ASUOP candidates debate the issues

Students gather at open forum to hear from president, vice president

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Last Thursday at Pacific Hour a small group of students assembled in the McCaffrey Center to hear the debate between the students running for ASUOP President and Vice President. The incumbent Ricky Peterson II and his running mate Jessica Grimes debated ASUOP presidential hopefuls Matt Olson and Jon Johnson.

All candidates used this open forum to display their stance on the issues and address the many rumors and speculations that had surrounded their campaign. The candidates did this in a forum in which both groups made statements about their strengths as candidates and articulated what their goals and ideas were if elected to the office of ASUOP President and Vice President.

Olson started off by stating his experience in Residential Life and Housing, positions within the ASUOP Senate and various academic and financial committees. His running mate Johnson commented on his positions with RHA, including RHA Representative of the Year. Both candidates mentioned their goals of creating a Technology Taskforce, in which all Internet bases would be through a single source, making it easier for students. Olson and Johnson also want to streamline the financial process for clubs through the Financial Center and ASUOP Treasurer. They further wanted to unite the Senate and Executive Board. They finally wanted to make student communication better with an online bulletin board and creating accommodating office hours so students could contact their president and vice president.

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Peterson and his running mate Grimes followed their opponents by noting their previous involvement in the past year as he served as ASUOP President and ASUOP Secretary and she as ASUOP Treasurer. They also want to make student communication better with an online bulletin board and creating accommodating office hours so students could contact their president and vice president.

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Students benefit from University Police

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As a small campus, Pacific students expect a high degree of safety and security. However, this security is all too often taken for granted, as many students pay little attention to the easiest way to do this is by notifying them of any and all suspicious activity.

"We receive frequent calls from students notifying us of suspicious activity they have seen," said Callaway.

No report is insignificant, as many times the seemingly unimportant calls prevent much larger crimes. As a good example, Callaway related the story of several would-be car thieves on campus.

As it happens, three males had stolen a car from Fresno and traveled to the UOP campus. While in the process of stealing another vehicle to steal, a female Pacific student spied suspicious activity and reported it to Public Safety. Immediately, an officer was dispatched and the three individuals were apprehended while breaking a window to gain access to a student's vehicle, before they could dump the first stolen car in trade for another.

While student awareness remains an essential component of preserving a sense of safety on campus, often a more proactive approach is necessary.

Frequently, public safety officers will participate in stake-outs in the hope of preventing anticipated crimes before they occur.

During a follow up investigation, it was found that the individual arrested had left fingerprints on several stolen and abandoned vehicles throughout the city. The car thief was soon charged with those thefts as well and severely
Candidate for VP of Student Life appears on campus

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In an attempt to hire a replacement for Judy Chambers, current vice president of Student Life, University of Pacific played host to candidate Dr. Julie Sina from March 4-6 while she attended meetings and interviews with various students and staff.

Sina is the first applicant to come to Pacific. Her most recent position has been as dean of students at the University of Florida in Gainesville, which she has held since 1997. As dean of students, Sina supervises a budget of over $2 million. In addition, she teaches courses in student affairs legal issues at a graduate level.

Sina earned her bachelor of science degree from the University of Illinois and her master's degree in Communication Studies and Political Science. Sina thoroughly enjoyed the experience and involvement she had as a college student. It was at this point that she decided to go into student affairs.

Other degrees earned by the candidate include a Master's from Iowa State and a Ph.D. from Virginia Polytechnic, both in the field of college student personnel. It was Virginia Tech that provided Sina with most of her prior applicable positions. At that university she served as director of scholarships and financial aid associate dean of students, and assistant director for student activities, among other jobs.

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Head Administrator for the Peer Educator Program, they went on to state their goals and plans if elected.

Peterson stated that he saw a continuation of the success that he had already accomplished in his last year in office. Yet he saw need for change and progress, and pointed out his strengths and experience in office as well as his relationships within the UOP administration. He had long-term goals in mind, yet he wanted to work to see better communication and representation with more newsletters and student forums.

Peterson and Grimes would also see more student services and more surveys to check up on ASUOP’s influence on students.

They also pointed out the fact that they wanted to see stability as well as expand relationships between leadership and students. Both think that they are "best equipped" to do the job.

The next step of the debate was when candidates picked out a question in which they both had the chance to answer as well as respond to the others' comments.

The first question had to deal with the candidate's ability to implement change in communication. Olson wanted to encourage more online communication to keep students constantly updated. His running mate Johnson questioned the effectiveness of Peterson's round table and said if he was elected he would work to have more meetings of all clubs and committees.

Peterson responded mentioning his success with the round table issue of gathering committees' comments.

The second question was dealing with the furthering direction of ASUOP. Peterson began by saying that he wanted to stay with the new clearly defined Mission Statement and commented that he would assemble a capable team to deal with the many responsibilities of ASUOP.

Johnson answered this question by telling the story of how he and Olson used to be opponents in previous years, yet they had joined because they saw they were best capable of providing the leadership necessary to implement positive change.

The next question dealt with the essential role of ASUOP members' link to the administration. Olson said he would do his best to amplify student's ideas, and make the senators' roles more important so that students are heard in a variety of mediums.

Peterson responded by pointing out the importance of the presidential round table and by having monthly meetings.

His running mate, Grimes, further pointed out that communication is a two-way streak and that it takes student involvement as well as increased ASUOP support. Johnson offered an effective rhetorical question to make his point when he asked to the audience, "Do you feel communicated with?"

When asked to reveal their strongest asset, both responded with answering "experience". Peterson stated that he had the value of being an incumbent presented him with invaluable assets for the job.

Olson saw his experience valuable because both he and his running mate have a wide array of experiences and leadership roles in which they can bring to ASUOP.

In closing, they both thought students have the feeling that they can't get involved, and they want to improve that to give students a voice. However Olson and Johnson thought ASUOP needed to do more to get students involved, while Peterson and Grimes saw students need to meet ASUOP halfway.

Peterson and Grimes reiterated their statements by stressing their experience and devotion to continuing ASUOP's mission of "Students Helping Students."

Olson and Johnson stated that their opponent had not done enough, and repeated their slogan, "Thinking Progress, Thinking Students, Thinking Change, Thinking Big."

After seeing the debates, freshman Mia Peichoto said, "I thought Matt Olson was the strongest candidate because he seemed to be a man of action, where Ricky seemed to always be on the defensive."

