. The chicken was marinated with herbs and cooked in a tandoor, which is a type of clay oven. The amount of pieces depends on how many people there are to a dish. My companion and I received two pieces each. The chicken is placed ornately on a bed of onions on a hot skillet. In the center of the chicken were four pieces of lamb. Chicken masala is a type of curry dish. Generous portions of chicken are cooked in a special curry sauce. It is served topped with fresh oregano. Allo matar is a similar dish, but contains fresh peas instead of chicken. The pillau rice is saffron flavored rice garnished with peas. Naan is a type of leavened bread. The naan was freshly made in the restaurant. All of the dishes we had above can be ordered separately. Much of the food is at a reasonable price for many UOP students on a budget.

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**A&E**

October 6  
Physical Plant Fundraiser  
for Francine Basurto  
Dinner, dancing, raffle  
UOP Callison Dining Room

October 6  
Jazz, Folk Concert for  
American Cancer Society at  
Mills College  
8 p.m.  
$12.50

October 11  
Barnes & Noble  
Jefferson's Children  
7 p.m.  
Weberstown Mall

October 20, 21, 27 and 28  
"School for Scandal"  
Long Theatre  
8 p.m.

October 22  
The Everedy Brothers,  
7:30 p.m.  
Fox Theatre

October 27-29  
"The Secret Garden"

Another dinner combination is Thali. Thali can come as non-vegetarian ($19.95) or vegetarian ($17.95). The non-vegetarian Thali comes with salad with house dressing, tandoori chicken, rogan josh (lamb cubes in a blend of tomatoes and spices), mattr paner (similar to the allo matar), navaratana korma (a creamy vegetable dish), raita, pillau, papadum and pooris. Along with the usual beverages of soda, beer and wine, Tandoori Nites offers various types of Indian drinks such as masala tea, mango juice and lassi. Lassi is a type of yogurt drink served sweet or salted, depending on the customer's preference.

The ambiance was a mix of friendly service and an old style Indian feel. Many artistic Indian paintings decorated the walls and authentic Indian music played in the background. I give Tandoori Nites a rating of four out of five for excellent food and service.

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Robert Altman’s newest film praises women

Robert Altman has done it again with his surreal spin on love, and relationships in his newest film “Dr. T and the Women.”

With a number of great films in his wake such as “The Player”, “Nashville”, “Kansas City” and the “Raymond Carveresque Short Cuts”, the four-time Oscar nominee is no stranger to successful cinema.

The film has been nominated for a Golden Lion award at the Venice film festival and is sure to be recognized in the others as well.

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It seems as though this is the cause of all his problems. His wife Kate, played by Farrah Fawcett, is stricken with a rare disorder as she retreats into a child-like state. The Psychiatrist tells Dr. T that Kate’s illness is a result of being loved too much.

Now everything that Dr. T has striven for seems a bit weak of completion as the result of his kindness. Torn between his loyal love for his wife and daughters and the search for his own happiness, Dr. T finds himself in unfamiliar territory.

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Oddly, the film is a rather pro-women look at love. Richard Gere is the only male character given any depth in the film and he is constantly under the power of women. There are many strong women in the film who bring about a strong and positive image of women.

Helen Hunt plays Bree, a pro golfer who aids Dr. T in his troubles. She exudes confidence and is in no way altered by his charm or power.

There are a number of women who do fall under the stereotypical guise of the upper class snob, yet this is in regards to Altman’s satirizing of them.

Even the few men that are in the film are constantly viewed as having the typical male attitude of insignificance toward women’s problems.

The best parts of the film are the little touches that make it Altman’s own. The tornado scene at the end is a bit extreme and borders on the lines of “The Wizard of Oz”, yet we can’t forget that Altman in his earlier days directed films like “A Wedding”, his 1978 film and “Shortcuts”, Altman examines the diversity of personality types and their relations within a variety of social and cultural situations.

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CD Review

KHALEDA ATTA
A&E Editor

The Chicago-based indie rock band, The Blue Meanies, recently released their latest CD, entitled, *The Post Wave*, giving fans a taste of punk rock musicians who use an array of instruments such as organs, horns, keyboards, slide guitars and megaphones. Their CD boasts 13 new hits, including the more renowned "Chemicals," "All the Same," and "She Breathes Fire."

