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Festival of Lights ceremony returns to Pacific
Annual celebration to illuminate Stockton campus

Kate Saladin
Staff Writer

UOP’s campus community will gather this Sunday, Dec. 10, to celebrate the holiday season with the 10th annual Festival of Lights.

The ceremony will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and will include a service in Morris Chapel followed by the lighting of 10,000 bulbs on the large evergreen next to Burns Tower.

Students and faculty are invited to attend this celebration, which will start with the half-hour long service in Morris Chapel.

Karen DeRosa helped organize the festival along with Interim Chaplain Joy Preissner and Music Coordinator Edward Cetto.

DeRosa said, “This year’s service will be truly interfaith,” as it will recognize Hanukkah, Ramadan, Christmas, Kwanzaa and other religious traditions.

Following the chapel service, attendees will walk along a trail of lit luminaries to the evergreen for the premier of the lights.

Immediately after the President’s Room will be open for all students and faculty to have refreshments with President Donald DeRosa and Ms. DeRosa.

Various individuals and groups on campus are participating in this event, including the University Choir and the Residence Hall Association whose members are making the luminaries. Local children will also be involved in lighting candles throughout the evening.

The tree was moved for this year’s ceremony from near the President’s Room to the Burns Tower area in hopes of giving it a more prominent position on campus, making the festival more noticeable and inviting to the outside community.

DeRosa said that this holiday event is organized to promote a sense of community on campus, and she encourages all students to attend.

DeRosa also hopes that the ceremony will provide a much needed “nice study break for students” in the middle of their preparation for final exams.

Pacific Volleyball advances to Sweet Sixteen

Emily Davidson
Sports Editor

This is the post-season? Pacific’s two most recent wins reflect an ease and superiority not usually seen in NCAA Tournament play. In two easy sweeps, the Tigers managed to defeat Oral Roberts University and Texas A&M in the NCAA Mid-East Volleyball Regional to advance in the brackets.

Last Friday, the Tigers prepared to face the Oral Roberts and Brazilian Patricia Mendez. Mendez holds the second highest hitting percentage in the nation at .427 and was to present a challenge to the Tiger defense.

The Golden Eagles were quickly defeated in three straight sets (15-1, 15-6, 15-8) and Mendez had been reduced to a measly .171 hitting percentage. Freshman standout Jennifer Joines produced 13 kills in 18 attempts with only one error for .667.

On Saturday, Pacific returned with a vengeance to quickly sweep through their second regional opponent, Texas A&M.

In three quick sets (17-15, 15-9, 15-8) the Tigers out-blocked, out-served and out-attacked the Battalion.

Senior Kara Gormsen led the attack, producing a .545 hitting percentage and twelve defensive digs for the Tigers.

The wins augment Pacific’s 20-match winning streak and predict post-season success. The NCAA Tournament will now move to Wisconsin.

The Tigers defeated two teams in the Mid-East Regionals.
Pacific freshman wins local Hmong pageant

ANGELA SCHENONE
Staff Writer

On the weekend of Nov. 10, a pageant was held in Stockton. It was the return of the Miss Hmong of Stockton pageant, which has been absent from the weekend’s annual Hmong New Year celebration for three years.

Similar to a regular pageant, all of the contestants were graded on their appearance in several different cultural articles of clothing. Another aspect of the pageant allowed the contestants to speak about what they see as a problem in the Hmong-American community. The individual that wins will have to employ her individual solutions throughout the next year.

There was something special about this pageant. It was not the fact that it had returned from a three-year absence, but the fact that three out of the seven contestants are currently attending UOP, Sue Yang, a sophomore; Bo Lee, a current freshman; and May Yang, a junior, represented UOP in the pageant. The other four contestants present were high school students from the local schools in Stockton.

When it was over, Bo Lee emerged victorious and was crowned Miss Hmong of Stockton, 2000-2001. Lee decided to speak out about teen pregnancy as her social problem facing society. She chose the issue of teen pregnancy for a very specific reason. Lee said in a statement;

"My long-term goal is to eventually become a teacher so I can make a difference in promoting higher education in the Hmong community and be a good role model to prevent young teenagers form getting married at a young age. I would go out to the Hmong community and speak about the importance of preventing teen pregnancy to occur."

UOP students are getting good jobs, winning in athletics; winning pageants and putting themselves and the Tigers on the map. Without the guidance, support, and education that individuals receive not just from UOP, but friends along with the college experience assists individuals like Bo Lee in achieving their goals for the future.

Final Examination Schedule - Dec. 18-22

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Public Safety Report

November 22-28, 2000 Prepared by Jerry L. Houston

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DID YOU KNOW?

During this period of time, Public Safety officers provided 59 hours of foot patrol, found 60 open windows/doors, provided escorts assisted 5 stranded motorists and interviewed 3 suspicious persons.

If you have any inquiries about any of the information provided in this report, you are encouraged to contact Jerry L. Houston, Associate Director of Public Safety at 946-2537 or Extension 2537 from campus phones. You may also call anonymously to report any suspicious circumstances or persons.
History professor’s passion inspires her students

JENNIFER ZHANG  
Guest Writer

A good college professor feeds students’ knowledge, but an excellent college professor does that while serving as a mentor to his or her students. Dr. Gesine Gerhard of the History Department is one of those professors who both mentors her students as well as feed their thirst for knowledge.

Joining the faculty in the fall 1999 semester, professor Gerhard began her professional teaching career. She has taught several history courses including Western Civilization I and II; and Europe in Turmoil, 1801-1945. Gerhard has also taught Mentor I. This semester, Gerhard has a heavy schedule. She is teaching Western Civilization I, History of American Immigration and Mentor I. When commented on her busy schedule, she shrugged while smiling, indicating her satisfaction and enjoyment with the current work arrangement.

Gerhard has a unique back-ground. She grew up in Northern Germany and went to school in Bremen from grade one to 13. After that, she attended Free University of Berlin. She majored in History while taking on two minors, Italian Studies and Political Science. Dr. Gerhard graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and Masters degree in History.

With a very unexpected opportunity, Gerhard made her way into the United States in 1994. She had met a well-known visiting professor in Italy from University of Iowa, and through him she first thought about relocating to the U.S. to continue her education in history.

Gerhard attended the University of Iowa and focused on German and European American Agriculture studies. This year she received her Ph.D. In addition to getting her degree, Gerhard also worked as an assistant teaching instructor for two years at the University of Iowa.

Last year Gerhard had the opportunity to apply what she has learned. She is very happy being here because she likes the campus, the small class size, the weather and the friendly people. “I didn’t really choose the job, but the job description sounded attractive. I liked the school, I liked the people and I liked the students. So I decided to teach here,” said Gerhard.

“I like offering different classes in my field of specialization, and also creating new classes depending on what the students like,” said Gerhard about her favorite part of teaching.

Even though she has only been here a little over a year, Gerhard has already developed close bonds with her students. There are some students who take her classes every semester. “I feel close to my students. It’s wonderful to have students coming back to my classes,” she said.