Sophomore Tracy Patton, Senator of SIS said, "Olson and Johnson are best suited for the job because they have a variety of involvement and know what students need and would want. They also have had a lot of success in things that they have already done."

Senior Dan Crangle, current ASUOP Vice President said, "I believe that Ricky deserves the chance to serve another year because he has a lot of great ideas and can work off of his success that he obtained in the past year serving as ASUOP President."

Today is the last day to vote in the ASUOP elections.

In an attempt to become acquainted with students and faculty during an open forum on March 5, Sina responded to many questions raised by concerned members of the Pacific community. She addressed the issues of disciplinary actions, experiential learning, financial aid and integration with the Stockton community.

Student apathy, especially, was approached as a major concern. "Students here have a great deal of pride and care a great deal about Pacific," said Sina. "People seem to really enjoy it here but they are missing a way to express that." Building a greater community at UOP seems a definite objective for the applicant.

Regardless of whether Sina is hired for the position or not, she most assuredly loves what she is doing. "It doesn't get more 'real world' than this," she said about working in college personnel. "It's all about helping students sort out what they want to do with their lives."
Faculty Forum

Education professor provides teaching, counseling

BRAD FRANCA
Guest Writer

Finding the right person for a job can lead to quite a long search. Finding someone who is perfect for a job is something that many employers will say can never happen. UOP can tell those people that they should never say never, because Harriet Arnold is an ideal professor, advisor, and friend to many people at our university.

Arnold is a professor in the Benerd School of Education and has been teaching at Pacific for nearly seven years. Her expertise in the field of education reaches much farther back than her time at UOP, though, as Arnold has been involved in education since she graduated from San Francisco State College in 1968. Arnold didn’t always know that she wanted to be involved in the teaching field until she had the opportunity to experience it first-hand. Her spirit and energy has exponentially grown since then, as she emphatically states, “Once I caught the bug, I loved it!”

Arnold is the type of person who lights up a room when she walks in, with both her smile and attitude. Arnold is an upbeat spirit who uses her friendliness and humor in making everyone around her feel good. She encourages communication between herself and her students and this is quite obvious if you ever try to stop by her office to chat. There is a constant flow of friends, students and colleagues going in and out of her office.

Students especially, are always in contact with Arnold, but it isn’t only advice that they should expect to get from her. “I don’t give advice,” said Arnold. “I encourage students to find the answers in themselves, combine what is in their hearts and in their heads. They just have to listen for it.” Arnold also is a friend to many, and students find themselves talking with Arnold as a friend rather than as an advisor. It is very apparent, though, that students appreciate her advising skills, too. Arnold was awarded the faculty advisor award in May of 1995, an award she truly appreciates. “I didn’t know that I meant so much to so many students!” said Arnold.

UOP is lucky to have professors like Arnold, and it is encouraging to see students take advantage of the people they can learn from while attending this university. Arnold is a dedicated person who wants to help others with a very selfless attitude. Education is a lifelong experience to Arnold and she hopes that she can let others realize this most important point in life. Currently, Arnold is on sabbatical, but she is eager to return in the fall.

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UOP seniors can get help with job searching from various sources

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UOP seniors are facing the turning point of their lives as the school year draws to an end. Some of them plan to go to graduate school while others take the second option: get a job.

It sounds simple enough, but getting a job can be a frustrating process for many UOP students. Don’t be discouraged, there is a lot of help and opportunities available on and off campus. All you need to do is be aware and take advantage of them.

The Career and Internship Center (CIC) on campus is an all-in-one resource center designed for job searching students.

Marty Ford, director of CIC, said, “The goals of the CIC are to provide programming for students that will find [career/internship] opportunity for them, to discover what they want to do, where they would like that work to take place and then to make the connections.”

The CIC provides a variety of services that students can take advantage of. Several workshops are offered throughout the year. They are designed to help students with job searching or any career/internship related procedures. For example, some of the topics of these workshops are Resume and Cover Letter, Interviewing and Networking, Job Search Orientation and Internet Job Search.

Besides the workshops, there is a Campus Recruiting service available for students. During the recruiting season, companies of every field come to campus and interview UOP students. According to Marty Ford, this service has been successful and many students have benefited from it.

In addition to the workshops and Campus Recruiting, the CIC also organizes a job fair every semester. In these “meet-and-greet” events, students make direct contacts with employers.

Through these contacts, students can get a better idea of the opportunities that are out there in the job market. They can ask employers questions, submit their resumes and discuss various work positions. Very frequently, some students get interview opportunities, which could eventually lead to job offers.

The Spring Job Fair of this semester is on March 21 in the Spanos Center. A wide range of companies is scheduled to be there. Some businesses represented will include: Peace Corps, Walgreens, Franklin Templeton Investment, Accenture and Frito-Lay. Students of any major can expect to find something for them at this event. So if you are a senior without a clear goal of what you want to do after graduation, this is a good opportunity for you.

All of the services offered by the CIC are free. Students can find out about them through various channels: MyPacific, flyers, faculty and some campus events such as Senior Salute.

Students, especially seniors are encouraged to take advantage of these services. “I can share and empathize with the frustration that the seniors are facing because we have all been through it at one time. I would highly encourage them to make the most of the services that the CIC offers,” said Ford.

Students can also do job searches on their own. There are many useful web sites on the Internet that students can take advantage of. For example, www.jobdirect.com and www.monster.com are sites for job matching and job posting. There are also sites that offer jobs in a specific geographic area or occupation/field such as www.craigslist.com that focuses on Bay area jobs and www.bajobs.com that offers jobs in the healthcare field. Finally, www.myjobsearch.com is a site for students to search for other available job searching sites.

Be aware and take advantage of these free services that are available to you. You might find out that job searching is not so frustrating after all.

Mexico and New York are spring break destinations

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It is cold, rainy and not quite April yet which means that it is time for spring break at UOP. Spring break starts the week of March 12 and runs through the 16. That particular week holds the significance of the Spring 2001 semester being half-way completed with only a half a semester to go until summer break.

UOP is one of the few schools that decide to have spring break in the middle of March; which has its advantages and disadvantages.

A major advantage is that many UOP students will not run into hundreds upon hundreds of other college students — or is that a disadvantage? It all depends on the individual.

Nevertheless, there are still numerous fun activities being offered that will entertain and amuse Pacific students.

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Other students have decided that they would rather go home for a week and rest.

Junior English major, Tiff Lee said, “I would be going to Mexico if my big sister didn’t flake out on me. I love spring break!”

