This Week...

Paula and Porno ........ p.6
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Jill Sobule to perform during
homecoming, p.10
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"Super Model" from the Clue-
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Pink Pearl.

Weekend

WEATHER

Friday
Partly cloudy with a high of
81 and low of 47

Saturday
Mostly sunny with a high of
79 and a low of 45

Sunday
Mostly sunny with a high of
78 and low of 45

Pacific Homecoming goes wild

Andrea Slaman of Alpha Phi paints a McCaffrey Center window to kick off Greek Week. The
Homecoming Festival will take place this Saturday on Knoxes Lawn from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

National Commission formed

"All of [the alumni] have been
incredibly positive. They remember
close relations to faculty and are
happy to see that those still exist."

-Dr. Gene Pearson
Dept. of
Geosciences

then the meetings have been
by panel groups in order to
more specifically focus on
each school's needs. The 25-
40 members of each panel
work toward defining their
particular school's priorities
and the ways in which they
use measurable indicators
to gauge progress.
Each panel is particularly
concerned with the quality of
student life and getting alumni
reconnected with what is
important to the current stu-
dents and their success.

Pearson mentioned that the
new student center is dis-
cussed in the co-curricular
panel meetings and current
students are a part of this pan-
el in order to give the alumni
and faculty a better idea of the
real issues for students.

According to Pearson, one
of the main goals of the all the
panels is to "tap into a knowl-
edge base."

Since each panel is chaired
by a non-university affiliated
community member, the uni-
versity is exposed to "external
views on UOP," said Pearson.
These external views are
meant to provide a more ob-
jective look at UOP's
strengths and weaknesses.

Another goal of the com-
misions is to make UOP more
attractive to incoming stu-
dents and to potential em-
ployers of UOP graduates.

With this goal in mind, the
commission has many alumni
members as panel chairs or
panel participants who rep-
resent a wide variety of pro-
essional fields. With their ex-
periences and alumni / com-
unity relations. All other
schools at the university are
part of joint panels.
The entire commission met
as a group in March and since

Losing streak ends ........ p.16
Due to last week's long week-
end, the majority of UOP
packed up weekend bags, fed
their cars with gas and headed
home. For 23 field hockey
players including a few special
and dedicated fans, Saturday
morning was a day to pack up
a bag consisting of shin guards,
cleats, kilts, jerseys and fill
their hearts with spirit, dedica-
tion and hope.

Register
Online

CHRIS HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

In a move to better serve
the students of Pacific, the
registrar's office is now of-
f ering online registration
beginning this semester. This
comes after a test phase
taking place last semester,
successfully registering
1,516 unique students to the
site. Bundled together with
Banner software, this novel
registration method antici-
pates increased efficiency
and greater student acces-
sibility.

"We're moving towards
online registration and
we'd like everyone to give it
a try," said Rob Brodnick,
Records and Research Offi-
cer and Assistant Professor
in the School of Business.
Student convenience and
increased communication
are his number one goals in
instituting such a project.

Convenience appears to
be key, as the MyPacific
pipeline website has been
up and running since the
beginning of the current se-
mester. In theory, students
should already be familiar
with this school-wide soft-
ware and should be com-
fortable in using it to regis-
ter for classes.

Students will be receiv-
ing a handout detailing the
online process with their
registration packets, avail-
able in the registrar's office.
The procedure is thorough-
ly explained and broken down
into a simplified process. The proposed sys-
tem will require students to
follow several links, fill in
their desired class codes,
and finally approve the
course schedule they have
selected.

Special permission class-
es and those classes that are
full will still require a trip
to the registrar's office.
However, all forms avail-
abe...
Stewart gives and receives education at Pacific

JAGDIP DHILLON & MICHELLE-ELIZABETH VALLE
Guest Writers

Born of African immigrant parents, Professor Mark Stewart has had a long and fascinating journey to get to UOP. Born in South Africa, Stewart lived in Namibia and San Jose and San Francisco. Stewart lived only nine months in the U.S. before moving to Rustenburg, South Africa with his parents. There he grew up in a country that was racially divided.

“I had a strange childhood, my father was routinely arrested for sympathizing with the black community,” he said.

South Africa had a system of drafting young men who had just completed high school into the military. After all of Stewart’s registration experiences with the government in his childhood, this idea did not appeal to him. “I could not see myself fighting for such an immoral government,” he said.

Getting an American education also appealed to him so he moved back to Santa Cruz in 1982. He enrolled in Bethany College and received a B.A. in Social Sciences. He then received his M.A. in Cross-Cultural studies at Fuller Seminary School in Pasadena. With this education, Stewart decided it was time to go back to Africa.

Back in South Africa, he relocated to Namibia, a state in South Africa. He became involved in charity work through Assemblies of God and eventually became a minister enough to become a minister in 1988.

In Namibia, Stewart was the head of a church from 1988 to 1997. He was not only the minister of the church, but also the Dean at a local school set up by the church. His duties also included doing radio and television broadcasts to get the word of the church out to the public.

During the time of his stay in Namibia he also was able to travel around the world and meet other church leaders. They were all impressed with what Stewart was doing.

“I had the opportunity to go all around Europe, India, Korea and Brazil,” he said. “It was a great learning experience and it was also very fun.” He traveled for ministry work and vacation.

Eventually Stewart felt that he had accomplished everything he could in the church and it was time to move on. He also saw a bigger need in his adopted homeland. “I felt education could help more people and it is the biggest need in South Africa,” he said.

