Tigers miracle season comes to an end in the NCAA Regional Semi-Final against UCLA.

CHRIS HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

Pacific is in the spirit of giving as numerous groups throughout campus rally to raise donations. Everything from canned goods to unwrapped toys are being collected in an attempt to aid those less fortunate during the holidays.

Founded in the spirit of giving to the community, Alpha Phi Omega joined forces with the Salvation Army this year. Members can be seen collecting change in the McCaffrey Center through Dec. 15.

"We're interested in helping the community. Regardless of who they are, it gives them a good holiday," said participant and Alpha Phi Omega member Henry Chan.

Even the campus dining services are getting involved as they are conducting both a canned food drive and a penny drive. Bins are available for students to conveniently deposit both items as they enter Elbert Covell dining hall.

The canned food will be donated to a local food shelter. Pennies raised will be delivered in conjunction with Kat Country radio station to St. Jude's Cancer Research Center for Children.

Currently, the dining services have collected three large pitchers of pennies and a sparse variety of canned goods. It is hoped that before the holidays, a larger donation will be available for the needy. Sherri Wilson, Interim Food Services Manager, is hopeful of the event. "I believe we should all give, not only at this time of year, but year round," said Wilson.

In an attempt to reach Pacific students and the greater community, COPA also hosted a donation drive for canned goods. Raffle tickets were given for every two cans of food brought in to their See Giving, page 4

Henry Chan, member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, rings the donation bell in the McCaffrey Center.

Faculty in Residence Program gives students an education outside of class

KATE SALDIN
Staff Writer

The Faculty in Residence Program at UOP has been operating for several years "in order to foster a better connection between faculty and students," said Bill Mains, director of Quad Residences.

The program provides interested faculty members office space and hours in a residence hall, giving them an opportunity to be a part of the programming in that particular hall. The program has been up and running for several years, with faculty members in various residence halls across campus.

"There are no specific requirements of the involved faculty, they are encouraged to participate in hall activities and to be available to students on a regular basis. According to Mains, many of the faculty assist with academic advising, though one of their main roles is "to show that faculty are people too." Barb West, UOP professor and program participant in Casa Jackson since 1997, is involved in part to show that "professors are more helpful than frightening." West does half of her office hours in Jackson and invites students to a weekly dinner with her in Elbert Covell.

West said that she enjoys the program because it provides a way to get more involved with campus life without having to spend all day, everyday on campus. She is also convinced that her time as a student living in residence halls was a very important part of her life at college, and she wants to be a part of the same type of development at UOP.

Both Mains and West have heard positive feedback from students and they would like to see future developments on the existing program, possibly including putting a faculty member in each hall and asking them for a greater time commitment.

Other involved faculty include Gaye Walton-Price (Southwest), Farley Ordonenky (Farley/LINC), Robert Dash (John Ballantyne/Honors), Ralph Saroyan and Cynthia Dobbs (Grace Covell).
Longtime professor finishes his last year at Pacific

MICHELE-EIZABETH VALLE
& JENNIFER W. ZHANG
Guest Writers

Dr. Robert Dash is a unique professor with an exciting agenda. Stopping to greet his students as they pass his office in John Ballantine is a regular occurrence. His easy going nature makes it possible for students to approach him with questions and concerns about classes, majors or school in general.

Through the 37 years of teaching students at Pacific, Dash has contributed greatly to the changes and growth of the school. Through teaching Spanish language and literature, he has conveyed his passion for learning Spanish to a higher level by majoring in it during college.

He attended Baldwin-Wallace College in Ohio. He majored in Spanish and took on two minors - Psychology and Physical Education. Dash graduated in 1961 with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish.

His pursuit of higher education was far from over. Dash continued his education of Modern Languages at Middlebury College in Vermont. His concentration was in Spanish and he also studied French and Portuguese extensively.

To have an even better environment for his study in Spanish, Dash traveled to and lived in Madrid, Spain for two years. One year was for his Master’s and the other was during his pursuit of a doctorate.

He received his Master’s degree in 1964 and Doctorate of Modern Languages in 1977, which was an equivalent of a Ph.D. in Spanish, a Masters in French and a Bachelor of Arts in Portuguese.

So many degrees in so many languages had prepared Dash well to become an outstanding Modern Language professor at the college level. With a strong determination in teaching Spanish that he had processed ever since he was a young child, Dash selected UOP, one of his favorite and familiar schools while growing up here in Stockton and moved back to California in pursuit of a professional teaching career.

Over the years, Dash has demonstrated his capabilities through hard work in various areas. He has shown his excellent educating skills through teaching numerous fascinating classes in Modern Languages. He has done extensive research in the area of Spanish Literature and contributed his analysis in referee journal publications.

One particular author that Dash had researched was Benito Perez Galdos. Perez Galdos was a popular writer who was considered to be the most important novelist since Miguel de Cervantes.

Dash always had a very personal and respectful relationship with his students during the years at UOP. This is very evident from the comments that his students have written in teacher/class evaluations every year. They have consistently stated that they feel very comfortable with Dash in that they could talk to him about anything.

Dash thinks this personal and respectful professor/student relationship is an important and necessary factor in encouraging his students to do well and succeed in school. “If they respect me and know that I have high expectations for them, they will try hard,” he said.

In addition, Dash thinks setting a good example is also beneficial to his students. “Students learn by example and I try to set the example, maintain high standards and expectations, and I get them,” he explained.

Unfortunately for Pacific, this school year marks the end of Dash’s teaching career. He will retire at the end of this academic year. During his retirement, Dash will take a much-needed break by reading and traveling to his second home in Maine. He will also work on a translation of one of Perez Gal­dos’ works. He expects to be done within two to three years.

Next spring Dash will be offering two courses. He will teach History of Spanish Literature since 1800 and a course on Perez Galdos and Film.

Do you know anything additional about Dash or Perez Galdos? So whether you know any facts from class, live in his dorm or pass him by on campus, please, hello, give him a wave and wish him good luck on his retirement. He is one long time Pacific fan.

Language professor Dr. Robert Dash shares his enthusiasm...
Pike's "Hit of Reality" hits UOP with a message

OLGA SCHENONE
Staff Writer

From Dec. 6-8, the men of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity held their annual philanthropy event, "Hit of Reality," to benefit the San Joaquin County Food Bank. To raise money for the food bank, the members of Pike gave up their money, houses, cars and privileges and lived in the middle of the Caffrey Center for 50 hours. In order to make "Hit of Reality" realistic, the members of Pike could only eat something other individual donated to them. They could only go to school and when class was over, they had to return to the Caffrey Center. They could not go back to where they live and change clothes or shower. When Pike, a member of Pike, participated in this event, said, "Hit of Reality is the best. It's a great way to raise awareness and money for the homeless.

Student Alumni Association — What a Concept!