The Blue Meanies may seem like the average rock band but with further exploration, one finds that they are anything but that.

This energetic, reality-focused band bases their music not just on entertainment but their lyrics portray their feelings on social issues affecting us all everyday.

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Popeye and MASH.

This is not to say that the elements do not work, they do in a way that only Altman could get them to.

The bizarre plot twists are constantly altering the viewers' perceptions and feelings towards the characters.

The ending of the film reaches new heights in cinematic allowance as the birth scene brings the entire film back to the idea of a fresh start on life.

Where "Look Who's Talking" starts, "Dr. T and the Women" finish in groundbreaking imagery that will either amaze or disgust the viewer.

The film does not answer any questions of love or provide any information into the meaning of the word, but it does manage to show the diversity of love and its affects.

For example, "Chemicals" was written as a dedication to "ozone holes, asbestos, drugs, pesticides, toxins, cancer...and mutant fish swimming through sludge." Not your everyday music. Another song entitled, "Do the Tightbelt," is a dance song for the "poor who get poorer, but keep happy and hopeful hearts." Doesn't exactly make you feel warm and fuzzy inside but its melodic tempo sure can get you groovin'. "Big Brothers Watching" is an up-beat punk anthem alerting fans to those who make special use of spy-cameras, hidden cameras, microphones, phone taps, and computer tracking systems. "Let the paranoia set in my friends," comments the band.

Vocalist Billy Spunke noted in an interview, "We don't want to appear preachy, because we don't have the answers. But we do have a perspective and point of view, and we like to think that people can gain some important insight with our music."

The Blue Meanies are without a doubt, not your average rock band. Their music is fun, enjoyable and easy-going yet contemplative and screaming social hysteria. Through past performances and albums, the group has built itself up a reputation of a "garage-punk outfit [group]," shaking its claim in the underground music scene by slamming together twisted thrash and hardcore styles and showcasing a frontline who sings through a megaphone, spazes out onstage and is capable of inciting riots. One thing is for sure—this band means business when they're ready to sing. Some of their more recent albums include, *Full Throttle* (Thick Records 1997) and *Pigs* (Thick Records 1999). Now, with *The Post Wave*, these meanies have managed to yet again grab fans' souls and shed some "bizarro punk" light on the world of music.

The Blue Meanies are a "different" band whose music can be characterized as unique, opinionated, and refreshing with a light, harmonic undertone. Their latest album truly shows their progress throughout the past decade of partialing in the music industry. For more information on The Blue Meanies, or for tour dates, visit their web site at www.blue-meanies.com.

"The Blue Meanies" will attract fans with their different musical perspectives that will either amaze or disgust the viewer.
Water polo sinks at home

PACIFCAN

In the battle for Northern California water polo supremacy the Tigers fell perilously behind the pack over the weekend, suffering losses at home to both no. 4 California and no. 5 Stanford.

Looking sharp early against Cal, Pacific took a 3-1 lead into halftime after outscoring the Bears 2-0 in the second quarter on goals by senior Chris Spence and junior Sasha Maese.

Coming out of the intermission however, it would be the Bears, not typically thought of as especially water-mobile creatures, who would turn the tide.

Taking it to the Tigers 4-0 in the third quarter, Cal looked to be pulling away, stretching their lead to 6-3 early in the fourth quarter.

Trying to stage one last comeback, the Tigers pulled to within one at 7-6, and with just 6:03 left fired off a prayer that this time would not be answered.

Hoping for better results against Stanford, the Tigers played a tough first half, nearly matching the Cardinal blow for blow, going into the intermission down just one 5-4, and only trailing because Cardinal senior Peter Osborn fired home a score with just 2:25 remaining.

Though in what seems to be an unfortunate developing trend for Pacific, the Tigers were again shut down in the third as Stanford went up 8-4 after three.

Senior goalkeeper Ryan Brown kept Pacific in the game on the strength of a career second-best 17 saves, though once again the Tigers would fight a valiant comeback effort in the fourth, and would once again fall just short, losing the contest 9-7.