With that in mind, Stewart came back to Stockton in 1998. He teaches Mental and Mentor II here and History of Western Religion at San Joaquin Delta College. “I really enjoy teaching and feel blessed to do it here at UOP,” he said.

Stewart came to UOP because he had earlier visited the campus. He liked the history of Pacific - the fact that it was the oldest chartered school on the West Coast. He also liked the School of Education program.

With all of this success a constant change in his life, Stewart is not done moving. He is working on his doctorate in education here so he can go back to South Africa. “That definitely the plan, I plan moving back and improving education in South Africa,” he said.

In the future Brodnick envisions the registration website to be “a one stop shop for communications, services and convenience.” He wants to “move away from the campus myth” and provide all the services students require in one online registration process.

Last year physical therapy senior Jenelyn Perella did not take part in the online registration process. She was concerned with problems that might have arisen with the confirmation of her classes. However this year she claimed, “I’ll use it if it’s guaranteed not to have problems.” She claims that she has used the website already to register for classes.

The Pacific is a daily student newspaper, serving the students of the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. Since 1882 the Pacific has been the voice of the student body and a vital part of campus life.

**Activist to speak**

The Pacific

Most college students are sensitive enough to know that drinking and driving don’t mix. Most of those same students, however, give far less thought to another alcohol-related behavior that can be just as life-threatening: unprotected sex.

“My job is to help students make the connection between alcohol and sex, and the consequences we’re likely to face when we mix the two,” said college lecturer Joel Goldman.

Goldman shares stories from his own college experience to illustrate his message. “I remember one morning I woke up and discovered I’d gotten stitches in my leg,” Goldman said. “And if that weren’t enough, I wasn’t alone in my bed! I had no idea how either of these things had occurred.”

Approximately 80 percent of all sexual assaults on campus involve alcohol, and alcohol plays a significant role in a multitude of other campus problems as well. Given these statistics, Goldman feels there is no more important topic to be discussing on college campuses today. Students must begin talking honestly about the problems caused by excessive alcohol use, Goldman said.

“There is no judgment anywhere in this presentation, and the point is not to get students to stop drinking altogether. Instead, I hope to give them some tools they can use to make better decisions,” Goldman said.

Goldman has been speaking to college students about risky behavior for more than six years. He is the recipient of top national awards for his work in educating college students.

Goldman will present “Sex, Under the Influence” tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

**Public Safety Report**

**October 1-7**

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Job and Internship Fair a success for everyone

JESSICA C. CORLEY
News Editor

Students looking for jobs and companies looking for students—that's what went on at the Job and Internship Fair that was held on the floor of the Spanos Center last Wednesday, Oct. 11. This event brought over 60 different companies to Pacific for students to meet and find potential jobs or internships.

"We are extremely pleased with the interest shown by both the employers and the students for this event," said Mary Ford, Director of the Career and Internship Center on campus. "No other single event has the potential of having virtually hundreds of employers and students professionally interacting with each other under one roof."

The Fair was held from 1-4 p.m. last Wednesday afternoon and some of the companies that came to meet students included Apple Computer, Cisco Systems, Department of Justice, Foster Farms, Hewlett Packard, Pacific Bell and Wells Fargo Financial.

A lot of these companies have been to previous Job and Internship Fairs that UOP has held and are coming back to find more students from Pacific.

Begone Alvarez, Executive Assistant of KUVS Univision Channel 19, was at the Fair and she said her company has come to UOP before to hire students. Univision is a Spanish speaking television station based in Sacramento that also broadcasts to Stockton and Modesto. Of her goals for coming to the Fair, Alvarez said, "We came to help students know about Univision and we hire students from around the area for internships and sometimes students will even transfer from our station to other TV stations." She also said that Univision is the number one Spanish speaking station in the country.

There were quite a few technological companies represented at the Job and Internship Fair. One of these included Inreach Internet. Tim Westphal, Director of Sales for Inreach, said, "We've done other career fairs in the area and the reason we came to UOP is because we are an extremely fast growing company and we're trying to get more people to help us grow." Westphal also said that they have an office located off of March Lane in Stockton, very close to the Pacific campus.

Erica Pereira, Account Coordinator for Strategy Associates, Inc., a public relations company for high technology, said her company is "looking for people who can communicate well, both in their writing and verbal..."

ly and people who are outgoing, assertive, like to learn and are able to adjust to change." Strategy Associates is located in the Silicon Valley and is one of the fastest-growing public relations agencies serving high-technology companies," said as one of their flyers they were giving to interested students. Students also came to the Fair for specific reasons. Tuyen Bui, a junior business major, said, "I came because I'm looking for a summer internship and I wanted to get some hands-on experience in my field."

Jason Rosensteel, a second year senior who is getting a computer engineering degree, said, "I'm looking for a job for when I graduate and this is giving me a lot of exposure to different opportunities."

Commission

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perience in the work force, they are able to provide a better understanding of what it takes to train UOP students for those fields. In turn, this fine-tuning of program needs will hopefully make UOP programs more distinct to incoming students," said Pear-son.

The commission has been meeting since March and will have its final meeting in Jan. 2001. Thus far, faculty members have been pleased with the reactions of alumni in terms of university progress. "All of them have been incredibly positive," said Pear-son. "They remember close relations to faculty and are happy to see that those still exist."

As UOP moves into its 150th year, this commission focuses on improvement in all areas of the university.

The commission hopes that these improvements will bring greater appreciation from the community and alumni and will increase funding raising success, which will then increase the potential of future changes brought to UOP.
UOP among schools to protest situation in Israel

Chelsea Sime
Assistant News Editor

In what could easily be considered one of the greatest human rights violations in recent history, over 4,500 people have been wounded and over 120 killed in the civil disagreement that is currently going on in Jerusalem.