JACQUELINE SANTOS
Staff Writer

"Student Alumni" sounds like an oxymoron term. How can you be both at one time? Are you either a current student or an alum? So what is all this about a Student Alumni Association? It's a concept present to a diverse group of students by Bill Coen, Director of Alumni and Parent Programs, meeting on Dec. 5. "We really want to work with students. Are you alumni in residence, the life-blood of our institution," said Coen. At Pacific, students are viewed as alumni from the time they first set foot on campus. As for working with students, Coen explained, "It is the responsibility of the alumni staff to educate students about alumni involvement and how they maintain a lifelong relationship with Pacific." That is why the Alumni Office is developing Student Alumni Association on campus.

Many universities and colleges engage students in advancement programs across the US; each is uniquely structured to encourage student participation in the leadership and support of the university. The Alumni office is developing opportunities for students and alumni to strengthen that tradition of support. With the Alumni staff, students will plan social activities, celebrations of time and place, outreach and career programming.

"There are already excellent programs that are trying to meet the needs of students on campus — ASUOP, RHA, Greeks," said Coen. "The Student Alumni Association will bring alumni and students together for socials and to share experiences. Dine with Strangers, Breakfast with Alumni, Apple Polishes and Senior Send-off are just a few events that SAA may begin hosting as early as spring semester. Our goal at the Alumni Office is to engage students and develop programs that will enhance the undergraduate experience.

As a new organization, the Alumni Office is still recruiting volunteers to help develop the program, events and activities. Programming will begin during the spring semester. The next SAA meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 22 at 9:00 p.m. Spring semester the Student Alumni Association will host at least two events.

For more information contact Kelli Page at 946-2987 or e-mail at kpage@uop.edu.

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Terroism threats made to UOP

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Pritpal Singh, a junior Communication student, was arrested Thursday, Dec. 7 in the Z Building. According to Public Safety Officer Thomas Redfearn, Singh was arrested for terrorist threats in Professor Fearn’s class on Monday, Dec. 4. Redfearn was the arresting officer and he said that Singh was then booked in the San Joaquin County jail on Thursday. Monday, Dec. 11 he was appointed a public defender who then asked for a continuance until Tuesday morning. Singh’s arraignment hearing was on Tuesday, Dec. 12 where the judge released Singh on his own recognizance against the advice of the district attorney, according to Redfearn. This means that since Singh has had no previous convictions he’s released until his court date which was set for Jan. 9, 2001. While he is out on recognizance Singh is not allowed to violate any laws or contact any of the victims. Singh has also been expelled from UOP and is not allowed back on campus. If he is seen on campus call Public Safety. Redfearn said that he believes in keeping everyone informed and if anyone has any questions or concerns, contact Redfearn at 946-2537.

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Andreea Borcea, representative, feels that the meal is a desirable way to keep everyone informed and inspired. “Most people don’t break their diet during the holiday season. This event is one of the best charities place on campus. Toys for Tots program is a must this holiday season,” Borcea said.

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**Christmas isn’t the only winter holiday**

### Jewish religion celebrates Festival of Lights

**CHARLENE L. LAPUS**

Guest Writer

Though many UOP students will be celebrating the New Year this year, others will be celebrating the holidays in a different manner. Hanukkah, which means “dedication” and is also referred to as “The Festival of Lights,” is a Jewish festival which begins on the Hebrew date of the 25th of Kislev and lasts eight days, through the 2nd of Tevet. This year the celebration roughly corresponds to Dec. 22-29.

This Jewish holiday commemorates the victory of the Maccabees (led by Judah) over the Hellenistic Syrians in a revolt that took place around 165 B.C.

Perhaps the most important observation associated with this holiday is the kindling of the Hanukkah lights on the Menorah or Hanukkah, a seven- or nine-branch candelabrum.

On each night one more light is kindled, beginning with one candle on the first night of Hanukkah and ending with eight on the final evening.

Senior Kim Sandler reflects on what Hanukkah means to her. She said, “It is a time for family and reflection. Each night [my family] lights the menorah, I feel a sense of peacefulness.”

### Kwanzaa holiday celebrates unity for all

**SHOMARI SOLOMON & CHELSEA SIME**

Guest Writer & Assistant News Editor

Kwanzaa is a holiday which is not just a day but stretches out for seven days, from the day after Christmas until New Year’s Day.

During these seven days, there is a principle applied to each of them which stress togetherness and unity among family as well as community.

The seven principles are emooja (unity), kujichagulia (self-determination), ujima (collective work and responsibility), ujamaa (cooperative economics), nia (purpose), kuumba (creativity) and imani (faith).

There is also a Kwanzaa holiday celebration, feasts, donations to the needy and goodwill.

### Ramadan: The Islamic Holy Month Celebration

**ADAM VILASCO**

Guest Writer

Ramadan is a celebration of forgiveness, mercylessness, and piety done by Muslims around the world usually starting at the end of November and commencing at the end of December. It is done for one of the five pillars that God commanded Muslims to do. It is done so people can appreciate what they have, and make them feel and think about the things that less fortunate souls do not have.

Ramadan is a requirement of every able bodied Muslim. You are forbidden from fasting if you are sick, mentally retarded, old, or pregnant. Fasting is done from sunrise to sunset. During this time, people must abstain from food and drink, give alms (donations usually given out at the end of the month of December), and impair (such as sex and foul words). Once the sun sets, Muslims end their fast for the day.

The times of Ramadan changes every year because it goes by the lunar year. Every year, the date is pushed back by eleven days. This year Ramadan started on November 27 and will end on either December 26 or 27, depending on where the moon is located.

Ramadan is celebrated widely in the Middle East where families get together a lot and spend countless hours together. People are very kind to each other and do a lot of worshipping. People that usually do not pray start during this time.

In the last ten days of Ramadan (which can occur on any of the odd days), a special night called “Laylat-Al-Quadr” occurs. During this night, Muslims gather at mosques in the middle of the night and they say “Dua’s” to God (a “Dua” is a special request from a Muslim to God, they never go unanswered). They do this until dawn, and then pray the Morning Prayer.

Ramadan in America is very different from in the Middle East. Back there, almost all restaurants are closed during the day. Work hours and schools hours are shortened and people do not walk around on the streets eating, drinking, or smoking.

Muhammed Hamdy, a business student from the Middle East said, “Ramadan is different here than back home. Nights there are more alive, and it’s celebrated a unique way. I haven’t found anyone here that understands the true meaning of Ramadan.”

It’s harder for Muslims to get a true sense of Ramadan while in America. You must go back to the Middle East to get a sense of the true atmosphere of the holiday.

Ghazi Jeroudi, a UOP business student from the United Arab Emirates said, “This special month just does not feel the same here. I haven’t prayed as much as I do at home, and I miss my parents.”

When it is over, there is a three-day celebration called “Eid-al-Fitr.” This celebration signifies the end of the month of fasting and it is a time of celebration, feasts, donations to the needy and goodwill.

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It's that time of year again

The bookstore: buy back or sell out

A picture is worth a thousand words. But the words contained in textbook's at UOP are apparently worth...a little less.