Besides teaching, Gerhard enjoys many hobbies. Not only is she a great History professor, she is also a superb cel-lo player. She has been perfecting her skill since she was five years old. Unfortunately, she hasn’t done much playing because she hasn’t found an orchestra to play with. She also enjoys riding her bike, cooking and spending time with friends and family.

Gerhard hopes to continue teaching at UOP. Next semester she will be teaching History of Western Civilization II, History of Europe Since 1945 and History of the Holocaust.

She enjoys teaching at Pacific and it reflects in her passion to enrich students’ knowledge of history. Pacific is truly grateful to have her on its faculty. Her enthusiasm and passion for teaching is contagious and her teaching skills are superb.

Contributions made by Michelle-Elizabeth Valle.
International Dinner brings together cultural community

Setal Seth demonstrates her international dancing ability at the International dinner last week.

Supreme Court makes history by hearing case

[U-WIRE] WASHINGTON
- In an attempt to clarify the dispute over Florida’s 25 electoral votes that hold the key to the White House, the U.S. Supreme Court stepped into the pages of American history Friday, hearing arguments from attorneys representing Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore.

Reaction to the arguments was as partisan as the disputed election itself.

“What this case does is it signals that the highest legal authority in the land is aware of what goes on and that there isn’t sort of carte blanche on the part of the (Florida) Supreme Court to change the rules after the election,” said Sen. John Ashcroft (R-Mo.), who attended the Court’s oral arguments.

Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Texas) also witnessed the arguments and weighed in on what she saw.

“The Florida Supreme Court rendered a decision based on the laws of Florida,” Jackson-Lee said after the arguments had concluded. “I believe for the will of the people to be evident, the Court will follow its traditions and not interfere. I believe the Court in its wisdom would be appropriate in not overturning the Florida Supreme Court’s decision.”

Judging from the justices’ questions, the high court could remain above the fray of partisanship in reaching a decision. They were equally forthright to Bush lawyer Theodore Olson and Gore lawyer Lawrence Tribe in questioning them primarily on issues of state versus federal law — the conflict at the center of this case, Bush v. Palm Beach County Canvassing Board.

“We are looking for a federal issue,” Justice Anthony Kennedy said, interrupting Olson about two minutes into arguments. “If the state Supreme Court relied on a federal issue or a federal background principle and got it wrong, then you can be here.”

To this challenge, Olson replied, “I’m simply saying that it blew past the important provisions of Section 5 and the benefits Section 5 gives to the states to the voters in that state and to the people running for office in that state.”

Section 5 of Title 3 of the United States Code, the law at the center of Bush’s case, allows states to devise electoral rules before an election. It was enacted after the disputed presidential election of 1876 in which Rutherford B. Hayes defeated Samuel Tilden in the Electoral College after losing the popular vote. Questions were raised about the manner in which states conducted their electoral procedures.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg pressed Olson on one of the most contentious aspects of the high court’s acceptance to review this case: The fact that the U.S. Supreme Court rarely interferes with the rulings of state supreme courts.

“I do not know of any case where we have impugned a state Supreme Court in the way you are doing in this case,” Ginsburg said. “I mean, in case after case we have said we owe the highest respect to what state Supreme Court says. It’s the state’s law.”

Olson retorted by citing the specifics of this case.

“This is a very unusual situation, Justice Ginsburg, because it is in the context of a presidential election and it is in the context of federal rights,” he said.

The justices were no easier on Tribe.

“I mean, it had to register somehow with the Florida courts that the statute (Section 5) was there and that it might be in the state’s best interest not to go around changing the law after the election,” O’Connor said.

Tribe had to defend himself on this point many times in his 45-minute argument.

“It seems to me that as a tiebreaker, as a way of shedding light on the provisions that are in conflict, so long as it’s not done in a way that conflicts with a federal mandate, they (the Florida Supreme Court) are not violating anything,” Tribe said before being interrupted by Justice Antonin Scalia.

“I don’t agree with that,” Scalia said. “I read the Florida court’s opinion as quite clearly saying, having determined what the legislative intent was, we find that our state constitution trumps that legislative intent. I don’t think there is any other way to read it and that is a real problem.”

Tribe also faced questions about the Nov. 26 deadline for counties to submit their vote totals, which Bush lawyers have argued is arbitrary.

“‘What is the November 26 date,’ Justice Steven Breyer asked. ‘Has (the Florida Supreme Court) created a new date? What is it?”

“Well it looks to me like an exercise of the chancellor’s foot,” Tribe responded, admitting somewhat that the date was not drawn based on any logic. “When I saw the date, November 26, I couldn’t come up with an algorithm or a formula that would generate it, but the court confronted with the task of drawing what are sometimes inevitably arbitrary lines.”

After he argued his case before the court, Tribe said he was not discouraged by questioning.

“They have the tendency to put on the skeptic’s hat to probe the underbelly of an argument,” he said in reference to the justices’ questions.

As for the possible outcome of the case, Tribe said he wouldn’t bet his life on it.

“Olson said he too felt confident with the justices’ questions.

“I would characterize it as a reaction to our argument as being interested in what we have to say,” he said. “Many times the justices ask questions to make sure that all of the questions are explored fully.”
Some UOP students enrolled for overseas study in the spring, the holiday signals more than a transition between semesters. They are preparing for a transition in culture.

The traveling students will venture to locations ranging from Africa to South America and back to their countries of origin. As courses were updated to reflect this changed ideology, Russian universities realized they had a serious lack of modern Western literature.

There is a tremendous shortage of books and written materials, Gleason said. "The library collections are lacking in European and American works. They are enormously deficient in recent, innovative Western literature."

Fundamental aspects of the approach to education continue to face change.

"Russian students are tremendously good, but they are less used to there not being necessarily a 'right' answer," Gleason said. "I never tell my students that there is a right answer, but Russians are psychologically used to there being more or less a particular class point of view, and if you do not understand, you are in trouble."

The other major problem for Russian universities — financial struggle — was a result of government reform. "Soviet universities lost their entire point of view and also entered a profound financial crisis," Gleason said.

The government of the Russian federation was less and less able to put funds into universities, and so funding became more privatized, Gleason said. Russian universities were expected to raise their own revenues, he said, "but they have string fewer private donors than in Europe or the U.S.A."
Financial aid ignores our changing needs

According to Epictetus “Only the educated are free.” Yet, as the world of higher education enters a new millennium it seems that the educated are increasingly bound by the long term financial implications of a four year degree.

Tuition prices have been increasing abruptly in the last decade with private universities leading the growth. Between 1976 and 1996, private college tuition rose from an average of $2,881 to $15,581. With adjustments made for inflation, this is a steep climb. Fortunately, the amount of financial aid granted by these institutions has also seen an increase.

According to the College Board, financial assistance grew four percent last year to 64 billion dollars. It is in the distribution of these numbers that a problem arises. From that 64 billion, 66 percent is “given” as student loans, a far cry from the 21 percent dispensed in loans in 1975. In the remaining 34 percent, three fourths of the true scholarships are awarded to middle and upper-income students regardless of need.