On Sept. 28, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon invaded Al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holiest site in Jerusalem, to declare Israel's control of the area. With Sharon arrived an army of approximately two thousand Israeli soldiers who continued to open fire in the middle of the Muslim congressional prayer, killing more than twenty civilians that day alone.

As the Israeli soldiers continue to fight using all levels of arseny, the Palestinians have been called out to defend their land with the only weapons they have: stones.

A large percentage of Palestinian victims are children under the age of twelve. Authorities have given Israeli soldiers permission to slaughter and burn the young and old alike.

McGeorge School of Law

Raft race and scholarships keep McGeorge busy

Kenny Garcia
Guest Writer

More than 250 students and friends participated in the annual McGeorge Raft Race on Sept. 23. Professors and the Associate Dean met the survivors at the end of the trek and handled the cooking chores.

Also Michelle Stowell and Laura Thorpe each won $5,000 scholarships from the Foundation of the State Bar of California. The awards were presented at a banquet on Sept. 14 at the annual State Bar Convention in San Diego.

It was the first time that two students from McGeorge were among the honorees. Stowell and Thorpe were among 28 state law students cited for dedication to public service and volunteerism.

Other scholarships were handed out to Mark and Ernest Tuttle: the recipients of the first McGeorge Environmental Improvement Scholarships. They are in charge of the school's recycling program.

The Recycling Committee will post new signs at its recycling sites on campus this semester so that users of their recycling canisters will have more information available to them.

To inform the public, Khairallah contacted both Channel 10 and Channel 6 news stations to come to the Pacific protest and then follow her on to Berkeley and Sacramento. Channel 10 ran a series documenting the issue and interviewing protesters at the various locations.

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She continued on to say, "This isn't just a religious war. They're killing kids."

One of many funeral processions in Israel during one of the greatest human rights violations

What impact does this have on Pacific students? For those Muslim and Jewish students, as well as anyone who is concerned about human rights injustices, a rather large one.

Amera Khairallah, a 1999 UOP graduate of political science and communication, organized a protest against these injustices on Oct. 5. in front of Burns Tower. Khairallah, who still lives in the Stockton area, wanted to expose Pacific students to something similar to those protests occurring around the world.

Unfortunately, an approximate ten people showed up for the mini-protest, which was meant to be a sort of prequel to the larger protests scheduled in Sacramento and Berkeley. At each of these larger venues attendance numbered in the hundreds.

Khairallah was born in Palestine and her father was there in the middle of this religious war until about a week ago. "It's our land," she said. "They've already taken away our pride, and our dignity, now they're trying to take away the one thing we have [the holy site]."

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To help, attend one of numerous weekly protests Friday at the capitol building in Sacramento and Saturday at the UC Berkeley campus.

For a related story, see "Peace Please" on page 6.

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Respondent: Dr. Lawrence Meredith, Professor Emeritus, Department of Religious Studies, UOP
EDITORIAL

Why drug companies are making us sick

When a doctor prescribes you a medication, you trust that his/her only intention is to make you well. You trust that prescription to be for the best possible medication. You hope it won’t be too expensive. If you’re lucky, you will have medical insurance to offset the cost of the prescription.

However, it’s very likely that you’re being unrealistic. Did you know that in many cases, doctors are prescribing the drugs made by the companies that give them the most kickbacks?

This is most certainly not always the case, but the drug companies are trying very hard to make their product the most attractive for physicians to prescribe, even if something far less expensive would have the same results. Who’s getting scammed? You.

You’ve probably wondered, why do prescription drugs cost so much? It’s a hot topic now especially since Democratic candidate Al Gore recently attacked the drug companies in his plan to bring prescription drug coverage to seniors.

The easy answer is, research and development. The drug manufacturers claim that they spend $500 million and 12 to 14 years in research before a drug can even be up for approval by the Food and Drug Administration. But even that figure does not account for how much the price of new medications has inflated over a few years.

Between 1995 and 1999, Americans spent $14 billion on advertising. More than doubled what they spent on prescription drugs, from $65 billion to $125 billion. Did the drug companies spend that much more in research and development in just the last few years? No. But what they did spend money on was advertising.

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Television and magazine advertising for prescription drugs is what happened to up drug prices, and drug spending. In 1998 the FDA removed controls on direct consumer advertising, and the drug companies ran wild.

Last year alone drug companies spent $14 billion on advertising and promotion. That figure comprises a 63 percent increase since 1997. The ten most heavily advertised drugs make up 22 percent of the increased drug spending between 1993 and 1998. Who’s covering the expenses? You, the consumer.

There’s just something unsavory about drug companies pushing their products. Now prescription medications are on the same rank with over the counter drugs like cold medications and pain relievers. By advertising, not only are they admitting to their strong drive for profit, they’re profiting from the admission.

Speaking of cold medications and pain relievers, Claritin and Celebrex, an allergy medication and pain reliever in that order, are the types of medications that are the most heavily advertised. Why? Because everyone can be convinced they need them.

The medications that are being advertised are for problems that anyone could think that they have (without even a doctor’s diagnosis). Or the advertisements are for non-essential medication. They treat you a medication, you trust.

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Hip-hop artists, do something positive with your fame

MICHELLE-ELIZABETH VALLE
Staff Writer

"In terms of what certain media outlets show you, it’s very one-dimensional. It’s not just hip-hop music - television and movies in general are very narrow. Sex, violence, the underworld, with junkies, prostitutes, alcoholics, gamblers. The new trend today is depravity. You’d be amazed at what people try and do.