Every semester, after stu-
dents have studied for months and struggled with courses, the ceremonial Pacific book return takes place.

Lines comparable to those at Great America theme park wind through McCaffrey Center as anxious students await redemption from Organic Chemistry, Philosophy, Aesthetics of Film, and Human Communication Theory.

Payback, however, is not so sweet for Pacific students. Students continually complain about how little they receive for their used books. The value of the books doesn't seem to shine through during the buy-back period. But what is the buy-back policy at the UOP bookstore? Are there standards placed on a book that deem it more worthy of the book return? Of The Pacifican is supported by ASUOP and the student fee. Other support is provided by our advertisers.

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Daycare at UOP

MICHUEL ELIZABETH VALLE
Staff Writer

There are six billion people on earth. As of 1999 less than one percent of those six billion people live in California. And according to the registrar’s office, there are 4,200 students enrolled and registered at UOP. That is even less than half of a percent.

Every year, more and more people are having children. Much of the six billion people in the world are less than ten years old, as with the population of California. So what about UOP? Of course we’re all old enough to attend college and everyone can experience the finer benches in life.

There are also students who do have young children at home. If both.

According to University information, UOP does not have any daycare services for staff or students. So what do you do when you have two young children at home who are out of school with no where to put them?

An article by Pam Belluck for the New York Times reported on the advantage of having employees’ children at the workplace. Many of the employees have infants at home.

A survey was conducted in Ohio that found 85 businesses allowed employees to bring children to work. More and more businesses are adding to that number.

Belluck’s article shows the beneficial side of parents bringing children to work. There is more productivity with a parent whose child is with them. The idea is that if mom or dad can keep an eye on junior, she or he is more confident while working.

A child’s presence also keeps up company morale. I suppose it’s all the cooing and cute wittle puffy cheeks. Or maybe just seeing a child playing oblivious to the working world, brings out the child in employees.

Regardless of the reasons, businesses are getting things done and employees are more likely to stay on with the company if they can take care of their children during the vital infant and toddler stages.

Perhaps a university environment isn’t good for young children to tag along with mom or dad to chemistry lab or computer class. I sure wouldn’t like hearing baby squeals while I took midterms.

Yet, it would be a comforting thought to see daycare for those parents who have to get to class, and sometimes it’s not easy finding the right babysitter who will take care of two screaming babies and a wandering toddler in the early morning.

It would be a lot less of a struggle for those parents, if UOP had a day care center. Who knows, it might even be an excellent way to improve school morale and spirit.

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Temporary homeless: were they really suffering

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Last week, Pi Kappa Alpha went homeless in the McCaffrey Center for 50 hours. The idea behind this is to help the plight of the homeless population. They take donations, and have sponsors who match that amount in food. They live only on what people donate to them.

While on the surface this is a noble cause, in reality it is not very representative of being homeless. When you can look into the McCaffrey Center and see guys throwing around a football, listening to the radio, and having members of several sororities dropping off McDonalds to them, it does not inspire sympathy for the homeless. Where I’m from, we call that camping, not to be confused with being homeless.

My problem does not rest so much on the “hit of reality” but on the lack of actual reality. How many of you who brought food to the members of Pi Kappa Alpha would actually do the same to someone who is homeless not for a couple of days, when they know they will have a warm bed to go back to, but to someone who lives on the street everyday, with no vision of hope of that ever changing. Is there even one of you?

Secondly, living in the McCaffrey Center is also not very representative of true homeless life. Shooting pool and living right next to a bathroom with running water (hot and cold) and working toilets is also not very much like reality.

I feel confident that someone who really is homeless, while they might appreciate the gesture, would be insulted by the mock “hardships” of homeless life being portrayed by our students. It is not so much a helping hand as it is a slap in the face.

If you really want to help, then volunteer at a soup kitchen, give a hand, just give someone who is down on their luck a meal with which they can eat and keep living for another day. Is it truly that frightening or scary of a concept?
US fails their final exams, laughing stock of the world

Extra Extra! Read all about it! Is the US an international superpower, or is it the college dropout that the rest of the world thinks it is?

The government seems to think that it can change its mind five times a day and then blame the rest of the world for its failures. The American people will simply go along with it. Wrong! It seems obvious to me that there will be a backlash against the government sooner or later if they think they can keep engaging in petty little legal squabbles without concern for the opinion of the majority of US citizens (re-member when they did it in Monicagate?).

As much as I am concerned with who becomes the president (since Gore and Bush are just so completely different and all), but I think that there are other important issues in this little squabble.

For instance, for a government to be respected and legitimate in the people's eyes, it needs to be consistent. By changing its mind all of the time about how the ballots in Florida will be handled, the government loses a good deal of its credibility.

Uncertainty makes people nervous, and for good reason. The government should be intelligent and well-run enough to be able to make decisions!

Otherwise, what type of people have we entrusted the protection of our right to life, liberty, and property to? Wishy-washy blood-stuck politicians who care more about their personal and political success than about what the country wants or needs?

There is another problem with the situation that our country is in: how other countries perceive us. As an international leader and preacher of democracy "of the people, by the people, and for the people," our politicians should not be fighting ing with each other to attain a government of the politician, by the politician, and for the politician. How do they think other countries see our problem?

Do politicians think they are looking at us and saying, "Gee, those filthy Americans" sure have that democracy thing down. Look at how passionately and resolutely they are fighting for the good of the people and democracy?" Well, I hate to break it to you, but they are not. In fact, they are making fun of us, pointing and laughing while we argue amongst ourselves.

What kind of example does this set for other countries? How does this affect our international image and credibility?

It does the same thing as sitting within the US, which is lowering the people's view of politics and the US govern ments as a whole. If we cannot run our own elections, how should we be able to help run theirs? Maybe democracy will not seem so great to anyone. Our opinions count for less, and our will, too.

In short, the government needs to shape up. Politics have gone too far this time. They need to quit making halfhearted promises to the people, just because they think they can change their minds at a moment's notice.

A closer look at America's involvement in Vietnam

[U-WIRE] BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - The United States paid a price for its attempt to impose its will on Southeast Asia.

But the Vietnamese, Cambodians and Laotians paid far higher prices. Not thousands, but millions dead. Millions more are hurt, maimed and starving, and a landscape laid to waste by bombing and still deadly with unexploded ordnance and mines adds to the tragedy.

In line with U.S. propaganda, many Americans speak of all of this destruction as a "mistake" (or perhaps a "trag ic error"), but you don't devastate three countries by mistake - it was entirely deliberate.

I always wonder what "mistake" means in this context. Does it mean we really meant to bomb Bolivia or Nigeria back into the Stone Age, but the bombers missed their target? Or was this more the kind of "mistake" a bully makes when the scrappy guy who looked like an easy target turns out to be a lightweight boxing champ?