The University of the Pacific is no exception in this distribution of funds. Indeed as a small private university, Pacific has a 75 percent financial aid rate. UOP boasts several financing privileges, including the ground breaking Cal Grant matching program. But what does this mean for the students currently attending the university?

Most students are granted some kind of financial aid with their initial acceptance, for many it was a major factor in their decision to attend UOP. Based upon their achievements in high school or junior college, coupled with their financial need, three-quarters of the university students enter paying substantially less (or at least deferring) the $20,725 a year tuition fee.

What happens after their admission to the university somewhat lacks in statistics. Many lose their funding after being unable to meet the GPA requirements for the scholarships and others have difficulty with the reality of the tuition rate and are forced to accumulate loans or transfer. Other students may exceed their high school academic performance but remain trapped in a lower financial aid bracket.

Over their four years at Pacific the students’ need for financial assistance changes. Parents retire, siblings go off to college, jobs are lost; yet their financial aid remains the same. We at The Pacifican propose that this policy of fixed financial aid be changed. Just as UOP led the nation with the Cal Grant matching program, we feel it should lead the nation with a comprehensive and responsive program to better suit the needs of the students enrolled at the university. A policy more suited to Marx’s “From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs” philosophy rather than a blindly fixed program faced only on recruitment that neglects the changing needs of Pacific students.

Students should be rewarded for their academic performance while attending Pacific not based on their performance while a pimple 16-year old high school pupil. There unfortunately exists a great discrepancy between the educational environments of California’s public high schools which makes the granting of fixed merit scholarships based on high school grades an inequitable practice. When students from more challenging high schools produce lower GPA’s Pacific’s system grants them less aid than the students who excelled in a less rigorous environment.

This policy too often results in the students from the less challenging schools losing their higher scholarships as their college grades suffer and the students better prepared for academia are not trapped in their lesser scholarships. Students should be granted financial aid based on their performance.

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Law shouldn’t protect us from ourselves

ERIN RUPPEL
Staff Writer

Lately, I have been wondering: why is marijuana such a big deal? On election day, Mendocino County passed a law legalizing marijuana use. It is about time!

Of course, the law is merely a symbolic pro-marijuana act because there are still state and federal laws against growing marijuana. It is however, a step in the right direction.

Really, why is the government so adamant that marijuana must remain illegal?

You can bet that there are a lot less accidents due to a driver being stoned than there are due to a driver being drunk.

How many times have you turned on the television and heard, “The family was hit by a stoned driver last night?” Ever? Neither have I. But I hear about drunk drivers all of the time. The slogan is “Don’t drink and drive,” not “Don’t smoke weed and drive” for a reason!

The point I am trying to make is that marijuana does not pose a significant threat to society or the lives of the people in it.

People do not overdose on marijuana and die the way they can and do with alcohol or with illegal drugs like cocaine or heroin.

According to CSU Northridge’s website, 400,000 people die a year from tobacco; 150,000 people die a year from alcohol; and nobody has ever died from smoking marijuana.

People sometimes use over-the-counter drugs to commit suicide, but people do not try to commit suicide by getting high.

There is a reason. Smoking marijuana will not kill you. It will not put you in a state of mind that makes you a significant risk to other people’s lives.

Please do not misunderstand me; I am not advocating the use of marijuana. However, I have had plenty of “stoner” friends who are perfectly functional members of society.

It is not the government’s job to tell us what to do with our lives.

If somebody wants to smoke marijuana, they should be able to do so because it does not infringe on the rights of others.

It is not the government’s job to judge us. It is not the government’s job to decide what we can and cannot do if our action’s do not present a risk to the lives of others, especially if they do not seem to know which drugs are dangerous and which are not.

It is time for the federal and state governments to realize what Mendocino County did: the fight against marijuana is pointless, expensive, and just plain wrong.

Ben and Jerry find out the truth about selling out

[U-WIRE] MORGANTOWN, W.Va. - Selling out is a horrible thing. Just ask Ben and Jerry, former Jippies turned ice cream magnate and social activist, in an interview.

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Basically, Cohen and Greenfield are finding out what corporate America is all about — and it’s not funding social causes and forcing political activism.

Since the merger, Unilever has opened five scoop shops — two less than the original owners opened up in 20 years. They’re pursuing “social ventures” that make it cheaper to produce ice cream and that make sure their wrapping doesn’t violate FDA regulations. That’s all it appears to be.

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Slowly, another American icon dies at the hands of rich shareholders and massive corporations. Before they’re done, Ben & Jerry’s will be just like Cohen predicted — one more heartless, lifeless brand of ice cream, one more nice-guy, heartfelt business gone by the wayside.

Of course, Unilever denies these things categorically, except for the fact that they won’t put the company name on the aforementioned help fund.

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“We understand that (Cohen’s) very concerned,” Milton said. “He’s a founder of the company. He has a huge emotional stake in the company. Our view is, judge us by our actions.”

Well, Mr. Milton, it appears he already has. And the verdict isn’t exactly positive.

Question of the Week

Do you think UOP’s financial aid is fair?

“Yeah, it’s fair because UOP helps as many people as they can.”
- David Platt, Freshman

“No, because you need to keep up your GPA. I see classmates who struggle too much just to keep a B to keep their scholarship.”
- Sam Baumer, Freshman

“Yes, it’s fair. If you work harder at your grades then you should receive more.”
- Nick Bittner, Junior

“No, because most of the financial aid available rests upon the financial status of your parents, not yourself.”
- Austin Amaro, Junior

“It’s pretty fair, but students can always use more money.”
- Michelle Barr, Senior

Compiled by Lauren Yang

Ben & Jerry’s will become just another brand like any other soulless, heartless, spiritless brand out there — that’s my concern,” Cohen said in an interview.

Since merging, there have been a lot of factors that point toward Cohen being right.

While the company plans to build playgrounds, lobby to extend the life of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact and develop more environmentally friendly packaging, in accordance to the original owners’ wishes, there are signs that Unilever does not plan on pursuing their wishes for long.

First, Unilever appointed their own CEO over the man Cohen and Greenfield recommended. Then, they refused to put the Ben & Jerry’s name on a $5 million fund set up to help new businesses with a social agenda get on their feet.

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Ben & Jerry find out the truth about selling out
Professor evaluations can help students improve

MICHÈLLE-ÈLIZABÈTH VALLE
Staff Writer

Wouldn’t it be nice to have optional letter grades with a pass/no pass alternative or even an occasional evaluation on academic performance? Professors at the seaside University of California campus in Santa Cruz (UCSC) had the option to do just that. In addition, professors had to give written evaluations to students who requested them.

Earlier this year, professors at the hilly campus voted to make grades mandatory beginning earlier this semester. Evaluations also became a topic of scrutiny, and eventually were kept as part of the grading process.

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formance at the university not simply their high school grades.

Furthermore, the university’s fixed aid policy denies adaptation in assistance to students whose financial needs change. True, the FAPESA process is meant to provide this flexibility but in fact the changing economic needs of students are rarely met. Many students are constrained to assume loans or transfer when rendered unable to meet the tuition costs. We feel that this information should also be taken into consideration in the proposed elastic financial aid policy.