It’s not President Clinton, Joe Lieberman, or George W. Bush. Mos Def, gold-album selling rapper who said this to NEWSWEEK several weeks ago. You can call it rap, hip-hop or even ghetto music. The fact of the matter is, this type of music is calling for an all-out orgy of violence, drugs and naked bodies. So where do we draw the line as to what is artistic expression and just bad taste?

Don’t get me wrong - I’m an avid fan of Eminem, Dr. Dre and the whole Ruff Ryders crew. I too believe that everyone has to have his or her share of free speech. Lately however, rap and the whole hip-hop scene haven’t been the same.

Many rappers used to sing about their woes when they were young and lived in the ghetto with only four dollars to their name and drug dealers around the corner. Now the same rappers are no longer poor.

In the Oct. 9 issue of NEWSWEEK, Samuels, Croal and Gates quote hip-hop journalist, Cheo Hodari Coker as saying, “We used to say, ‘If we had television exposure, access to magazines, all these things the white boys have, we’d be doing so much more. Now we have all that s-t and we’re not doing a damn thing with it.’”

Rappers with their new wealth now cap their teeth with white gold and platinum. They weigh themselves down with large tacky diamond encrusted amulets draped around their necks. They sport large garages full of Bentleys, Mercedes, and BMWs. MTV even featured rapper Master P’s home. His floors (including the pool) were all made of expensive marble.

His chandeliers were gold encrusted and imported from Italy.

So now that many rappers can’t sing about the life in the ghetto, there is nothing to sing about, right? Wrong, they’ve found new territory to breach. Dr. Dre believe it or not, tried to veer away from where hip-hop music has led us with his album, “Dr Dre presents... The Aftermath.” The themes of the album weren’t gangster rap, sex, or drugs - the album was about how tiring it was to sing about those things. Unfortunately, the album was a flop and Dre reverted back to rapping about violence, sex, drugs with his latest album “Chronic 2001.”

Not all of hip-hop’s artists have conformed to the man stream songs of sex, drugs and violent acts. Lauryn Hill sings about love and in Erykah Badu stills wonds where Tyrone is and Mary Blige stills sings about life and woes. Will Smith still refuses to incorporate profanity into his music and Wyclef Jean promotes a positive attitude.

Then again, can we blame rappers for their reflections of American society? They are singing what we want to hear - or, at least, what we wish to believe.

The point is that this type of music has no real purpose. There are a lot of young kids out there who may be able to express themselves through rapping and the whole hip-hop stance on these topics.

Paula and Porno

ERIN RUPPEL
Staff Writer

I thought we had seen enough of Paula Jones, but I guess I was wrong. Now, we get (I use this word sarcastically) to see it all - and I do mean all - in Penthouse magazine. Yes, that’s right. Paula Jones. Penthouse. Two words that should never be heard in the same sentence.

This is more than just gross. It is a symptom of an even bigger problem. What passes for okay in society today is a scary thing indeed. This woman charges Bill Clinton with sexually assaulting her, sending the message that she is more than just a piece of meat, and then poses in Penthouse. What a unique way to get her message across. I would say that most people see her appearance in a pornographic magazine as disgusting, but since the magazine seems to think people will buy it, I am probably wrong.

My point, however, is that it will probably not even cross most people’s minds what a horrible, immoral thing is going on here. It has become acceptable to change your mind and values every five seconds without any repercussions. Whatever is best for the situation is what people do. What about sticking by what you believe in?

Another example is Darva Conger, from “Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire.” She was only innocent and taken back until she posed for Playboy. When it suited her interests to be innocent, she was. When it suited her interests to be an exhibitionist, she was. It used to be that people believed that they acted on because they were the right thing to do, whether they were convenient or not. When our society is based on whims, it is based on nothing.

Or, as the philosopher Ayn Rand puts it, society “gives him (man) a blank check on values - that anything he wishes to pick as the good or evil, will do - that a man’s whim is a valid moral standard, and that the only question is how to get away with it.”

But it is not even a question of how to get away with it anymore. We as a society no longer ask for excuses, reasons, or justifications. We merely consent to everything, especially if it is done by a celebrity.

Since when did it become okay for anybody, from politicians to Ms. Nose Job herself, to change their message on a dime and not get called on it? Is there any semblance of honor, integrity, and loyalty left in this country? Or was it - like Paula, Monica, and knee-high socks - just another passing fad, straining to be remembered but hastily forgotten? I would like to believe otherwise. I would like to believe that people see the hypocrisy in others and, instead of rewarding it, punish it. But I guess I’m just old-fashioned like that.

Peace Please

[U-WIRE] People are dying in the streets of Gaza and the West Bank. For students with family besiegled by the conflict, the violence in the Middle East strikes close to home.

Everyone must be cognizant of that and work to ease anxieties these students harbor. Conflict on college campuses through insensitivity and anger should be avoided at all costs. Students should not allow passions to overflow into violence amidst heated debate and objectionable flyers covered with slogans bemoaning Palestinian motivations or Israeli reactions.

Across campuses, buzzwords like “ethnic cleansing,” “guerilla war” and “terrorism” make their way into conversation and placards, but students must realize the consequences and connotations those words carry. Words are very powerful in shaping perceptions. They must not be used to drive the community apart when what is so sorely needed is for students to come together.