President Bill Clinton visited Vietnam recently, the first U.S. president to do so since Richard Nixon in 1969. It was a long-overdue gesture, probably more motivated by American corporations' interest in Vietnamese markets (visions of sweatshops are no doubt dancing in their heads) than in making amends, let alone making good on the United States' long-forgotten promise to help rebuild Vietnam.

Ordinary American citizens have done more than the politicians, Vietnamese veterans prominently among them. When our government refused to supply mine maps to assist in the already dangerous task of locating and defusing the mines that still pepper the land of Vietnam, veterans voluntarily went to help.

Vietnam veterans were also prominent in the anti-war movement, a fact that is often forgotten.

I learned a lot about American citizens' opposition to their government's Vietnam policies from historian H. Bruce Franklin's article in the Dec. 11 issue of The Nation — and I'm usually the person who informs others. Franklin said American World War II veterans opposed U.S. support for French colonialism in 1945. This support took the form of supplying troopships to carry U.S.-armed French forces to Vietnam, which had declared its independence right after the Japanese defeat.

American civilians "drew up a resolution condemning the U.S. government for using American ships to transport an invasion army 'to subjugate the native population' of Vietnam," Franklin said.

When the Vietnamese finally defeated the French at Dienbienphu in 1954 and the U.S. was preparing to mount its own invasion (because, as Vice President Nixon explained, "the Vietnamese lack the ability to conduct a war or govern themselves"), veteran opposition arose once more.

An American Legion division with 78,000 members opposed a U.S. war in southeast Asia, and a senator attacked sending American soldiers to "perpetuate colonialism and white man's exploitation of Asia."

Fiery stuff, eh? When a Gallup poll found 68 percent opposed the use of U.S. troops in Indochina, government planners moved their operation to covert mode, as the Reagan administration would do later in Central America for similar reasons.

Veteran opposition to the Vietnam War continued throughout, though it is conveniently forgotten now in mainstream discourse. As Franklin notes, "Who today can believe that 1,500 crew members of the USS Constitution signed a petition manding that Jane Fonda anti-war show be allowed to perform on board?"

Vietnam veteran and sociologist Jerry Lembcke documented anti-war activists' efforts in his important book, The Spitting Image, indicating that the only Americans actually spat on veterans were "popular myth among today's Vietnam revisionists" who supported the war, furious at veterans who participated in demonstrations against it. The Nixon administration mounted a public relations campaign to smear such veterans, a tactic which succeeded too well.

Clinton's visit to Vietnam was long overdue. But not related to a closer look by the whole nation at the real history of the war (dropping the mythic "mistake," form amble), and honor paid those — civilians and veterans — who opposed it.

A UOP Veteran responds

Dear Editor,

Your editorial from November 30 caught my attention. Speaking as a veteran, but for myself rather than as a veteran in general, only the last few paragraphs made any sense to me. The last form of honor I want is another holiday, lost in people reciting without thought about why they're sitting around listening to speeches about our sacrifices.

The highest honor you could do me would be to appreciate your education, and to take from your years here two items of information that veterans either already know or learn at high cost. Number one is: when all the situational ethics and moral dilemmas are debated to exhaustion, there are still some basic principles which are worth defending with your life.

Number two: these principles are few in number, general in wording, and can hardly ever be expressed as a simple, Thou shalt... or Thou shalt not. The hardest corollary of number two is that no one country, culture, race, or religion has a lock on how these principles should be practiced or expressed.

I don't think that you can make the job of veteran disappear, but it would be nice if you could learn and teach the principles of tolerance that would reduce our ranks to a minimum.

Anonymous
Noticed? Shallow is back in

[U-WIRE] STILLWATER, Okla. - Somewhere between the catchy melodies of *NSYNC and the lusciously tanned thighs of Britney Spears there lies a monster that's crept into the mainstream's consciousness.

Of course I'm speaking of the sugar-coated, superficial, form of music called "Pop."

Pop music prides itself on pleasing the ignorant and shallow realms of society.

Remember when bands like Smashing Pumpkins, U2 and Pearl Jam ruled the charts and reflected the mindset of the typical, downtrodden American teenager?

Remember when music was written by the same individuals who performed it?

Of course you don't, because unless you have yet to be brainwashed by the media (MTV and VH1), you have no recollection of how much power music used to have.

By listening to the latest version of Menudo, New Kids on the Block, or whatever "boyband" strikes a chord, you are, in effect, living in a world of inanity.

As far as being kicked out of Evergreen State, Marriott never had a contract there, it broke down during negotiations.

The Pacifican has a very open policy toward letters to the editor, they must simply contain a name and phone number. However, we also have an obligation to our readers to present all the facts and let our readers judge for themselves.
“And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Nearly 2,000 years ago, God became one of us in the person of Jesus Christ. If you have any questions about this incredible event or about its implications for your life, please ask one of us.

If you are interested in being a sponsor/participant in the Easter and Christmas acts, please call Carol at 6-2689.
Restaurant Review

Garlic Brothers offers pleasant fiesta atmosphere

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A & E Editor

Garlic Brothers has a festive atmosphere and great food too. With large windows looking out toward the calm flowing river and festive colored lights hanging from the ceiling, Garlic Brothers is the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. This almost secluded restaurant, located in Village West Marina has become a popular hangout place among Stocktonians. During harsh winter days, the usually bustling deck sits quiet and empty, but is an excellent place to sit and relax after school or work.

With a festive look for the holidays, Garlic Brothers leaves the hanging Christmas lights year-round. Bold colors of red, green and yellow theme the walls, chairs and tables. The feel of Mexican fiesta hangs in the air.

At Garlic Brothers, garlic is an essential part of most of the dishes. Garlic fries ($4.25) are an excellent appetizer to begin with. Grated Parmesan mixed with garlic seasoning are heavily sprinkled onto crispy golden fries and served with ketchup and ranch dressing. 

If you’re looking for something less filling, the regular chips and salsa ($3.50) will make a lighter appetizer to make way for an even bigger entre.

The lunch menu has a limited selection of food, but offers several excellent dishes. My companion decided to start his meal off by having a small cup of pea soup ($2.75). It was a cute portion of green soup to match the festive decor around us. The soup varies from day to day.

An excellent dish that I’ve had before was garlic crayfish gumbo ($7.50). This dish is reminiscent of Louisiana cooking and contains large rock shrimp, portions of andouille sausage, chicken and all sorts of delicious vegetables mixed with cloves of garlic in a warm stew.

This time I decided to try the angel hair pasta ($7.50). Angel hair noodles were tossed in a creamy white wine sauce, diced ripe tomatoes, thinly sliced red onions, with basil and slivers of garlic to kick up the taste.

This was a great alternative to the red chunky sauces drenching the noodles in other restaurants. It was a light dish, but came in a big portion.

My companion finished off his soup and decided to get the street taco ($6.95). Patrons have a choice of tri-tip or chicken for the filling. The taco isn’t really a traditional taco, rather it’s a quesadilla type dish. A thin flour tortilla is gently folded over the meat.