It appears that the hot spots and destinations this year: UOP students are New York, Mexico, southern California and home.

No matter the plans, a week of no school is very necessary and wonderful. A break from classes and stress will be good for everyone.

Then, once everyone returns from spring break, there are a couple of weeks, another long holiday weekend, and closely following is finals leading right into summer vacation.
McGeorge School of Law

Professor to continue role

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Professor Steve McCaffrey to continue as advisor and consultant on the next segment of the Nile River Basin Cooperative Framework Project in Africa. McCaffrey was the lead water consultant for the first segment of the project charged with determining future use of the Nile's water resources. The World Bank and the United Nations Development Program recently submitted a list of three international water law experts to the riparian countries involved in the project.

Barrundi, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda each chose McCaffrey to counsel future talks.

Police

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-ROBERT CALAWAY, Chief of Police

al crimes were solved with the apprehension of this one individual. In fact, the University Police work very closely with the Stockton Police Department. Both departments routinely offer their services to the other when asked for assistance.

The bond between the two departments is strengthened by the fact that both attend the police academy. The most routine crimes reported at Pacific seem to take place within on campus housing. On numerous occasions, individuals not having any association with the university have been found walking the dorms of UOP. Many times these individuals are of the average college age and look like they belong. Often, they will even socialize and befriend residents. However, most have been caught stealing wallets, money and valuables from resident’s rooms.

Public Safety warns that these people will walk the hallways looking for doors that are unlocked or always opened. They take advantage of the trust residents place in their respective on campus communities. It then becomes very important to always lock doors and not allow strangers into the building.

“We are here to provide more of a service than anything else,” said Calaway.

Public safety stresses that they are here to meet the unique needs of every student on campus. They are more than willing to discuss the everyday problems of student life and offer a friendly ear when necessary.

Presently there are eighteen individuals on the public safety staff that are here to serve the university community. Students are encouraged to take advantage of all the services provided and to take solace in their efforts to protect and serve.

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Library services

Do you find yourself stuck in a loop, going in circles, or digging in and out of the same wave while surfing the Internet? Have you reached a brick wall, hit a dead end in your research, or are you being overwhelmed by the amount of comments your professor wrote on your last paper? Do your eyes cross when trying to decipher the various ways for citing a reference in your paper? Are you even sure what your professor means when he or she starts speaking in initials and abbreviations like MLA, APA, GSA, AMA, ACM?

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“Two die in high school shooting

[U-WIRE] SAN DIEGO - A 15-year-old ninth-grader opened fire at Santana High School in Santee, Calif., Monday morning, killing two students and wounding 13 others.

Fourteen-year-old Bryan Zuckor and 17-year-old Randy Gordon are dead.

Eleven other students were shot, also injured was school security guard Peter Ruiz. Tim Estes, a 29-year-old student teacher, was also shot.

The suspect, who has been identified as Charles Andrew Williams, was taken into custody almost immediately. Williams is expected to be arraigned Wednesday on charges of murder, assault with a deadly weapon and gun possession.

San Diego District Attorney Paul Pfingst said he will be charged as an adult.

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More than 1,900 students were evacuated from the school.

Santana senior Andrew Karo­fe y and a campus supervisor were among the 13 others shot.

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Editorial

Society is becoming too demoralized

At 9:22 on Monday morning, a 15 year old opened fire at a high school in San Diego, killing two of his classmates, and wounded 13 others. The immediate response was, “oh no, not another one.”

The Mardi Gras celebrations in New Orleans this year resulted in dozens of injuries and arrests. Fights broke out and rapes occurred in crowds. In Seattle and New Orleans, people used bottles to break store windows and attack a news van. Instead of everyone enjoying themselves as the tradition goes, the emergency room was packed.

A few weekends ago, UCSB freshman David Altias got drunk and into his car, and killed four of his classmates. While resisting arrest, he yelled, “I am the angel of death.”

At the Euro 2000 soccer tournament last year, Britain was banned as a game site because of the so-called “Hooligans” who decided that when their team lost, they needed to take it out on the fans of the opposing team, with chairs and beer bottles.

Just like Woodstock ’99, it seems that no matter how peaceful the premise, whenever big groups of people are congregated, it will necessarily deteriorate into a mob scene. People feel entitled to loot and riot just because they run out of beer. Is this a phenomenon of everyone exercising their freedom of expression? Is it their grand sense of entitlement to get their way and demonstrate however they see fit if they don’t? Or is the notion of recreational violence actually influencing behavior, like all those uppity moms rally about?

We hate hearing about how our society has become more violent. How is anybody going to prove that? We’ve overcome human sacrifice and using burning bodies to light our streets, and on Friday nights, we don’t go downtown to watch tigers eat people. Humans have always been violent throughout history; hence, how we developed war to real life; and with technology

Tiger, you’d better put your morals away... you’re out in public, for crying out louds

solve our conflicts and still pour more money into building killing machines than any other department. We’ve always taught our children that some forms of violence are okay.

Humans enjoy watching violence or being violent in some form or another, and this is probably not going to go away. It’s probably an evolutionary thing left over from the need to hunt or defend ourselves. Since most of us don’t need to hunt or defend ourselves from wild animals anymore, our violence has become re-channeled against the threat du jour, whether it be Martians, Russians, Bloody, or Saddam Hussein.

We usually find it highly annoying when there is a suggestion that violence in a) movies, b) video games, or c) music, does anything to affect an individual’s behavior. However, this is all based on the assumption that the people consuming these products can tell the difference between a game and real life; and with technology such as that in Sony’s PlayStation 2, maybe it’s becoming harder to distinguish between an enemy or the kid sitting next to you in chemistry.

So we could say that the bottom line is that people need to have enough intelligence to understand that although the most popular recreational games involve killing people in a consequence-free environment, if they express those emotions outside of that environment, that there will be consequences. But after looking at the school shooting this week, on top of all the others, it appears that a lot of people don’t have that intelligence. So it’s not really a question of intelligence; it’s a question of morality. One only needs to look at the UOP campus to find evidence of demoralization. Admit it, our idea of the perfect night is getting more than legally drunk and/or high and having sex with a stranger, better yet, a series of... See Demoralization, page 10

Quote of the Week

"History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely when they have exhausted all other alternatives."
— Abba Eban
The forgotten agreement

NATALE GORIEL
Staff Writer

As the Bush Administration moves in with full force to tackle important domestic and international issues, the Clinton Administration becomes a vague memory. Despite the controversy of Clinton's pardons in the news today, there were some problems the Clinton Administration dealt with effectively that the Bush Administration should not forget.