Finally students who are involved in the campus should receive greater scholarship. Current UOP students may receive work study (usually minimum wage) or simply the benefits of the experience for their dedication to on-campus programs, institutions and clubs. The most active students who head several clubs and participate in many organizations are not rewarded for their involvement, in fact many may suffer because their support restricts the ability to balance an outside job with their educational demands. By including student involvement in the financial aid policy, the students who dedicated the most time to university programs would be rewarded for their involvement.

Through annual or bi-annual review of individual performance, need, and involvement, the UOP financial aid system could become a more effective and appropriate means for granting scholarships and grants to its students. In an uncomplicated process where students could occasionally reap financial assistance, Pacific would have the opportunity to better serve the economic needs of the campus.

The Pacific web page states that “(UOP’s) greatest concern is whether an applicant will continue to grow intellectually and personally through an education at the University of the Pacific.” In practice though, the students who do continue to grow at UOP are not rewarded or acknowledged by universities.

Currently, the UOP financial aid system appears focused only on recruiting students to the university and reflects a disinterest in the status of currently enrolled students. Also a great deal of energy is appropriated to the solicitation of alumni contribution. While the admissions process is indisputably vital in the financial stability of the university and the need for alumni contribution is equally great, there seems to have developed a neglect for the attention of those currently enrolled in the university.

In the interest of the University, a satisfaction of the current students’ financial needs would lead to more gratified alumni which of course means greater future endowment.

The University of the Pacific must not overlook the power of the present in their pursuit of the future and the past.

Bush/Gore as co-presidents?

(WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. - As my deadline for this column neared I was sweating bullets. I didn’t have a clue on what I should write about. And then I fell asleep and had a wonderful dream.

A decision was reached yesterday concerning the presidential election of 2000. Congress convened and decided (rather quickly, I might add) that action must be taken to determine who shall lead our great nation for the next four years. The two presidential candidates are to be surgically joined together and will be expected to rule the free world as one.

When Texas Gov. George W. Bush was told of the decision, he made a statement in which he embraced the plan and added that he was looking forward to the surgery. Soon after, he held a meeting with his advisers where he informed him he was wrong and that he did not embrace the plan.

Bush gave a second statement in which he retracted his former statement. He also added that a surgically conjoined Bush/Gore presidency would be just as successful as his oil business ventures.

When Vice President Al Gore was informed of Congress’ decision, he was hard to reach for a statement. Apparently he was hiding. Some time after, however, he held a press conference where he was quoted as saying, “I’m for it, as long as I get to be president.” Besides, the surgery is a brilliant idea, I’m glad I invented it.”

Just let me say that this columnist is content. What a great day for democracy in this! It excites me when two nearly identical politicians can come together to begin a four-year term where they will run this great country even farther into the ground.

Now, we as Americans can focus on the more important things of this season — buying useless crap for everyone we know and pretending it’s all for the glory of Christ, I mean Santa Claus.

What’s up with that?

What’s up with people at Pacific wearing Cal hats and jackets all the time? If you like Berkeley so much why didn’t you go there?

Oh, you didn’t get in?

Then why don’t you wear gear from your own school?
The '90s gender roles hit the '00s

Barbie cake just like Martha's for their 6-year-olds' birthdays. And as if this were not enough salt rubbed into oozing wounds, Martha also specializes in making beautiful centerpieces out of wire, hay and dried apricots.

So after Martha appeared, out sprouted whole channels devoted to making impossible looking foods and elegant living rooms. Most of the shows on this channel focus on the fact that the things they make are guaranteed to taste/look like horse dung if you do them. But then, to add insult to injury, the shows are aired at the simple folk teach you how to make rice and make a pencil holder out of a soup can. This isn't to say that only women are being swayed into this lifestyle of simultaneous career and household duties.

But I must argue that it is different for men and women. Whereas men and women are now both expected to have careers, she can only do the yardwork, she can only work part-time now and can barely manage to match up my clean socks, cook a frozen pizza or hang a poster on any wall. And did I mention I've already killed three plants this year?

You can be a mother and bring home the bacon and cook it too. The only problem is: Can you be equally good at all of these things?

If you've turned on your TV lately, you'll notice an alarming number of "active" TV programs. These are programs that encourage you to engage in activities after you are done watching television — namely cooking, home decor and gardening.

Back in those boisterous '80s previously mentioned, these programs were around, but they were largely confined to PBS. Of course, no one except my family and the technological Amish watched PBS because, along with BETA VCRs, microwave ovens and cheese, it was the only thing outside the O'Neill household. She is also responsible for the large numbers of women drowning themselves in vats of butter-cream frosting after failed attempts to make a

The Pacifican is now hiring writers for the Spring semester. Applications in the third floor of Hand Hall.

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Do not hallucinate.
Dear Editor,

As a typical American, I never considered taking a language class before it was required of me in high school.

As a result, I am much less adept at languages than I am at other subjects and I think this is tragic.

It is a well-known fact that languages are easiest to learn at a very young age and so it is ridiculous to me that most Americans are not introduced to them (at least through school) until well into their teens.

The mere fact that we are not taught other languages in the face of the rapid globalization that is currently occurring expresses an immense arrogance on our part.

In order to understand other human beings, it is necessary for them to learn our language because we will only speak theirs poorly at best and probably not at all.

While I applaud the presence of foreign language requirements in our university, I think that the lack of them up to that point is reprehensible.

Knowing different languages is so important, not only as a means of communication, but also as an alternative mode of thought.

I strongly believe that one of the things missing from our public education system today is a strong value of language, which would be so easily instilled in small children.

Of course, once they have started learning other languages, they would also have a vested interest in the countries in which those languages are spoken.

Who knows? If the country followed my advice, we might even get a generation or two of Americans who actually knew something about geography beyond the fifty states.

Sincerely,
Virginia Giddens
Senior
International Dinner celebrates Diversity at Pacific

Last Saturday, the United Cultural Council (U.C.C.) and ASUOP put on an international dinner at Callison Hall to celebrate diversity of students on campus. The “Kaofoo Saephanh International Dinner,” is held every year in honor of the former UOP student who passed away in a tragic accident trying to save the life of another student who had strived to unite students of all cultures into an organization such as the present U.C.C.

The various clubs involved in the celebration included: Cambodian Student Association, Hmong Student Association, Kilusan Pilipino, Milan, African American Student Union, Pacific Gay Straight Alliance, Movi Miento Estudiantil Chicano Aztlan as well as many others.

The actual dinner also showcased talent amongst the various cultural groups as each did a special performance representing their background. Also featured was an international fashion show where members of the cultural groups posed their threads in fantastic array of colors and fabrics. All in all the dinner was a success as Saephanh’s legacy continues.

Above: Freshman Bo Lee entertains the audience at last Saturday’s “Kaofoo Saephanh International Dinner” with a dance.

At right: Dancers and attendees, Macht Sahnell, Herr Frau and other members of the Cambodian Student Association practice together in preparation for their performance.