This weekend the Tigers look to exact their revenge as they travel to Stanford to take on the Cardinal on Saturday before returning home to host the UC Davis Aggies on Sunday.

Things look mixed for the no. 11 Tigers as Stanford is just 2-2 at home, but the Aggies have earned three of their five wins on the road.
Pacific field hockey falls to Cal in home match-up

JULIE WEINBERG
Staff Writer

Remember when the Russian submarine sunk and people around the world were perplexed, and basically left in a state of confusion and terror? There weren't any answers and there was no way of helping the ship to come back up. Supposedly, the Russians were hiding something and didn't want the assistance of Americans.

During the past five field hockey games, the 23 young women who play for the Tigers have basically sunk their ship. Just like the Russian submarine, there aren't any answers and in this case, we're hoping that the Tigers are hiding a "secret" play and it will be evident in the games to come. The difference between the Tigers and the Russians is that the ladies have the power, persistence and knowledge to get back up, get back into the game and start winning.

Saturday, Sept. 30 might have been the last day of the month, although it was certainly not the last day for the Tigers to show their pride and skill as field hockey players. The season can only get better from here. The Tigers faced long time rival, Cal Berkley Bears and lost an unlucky match, trailing behind one goal.

Though this sounds somewhat repetitive, truthfully, the Tigers did play an incredibly strong game, dominating the two 35 minute halves and allowing the ball to remain predominately in the Bears' territory.

The Bears did a great job of hibernating throughout the course of the last half, although it was certainly not the last half for the Tigers to show their pride and skill as field hockey players. The season can only get better from here. The Tigers faced long time rival, Cal Berkley Bears and lost an unlucky match, trailing behind one goal.

Sophomore, Ashley Murin said, "we dominated the game and played with all of our hearts and soul. The only thing we lacked was the power to finish, to score. If scoring wasn't an issue, we would have won this game. This comes to no surprise to Beth Vechinski who tried numerous times to shoot at the goal while slightly misdirecting an inch too far right or left and unable to score. This did not deter Vechinski, her efforts to keep fighting were evident as she played the game with pure intensity."

The shots that were saved by Cal were intense, hard shots. The Bears' keeper was far too pumped up, "I love the game so much and playing against Cal, one our biggest opponents, I can't refrain from playing."

Junior Giovanna Trippi was a main executor in moving the ball up the right side of the field. The performance of Trippi, among other players, far better than anything we have seen this season.

All and all, the game was excellent way to prepare for the next two weeks. Cal was perfect opponent prior to getting back East because of their quick passing. Sophomore Nicolette Wiegand said, "It was a great game, especially the upcoming trip to Rhode Island is looking positive. We have 8 games in the next 16 days. We are pumped up!"
Tennis Preview
Back in Court
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While the weather may be cooling down, the men's tennis team will soon be heating up the courts, smacking yellow fuzzies for winners.

Pacific looks to improve on last season which saw a 13-9 record, 5-3 in Big West play.

"Last season we lost all of the close matches," head coach Guido Baumann explained. "The goal this year is to win those tight matches."

The Tigers return several key players from last year's team, including Junior Dietrich Haug who advanced to the second round in the ITA Clay Court Championships before losing in the third set on September 21. Senior Tobias Abrahamsson looks to serve up some aces in order to improve his 13-8 singles record from a year ago.

Junior Brian Sherwood hopes to finally come into his own this season, after seeing two years of limited action. "Brian has the best attitude on the team," Baumann said. "He continues to improve with every match."

Pacific continues play with the Bulldog Classic held in Fresno on Oct. 6-8, and their first home match is the Stock-coverage.com invitational held Oct. 13-15.

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spur on a Pacific defense that would end the night with more blocks than Lego, holding Long Beach State to a .254 hitting percentage, 40 full points below their season average.

"We kinda commit suicide out there on the court... right now we can make just about anybody look pretty good," said Long Beach head coach Brian Gimmillaro, whose team was expected to be beaten, especially after losing in the three sets on September 11. Somewhere Dikembe Mutombo is applauding.

In the huge victory, nearly everybody on the court for Pacific had a huge game. Not the least of which being Goeders who recorded the third highest single match total for blocks in Pacific history with 11. Somewhere Dikembe Mutombo is applauding.