The Clinton Administration took a large leap in international affairs when it managed to heal old wounds with North Korea. However, our new administration does not feel as passionate about working with the communists.

The Clinton Administration lifted a set of economic sanctions on North Korea imposed when it invaded South Korea 50 years ago. The release of these sanctions allows North Korea to import the raw materials and goods from the United States that it desperately needs.

The Clinton Administration and North Korean leader Kim Jong-il had also agreed “to stop developing missiles in exchange for promises of foreign help in launching satellites.” The Bush Administration is not as committed to making a change towards policies in North Korea. The Bush team wants to use a “hard line” policy with the North. They are “adding unacceptable conditions by demanding the North disarm before agreeing to develop relations.”

The unfair attitude will definitely backfire. North Korea agreed to stop missile testing in return for the release of some sanctions and the promise made to them by Japan, South Korea, and the U.S. that they will have two light-water nuclear reactors by the year 2003.

If Bush continues to be unreasonable, we can easily lose this important reconciliation. North Korea has taken a large step in discontinuing their missile launching and in return we must keep our promise to finish building the power plants which will supply the people of North Korea with fuel oil that they are in extreme need of.

The Cold War has ended and we cannot keep fighting an ideological war on the people of North Korea. The Clinton Administration made positive steps and it is up to the Bush Administration to fulfill these obligations. It is in our country’s best interest to work with the leaders of North Korea because if we don’t and they continue their missile launching, this will have a devastating affect on our country’s best interests.

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While many of these definitions come straight from the American Heritage Dictionary, the last one is my opinion after watching the events that transpired last Thursday at the poorly advertised presidential forum. It was sickening to see senators become nothing more than rude cheerleaders, particularly since one of them represented my own school.

During the forum, every time candidate Matt Olson said something, he was greeted with applause and comments such as “you go Matt.” However, when his opponent, the current senator and North Korean leader Kim Jong-il had also agreed “to stop developing missiles in exchange for promises of foreign help in launching satellites.”

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The Weekly Rant
Cheerleading senators

SCOTT SWITZER
Managing Editor

What are you doing for Spring Break?

“Going back home, nothing exciting.”
Quynh Phan, Freshman

“Working and enjoying the mountains at home.”
Phillip Jay, Junior

“No plans, just hanging out with friends.”
Brian Le, Freshman

“I’m going to Hawaii.”
Molly Sesata, Sophomore

“Going home and probably going clubbing in L.A.”
Cortney Springmeir, Sophomore

Compiled by Lauren Vang
Party on, Dudes!

ERIN RUPPEL
Staff Writer

What is Spring Break? Is it sun, sand, surf, and skin? Is it a week of hard-earned, or not-so-hard-earned, rest and relaxation? Is it celebrating Easter with your family? Well, we at UOP can scratch the third one right away. But that still leaves us with the ultimate question, a question so great it should be added to Mentor I: What will you do on your Spring Break?

Signs abound on-campus that tell you the true purpose of your Spring Break. Cancun! Puerto Vallarta! They promise sexy chicks and, I infer, sexy guys, lots of alcoholic beverages, and action as hot as MTV’s Spring Break.

But really, what is the purpose of Spring Break? I maintain that there is one, much nobler than what caused you to spend the whole week half-conscious and the week after bent over a toilet and wishing you could at least remember how you got that strange rash. Luckily, my interpretation still includes all the fun. You just get the justification that goes along with it.

Not only is it fun to go wild over Spring Break, to celebrate the halfway point of the semester and the return of glorious sunshine - but it is also the right thing to do. I believe that inappropriate behavior on Spring Break is a vital part of maturing and of the college experience in general. Imagine if you did nothing over Spring Break but study and do your laundry. How would you feel thirty years down the road from now, when you are old, boring, and responsible? You would feel like an idiot.

When we grow up, we will not have opportunities like Spring Break. We will not be able to do the things that we can now, the things that provide us with wonderful memories (or lack thereof) to treasure when we are grown. If you repress it now, it will only come back to haunt you later. Don’t repress it, express it! Having nothing but beer for lunch when you are twenty-one makes you a college student. Having nothing but beer for lunch when you are forty makes you an alcoholic. Which do you want to be?

Take my advice this Spring Break. Don’t miss out on a lot of fun because you feel the urge to clean your room. As Byron says, “Better to sink beneath the shock than molder piecemeal to the rock!” Enjoy these times, for they are precious, and you may not know it until they are gone.

President’s plan impractical

LISA HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

On Tuesday night President Bush proposed his controversial $1.6 trillion ten year tax cut plan to both Congress and viewers at home watching on television.

He wants to lower the tax rate from 15 to 10 percent for low wage earners and take out the marriage tax altogether and also wants to exclude millions of families from the income tax altogether. Along with this tax cut President Bush wants to maintain a restrained government spending budget.

Rather than focusing on this specific subject alone, the President discussed a wide range of targeted items for improvement. Aside from his tax cut he wants to end racial profiling, improve education, build a stronger military defense and pay down the national debt at the same time.

He spent a great deal of time emphasizing the fact that our government will have money left over once he checks these items off his list of things to, but it seems that his plan will lead our nation into another crisis instead.

These issues all sound hopeful and make him seem like more of a humanitarian than many people are inclined to believe, however, I’m suspicious on how exactly he intends to carry out his promises.

The President is a very arrogant person if he thinks that he can project our nation’s budget ten years from now, it’s economically unsound. Has he considered that our population could grow significantly within the next ten years? This could lead to a serious problem within our educational system if it has a restricted amount of money and finds that it is unable to account for the population growth.

But then, considering that President Bush has stopped funds for family-planning organizations in our nation and elsewhere, we’ll probably have the money anyway.

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The voyeuristic American: even in TV, if it bleeds it leads

VIRGINIA GIDDENS
Staff Writer

There is no doubt in my mind that the Survivor and Temptation Island shows, which are acutely trashy and taken from network TV, are taking American voyeurism to a whole new level of psychological sickness.

Yet I don’t really blame the American public so much. What shocks and disgusts me are the media’s attempts to alter the course of real people’s lives and sensationalize and sell the results.

However, I am so used to the antics of the networks in advertising their shows that I would not have given this matter more than a passing thought had it not been for a friend of mine. He grew up abroad and didn’t learn to discount their teasers as bits and pieces of footage taken out of context and smashed together. Consequently, when they showed one of their survivors who had sustained an injury to their stomach, to hear that they had let someone on the show die.