Above: Freshman Setal Seth shows the audience a dance, as well as what would be worn for a performance such as this.
Peta’s offers the atmosphere of a small tavern

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Staff Writer

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“Spaten Muenchen” flags, portraits of ancient ships and round plaques of beer logos decorate the walls of a small tavern style restaurant. The bar is aligned at one side, and a barmaid is taking orders while making drinks. Large oval doors offer a view of the harbor and the murky waters of the Delta.

Peta’s Yacht Harbor Restaurant sits modestly in The Warehouse building away from the bustle of downtown life.

The restaurant offers authentic German cuisine and has the feel of an old German tavern. Since 1980 Peta’s has been serving generous portions of genuine German schnitzel.

The restaurant style is informal and customers can sit themselves anywhere. While waiting, patrons can watch television, stare out at the harbor activity, or look around in awe at the amazing decor. Lunch and dinner prices vary and lunch ends at 3 p.m.

All sorts of schnitzel, or a filet of a sausage, are served at Peta’s. A most commonly ordered schnitzel dish is the Wiener Schnitzel. It is a pork filet schnitzel dipped in egg and spiced breadcrumbs, which is then sautéed. The lunch price is $7.95 and dinner is $11.95.

Jaeger Schnitzel ($11.95/$14.95) is also a commonly ordered dish. It is a white veal schnitzel covered in a mushroom sauce.

Unfortunately, as the chef cooked our dishes he found that there was no pork for the Wiener schnitzel and I settled for a “Euro” schnitzel ($8.95) which, similar to the Jaeger schnitzel, was a chicken filet sautéed in a cream sherry sauce and mushrooms. It was an excellent substitute.

All dishes are served with red cabbage, sauerkraut and warm potato salad. The sauerkraut and cabbage sides are excellent when mixed with schnitzel.

The potato salad isn’t the typical salad that you can find at the supermarket. This side contains chunks of potato cooked with onions and other seasonings.

My companion and I enjoyed the large portions so much, that we ordered Sauerbraten ($6.95/$11.95) and bratwurst ($4.95) to go. Sauerbraten contains slices of beef in a thick wine sauce. Unlike its name, the sauerbraten was quite sweet. Bratwurst is a long white sausage, and is also a commonly ordered dish.

If schnitzel isn’t what you want then there is a wide variety of sandwiches and burgers ranging from $4 to $7.

During our lunch, the only sounds were the prattle of a couple of regular patrons with the barmaid and Wall Street jargon emitting from the television.

Peta’s is a great place to taste fine German beer. A popular among patrons is Franziskaner hefe-Weisse. It’s a type of weisse (white) beer that can be found at Trader Joe’s and less likely anywhere else.

During the warmer seasons Peta’s large oval doors open to a large deck and tables are set for warm weather dining.

Overall, the ambience was a welcome sight compared to the hustle and bustle of downtown noise and crowded restaurants.

The service is laid back and patrons can dine at whatever pace is comfortable. I give Peta’s a rating of four and a half out of five.

Herr and fraulein alike will enjoy the German cuisine offered at Peta’s.

Director puts on story of struggles in the Mid-East

[U-WIRE] ST. LOUIS - Set along the war-torn border of Iran and Iraq, “A Time For Drunken Horses” captures the sense of humanity that so many other human interest stories miss.

The film tells the story of four Kurdish children struggling to survive in a world of hardship.

Their mother died in childbirth some years before, and their father is often gone on smuggling raids, so responsibility for the family falls on the shoulders of the young Ayoub, where it does not rest easily.

Ayoub’s efforts are complicated when his chronically ill brother Madi takes a turn for the worse, and the doctor informs him that his life depends on having surgery across the border in Iraq. However, the doctor tells Ayoub that even if the operation is successful, Madi is only likely to live for several more months.

Faced with this awful decision, the rest of the film follows the family’s efforts to raise the money for the surgery with the not always welcome help of their uncle.

The story line is very straightforward, but the real gem of this film is its portrayal of day-to-day life in a Kurdish village.

Although, this struggle among children may seem extreme, this does happen here and it is actually quite real.

Iranian director Bahman Ghobadi draws on his own experiences to bring an uncommon sense of reality to the film.

That reality is a harsh one, but the ever-present humanity of all of the characters keeps “A Time for Drunken Horses” from degenerating into that kind of sob story which is the fate of so many attempts at social commentary.

For all of its weighty allusions, the film never loses sight of the people who populate it. The audience will be entranced not only by the sad story, but also the filming.

The rugged, yet beautiful, mountain landscape of the Iran-Iraq border provides a dramatic contrast to the human elements of the film.

The war, though never seen on camera, is always in the background, with talk of land mines, death reports, and the sounds of distant gunfire.

The one weakness of the film is its ending, which I found unsatisfying due to its lack of resolution.

Exactly what happens is left open to speculation, but the pessimistic tone makes it hard to imagine a happy ending.

However, there wasn’t much pessimism at the Cannes Film Festival, where the film won Ghobadi the highly prized Camera d’Or award for new film makers.

*A Time for Drunken Horses,* is an epic story of one child’s attempt to keep his family together.
'Matrix' star Moss gets part she always dreamed of

Juliette Binoche and Johnny Depp also play a part in the new French film, "Chocolat."

Holidays offers an abundance of new electronic games

piece for the Dreamcast. Shenmue may very well be a short game that can be won in two days, but it plays out like an interactive movie.

The game is filled with surprises and has a cool story. The graphics are sensational, and there are even old Sega games like Space Harrier to play in the arcades.

RATING: A+

Next up is Sonic Shuffle, a game that can get frustrating really quickly. The graphics are good and the story is OK, but even the multiplier mode can't help. It's basically a card game in 3D. It just doesn't compare to other Sonic games.

RATING: E

Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2 from Activision has finally made its way to Dreamcast. Though the graphics are much improved when compared with the PlayStation version, it's harder to control the action and meet your objectives. But it's still fun.

RATING: B-

NBA 2K1 from Sega Sports is better than the original. The graphics are stylin' and the gameplay is terrific. For more fun, you can take the multiplayer function online. If you crave basketball, this is the game for you.

RATING: A+

Quake III: Arena is another Dreamcast online multiplayer game. It's a tough game to play with a Dreamcast controller, so you have to have a keyboard, mouse or even a DC Panther.

The graphics look sharper than the PC version and the game is even more powerful and lightning-fast. It rocks.

RATING: A+

007: The World Is Not Enough for Nintendo and PlayStation is hard to rate. The PlayStation version shows actual scenes from the movie and the gameplay is good. Nintendo's version shows no actual scenes, but the gameplay follows the movie more closely. With its last Bond game, Electronic Arts showed the opening credits, but not this time. Still, it's Bond and both of these games have great graphics.

RATING: B-

Also out from Electronic Arts is WCW Backstage Assault. This PlayStation game rocks. It's got cool moves and easy controls and can give you hours of fun.

You can wrestle your way through the back of the arena and use cool weapons and aerial attacks to bash your opponent. There are tons of things to unlock and it's a great game to play with friends.

RATING: A+

Not content to produce a wrestling game, EA has finally come out with the long-awaited sequel to the greatest WWII game ever.