Sides are homemade salsa, which sits atop a bed of portions of lettuce, Spanish rice and a bowl of whole beans. The dish wasn’t quite what my companion expected, but was good nonetheless.

Many or all of the dishes do not come with sides, because the food alone comes in large portions. Expect to bring home leftovers.

The overall experience at Garlic Brothers left my companion and I wanting to come back for dinner in the future. Dinner offers a wider variety of foods including pizzas and calzones.

The restaurant becomes busy during the evenings, as people like to relax and wind down after a day at the office or school. Who wouldn’t blame them? The atmosphere is festive, the river looks beautiful during the sunset and the service is friendly and inviting.

This is definitely a place to try new foods, or have old ones with a flair of experimentation gone right. I give Garlic Brothers a three and a half out of five.

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Last Sunday, Pacific spirit came to light as hundreds of students, faculty and staff gathered in Morris Chapel to celebrate religious diversity in an ecumenical setting. The Festival of Lights was put on with the help of Joy Preisser and the UOP Chaplain's Office, Interfaith Council, RHA, as well as President DeRosa and his wife Karen. There was an estimated 348 people in attendance at this joyful event.

The celebration began with a religious ceremony in Morris Chapel where representatives from the Interfaith Council each shared what their faith meant to them with others. Many different religions were represented including Islam, Catholicism, Protestantism and Judaism. Kwansaa was celebrated in a dazzling performance of the African carol, "Betelehemu," by the Pacific Singers. Soloist tenor freshman Fred Mendenhall, commented on the Nigerian christmas carol, "it was a song between shepherds, urging people to come to Bethlehem...we practiced for almost two months."

Afterwards, dazzling luminaries made by University Choir and RHA glowed the path from the Chapel to the tree-lighting ceremony by Burns Tower as everyone held lit candles and walked over to the site. "It's never been standing room only in the Chapel; around the tree, I was just shocked at the number of students who came out together to share in the spirit of Pacific," said President DeRosa.

The Festival ended with hot cider and cookies available at the President's Room where everyone mingled and enjoyed each other's company at the joyful occasion. "I thought it was a wonderful, ecumenical event; it showed that if you get any bigger next year, I'm worried about holding it in the Chapel." In comparison to other Pacific events, that is one kind of worry that is definitely positive.

Festival of lights unifies students of all faiths

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‘Whose Line is it Anyway?’ performing next semester

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Are you feeling bored? Do you have anything to do on a Friday night besides watch reruns of Norm? As the semester winds down and you prepare to pack up and head off for home, you wonder what exciting new events ASUOP has planned when you get back.

Soon after students arrive for the spring semester, actor and comedian, Wayne Brady will perform at Faye Spanos Concert Hall. He’s one of four actors who have mastered improvisation on the hit ABC show “Whose Line is it Anyway?”

Brady will bring much of the “Whose Line” variety show comedy into his performance. He is scheduled to bring two mystery guests, a pianist, and a lot of audience participation.

His hilarity on the ABC Thursday night show has made him popular among Pacific students. Greg Lehr of ASUOP agrees that “Whose Line” is a quality show. “It’s a great show and college students really respond well to it. It’s great, clean humor, and has just a high entertainment value,” he said.

Brady will perform at Faye Spanos on Feb. 16. That’s just a month after the beginning of the new semester an ideal time for Brady to perform.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. So plan ahead and keep that evening open for a great time of side-splitting laughter and carefree comedy.

Tickets are on sale, so get them before you leave for winter break. They are great stocking stuffers or Valentine’s presents for that special someone. General admission tickets are only $20 and students get them for $10.

There are limited tickets for students, in which students can buy a limit of two for the student discount and a total of eight after that at the normal price. Tickets are selling like popscile’s on a hot summer day, so buy them now before they’re gone when you return. Once tickets are sold out, just pry that someone will sell you theirs.

What to watch this upcoming winter break

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This holiday break holds a great deal of movies to be released. So in between group hugs with the family and catching up on eating some good home cooking, sneak on over to your local theater and check out some of the great new films being released.

Starting on Friday December 22nd:

“Cast Away,” the newest Tom Hanks epic has him trapped on a deserted island, will he be rescued or will he have to make out on his own or will he face a horrendous death. If you haven’t seen the trailers for this one then you are in for a treat.

“Chocolat,” a new film directed by Lasse Halstrom (Cider House Rules) starring Johnny Depp puts a catholic priest against the proprietor of a local chocolate shop. Already a critical hit in NY and LA.

“Traffic,” starring Michael Douglas, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Salma Hayek, and Dennis Quaid is based upon the 19 British television mini-series Traffic. At the center of the story is state judge Robert Lewis (Douglas) who has become the USA’s newest drug czar. With the drug war extending to even his own home, as his teenage daughter (Christensen) is directed to crack and heroin, he is faced with the world of drugs by his boyfriend (Tophi Grace). (Catherine Zeta-Jones plays Helen Montoya, a former housewife turned drug smugler; Quaid plays her attorney; Irving plays Douglas’ wife).

“13 Days,” starring Kevin Costner, Peter White, Del Baker, Bruce Greenwood. Audiences are probably most familiar with Greenwood who will play John F. Kennedy from his turn as Ashley Judd’s husband “Nick” in Double Jeopardy. The movie is based upon the days in 1962 that comprised what we now call the Cuban Missile Crisis.

These are just a sampling of what is available for you during winter.
Meg Ryan and Russell Crowe search for 'Proof of Life'

From Theta Alpha Phi

‘Proof of Life’ is worthy of admiration and viewing for straying away from the typical frills.

Dr. Ray’s Joke corner

Court Case
The Supreme Court will hear arguments for and against continuing the recount on Monday. In a gesture symbolic of his destiny, Al Gore this morning kissed Tipper good-bye.

Madonna Marriage
Madonna will marry the father of her second child this month in Scotland. This comes as a shock to her former lover. The NBA.

Conservate Energy
Californians are being told to conserve energy or face black-outs this winter. Some citizens are taking it real serious. For example, Robert...
Local radio station spearheads penny drive in an effort to aid St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

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Seven weeks ago, a local radio station, 103.3 FM, otherwise known as KAT Country, kicked off their penny drive to raise money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis Tennessee.

St. Jude’s is a large research center for cancer. KAT country’s goal is just one of many in an effort to raise money for this research center.

KAT Country’s original goal was to raise one million pennies for the children by the end of their drive at the end of December.

This goal quickly changed when on their first Thursday, Sept. 21 they raised their one million pennies at their first stop.

Mike Lopez, Promotions director at KAT Country said, “We’ve got a great response from Manteca and raised over a million pennies on day one. We then ‘decided to challenge the rest of the cities on the list to match Manteca.”

Those cities have all matched Manteca’s effort and without a problem have raised over one million pennies at every stop so far.

At each city they stop off every Thursday, KAT Country does live broadcasts and keeps their listeners updated on how many pennies there are, who’s donating the pennies and even local businesses to visit in the area.