I knew that hadn’t happened. I knew that if someone had died, the show would have been sold long ago on the news, but my friend’s angst revived some anger in me about the kind of news we are being sold.

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I am really sick of hearing about human tragedy through the voices of network newscasters, who can barely contain their excitement when sadness is the only appropriate response.

I’m tired of the power they have to scare children and make me and my grandma paranoid, to inflame our fears and expand our stereotypes.

My friend, who has known people to be killed by crocodiles in his country, thought that the advertisement must have been put together by people who did not understand the serious nature of a crocodile attack.

I think in a way that he’s right.

Many of the people who sell us the information we have about the world seem to have traded in all paths for more shock value.

Have fun, stay safe, don’t drink and swim

[U-WIRE]

FORT COLLINS, Colo. - With spring break just around the corner, students look for ways to get away from professors, books and homework. No matter what you do during these times, for they are precious, and you may not know it until they are gone.

Tourists are easy targets. Don’t display large wads of cash or exhibit expensive jewelry. As safe as you might think your hotel might be, there are ways to get in. Just be aware of your surroundings. Be aware of your drinks as well. It is not hard for someone to slip something into your drink when you’re not looking.

Being in a foreign country provides scenes for excellent pictures to bring home, but laws are different and some government systems are corrupt. Think before doing something that could have negative consequences.

Please use caution whenever your plans take you so far away your friends and classmates can listen to the stories about your wild spring break experiences.
**If thin is in, why are we not losing any weight?**

**MICHELLE-ELIZABETH VALLE**  
Staff Writer

Every day diet drugs and diet plans are popping up on television. Being skinny is “in” and being healthy and fit is only an added bonus.

Quite frankly, America is a country of obsessed people - obsessed with being in shape and thin enough to fit into single digit sizes. Actresses in Hollywood are dropping weight like crazy just to get leading roles. “Shape Magazine” and “Men’s Fitness” are catering to those who need generic guidance. All this, just to fit in with mainstream thought. What’s ironic is that I too have fallen into this mainstream trap.

Beginning in January, to bring out the New Year, I made a resolution. Like millions of people across the country I vowed that I would shed some weight in order to look good for the summer. I went to the gym every day, plastered pictures of thin models on my closet door and tried (unsuccessfully) to avoid fried foods.

Then one day, while wheezing dangerously on the stepper machine at the gym, I came to a realization. No matter how much television or magazines tell us that it’s cool to be thin, in reality, more and more Americans are deemed unhealthy and overweight.

We make New Year’s resolutions to become “sexy” - thin like supermodels but continue to either get suckin in by the fast food / fast paced lifestyle or become disillusioned into thinking we’re too fat and go on crash diets.

Do you really think that you can look like the models on the cover of “Vogue” or “Glamour” or like the men that accompany them? Let me rephrase the question simply, do you think it’s easily attainable? Get over it. If we were meant to look like them, then we’d have our spot on some cover of a magazine.

We live in a society where there’s a McDonald’s, Burger King, or Del Taco (gotta love those chicken soft tacos) lurking around every corner waiting to sucker in the poor college student or the average office worker looking for a quick and inexpensive meal. Promoters of unhealthiness surround us. We live for those succulent golden fries and that quick junk food fix. It’s a necessity that we just can’t live without. Then we wonder why the scale tells us that we’re forty pounds heavier than last year.

Our obsession with weight has made us superficial and we ignore what’s truly important. In this fast paced society with fast food and fast service, we want fast results. If it means going on diets or ignoring our health, then we’d gladly do it.

That day in the gym helped me understand that I was going about it the wrong way. I was exercising to look like the pictures on my closet door; not so that I could live one hundred years and still be able to squat 200 times. I became more stressed thinking about ways to lose pounds and still eat the greasy stuff I loved, that I forgot that health can also be a state of mind. And my mind was in disarray.

As we get older, we become preoccupied with things other than why it’s necessary to be healthy. Life is not all about being thin or urging someone to lose weight. It’s not about looking like the skinniest person in Hollywood or chastising those who don’t. You can be a large robust man or a small slender woman (or vice versa) and still be healthy.

Tomorrow when I’m at the gym, I will keep in mind that I’m exercising for my health and peace of mind, rather than pining away for a size 3 miniskirt. Good-bye supermodels on the closet door.

**College students ask, is there any meaning in life?**

[U-WIRE] CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - I often sit around and wonder what it’s all about. Especially when my column is late, I have nothing about which to write and I really ticked off a lot of people with my last column.

My roommates are well on their way to high-paying and prestigious careers in engineering and medicine. I want to help people, but my peers in the law firm tell me that to pay for a public-interest law degree from a good school essentially involves selling one’s soul to a big firm to pay off debt — which is what public-interest law students are trying to avoid. It appears we are going to prosper, but what then? Is the point of life an SUV? Will I have completed my life’s journey when I drive a Jeep Grand Cherokee and take on a slightly fatter form? What’s up with that?

Corporations have been undermining the American political system and making it almost impossible for working people to be middle class. It is probably inherent that a system that is fueled by greed will have a spiritual void. If it were ever in question that global capitalism is an immoral order, that question would be resolved once and for all by the fact that the ultimate way to “lower labor costs” is the slave labor that fuels the global economy.

From Brazil to Thailand and India, millions of slaves subsidize American life, feeding the people who are paid virtually nothing to make your shoes and sweatshirts or clear the rainforest, according to a study by Kevin Bales. In fact, the World Bank would rather see impoverished countries pay off their loans than stop their citizens from starving. The Global economy also causes stunning environmental degradation — all so we can have stuff we do not really need or like.

There are significant portions of the United States that could be considered part of the Third World. When our founding fathers laid out the idea that is America, it is unlikely that they were hoping for a country whose health care system is listed next to Uganda in quality or one that is more unequal than any industrial country except Ireland. The idea of cloth-coat republicanism has been replaced by a mink coat for some and no coat for others.

**What’s up with that?**

What’s up with us having a “scheduled” brown-out last Saturday that no one but a few faculty members and administrators were warned about? Yet again, something that could have been brought to the students’ attention.

Just a thought.