Tensions are high; nerves are frayed. Now is the time to reinforce the idea that colleges and universities are safe havens from conflict - places where ideas and discussion carry the day, where violence and hatred have no audience.

What’s up with that?

Why does Public Safety park on the curb and watch our parties, while they still haven’t taken care of all of the trespassing 13 year-olds on skateboards and stunt bikes?

Midterms are over! Now there’s no excuse not to turn in your application to the third floor of Hand Hall and become an Opinion writer.
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Numerous people, both inside and outside the administration, are also saying that the Cole had no business refueling in a terrorist-prone area like Yemen in the first place. Apparently, U.S. ships should only stay in safe areas.

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many others are echoing that statement. “The big cities were the first to go up in the 1980s, the first to come down in the 1990s,” explained Carnegie Mellon University professor Alfred Blumstein. “Now, having the lowest murder rate decline suggests they’ll be the first to stabilize. Murders and crime can’t go down forever.”

It may be a bit too utopian for reality, but why is that true? Why can’t we, barring statistical irrelevance, continue to lower the crime rate in America?

Compared to the rest of the First World nations, our crime rate is still unequivocally high. No other stable nation accepts the kind of violent crimes we deal with on a daily basis as normal, from murder and rape to more common situations like armed robbery and purse snatching.

Drug-related crimes are still a problem in this country, partly because simple possession laws punish the guilty way beyond logical rationale, and partly because casual use of marijuana, especially, is so widespread that the laws cannot possibly be enforced properly, and probably never will be.

We also do not have enough jobs in this nation to support all the citizens who need them. More people turn to crime as a way of life because they simply cannot find a job. That’s a simple way to look at the problem, sure, but it’s something to consider when talking about how to lower crime rates even more.

Even these reduced rates, for which law enforcement personnel all over the nation should be proud of, should not be looked at as the be-all, end-all of crime reduction.

Instead, they should be looked at as a stepping stone, one that could lead America back into an era where violent crime is something shocking, not something that is considered as normal in American society as McDonald’s cheeseburgers and bad sitcoms.

Regarding the new statistics, Attorney General Janet Reno said, “American families are safer today than they have been in a generation. ... But we cannot rest.”

She’s probably never been more right in her entire career.
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WE ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Jill Sobule to perform during Homecoming

MICHELLE-ELIZABETH VALLE
Staff Writer

Singer and songwriter, Jill Sobule, is known for her 1995 hit “I kissed a girl,” about a lesbian encounter. The video featured an appearance by famous Italian model, Fabio. Sobule is also known for songs “Super Model” from the Clueless soundtrack, “Margarit” and “Heroes” from her new CD Pink Pearl. Her soft voice sings of situations seen in almost every woman’s life. Her sound is unique with her satirical lyrics and mature sound. She doesn’t follow trends, but rather sets her own.

Much of Sobule’s inspiration comes from many problems of other people and memories of adolescence. “I write about messed up women,” said Sobule.

One song in particular, “Margarit,” is about a goody-two-shoes high school classmate, who was the girl everyone thought would make it in Hollywood. “A friend and I were walking by an adult store and saw her on the cover of a few videos” said Sobule.

She began playing the guitar at age six, but was not inclined to perform professionally. Sobule dropped out of college to pursue her now successful music career. She left during her junior year, while studying in Spain. “I would like to go back some day,” said Sobule, “and take a few useless classes.”

She was not always lucky in the music world. Sobule had her share of misfortune throughout the years. Not many people knew about her first album made in 1990, nor did many people buy it. The album vanished and her label, MCA, dropped her. After she made her hit self-titled album in 1995 her next album was not as successful and Atlantic (her label after MCA) then dropped her from its roster.

Since then, Sobule has dusted herself off and began again from the bottom of the music ladder. She has overcome many obstacles and has once again gained recognition with the release of her new album “Pink Pearl.”

When she is not on the road touring, Sobule likes to read, write and watch a lot of television. “I love watching TV,” said Sobule. “Sometimes I’ll have three hours in a hotel room and I don’t know what to do. Should I write or watch TV? I watch TV.”

Sobule will be performing on Knole Lawn during Homecoming. Her performance will include songs from her new album and possibly a few from previous albums. It will begin at 2 p.m.

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John Waters: king of cult trash cinema

MIKE DELORENZO
Staff Writer

For those who are not familiar with John Waters this article will hopefully give you a better understanding of the popularly proclaimed “Pope of Trash.” For those of you are familiar with his work this will serve as a trip down trash cinema lane.

John Waters grew up in Baltimore in the 1950’s and it was apparent at a very young age that he was not like other children, as violence and gore obsessed him.

One of his favorite childhood memories is of a trip to the scrap yard and seeing real blood on the seat of a wrecked car.

This was the beginning of fascination in the realm of bad taste, and as he grew so did his artistic vision of relating this bad taste to cinema. In the mid 60’s he began filming silent 8mm and 16mm films with his counter-culture band of misfit friends.

Rented church halls served as a venue for these underground films, as he gained a following through canvassing the streets with homemade pamphlets and the inevitable word of mouth.

Over time his filmmaking talents developed and his subject matter became all the more shocking, while his audiences grew larger and his coverage in the Baltimore papers more outraged.


Waters was first recognized for his bad taste and shocking subject matter, and when asked about his association with bad taste, Waters simply replies: “To me, bad taste is what entertainment is all about. If someone vomits while watching one of my films, it’s like getting a standing ovation. But one must remember that there is such a thing as good bad taste and bad bad.”
Comedian Mark Curry to grace UOP at Homecoming

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Staff Writer

Famous comedian and actor, Mark Curry, is best known for his role as Mark Cooper in "Hanging With Mr. Cooper." His comedic antics had audiences laughing across the nation and, now, internationally. Although the show is no longer on television, Curry has found new grounds for his comedic and acting skills.