Local businesses in each of the cities have been very supportive donating free food, car washes, etc. Donators also have a chance to speak on the radio and encourage their peers, co-workers, friends and families to come donate their pennies also.

Since starting seven weeks ago, KAT Country has raised over 17 million pennies in just one location. This is made possible by not only the involvement and eagerness of the employees at the radio station, but the people in each of these cities and the surrounding areas also.

Every Thursday morning, they start off bright and early and run straight through until midnight. Usually, the broadcast is set up at convenient locations right off of the local highways. This is a major benefit to KAT Country because they’re very easily accessible to commuters, city people and other motorists that may be driving by.

What is unique and special about this effort is the personal effect from the stories you hear through the people donating the pennies.

Many of those donating have family members who have or have had cancer and if they don’t have family members, then they know of people who suffer from this disease.

This penny drive is an awesome event where you can be responsible for helping provide funding for research that is essential to the future. Donating a couple hundred pennies won’t put that big of a dent in your wallet and it’s for a great cause. Students and faculty at UOP, as well as the Stockton community are encouraged to stop by one of the next two locations and donate, especially in the spirit of the holiday season. You can find out exact locations of these stops by listening to 103.3 FM.

For more information on the beneficiary of this drive, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, you can visit their website at www.stjude.org.

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Children like Walker Chow benefit from the penny drive.
Top Ten ways to make your finals more interesting

10. Perform a "tension breaking" scream (i.e. the movie "Summer School") just before the test begins.

9. Bring blue books and scantrons to class, even if you don’t need them, and ask people why they aren’t prepared.

8. Start every sentence in the essay portion of a test with, "Well, my mom once told me!"

7. Use the bubbles on your scantron sheet to create secret messages and drawings.

6. Take time out to look to the sky and pray between questions and then yell out, "Thanks, Lord!" after recording your answer.

5. Frequently reach into your backpack and pull out items such as lip-gloss and make-up. See how long it takes your professor that you are doing and rehash your backpack and pull out everything they rely on. As alizing that someone is stealing the animals begin their inves-

4. Create new responses to multiple-choice questions such as "E. this question is pointless"

3. Look up at the clock once every in awhile and say to the professor, "This is it?!!"

2. Upon receiving the test, flip through it and say to the professor, "This is it?!!"

1. Write "the correct answer" on all of your essays and argue it out with your professor that you wrote down all the correct answers when you get your grade back.

The Pacifican

Classes begin on January 17, but if you are going to be back on campus the weekend before, especially Saturday, January 13 you may want to take a break from whatever you are doing and rehash your childhood. The Department of Theatre Arts will perform the classic tale of HENNY PENNY in a goofy demeanor that is sure to please any one with a youthful heart.

Written by Carlos Manuel, the traditional story line that most of us are familiar with, has been rewritten to create a version that ends with a happy ending. "This tale is strictly geared toward the kind of story telling that appeals to 4-10 year olds," said director Jeffrey Ingman. A talented cast embraces the characters as they revive HENNY PENNY from the summer for another week of performances. "It’s a pure kids show that is a lot of fun," Ingman said. HENNY PENNY begins with all of the farm animals realizing that someone is stealing the items they rely on. As the animals begin their investigation to catch the thief, Henny Penny, played by Talla Krispel, is away on vacation to get away from it all. While sitting under a tree acorns are dropped on Henny’s head by the Fox who is played by Joshua McKay, and he whispers in her ear, “The sky is falling.” Henny rushes home to tell the others and thus the story revolves around Henny, the farm animals and the fox. Rather than going into the fox’s cave at the conclusion of the story, the fox is put on trial and all ends well. Summer performances brought in around 1500 school-aged children and the January performances are anticipated to gather about 4800 children from surrounding schools. The farm animals come to life as the actors in Henny Penny adorns the broad range of personalities within their characters displayed through lavish costumes that reflect the look of these animals.

Come and watch your fellow students having a good time as they perform a show aimed specifically toward children. Performances will be held in the Long Theatre on Saturday, January 13, 2001 at 11 a.m. and at 3 p.m. Tickets are $3 for all admissions and will be on sale at the door one hour prior to each performance.

For more information contact Peter Lach at (209) 946-2116.
What to watch in the 2001 season

Men’s Basketball
Tigers finally win a tourney

The Tigers traveled to Nebraska this past week for the Ameritas Classic Tournament and came away with the title after beating the University of Missouri-Kansas City on Saturday, Dec. 9. The first game of the tournament against Alaska-Fairbanks was a 94-58 blowout by the Tigers. However it marked the first road game the Tigers have won this season.

In Saturday’s game against the Kangaroos, the Tigers held a 12 point lead midway through the second half of the game, but the Kangaroos mounted a strong comeback during the remaining 8 minutes of the game. Junior guard Maurice McLemore continued his stellar play with 8 points, 6 assists, and 4 rebounds. Two of McLemore’s 8 points was late in the ball game when he took the ball to the hoop after Mike Preston offensive rebound.

McLemore then showed why he is considered one of the best defensive players on the team when he stripped UMCK’s Michael Watson of the ball with only 30 seconds remaining in the game. “What a play [Maurice] made at the end,” noted Pacific Head Coach Bob Thomason. “[Maurice] is a big time player and he is just going to get better and better.”

After the game the Tigers continued to gather honors as Mike Hahn was named tournament MVP in his return to his hometown and junior Metzger-Jones (Oakland, Calif.) was also named to the All-Tournament Team. The tournament title marked the first time Pacific has won an in-season tournament during Coach Thomason’s 13-year career. The last in-season title claimed by the Tigers came on Dec. 29, 1986 against San Francisco in the WCAC Pre-Season Tournament. During that span the Tigers have competed in 13 in-season tournaments.

Men’s Volleyball
Coach: Joe Wortman
Past record: 10-17, 6-13 MPSF
What to watch for: Three outstanding seniors + six freshman standouts well over six feet tall = a team to beat.

Men’s Tennis
Coach: Guido Bauman
Past record: 13-9 overall, 5-3 BWC
What to watch for: Swedish senior Tobias Abrahamson and German senior Alexander Fiedler bring a European flair to the courts.

Men’s Basketball
Coach Quincy Noble
Past record: 22-32 Overall, 5-25 BWC
What to watch for: Senior pitchers Kyle Albers, Todd Culp and Ed Hermberger take the mound at Hebert field.

Golf
Coach: Ted Balmer
Past finish: Tied for 13th at NCAA West Regionals
What to watch for: Optimistic results from the Fall season and sophomore stand-out Troy McKinley could mean success this season.

Softball
Coach: Brian Kolze
Past record: 31-25 overall, 15-9 BWC
What to watch for: This team is looking for the tournament bid that got away last season. Equipped with six seniors and bullet armed pitcher Cindy Ball, it could be theirs for the taking.