**The deadline for applying for the positions of Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager is March 23. Applications can be found on the third floor of Hand Hall.**
Hazing: the double standard for Greeks and athletes

Dear Editor,

I’ve been part of Greek life on this campus for all three years that I have been a student here. I was never hazed during my pledging experience, but I do know what hazing is and I have seen it happening blatantly on this campus many times. I’m not talking about any of the social fraternities or sororities on campus. I’m talking about the athletes on this campus.

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The Soul.

All of human history has apparently been going toward the 24-hour Schnucks. Granted, Schnucks does have a wide variety of foods and is convenient for my schedule, but I was hoping for more. Fukuyama amplifies the Panglossian yammering of talk show puns that nothing could be better, that the United States in 2001 is the best of all possible prosaic worlds. The blunders they put on us that things could not be different leaves corporate globalization as a sort of 1984 in reverse. Corporate Big Brother is merely more muted and discrete, but the totality of thought control is the same.

But as Hegel, from whom both Karl Marx and Fukuyama get the framework of historical structure, says “The owl of Minerva flies only at twilight.” Hindsight is 20-20. A system that is irrational enough to chew up everything from people to the physical environment in the service of stock dividends for people who don’t need them must give at some point. It is never “too late to seek a newer world.” A Biblical prophet wrote, “A voice cries out, prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord — all mankind will see God’s salvation.” Has God forsaken us, or have we forsaken God? The Dark Night Of The Soul maybe is made brighter by a big-screen TV. As a nation, we have certainly lost all focus except upgrading our furniture.

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strangers. With the help of public safety, we’ve fortunately managed to keep our fights and rapes to a minimum this year. Although maybe that’s because we’ve been too busy doing lines with McDonald’s swizzle sticks in our rooms.

We believe that people know right from wrong. They’d have to have been absent through the entire D.A.R.E. program, Sunday school, and all of ABC’s After-school Specials to not know. It is instead a question of not just knowing right, but doing right. And this is where morality steps in.

The sad conclusion is that morality is not politically correct. Just look at the way that everyone reacted when President Bush decided to allocate money to faith-based charities. We are supposed to instead have user-friendly, non-offensive, religiously-neutral morality, whatever that is. Whatever it is, it’s not working. Bush actually summarized the problem quite eloquently in his comments in reaction to the San Diego shooting, “When America teaches our children right from wrong, and teaches values that respect life, we’ll be better off.”

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### Holidays

**Some Major Religious Holidays Before Commencement**

- **March 4** ISLAM Day of Hajj / Day at 'Arafat commemorates the concluding revelation to the Prophet at Mount 'Arafat shortly before his death. Muslims on Hajj attend a service on the plains in front of Mount 'Arafat.

- **March 5** ISLAM Eid al-Adha' (The Festival of Sacrifice) is the concluding act of pilgrimage. As Abraham offered his son, Ishmael, to God, Muslims offer sheep, goats & camels. They distribute the meat to the poor. Eid al-Adha’ is observed whether or not on pilgrimage. Please be encouraged to support our Muslim students as they observe this important holyday.

- **March 8** JEWISH Eve of Purim

- **March 9** JEWISH Purim celebrates victory over an oppressor ruler, as related in the Book of Esther, which is read at this time. The festival begins at sundown on March 8. Suspension of work is not required.

- **March 9** HINDU Holi, a colorful and joyous festival is dedicated to Krishna or Kama.

- **March 10 & 14** SIKH Hola Mohalla heralds the year of 533 of the Nanakshahi Samvat (Era of the King Nanak). Sikh New Years Day is celebrated on the 14th.

- **March 20** WICCA Ostara celebrates the return of the Goddess-as-Maiden, the courting of the Goddess by the God, and the reawakening of the seeds within the earth touched by the warm glow of the God’s love.

- **March 26 - April 2** HINDU On the 2nd Ramanavami celebrates the birthday of Rama, the seventh incarnation of the God Vishnu. Hindus read the Ramayana, a Hindu epic, which tells the story of Rama, during the previous eight days.

- **April 4** ISLAM Ashura commemorates the martyrdom of Husain (Prophet Muhammad’s grandson) on Muharram 10th, AH 61 (680CE). Shi’ite Muslims celebrate the festival (calling it Muharram) for ten days from the first of Muharram. Ashura is associated with the safe landing of Noah’s Ark.

- **April 8-15** JEWISH Pesah or Passover, commemorates the departure of the Israelites from Egypt. Jews celebrate it for eight days. The first two and the last two days are holidays (the first and the last days are holidays in Israel and among Reform Jews). Pesah begins at dusk (before sundown) on April 7.

- **April 13** HINDU Vaisakhi, first day of the solar year, is an agricultural festival celebrating the harvest. Important in North India, it is named after the month Vaisak.

- **April 13** CHRISTIAN Holy Friday (Good Friday) commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ, i.e., his submission to death by crucifixion.

- **April 13-14** BUDDHIST The Saka calendar’s New Year’s day is a religious and cultural celebration for Sinhalese, Indians, Burmese, Kampuchears, Laotians and Thais.

- **April 14** CHRISTIAN Easter (Pascha) celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. It is the oldest and most important festival in the Christian year and initiates the fifty-day period culminating in Pentecost.

- **April 19** JEWISH Yom Ha-Shoah (Holocaust Day) is in memory of the six million Jews who died as victims of Nazi atrocities during the Second World War.

- **May 1** WICCA Beltane (also called Beltain, May Eve [April] and May Day) celebrates the conjoining of the infinite potential of the Goddess with the life-sparking energy of the God in a sacred marriage, the basis of all creation. It is a time for balancing the feminine and masculine tides within the psyche as each celebrant prepares to participate in bringing the creative potential of the year to fruition.

- **May 7** BUDDHISM Wesak is the most important day of the year for Buddhists. Coming on the full moon, it marks the triple celebration of the Buddha’s Birth, Enlightenment and Final Demise.

### Interfaith Council

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

As you look at this list, if you do not see a representative of your faith tradition and would like to be a part of creating a community of faith for others who believe as you do, please contact the Chaplain at 6-2325 or any of the people or organizations listed below.