On Medal of Honor Underground, you're a member of the French Resistance and you have more to jump for. A great story and cool objectives make for a fantastic war game. Great graphics and an incredible music score make it even better.

RATING: A+

4x4 EVO from Gathering of Developers for the PC is an awesome off-road game. Great graphics and locations and easy control make this super fun for everyone.

RATING: A+

Rune is another PC game from G.O.D. Games. This game has some incredible graphics and a terrific story. Get it if you want to be a Viking, have rocking fun and play an action-filled game.

RATING: A+
Pacific Chef wins medal in Culinary Competition

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Several men and women donned their starched white coats and wore their hats proudly as they gathered together to show off their culinary talents. The scent of exotic foods wafted through the room as they worked diligently to create mouthwatering masterpieces.

On Nov. 2 Sodexo Marriott Services held the first annual Culinary Competition at Loyola University in Baltimore. Thirty chefs were divided into five equal teams and competed for medals with their own unique styles. Each team prepared a four-course meal: appetizer, soup, salad and entree. The chefs were judged on preparation and presentation.

“Our culinary competition recognizes the top chefs in our company and some of the best in the industry,” said Peter Katella, Sodexo Marriott Director of Culinary Services. “In addition to helping our chefs experiment and show off their talents, they are able to learn techniques and recipes from each other.”

One lucky chef from Pacific received the honor of participating in the culinary competition. Wendell Rodrigues, UOP executive chef, had an experience of a lifetime at the competition. His creative dishes won him a silver medal.

For an appetizer, Rodrigues prepared Squab “Chop” on Risotto Cake with Raspberry Demi-Glace and Basil Oil. His soup dish consisted of butter-nut squash soup with fried ginger and pumpkin creme fraiche. Bacon croutons topped it off.

The salad was spicy Asian greens with cilantro mint vinaigrette scattered with black sesame crusted tofu cubes and marinated cucumber slaw.

For an entree, Rodrigues chose braised Pacific Rim Pork Paupiette with Pacific Rim exotic fruit flavored rice laced with fresh ginger minted plum coulis.

Rodrigues has served as executive chef at Pacific since 1999. Before coming to UOP he has held a variety of culinary positions at several hotels and restaurant services. His expertise has come from an extensive culinary education - attending National Institute for the Food Service Industry, University of Hawaii, International Tourism Academy and receiving a certificate of completion from Hawaii State Department of Health.

Rodrigues also earned a certified cook and certified food service chef designation from The American Culinary Federation.

The silver medal he earned in Baltimore can be added to many accolades he has earned for his mastery of culinary skills.

Hollywood producer visits UOP film class

MIKE DELORENZO
Staff Writer

If you weren’t in WPC 140 last Friday, you missed a movie making visitor at our humble campus.

On any normal day the class view, and discusses various elements of film, but on December 1 this was not the case. Sam Kitt, the President of 40 acres and a Mule Filmworks, guest lectured the class on his personal experience inside Hollywood and the film industry and gave the class an inside look into the life of a producer.

40 Acres and a Mule Filmworks is a production company that Mr. Kitt and filmmaking director, Spike Lee started some three and a half years ago. The company does not produce any of Spike’s films, but searches out new and talented filmmakers in the independent market.

Sam Kitt was influenced at a young age by the power of film. Growing up in Palo Alto he was exposed to a great enthusiasm for the project a film which she said is only comparable to The Matrix in how much she enjoyed working on it that this is the type of film she wants to be involved with. Whether it’s her giggle delight when asked about working with Judi Dench, prompting her to ask, “Can you believe that?”

Or on her fondness of director Lasse Hallstrom, who previously helmed The Cider House Rules and What’s Eating Gilbert Grape, of whom she learned so much from.

“The thing that I really learned from making this movie was that I want to work with people like Lasse Hallstrom, who is such a brilliant person.”

In fact, whenever Hallstrom’s name arises in the conversation, she can’t help but praise him. “When you meet people that you have that kind of connection with, it’s worth waiting for. I guess it’s like love. It’s worth waiting for the right person and it’s worth doing that with my work as well.”

Amazingly, with physical training already underway for the second and third installments of The Matrix, shooting back to back beginning in March, Moss is still pondering her future.

“I would love to do theater again. I would actually love to do UOP chef, Wendell Rodrigues (first one on left) prepares silver medal winning dish at competition. I had a great the Matrix. Her busy schedule hasn’t even let up enough for her to do her Christmas shopping yet, but there will be one present she won’t be buying.

Moss said, “A Trinity doll. I haven’t been able to find one anywhere. I did get one when they came out, but I gave that to my mom. And I bought one for my husband, but I can’t seem to find one.”

She asks coyly, “Do you know where they sell them?”

Still, after Chocolat is released, Moss may have found a new audience and maybe a toy company will finally step up and make action figures for the art-house crowd. At least for Moss, Chocolat is an affirmation of her dreams.

“When the movie first started, I told my husband, ‘I’ve always dreamed of being in a beautiful movie like this’... I’m someone who really believes in love and hope and dreams and possibility and change and transformation, and this movie is about all of those things.”

With Chocolat being heralded as an Oscar hopeful, and with the film, Moss has not only fulfilled a childhood dream but a journey that has spanned Vancouver to Hollywood.

Now, all Moss needs is a little sleep. This, she probably won’t be getting anytime soon if she keeps up with her current pace.
## Top Ten Reasons that Guy or Girl in your Class Won't Go on a Date with You

1. **You both plan to graduate in 2001 yet she**
2. **Although honorable, he didn't appreciate the drawings he found of him**
3. **She noticed you were doing your Mentor III biography on Jeffrey Dahmer**
4. **Your "pencil-dropping" move has evolved from simple flirting into a restraining order**
5. **"A sorority girl going with a guy who is not in a fraternity??? As if!!!"**
6. **You embarrassed her by telling her you were a biology major**
7. **When he borrowed your notes, he was a little intimidated by the 195 drawings he found of him in various sexy poses**
8. **Tried to impress her by standing in front of her class and dedication your "C-" on your final to her**
9. **He left the class with a bet that you got his girlfriend or future wife pregnant**
10. **He was a little embarrassed by telling her you were a Fraternity guy or girl in your class won't go on a date with you...**

### Hollywood

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- **himself on his way to New York.**
- **Once there he proliferated into virtually every aspect of cinema that he could get his hands on.**
- **Concerned with independent films, he was part of American Mavericks, an independent film project, where he experienced early works of filmmakers David Lynch and John Sales.**
- **From New York, Mr. Kitt found himself headed to the inevitable home of film Southern California.**
- **He took a job in acquisitions at Universal Studios, where he located new ideas and talent for potential Universal projects. Using one of his New York contacts, he was able to bring to Universal Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing".**
- **After life in the studio system, Mr. Kitt settled to work with Spike Lee in 40 Acres and a Mule Film-works.**
- **His speech was helpful for those students who are interested in pursuing a career in this world of cinema.**
- **He answered ambivalent writer's questions as to the best way to get a foot in the door as well as gave hints as to what to do to prepare you when entering the vicious world of Hollywood.**
- **He talked for a while on the importance and work of a producer and what it is a producer does in the making of a picture.**
- **He left the class with a better picture of how the industry operates and how one must adapt to survive.**
- **The inclusion of him as a guest speaker not only was helpful to the aesthetics course, but focuses on the relatively small size of the university which enables events like this to occur and educate the students in a more personal respect.**