Women’s Tennis
Coach: Maria Mendez
Past record: 15-9
What to watch for: German duo of Christiane Barthel and Susanne Bertel are now juniors and nationally ranked at that.

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Sports

Kimpton takes the Big West Conference to school

Senior Tiger grabs player of the week accolades

JOSH MONTERO
Senior Staff Writer

Power: n. The ability or capacity to perform or act effectively.
Forward: adj. Advanced beyond the usual degree.

Through the history of Pacific women’s basketball, there may have been no player who more perfectly fit their position than current senior Millie Kimpton.

At the power forward position, Kimpton possesses an abundance of ability in all facets of the game, and at this point in the season has far out produced the rest of the Big West’s forwards.

It should have already been clear after leading Pacific in boards (6.0/game) and blocks (13 total), and owning the third highest scoring average at 10.3 ppg that Millie Kimpton could play ball. She was the Tigers’ strongest presence in the post and played tough on both ends of the ball.

While the current season is still relatively young, Kimpton has already left her numbers from a year ago in the dust.

Up to 6.6 boards per game, and a Big West Conference leading 18.0 points a game, Millie has established herself as an early favorite for BWC Player of the Year. The Conference agrees.

In the three weeks of the season in the books, Kimpton has been named BWC Player of the Week twice, including garnering the honors for this previous week on the strength of her 24 point, nine rebound performance against Southern Utah last Saturday night. Kimpton because the first Tiger to earn two Big West POW honors in a single season since Selena Ho accomplished the feat in 1998.

The game was the third time Kimpton had eclipsed the 20-point plateau this season, and each time was marked with a Pacific victory. Considering the Tigers have just four wins (against four losses), her value to the team is clearly immeasurable.

So imagine you are among the Big West coaching fraternity; what is the thing you least want to see from an already dangerously talented Millie Kimpton? How about a .520 shooting percentage from downtown.

“In the triangle offense we run, we want to have shooters,” said Pacific head coach Sherri Murrell. “Millie has really worked on her shot and become the post player we like to see shoot.”

In last Saturday’s drubbing of Southern Utah, Kimpton focused on Kimpton as a major threat, the Tigers have done well at finding the shooter left open by opponents’ double-teams. Freshman Nancy Dinges has recently been the primary beneficiary, erupting of late to lead Pacific with 17 threes.

Being able to score as well from outside as inside, rebound offensively as well defensively, block shots, and nail her free-throws, Millie Kimpton may be the most versatile Tiger in many years, and certainly one the rest of the conference won’t be looking forward to trying to stop.

Athletics for a country that plays games like cricket. No matter what I do, watching crew competitions will never stir my heartstrings like a Pacific volleyball match-up against Stanford would. I will miss sitting down to my laptop on Monday mornings and deciding how to tell the campus about my love for UOP sports. I will miss getting in trouble for opening my big mouth and saying something idiotic in my column...okay, I probably will not miss that.

In the end, I am back where I started. Back on the sidelines cheering, holding up a glittery sign and trying to keep my twiggy frame from freezing to death, this time in a foreign country. I could say something sappy now like: My memories will keep me warm, but I won’t. I will just say goodbye, good luck to Josh Montero (the successor) and GO TIGERS!
Home for the holidays

JOSH MONTERO
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Oh the weather outside is frightful, but the game inside’s delightful...

As if being punished early by St. Nick for being on his holiday bad list, the Tigers found themselves playing five straight tough games. All on the road. All in ten days.

After an eternity on the road, the Tigers finally returned home to Stockton last weekend, and like souvenirs from an awful family vacation, brought all their frustration back with them. Saturday night Pacific let go of that frustration, dishing out a double serving of Yule tide whupass on visiting Southern Utah.

An entire fleet of the world’s most accomplished doctors could hardly have written a more perfect prescription than the one the Tigers procured for themselves.

Win, and big. From the opening tip, the outcome of the game would never be in doubt, and the last time the contest would be close was during the introductions of the starting lineups.

When the starters took the floor, Southern Utah found itself facing not only the Big West’s leading scorer in Pacific senior Millie Kimpton, but two of the conferences best point guards. At the same time. Most of the Tigers’ opponents have enough trouble stopping Selena Ho or Corrine Wong individually, but on this night, Southern Utah would have to try and stop both at once.

“We started our three guard rotation tonight,” said Pacific head coach Sherri Murrell after the game. “We have scoring threats at all three positions.”

Pacific’s five first have three-pointers and combined 40 points would show they were much more than threats. Looking equally strong on defense, the Tigers held Southern Utah to just 27 points on 9-27 shooting in the first half.

Just over 24 minutes into the second half, Pacific had stretched its halftime lead to 17 points (56-39), and showed no signs of letting up.

While the offense would be four points more productive in the second half, the defense would keep Southern Utah even less productive (9-31 shooting).

The numbers never lie, and the boxscore alone nearly tells the whole story. In the 84-62 Pacific rout, the Tigers outshot Southern Utah 544 to .310 from the field, and .524 to .318 from downtown, but perhaps the most impressive stat of the night was the Tigers’ perfect 11-11 night from the line.

Showing why she’s a better ball player than you are, Kimpton rounded up a game-high nine boards as a side dish to her game-high 24 points on 9-11 shooting (4-4 from the line, 2-3 from deep). For her hard work, Kimpton was named Big West Player of the Week for the second time in three weeks, and being the first Tiger to be honored twice in a season since Selena Ho managed it two seasons ago.

“We needed to pick up our defensive intensity,” said Kimpton. “We were sagging on the road, but we had it tonight.”

Also taking care of business for Pacific was Ho, who was good for 19 points on 4-7 shooting from outside, and a trio of assists against zero turnovers.

Freshman Nancy Dinges also got in on the act scoring all 12 of her points by way of a career-high four treys, while the highlight of junior Dolinda Meeker’s 13 points was a shot and coast-to-coast driving layup to put the Tigers up 71-50 with 6:33 left in the game.

Freshman center Gillian d’Hondt just missed double-digits with eight points, but also reeled in seven boards and dished out four more of Pacific’s 18 assists.

The Tigers will be on the road this Wednesday to get it on with Fresno State, but will return once again on Friday for a 7:00 game with Portland State.

Pacific’s 4-4 record is good enough for second in the fiercely competitive Big West behind only Cal Poly, who suffered their first loss last weekend.

Early on, UCLA seemed in control, firing out to a 12-2 lead in the opening game, stifling every Pacific effort to turn the tide.

Pacific engineered an 8-2 run to pull the game to 14-10, yet the deficit was too much for any team to bear, and the Tigers would drop the game 15-10. Hungry and energized, Pacific exploded for five straight points to close out the game 15-10, evening the match at 1-1.

Behind a precise attack and strong blocking, the Tigers would build up an 11-7 lead in the third game, and seemed to be potentially on their way to finally getting the UCLA monkey off their backs.