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

- **Buddhist**
  - Buddhist Students
  - Kush Mirchandani
  - 932-7528

- **Catholic**
  - Newman House
  - Father David Fontaine
  - 951-0881

- **Christian**
  - Chi Alpha
  - Cheena Kumar
  - 946-2325

- **Christian (apostolic)**
  - OASIS
  - Zach Boyd
  - 946-2326

- **Christian**
  - Pacific Christian Fellowship
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  - 946-2326

- **Social and Eco-justice**
  - Anderson Y/SEA /Celebrate Diversity
  - Char Wilson
  - 946-2444

- **Hindu**
  - Hindu Students Association
  - Seema Ganatra
  - 932-7853*

- **Jewish**
  - Hillel
  - Greg Rishe
  - Shari Lamont
  - 946-2549

- **Christian (methodist)**
  - Bishops Scholars
  - Ben Scheffield
  - 946-2326

- **Islam**
  - Muslim Students Association
  - Faria Chohan
  - 946-2326

- **Wicca**
  - Wiccan Students
  - Cynthia Krieger
  - 946-2325
Religious Life at UOP

MSA

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

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

MSA Meeting times:
March 8, 29
April 12
May 3
Meetings are held in WPC 135 at 12:00 pm

Recent MSA events:
February 23 speaker night,
“War & Sanctions,” with Paul George of the Peninsula Center for Peace & Justice.
March 6 Eid-Ul-Adha MSA Potluck Dinner at Bechtel Center

Wicca

Almost everyone has experienced “spring fever”. That feeling of energy, like you must go somewhere and do something has affected every college student. In the spring, people feel the season of growth and energy in the Earth.

This feeling is what Earth-based religions are all about. Have you ever stood at the ocean’s shore, feeling the calm in the rhythm of the waves, or hiked in the mountains, reveling in the beauty around you?

These feelings are connections with the Earth, reminders that we all share a common bond: the universe in which we live.

People who practice Earth-based religions understand that we are all connected, to each other and to the Earth. Some people combine this understanding with a belief in God, while others focus solely on the Earth and the people around them.

What is Wicca? Wicca is a term used to describe some modern Earth-based religions. Other terms that describe people of Earth-based religion are Pagan, Druid and Heathen. Some Wiccans are witches, but not in the way that most people think (remember The Wizard of Oz?). Witchcraft is simply a way to look inward to your own life and how your life impacts those around you.

There are many different forms of witchcraft. It is sometimes performed in a group and sometimes alone. But the main theme is always the same: show respect for all people and the environment and harm no one.

All modern Christian holidays derive their traditions from Pagan holidays. Christmas gets its colors, decorations and food preparations from the Winter Solstice (the shortest day of the year). Easter uses the same colors, food and symbols (eggs, tulips and, yes, the Easter Bunny) from the spring fertility festivals, which focus on the growth of crops.

If you feel that you are connected with the Earth and want to explore your spirituality through nature, contact Students for Environmental Action or the Wiccan Students.

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Bishop’s Scholars

The Bishops Scholarship Program was established by the University for young men and women who are active members in churches of the California-Nevada, California-Pacific and Desert-southwest Conferences of the Methodist Church.

This program recognizes the rich legacy left by the Methodist founders of the University. Recipients of this scholarship are identified as Bishops Scholars and there are approximately thirty-five scholars currently enrolled at UOP. We organize various programs and events throughout the year that are open to Bishops Scholars and friends, such as our trip to San Francisco in December, where we toured the city, volunteered at Glide Memorial Church’s hot meal program and attended an emotional and unique service.

The Bishops Scholars provide a framework for the perpetuation of the Methodist heritage at UOP for generations to come.

Buddhist

The Soka Gakkai International (SGI) is a worldwide organization of Buddhists dedicated to peace, culture and education. Lead by President Daisaku Ikeda, the SGI was founded in 1966 to embrace the growing international membership of the Soka Gakkai ("value-creation society"), which dates from 1930. Throughout its 3,000 year history, the purpose of practicing Buddhism has remained the same: individual enlightenment, or happiness, along with the creation of a peaceful society. Shakyamuni, who founded Buddhism in India, taught that all people have the seed of Buddhist philosophy places a special emphasis on the sanctity of human life and, as a natural outgrowth of this, on global peace. Lasting peace can only be realized by challenging and overcoming the inner impulses toward hatred and violence that have the potential to exist in all of us. It is through self-reformation — "human revolution" — and the resultant rejuvenation of society that form the core of the SGI’s vision of a peaceful world.

Chanting the phrase from the Lotus Sutra, Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo, is the fundamental component of the practice of this Buddhism as well as the expression of the ultimate truth of life. That is why one who chants will gain the power and wisdom to live with confidence, overcome any difficulty, and develop the vitality and determination to live a purposeful life.

Since the SGI organization was founded in the United States in 1966, more than 60 culture and community centers have been established. Many smaller gatherings are held in members’ homes, where they share faith experiences and reaffirm their commitment to work for peace.

Hillel

Hillel is a Jewish social, educational, religious and cultural organization. Hillel strives to foster tolerance and understanding between students of different backgrounds. Hillel provides a unique opportunity to have meaningful relationships with those who are fundamentally different from you. We encourage you to take advantage of this. Whatever Jewish life has been for you thus far, Hillel is different. It is not quite like your summer camp, youth group, or Hebrew school. Whether your experience with Judaism has been positive, negative, or a mixture of the two, we ask you to approach Hillel with an open mind. We invite you to enter, to become involved, and to emerge transformed. And we hope that you, in turn, will transform Hillel. Hillel is in a constant state of flux, shifting and changing as new groups of students come and others will leave. We hope that you will join us to enrich yourselves, and to contribute to the breadth and depth of Jewish life on this campus.

Hillel’s membership is open to all students. The resources and services of Hillel are open to the entire UOP community. We warmly invite you to come to any of the event planning meetings or drop by some of the events. If you have any interest or questions feel free to call Shari Lamont at 946-2549.

Pacific Christian Fellowship

Pacific Christian Fellowship is here for you. Pacific Christian Fellowship, UOP’s chapter of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, is an inter-denominational group committed to providing a place on campus for students to continue in the development of their Christian faith or to begin to discover God. Pacific Christian Fellowship is committed to building an ethnically diverse community of students on campus who love God and God’s Word and who are committed to God’s work on campus, in the community and in the world.

We have lots of ways for you to get involved and to check out the group. We have weekly “Large Group” meetings every Friday night at 7 pm in the Tiger Lounge in Grace Covell Hall. We also have a number of Small Group Bible Studies that meet in different places throughout campus on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. We have lots of social and service events all throughout the semester as well as conferences and camps with other InterVarsity groups from Northern California.

One event coming up is “The Joint.” “The Joint” is a time where we consider different topics of life right from the big silver screen. It’s a time to talk about and hear about themes that we find in today’s most popular movies and discover how our lives mirror those that we see on the screen. Meet the Parents is the highlighted movie of the next “Joint”, March 1, 8:00 in the Tiger Lounge in Grace Covell Hall.