Curry will be coming to UOP this Saturday to show that he is still the same person he was when he began his acting career - a real down to earth guy. Some things just go together; bacon and eggs, cake and ice cream, and Mark Curry and comedy. No matter where he is, Curry is always perfecting and finding new material for his acts. He strives to make every opportunity a comedy skit.

That's one aspect that sets him apart from other actors and comedians. "With all the madness in Hollywood I'm trying to stay the same person," he said.

For Curry, "the same person" is being who he was when he first started out as a comedian. He grew up the son of eight children in East Oakland, went to college, and left to manage a local drugstore. Curry was destined to be more than just a drugstore clerk and began his career in comedy in 1987 with the encouragement of customers from the drugstore.

1989 Curry was in full swing with his stand-up act, and was headlining all of the major comedy clubs in Oakland and San Francisco. From then forward, Curry's success rose and continues to rise as he is given many opportunities for shows - television as well as stand-up tours.

He has made many guest appearances on "The Drew Carey Show" and starred in several films including "The Fanatics," "A Man is Mostly Water." He starred in "Hanging With Mr. Cooper" beginning in 1992 lasting for five seasons.

Presently Curry is starring in "Don't Forget Your Toothbrush" on Comedy Central, which is the American version of the British original. The show airs on Tuesdays at 10 p.m.

Curry does not limit his talents to television only. He is currently touring colleges across the nation, performing and improving his comedy routines. "Whatever comes my way, I go with it. I look at the daily news, life experiences I had and it all becomes my material," said Curry about his inspirations for his acts.

However, Curry does take breaks from television and stand-up comedy. He reads financial books extensively, especially about money management.

With all the information he has read, he follows the stock market and likes to watch his efforts pay off when his money doubles. "I'm just fascinated in stocks and bonds, and I love to invest," he said.

Curry is thinking about his future. He has just signed a holding deal with CBS to develop a sitcom for next year. He is also working on a movie script for which he hopes to produce.

This Saturday's show is going to be one that will keep audiences laughing all night. The show is $10 for students if purchased ahead of his free time seating in on gory trials all over the United States. In his latest film "Cecil B. Demented," the main character is a guerrilla filmmaker in Baltimore MD, Waters' hometown.

Cecil despises Hollywood and mainstream cinema, and with his band of cinema misfits vows to fight the studio system.

When asked if this is how Waters truly felt and if Cecil was modeled after himself, Waters replied, "I think there is a little Cecil in all of us."

You may not watch any of Waters' films, but you probably pause in the video store at his films lying on the shelf. Most people have seen at least one of his films, even though we all cringe to admit that we saw "Cry Baby," part of us desires that tasteless flair that Waters masters so well.
School for Scandal about gossip, scandal and fortune

MICHELLE-ELIZABETH VALLE  
Staff Writer

Think gossip, scandal and fortune. Put these things together and you’ll find the 18th century play, “School for Scandal” - written by Richard Brinsley Sheridan.

Rated as one of the high comedy of manners, the characters are well developed and interact well with each other. “School for Scandal” centers on an array of characters, gossip and apprehensions about family fortune. The play focuses on the Surface brothers and their efforts to win the heart of soon-to-be-rich Maria and the efforts of Lady Sneerwell to prevent them from succeeding. It focuses on the return of their Uncle Sir Oliver and on Sir Peter Teazle and his very young wife.

Brothers Joseph (Joshua John McKay) and Charles Surface (Dustin Herboldshimer) seek to improve their financial status by inheriting a fortune from their uncle, Sir Oliver Surface, played by Joshua Burson.

Both brothers also pursue the hand of Maria (Jennifer Fredette) who is the ward of Sir Peter Teazle (Adam Bute). Joseph Surface is the character that everyone loves - or hates. His sole intent is to gain what he wants, through any means possible - gaining fortune through marriage with Maria or by inheritance from his uncle.

Joshua McKay said his character was both fun and challenging. “He’s completely two-faced. He’s different and a very challenging character to play because of this.”

Charles Surface, on the other hand, seeks his goals honestly to the distaste of the rest of the characters. He truly intends to win the respect and the hand of Maria.

“He is the black sheep of the society, but he’s still down to earth,” said Herboldshimer of his character. “My character doesn’t quite fit in.”

Lady Sneerwell, played by Mary Eilers, causes a scandal by her efforts to thwart Charles Surface from gaining the affections of Maria. Lady Teazle (Andrea Slaman) aids in the scheme.

Director, William Wolak has added an interesting twist to the play. During each transition in a scene, performers called “Scandalletes” come on stage to sing and dance.

“School for Scandal is brilliantly witty, the language is sparkling and the characters are outrageously funny,” said Wolak.

The play opens Friday at 8 p.m. in Long Theatre. Additional performances are on Oct. 21, 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 22 and 29 at 5 p.m.

The income that the box office obtains for the opening night performance will go toward the DeMarcus Brown Endowed Scholarship. Tickets may be purchased at the box office located at Long Theatre. For further information, call the box office at 946-2967.
Tiger stock soars at tourney

*Ryan Tedards*
Staff writer

Often in life it’s our elders who get the best of the younger generation.


“We got to see the future of this program today,” said head coach Guido Bauman.