It was then, as if shot through the heart, the Tigers would begin to fall. It would be 7-0 UCLA before Pacific would score in the fourth game, and while the Tigers fought with every shred of desire and passion left in them, they would fall 15-11 in what would be the final game of their season.

“Every time we play UCLA, they put together a great strategy,” said Pacific head coach John Dunning. “They did a real nice job tonight.”

This weekend’s Final Four will decide who is to play for the chance to be this year’s champions. While the Tigers will not be a part of this year’s Final Four, some solace can be taken in that neither will UCLA. These Tigers have done more for this school, its fans, students, and athletic reputation than perhaps they will ever know, and while there may be no trophy awarded for such a feat, to consider this season and this team anything but a huge success would be an injustice.
Notebook

Women's Basketball

After dropping three of five in a five-game road trip, Pacific's women's basketball team returned home and shot the lights out in a 84-62 victory against Southern Utah Saturday night at the Alex C. Spanos Center.

Pacific shot a perfect 11 of 11 from the free-throw line, shot 52.4 percent from behind the three-point line and 54.4 percent on the game. The Tigers improve to 4-4 and Southern Utah falls to 3-7.

Pacific never trailed and out scored Southern Utah 13-2 in the first four minutes of the game to assert its dominance. The Tigers held Southern Utah to 33.3 percent shooting in the first half and enjoyed a 40-27 halftime lead.

Pacific continued to roll in the second half. The Tigers opened the second half with a 13-10 run and never looked back. Pacific built a 25-point lead as the game half wound down.

Men's Basketball

LINCOLN, NEB. - Despite leading by 12 midway through the second half, Pacific need some late heroics from juniors Maurice Mclemore (Suisun City, Calif.) and Mike Preston (Omaha, Neb.) to pull off a 59-56 victory over the University of Missouri-Kansas City and collect the Ameritas Classic Tournament Championship. With the win the Tigers improve to 5-2 on the season, while the Kangaroo dropped to 4-5.

Down 56-55 with 1:06 remaining in the game, Preston bailed out teammate Mike Hahn (Lincoln, Neb.), who had just missed two free throws, with an offensive rebound to give the Tigers another look. Mclemore then made the most of that look as he drove the lane and scored to put Pacific up 57-56 with 37.5 seconds remaining.

Although the game came down to the wire, the Tigers were in control most of the way as they led 33-22 at the half and held a 51-39 lead with 9:33 remaining in the second half. The Kangaroos however fought back behind the play of Watson and Michael Jackson as they ripped off a 15-2 run over the next eight minutes to take the lead at 54-43 with 1:58 remaining.

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Tennis

A first step to insure the continued success of the Pacific Tennis program was the completion of Phase I which included the resurfacing of eight existing courts, the addition of a ninth competition court, and the installation of state-of-the-art lighting. The re-opening of these on-campus tennis courts has already had a tremendous impact on the program. It has helped both teams to schedule more home matches against high-caliber opponents and it also attracted more prospective student-athletes than ever before.

Phase II will add a tennis clubhouse to meet a variety of participant and administrative needs. This new facility will include office space, a multi-purpose room with food preparation area, spectator seating, a covered patio area, locker rooms, restrooms, and an equipment storage room.

The addition of a clubhouse will benefit students, faculty, and the intercollegiate teams at University of the Pacific as well as provide an important link to tennis enthusiasts in the surrounding community. Besides creating a superior environment to host the top college tennis teams from around the country, the completion of this facility will also increase campus recreation opportunities and also help to improve overall student recruitment.

The new tennis center at University of the Pacific will become a premier place to compete, learn, play, and enjoy the game of tennis in the Stockton community.

Swimming

Pacific women sweep events

FRESNO, Calif. - Coming off an impressive showing at the 2000 Speedo Cup last weekend, Pacific's women's swim squad kept shining as they captured all 11 swimming events to destroy Fresno State 128-80.

With the win the Tigers improved their dual record to 13-2, while the Bulldogs dropped to 5-1.

The Tigers took control of the meet in the first three events as Pacific reeled in a 42-11 lead. As the match went on the Tigers would continue to pull away for an easy victory.

Leading the way for Pacific was the foursome of Shannon Catalano (Fresno, Calif.), Robin Errecart (Stockton, Calif.), Kristy Mathews (Walnut Creek, Calif.), and Sarah Marshall (Dixon, Calif.), who each were part of three first place finishes for the Tigers. Catalano took the 100 and 1000 Free, then teamed with Errecart and Kristine Willey (Lodi, Calif.) and Leilani Avilla (Livermore, Calif.) in the 200 Free Relay. Errecart's two individual victories came in the 50 and 500 Free. For Mathews and Marshall it stated in the 200 Medley Relay as they teamed with Tara Barrett (San Jose, Calif.) and Trista Taylor (Port Orchard, Wash.) for the Tigers first win of the day.

Mathews followed that performance with wins in the 200 Free and the 100 Breast, while Marshall captured the 200 Individual medley and the 100 Back.

Pacific will take a break from competition for the remainder of the month, then return on Jan. 2 to begin winter training in Hawaii.

The Tigers will be on the island for one week, then return to California for dual meets on Friday, Jan. 12 at Cal Poly and Saturday, Jan. 13 at UC Santa Barbara.

Pacific Athletic Schedule

Friday 12/15/00
Women's Basketball vs. Portland State
Spanos Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday 12/16/00
Men's Basketball vs. UC Irvine
Spanos Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday 12/28/00
Women's Basketball vs. Long Island
Spanos Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday 12/30/00
Men's Basketball vs. UC Davis
Spanos Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday 1/4/01
Men's Basketball vs. Cal State Fullerton
Spanos Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday 1/6/01
Women's Basketball vs. Pepperdine
Spanos Center, 5 p.m.

Saturday 1/6/01
Men's Basketball vs. UC Irvine
Spanos Center, 7:30 p.m.
Farewell

Gentle readers: What do I say? After two and a half years as The Pacifican’s resident “sports girl” it is all coming to a close. In less than a month I will be on a plane to Ireland. No more Spanos Center, no more Sideline, no more drunk people coming up to me at frat parties and exclaiming “Hey you’re the editor of sports!” (actual quote).

My experience at Pacific has been connected to The Pacifican and Tiger athletics from day one. My first friend at Pacific (the one you meet at freshman orientation by talking about how much orientation stinks) was a member of the women’s soccer team. I would trudge out to the freezing tundra of Stagg Stadium bundled up in coats and scarves carrying a big glittery sign with “Go Tigers!” painted on the front.

It was at those glorious hypothermic games that C. Colton, the sports editor at the time, offered me a writing job. I started covering UOP soccer, then volleyball and before I knew it I was hooked and taking over the editor position. I have enjoyed every minute of my time as a writer and editor.

There is something about athletics at this school. Something unique. There is a sense of community not normally seen in collegiate programs. Each team supports the others; women’s soccer watches volleyball, swimming supports water polo, tennis players cheer on the basketball team. I feel so fortunate that my involvement with the