Also in on the act were Joines with 16 kills, six blocks, junior Courtney Miller with 17 kills to go with 14 digs and a pair of aces, and senior Danielle Shinn who broke off a team-high 19 kills to compliment her 15 digs and four blocks. Fellow senior Kara Gormsen also made an impact all around with 64 assists, 15 digs, five blocks and two more aces.

This weekend Pacific volleyball fans are in for another treat as the Tigers will host and attempt to hand a first conference loss to Utah State, the same team who fell to Pacific in the Big West Conference championship game a season ago.

Up first though, the Tigers host another Big West match with the Broncos of Boise State on Thursday at 7:00 from the Spanos Center, and then meet up with Utah State at the same time Saturday night.

Dietrich Haug is expected to contribute to the coming season.
Tigers to Long Beach: Not in our house

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There are but three words suitable to describe the volleyball action of this past weekend. Believe the hype.

Saturday night was one that saw the top four teams in the Big West, arguably the toughest volleyball conference in the country, all going at each other for a chance to lay claim to league superiority.

With Utah State destroying UC Santa Barbara in three, Pacific and Long Beach State were left to slug it out in the latest installment of the old rivalry. Though before the Tigers and 49ers could get it on, there was the small matter of Fullerton State to be addressed Thursday night.

In a match that could very easily have been overlooked in anticipation of Long Beach on Saturday, Pacific instead decided to use the Titans the way Barry Bonds does a batting practice pitcher in warming up for the big game.

If the old adage holds true that there is no “I” in team, the Tigers did their part to prove its validity. The three game Pacific victory (15-2, 15-4, 15-6) took just 55 minutes and saw ten different Tigers record kills, eight recorded at least one block, another seven were good for an assist, and all twelve who played recorded a dig.

As a team Pacific hit at an absolutely unreal .429 clip for the match while allowing the Titans and measly .093, and perhaps most encouraging of all was the 25 block performance put on by the Tigers, led by sophomore Elaine Goeders who was good for six of them.

“We have spent a lot of time on blocking,” said Goeders. “Tonight we really saw the benefit of that.”

And slowly off in the distance one could begin to hear the approaching sounds of Wagner’s “Ride of the Valkyries” as the invasion of the Beach grew ever closer. Though this time it would not be the invading outsiders who prevailed, but rather the overwhelming defense forces of the awaiting Tigers. I love the smell of volleyball in the evening.

If this match had been a heavyweight fight and the three games the judges, each scored the contest a unanimous victory in Pacific’s favor, 16-14, 15-13, 15-9. Though make no mistake, if there were more hard fought three game victory in the last decade, I have yet to hear of it.

The match was three games, just as the Fullerton State match had been, yet with Long Beach it took twice as long (1:52) to settle things, and with neither team ever able to take control of the momentum of the game until the end, even as the Tigers went up 2-0, the match was still very much up for grabs.

“Since the first day of practice I’ve heard of the great Cheryl Weaver,” said freshman Jennifer Joines.

And while it was Weaver, match-high 19 kills that had bucked the potent 49ers offensively, Joines would be heroes and her defensive counterparts would own the day.

Joines and Goeders helped.

Misty Swalls and Danielle Shinn team up on the defense.

Soccer

Tigers back on track

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The Pacific women’s soccer team improved to 7-3-1 overall and 2-0-0 in the Big West with a 3-2 victory over UC Irvine on Friday Sept. 29, and a thrilling 2-1 win versus Cal State Fullerton on Sunday Oct. 1.

Both games were hard fought victories for the Tigers who had to fight off constant scoring from the opposition. Both teams showed toughness and tested the Tigers throughout the games.

“Irvine is a tough team,” said head coach Keith Coleman, “but we managed to stay ahead the entire game.”

The first of the Tiger’s big goals Friday night was actually a freebie courtesy of Irvine mid-fielder Natalie Frankhuff who headed the ball in for the Anteaters. However the next two goals did not come as easy for the Tigers, who were challenged the entire night by a resilient Anteater team. A goal by freshman Abbie Partch (Albuquerque, NM) gave the Tigers 2-0 lead going into the half.

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