Lindholm, a Business Administration major, hails from Karlskronan, Sweden but found himself right at home in Stockton. Lindholm, who was unseeded coming into the tournament, fought his way through four rounds of play to square off against fellow Sweden native Abrahamsen. Including defeating tournaments No. 1 seed, and fellow Tiger teammate Dietrich Haug.

In the Flight C singles final, which also saw teammates face-off, tournament No. 1 seed Erich Chen defeated his Santa Clara teammate and No. 1 seed Adam Lewis 6-4, 6-4 on Saturday. Pacific’s Claes Lindholm and Santa Clara’s Erich Chen defeated fellow teammates to earn the title Sunday in their respective flight.

Pacific freshman Claes Lindholm (Sweden) defeated fellow Tiger, senior Tobias Abrahamsen (Sweden) in the Flight A bracket, 7-6, 6-3. Lindholm defeated the top-seeded Dietrich Haug (Germany), also of Pacific, to move in to the final round.

Santa Clara’s Erich Chen was the top-seed in bracket C, and defeated fellow Bronco Adam Lewis (seeded no. 2), 6-4, 6-4.

Money Shot

Left to Right: Andrea Nederostek, Gillian d’Hondt, Nancy Dinges, Jakhima Mercier, Corinne Wong, Darlene Gibbard. The freshman members of the women’s basketball team show their spirit Oct. 7 at a women’s volleyball game.

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(hockey) may be the solution for this program, but the wins must come first. Keep up the good work; give the beat-down this weekend.

Pretty Princess

Senior volleyball all-star Danielle Shinn may be able to add something new to her list of accomplishments: Homecoming Queen. Shinn was nominat-ed to represent Delta Gamma in the contest. If her performance on court is any indication, she should tower above the competition.

Boxing Day

If the Homecoming sports marathon leaves you wanting more, there is always the Fear No Man boxing tournament on Tuesday (October 24) at the Stockton Civic Auditorium from 6-10 p.m. The ring is supposed to feature bouts with the Pacific stars from the girl’s lacrosse team, soccer team and baseball catcher, Andrew Coleman. Admission is $10 dollars for students and if you are still filled with competitive aggression from Greek Week you can register to fight at the door for $25 dollars (malice, not experience, necessary). Every participant wins a medal and gets to dance around like Rocky yelling “I could have been a contender” for the price of admission.

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JOSH MONTERO
Senior Staff Writer

In the beginning, there was football. Only one problem, there wasn’t a conference.

In July 1969, seven schools united to solve this problem, forming the Pacific Coast Athletic Association. The conference, consisting of Pacific, Fresno State, Long Beach State, San Jose State, UC Santa Barbara, San Diego State, and Cal State Los Angeles, sponsored 11 men’s sports, including all the majors, football, basketball, and baseball.

With women’s sports incorporated into the PCAA by 1985, the conference was on the verge of its first major taste of success. On Dec. 22 of that same year, the Pacific Tigers won the NCAA Women’s Volleyball Championship, the first women’s title won by a conference member.

They would repeat as champions in 1986, and Hawaii would capture the title in 1987 giving the PCAA a three-peat of national championships (the first of six the conference would accumulate), and establishment as the nation’s premiere volleyball conference.

Nineteen years to the day after its creation, the PCAA would change its name to the Big West Conference on July 1, 1988. By now the conference had swelled to include Fullerton State, UNLV, New Mexico State, Utah State, and UC Irvine (while losing just Cal State Los Angeles and San Diego State), and was making major strides in intercollegiate athletics.

As the conference grew, so too did the trophy cases of its member universities. In 1990, UNLV won the Big West’s only men’s basketball national championship, while Long Beach State’s women’s volleyball team won three national titles (’89, ’93, ’98). The Big West has also essentially owned the diamond when it comes to both baseball and softball. Fullerton State captured the softball title in 1986, and won the College World Series in 1979, 1984, 1995.

Ask sports fans which are the best conferences in the country, and you will surely hear about the Big Ten, the Big 12, Pac 10, SEC, but chances are, few if any people will mention the Big West. Beyond a collection of national champions, the criminally underrated BWC rates very highly on the NCAA’s basketball conference power rankings. Out of 125 conferences in the country, the Big West ranks at No. 14 for men’s basketball, and No. 15 out of 126 for women’s basketball.

What began as a conference of independents banding together to form a football conference has evolved almost immeasurably into an all-around strong conference, who ironically enough, will no longer sponsor football after this season.

At the height of its popularity, the Big West Conference finds itself mired in some uncertainty with the choice to drop football. While the move may mean the further success of other sponsored sports (as it has on an individual scale with Long Beach State and Pacific), it has turned some university officials off. University of Nevada-Reno left the Big West for the Western Athletic Conference last year, and Boise State will join them after this academic year.

However, in 2001 the Big West will welcome in UC Riverside and Cal State Northridge State, rounding out the conference at an even ten teams. The other eight schools are made up of existing BWC members, Pacific, UC Irvine, Cal Poly, Fullerton State, Idaho, Long Beach State, UC Santa Barbara, and Utah State. North Texas and New Mexico State also currently belong to the Big West, but for football only, and with the dropping of football after this season, will no longer have any affiliation with the conference.

Even without football, the Big West seems to be on solid ground and continues to gain on the marquee conferences little by little. Eight men’s basketball games will be televised on Fox Sports Net, with another six garnering national audiences courtesy of ESPN. The one major downside of the conference’s evolution and parting of company with Nevada is that the annual fiesta that was the BWC Conference Basketball Tournament will no longer be in Reno, Sin City Jr., but in Anaheim. Something tells me Disneyland won’t quite be the party spot the Silver Legacy was.