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  - **December 15:**
    - **5 p.m., Lincoln Community Center**
    - **6 p.m., Stockton Civic Theatre**
    - **7 p.m., Lincoln Community Center**
  - **December 16:**
    - **5 p.m., Lincoln Community Center**
    - **6 p.m., Stockton Civic Theatre**
    - **7 p.m., Lincoln Community Center**

- **David Copperfield: Memorial Auditorium Sacramento For more information call: (209) 264-5181**
- **December 15, 17 &18 Ballet San Joaquin Fox Theatre Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. Dec. 17 & 18 at 2 p.m. For tickets call: (209) 464-4369**
- **December 15, 16, 17 Nutcracker Ballet Stockton Fox Theatre Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. Dec. 16 &17 at 2 p.m. Prices: $15-$20 Call: 464-4369**
- **December 15:**
  - **Christmas Cheer Caroling:**
    - **Basketball Contest Art Contest Talent Contest Musical Chairs Lincoln Community Center 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free**
    - **For more information call: 907-7305**

### ASUOP Toy Drive

- **On Monday, December 4th, ASUOP began collecting toys for its first annual toy drive on campus. All of the toys will be donated to The Boys and Girls Club of Stockton on December 22nd. Their goal is to collect 150 unwrapped toys for these deserving children. Please bring your donations to the ASUOP office in McCaffrey Center by no later than December 21st. For more information contact Maaika Westen or Rigel Painter at 946-2333.**
Pacific swimming breaks 11 records

LONG BEACH, Calif. - Three more school records on Saturday capped an impressive showing at the 2000 Speedo Cup for the Pacific swim team as the women's squad rewrote the record book with 11 new school records en route to a second place finish out of 25 teams, while the men's team tied a school record and placed sixth out of 18 teams.

On Saturday it was sophomore Kristy Mathews (Walnut Creek, Ca) effort in the 200 Breast that brought home the first record as Mathews posted a time of 2:17.12 to beat her own mark set last season of 2:17.38. While Mathews Bettered her own time, freshman Sarah Marshall (Dixon, Ca) ousted teammate Shawna Winters (San Jose, Calif.) time in the 200 Back with a 2:01.01, almost a full second better than Winters time from last season, 2:01.98.

The Tigers final new record came in the 400 Free Relay as Mathews teamed with Robin Errecart (Stockton, Calif.), Kristine Willey (Lodi, Calif.), and Shannon Catalano (Fresno, Calif.) to collaborate for a time of 3:27.34, breaking a record that was set in 1995 and tied twice in 1998.

Mathews two records Saturday gave her a grand total of seven school records for her, while Marshall's record gave Miles Whitfield helped Pacific take 6th place at the Speedo Cup.

Pacific falls to Fresno State

COLIN TEDARDS
Staff Writer

After a 66-55 road loss to Fresno State on Thursday November 30, there were reports that Tiger players were seen tapping the heels of their Nike mumbling “home sweet home.”

The Tigers fell to 3-2 on the season and remain winless on the road this season. Pacific held a 42-31 lead with just over 13-minutes remaining but couldn’t withstand the 24-4 run the Bulldogs put together during the final 8-minutes of the game.

Peter Heizer lead the team in scoring with 14 against the Bulldogs, however it was the play of back up center Mike Preston that was impressive. Preston posted 13 points while grabbing 10 rebounds in just 24-minutes of action.

The Tigers slipped to 4th in the Big West Conference with the loss to Fresno State. Conference games begin in January against Cal State Fullerton.

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No. 8 Penn State, No. 10 Florida. Much like Arizona, USC brings to the court a strong, precise offense, but the Trojans also block very tough, and while Florida is a solid team, they have fallen off a bit from a season ago, and likely won’t be able to go the distance with SC. Perhaps the biggest potential upset of the Regionals could come from the Penn State/Colorado State match. Penn State lost a pair of All-Americans and trio of four year starters after taking their first ever NCAA Championship last season, and while they have enjoyed a great deal of success this season, their bench can be suspect, and it will take depth to beat a Colorado State squad who plays very well on the road.

While the Pacific should produce a couple fantastic matches, the action in the West Regional should be epic as well.

Filling out the West are No. 14 UC Santa Barbara, No. 9 Minnesota, No. 3 Hawaii, and last season’s Final Four participant Long Beach State. Perhaps most interesting about this bracket is the potential matchup in the Regional Final of Big West Conference foes UCSB and LBSU. Santa Barbara has built up some serious momentum in an opening round sweep of Texas-San Antonio, and huge 3-2 win over Stanford to get to the Regionals, but faces a Minnesota team who creates some major matchup problems for the Gauchos. On the other end, Long Beach must beat the same Hawaii team who they spanked 3-1 on the final day of the regular season. However, this time the 49ers will not have the benefit of playing the match in the unfriendly confines of their home Pyramid.

And last, but by no means least, the Mideast Regional, which is really up in the air. The all-time series leans 13-12 in favor of the Bruins, but more significantly, the last time these teams met in the NCAA Tournament was the 1990 Championship match which saw UCLA fight its way to a 3-0 victory.

Of the final 16 teams, 11 of them belong the big four “power conferences” - 3 from the Big West, 3 from the Pac 10, 3 from the Big 10, and a pair from the Big 12. As it stands now, each of the four conferences could conceivably have both teams in the title game belong to their conference.

Last year the feat was nearly accomplished by the Big West who sent both Long Beach State and Pacific to the Final Four.

No doubt fans in Long Beach as well as Stockton would love to return not only to the Final Four, but to duke it out with each other for the Championship.
Hallmark moment
Volleyballer Danielle Shinn, a fellow communication student, is working on a paper about the rhetoric styles of effective leaders. Her subject? Head coach John Dunning. I second that emotion.

It's the Cheese
I can see it now, California fans on one side of the arena, Wisconsinites on the other. Shouts and jeers of “It's the Cheese” and “Ahh, the Power of Cheese” reverberating through the NCAA Tournament. I tried to research the Wisconsin cheese industry, you know, just in case, and what I discovered is that there are way too many cheese websites out there. After the seventh “I love cheese” fan site I gave up, but not before finding out that Cambert is the cheese most suited to my personality. Good to know.

So the moral of the story is...people in Wisconsin are usually dedicated to their dairy products which in turn means they are spending less time focused on developing good volleyball teams and we are supposed to win. It's a strange feeling, even I admit.

Sideline
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mystical abilities through some government experiment, like teenage-mutant ballers? Whatever the explanation, we are just glad that these freshmen are on our side.

At top: Seniors Karyn Gormsen (1) and Danielle Shinn (16) block an Oral Roberts attempt as Mary Lauren Snider looks on.

At bottom left: Freshman Jennifer Joiner produced a .667 hitting percentage against the Eagles with 13 kills in 18 attempts and one error.