To further the Legacy and prestige of the conference and its members, the Big West began a new tradition with the creation of the Commissioner’s Cup, awarded to the member school with the best all-sport performance each year. The strikingly beautiful cup has been awarded just twice so far, and in each of its two years of existence it has been awarded to Pacific (1998-99 and 1999-2000).

The Big West Conference Basketball Tournament will be held in Anaheim, CA in the spring.

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Pacific tops home tournament

THE PACIFICAN

STOCKTON, Calif. — Paced by new school records in the 500 freestyle from freshman Robin Errecart (Stockton, Calif.) and the 400 I.M. from sophomore Kristy Mathews (Walnut Creek, Calif.), the Pacific women’s team breezed through the second day of action at the 2000 Pacific Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 14, at Chris Kjeldsen Pool, to earn their second consecutive tournament title.

The Tigers, who finished more than 100 points ahead of second place Washington State, were kicked started on Saturday in the second event as Mathews blew past her competition in the 400 I.M., winning the race by more than seven seconds. Mathews win started a chain reaction for the Tigers as they took the next six events, while freshman Matt Anderson (Nevada City, Calif.) led the Tigers rally with a win in the 100 breaststroke.

“In swimming you always swim your best at the end of the season,” said Pacific head coach Ray Looze. “So to see us breaking school records and swimming this well so early is fantastic.”

While Mathews got things going for the Tigers, Looze singled out the effort given by Errecart and fellow freshman Sarah Marshall as another key to the Tigers success.

As a team the women have never finished better than third in the Big West conference, this win gives our girls a lot of confidence that maybe we can accomplish something that has never been done here before, a conference championship,” added Looze.

While the women held on to their lead from day one, the Pacific men’s squad comeback from 411 points down to capture the Men’s Division I crown.

Senior Matt Smart (Stockton, Calif.) led the Tigers rally with victories in the 100 Free, 200 Free, and the 100 Butterfly, while freshman Matt Anderson (Nevada City, Calif.) brought home the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

“Coming into today I thought the breaststroke would be one of our weaker events, but with a guy like Matt Anderson stepping up and winning both the 100 and the 200, maybe it will be something we won’t have to worry about,” concluded Looze.

The Stanford men’s team placed second overall in men’s Division I competition, but the Cardinal competed only in Friday’s events.

In non-Division I action, the UC Davis’ men and women took home the titles as the men captured fifteen of the eighteen events, while the women took first place in eight events.

Individual high point honors were awarded to Pacific’s Smart and Nevada’s Ping Luo in Division I competitions, while UC Davis swimmer Matt Davie and UC Santa Cruz’s Stephanie Miller took the awards for Non-Division I competition.

The Tigers will be back in action on Oct. 21 in a dual match against Oregon State and San Jose State at 11 a.m. in Corvallis, Oregon.

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Losing streak ends

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Staff Writer

Due to last week’s long weekend, the majority of UOP packed up weekend bags, fed their cars with gas and headed home. For 23 field hockey players including a few special and dedicated fans, Saturday morning was a day to pack up a bag consisting of shin guards, cleats, kilts, jerseys and fill their hearts with spirit, dedication and hope.

The weather was at a perfect temperature, few bikers, joggers and students were seen scattered throughout the campus, taking advantage of the beautiful day. It must have been something in the air that whispered to the fans, coaches and most importantly, the ladies that Saturday’s game came out on top, allowing each and every player to enhance their game and become champions.

The beautiful day and lack of fans could have been a possibility for distraction, though the ladies had no fear that their minds were focused completely on winning the game and not on the outside forces. The final score was 1-0 and the Tigers came out with the win over Saint Louis.

It has taken nearly 11 months and more than 12 games to rise to the occasion and make their hard work, patience and perseverance become a reality and a win for the Tigers field hockey team. “We stepped up and we deserved to win more than anything,” said sophomore Ashley Murin.

Prior to calling a time out in the first half by coach Linda MacDonald, the game was played at a defensive level rather than scoring and connecting within the offense. During the speech by MacDonald, she said, “We should be playing to win, which means playing as a team offensively and scoring. As it stands now, we’re playing defensively.”

The defense clearly contributed to the win, putting up a strong fight in the first half, and helping out goalkeeper, Lisa Beach who gave the team their first shut out of the regular season. Beach’s saves were outstanding and the cleats that followed made it hard to understand why she’s not playing for the Olympic team.

During the second half, the offense stepped up to the ball, connected with other teammates, communicated perfectly and basically made it happen. Within the last five minutes of the game, senior Beth Vechinski assisted the goal scored by sophomore Nicholete Wiegand.

“It was our game from the time we stepped on the field until the final blow of the whistle. We were extremely aggressive and it showed,” said Wiegand after scoring the winning goal of the game. The feelings circumventing the field as the game ended were somewhat emotional. There was a sigh of relief among the fans and more importantly, a feeling of hope for future games.

Above all, the young women who contributed to the win deserved it more than anyone. The increase in control, aggression and intensity clearly shined within each player who performed on that field. Saturdays game finished the girls not only as field hockey players, also as winners.

Next time a long weekend rolls around, think about sticking by campus to enjoy a relaxing day at Brookside field. The sunshine in the air wasn’t nearly as bright as the smiles on the faces at the close of Saturday’s game.

The Tigers will pack up and head to Stanford with a mark against Penn State on Tuesday. Support The Tigers in their winning streak against Stanford this Saturday, October 21 at 1 p.m on Brookside Field.

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