At bottom right: Pacific teams up to one over the Oral Roberts defense.
Notebook

Women’s Volleyball
STOCKTON, Calif. - Pacific (28-3) defeated Texas A&M (17-15, 15-9, 15-8) in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to advance to the NCAA Midwest Regional Finals to be held in Madison, Wis. on Friday Dec. 8 and Saturday Dec. 9. The Bruins and Tigers will play at 5 p.m. (CT)/3 p.m. (ET) on Dec. 8 in Madison, Wis. The host Wisconsin Badgers (30-3), who defeated Northern Iowa 3-1 (15-13, 14-16, 10-15, 15-3) on Saturday Dec. 2 will play Kansas State, who won 3-1 (19-17, 15-13, 10-15, 15-3) over Pepperdine.

Pacific is 12-13 all-time against UCLA, 2-0 against Wisconsin and has never played Kansas State. The Tigers have advanced to regionals 18 out of 20 times.

The Big 12, Big Ten and Pacific 10 are all enjoying good showings by their respective teams in NCAAs. The following is breakdown of the records of each one of these conferences results heading into regionals.

Big Ten- Record: 9-3; Teams left: 3; Teams in NCAAs: 5
Big 12- Record: 6-3; Teams left: 2; Teams in NCAAs: 5
Pacific 10- Record: 9-3; Teams left: 3; Teams in NCAAs: 6

Reserved seats (two-day package) will cost $14 (all ages), while two-day general admission will cost $12 for adults and $7 for UW Students/Senior Citizens/Children. For information call 1-800-Go-Badgers.

Women’s Cross Country
STOCKTON, Calif.- In an announcement made by the Big West Joint Venture Friday, December 1, Pacific women’s cross country had a strong showing at the Big West Academic All-Conference Team.

Junior Mariah Metras (Cotati, Calif.) competed in all of Pacific’s 18 matches, finishing her third season in the orange and black tied for fourth in points with seven. She is majoring in business.

Sophomore Carla Burger (Heidelberg, Germany) also competed in all of Pacific’s 18 matches. A key player on defense, Burger tallied a game-winning assist against Cal State Fullerton on October 1. She is majoring in physics.

Sophomore Kelly Stephenson (Fresno, Calif.) is a sports sciences major in her second season. She played in 14 matches, recording three shots on goal.

Men’s Volleyball
STOCKTON, Calif. - Pacific men’s volleyball will compete against Sacramento State’s men’s volleyball team in a scrimmage on December 14 at 7:00 p.m. The scrimmage is open to the public.

Women’s Cross Country
STOCKTON, Ca.- Pacific women’s cross country had two women selected to the Big West Academic All-Conference team. Sophomore Marlene Eggenger (Manteca, Calif.) and senior Cynthia Krieger (Walnut Creek, Calif.) were named to the 2000 Big West Academic All-Conference team for fall sports.

Eggener is sophomore majoring in English with a 4.0 GPA. Krieger is a senior majoring in sport science at Pacific with a 3.66 GPA. Eggenger was the second highest finisher for the Tigers at the NCAA West Regional. Krieger was the third highest finisher.

Big West Conference
STOCKTON, Ca.- Sports management company, Steinberg, Moorad & Dunn has formed a marketing partnership with the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s (NCAA) Big West Conference. SMD will serve as the marketing department for the Big West Conference in an effort to increase corporate sponsorship, television and radio contracts and conference profile.

Tigers bounce back on the road

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Call it the basketball equivalent of CPR.

Though Pacific head coach Sherri Murrell never had to actually apply chest compressions and rescue breathing to her team in a literal sense, it certainly seemed as if she did in a metaphorical sense.

Murrell’s Tigers were 2-3, coming off a pair of tough losses on the road at Stanford and Utah, and vital signs seemed to be dropping. Pacific turned over the ball 41 times in the pair of road losses, and were out rebounded 82-53.

Though freshman Corinne Wong managed to hold her own, the on court presence of injured point guard Selena Ho was definitely missed. With Ho returning to the lineup, and the team revived and angry, the Tigers headed out for the second of their two straight weeks on the road. The first stop would be Dekalb, IL, where Pacific would hook up with Northern Illinois.

As they had recently been for the Tigers, the day would be a long one for the Huskies. Wasting little time, Pacific struck early and often, slicing up the NIU defense to take an 11 point lead (25-14) just past the midpoint of the first half. Even as the Huskies began to close the gap to just four points late in the first, the Tigers kept hitting from the perimeter and converting from the line to stretch the lead back to 13 (40-27) at the half.

No less intense or determined, the Tigers kept it going in the second half, raining down another five treys onto the Huskies, and shooting .555 from the floor for the half.

Finally getting themselves on the right side of a blowout, the Tigers took the contest 84-62, bringing their record back to even par at 3-3. For Pacific, Meeker led all scorers with a career-high 19 points to go with seven boards, and senior Millie Kimpton continued her torrid scoring pace with 17.

“The key to the whole ball-game was showing our aggressiveness on the boards,” said Murrell. “That has always been a struggle for us and we have played poorly in that area lately, so this was great to see.”

Sunday’s contest would be a rematch with the same Bradley team the Tigers dished out a 33 point drubbing to a season ago. Some people never let go of a grudge.

Though things would remain tight throughout the first half, it took a strong afternoon from downtown to help Pacific keep it close. And close it was, as close as two teams can be, going into the break knotted at 35. Close would also be how the officials called the game, maybe too close.

In the end, the Tigers would see their record fall to 3-4 with the 75-64 loss. Among the bright spots for Pacific was another 16 point night from Kimpton, and a big night off the bench from freshman sharpshooter Nancy Dinges who drained four treys on the road to 14 points. Also of note, d’Hondt pulled in a game-high 11 boards for the second game in a row. This Saturday the Tigers finally get to return home to get it on with Southern Utah at 7 pm in the Spanos Center.

Ahsha Johnson helped the Tigers out-rebound Bradley 36-30 in their close 75-64 loss.

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We are Sparticus

Attention Pacific fans: Due to the water damage sustained to the brand new Spanos Center floor, fans are being asked to restrain their tears of joy over freshman Jennifer Joines' game to designated ecstasy-areas.

How lucky are we? How many athletic programs dread the loss of their super-hero, all-star senior only to discover a new and even better hero delivered just in time to continue their dominance? Pacific has magically managed to transition straight from a senior-dream team to an unbelievable cast of up-and-coming stars. Isn't there supposed to be an off year in there somewhere? A rebuilding period?

But we are talking about our Pacific Tigers! We don't rebuild. We dominate. We are Sparticus!

On a Scale of One to Ten...

The women of the Pacific swim team would score an 11. Eleven for the 11 school records they set at the Speedo Cup last weekend. Now that is really impressive considering that most of those records were broken by underclassmen (I guess underclass-women would be more appropriate).

With the success of these young mermaids and the widespread accomplishments of the rookies in women's soccer and volleyball I am starting to wonder about the incoming classes. Was there something in the water way back in 1981 that created this bionic group of all-stars? Did they quire their...