For information about any of these events or how to get involved in Pacific Christian Fellowship, call Jerry or Kelly @ 948-0473, Heather @ 465-9109 or Craig @ 462-1112.

Learn the Basics of Buddhism
- background
- philosophy
- practices
- video, discussion and Q&A with Buddhist panel
- refreshments provided
For more info, call Kush 932-7528

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Religious Life at UOP

Chi Alpha

Where, When: We meet every Friday night at 8:00pm in the Pine Room in the upstairs area of the McCaffrey Center (Across from the summit). We are in the process of changing this, so be looking for flyers, posters, or check out our website for an update.

Consists of: Fun, fellowship, friendships, Bible studies/small groups (Women's Bible Study meets Mondays at 9pm in the Chapel), worship, teaching of the Bible, prayer, community service, retreats with other college Chi Alpha groups, missions trips.

What Kind of a name is Chi Alpha? - The Greek letters Chi (x) and Alpha (a) are the initials of a phrase written by the Apostle Paul in the Bible. Translated it means “Christ’s sent ones”. The name is a reminder that we should live to reflect Jesus. Who are we? - We are a group of students who have purpose and vision, committed to making a difference at UOP and abroad. We exist as a student organization to help people find peace and hope in God through Jesus Christ, while we grow together in our own faith, knowledge, and love of God.

Every time we get together, our goal is to meet with God, know God more, and meet each other's needs. There are a lot of things in life that are just too big to carry yourself. That's why we believe in building strong friendships with each other and building a stronger relationship with God that will help us through those times.

You may not know anything about God or the bible, or you may have been a Christian for years. In either case, you will find support, encouragement, love, and a place to belong in Chi Alpha. Everyone is welcome! Please come and check us out!

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

- A Chi Alpha member

Oasis

What imagery immediately flashes into your thought pattern when you ponder upon the symbolic definition of the word “oasis?” Most likely if you had taken a moment to dwell on it, you saw a source of life and refreshment within a desert of death and desolation. What you probably visualized was an island of hope within a sea of emptiness. In a hypothetical situation imagine yourself as that journeyman whose throat is parched from the spring of hope that you have so diligently sought. "Who in the world does this guy think He is telling me that everyone else is wrong, and He is right? Why should I trust Him?" His instructions on how to get to this source of water and to the paradigms of the social culture that we live in, but in reality where has the philosophies of man, entertainment, fortune, and power gotten anybody? Ask yourself whether or not it appears like the problems in the world are becoming solved, or has the overall culture of humanity grown positively as a whole? Answer: in the last century alone has there ever been so many wars fought, diseases discovered, and catastrophes increase in number and devastation? The answer when you think about it, is dead-smack in front of your nose, and God is gently attempting to demonstrate that His source is the only source that will give a true meaning to life. Of course, He is not going to barge His way into your life and try to take over and say, "Well, I'm God and you're not, so listen to me you little...!? No, No, NOT God is not like that at all, and if you knew anything about Him you would know that He is loving, compassionate, and full of grace. He will not do what you don’t want Him to, but only what you allow Him to do with your life. How awesome is that?

We at OASIS strive at a consistent basis to meet the coolest person in the universe-God? We don’t care who you are, what kind of cultural background you are from, or denomination you are a part of. There is no partiality or segregation with God or with us. You, no matter who you are, are invited to experience the wonderful presence of God’s Spirit for yourself, and to know for yourself the unconditional love that He has for you. You may have never heard of us because we are sort of the new group on the block, but we are committed to serving you and your spiritual needs. There is truly nothing to big for our God, and He specializes in things impossible. We meet in a small group with a non-threatening discussion Bible teaching, worship, and fellowship. So, when you have finally grown disgusted with just the cactuses of this world and have become disappointed with your direction, try God because He is the true OA/SIS of life in this world of turmoil and emptiness. 

Worship & Bible study location: Kirkbride Room Day and Time? Wednesday at 7:30pm.

SEA

Faith in Nature Turned into Action!

Students for Environmental Action is in its fourth semester with even more ways to support ecological justice and respect for Our Mother Earth.

Campus-wide Recycling Kickoff Event: To Be Announced.

Adopt-A-Park: This year, SEA has adopted American Legion Park and will be joining LINC House on April 21, 2001, to clean up on one of Stockton's best recreation spots.

Spring Break 2001: Last year's camping trip in Southern California was awesome and this year we hope to have just as much fun. If you have any suggestions or are looking for a some outdoor fun for Spring Break, get in contact with us.

Earth Day 2001: SEA will once again be working with Celebrate Diversity and the Peace and Justice Network of San Joaquin to bring an Earth Day Celebration to South Campus. This year, we really want to increase student involvement in our Earth's Holiday. If you or any group you represent would be interested in participating in this event, contact SEA soon. This campus-wide event is sure to be a lot of fun!

The SEA Web site: The group has been working with Vlad Andrick to put together a site which records the history of the group, the events it has sponsored, and the fun it has had. One of the biggest hopes for the site is that it will offer information to students that are interested in developing their Earth-based faith. If you have any suggestions of useful web sites or wish to contribute to the site please let us know.

CLUB POSITIONS: As the spring semester comes to a close, it will be time to hand over the organization to members that have a few more semesters at Pacific. So if anyone is interested in taking leadership positions in an active environmental club, don’t be shy!

For More Information: 946-2444 at the Anderson Y Center or email Raven: she_ra22@hotmail.com.
Comeback artist, Tiffany and ‘Semisonic’ to Rock UOP

By HALEDA ATTA
A & E Editor

Remember the “A-Team” with Mr. T. The days when tight jeans, big hair and spray painted bangs were in?

Remember the ‘80’s when fashion times were on the rise but it also happened to be the times when ‘80’s pop star, Tiffany came out with her two hit singles, “I Think We’re Alone Now” and “Could’ve Been.” Yes, what ever happen to her?

After more than a decade, Tiffany is shoving her way back into the music scene with her recent wave of concerts across the nation in her first North American tour since then. Recent successful campus concerts include UC’s Santa Barbara, San Diego, and more close to home, Davis.

Tiffany began her career at the age of five singing at fairs across the country and eventually appearing on talent shows such as “Star Search.”

By the age of 13, her voice and determination landed her a recording contract with MCA Records and she began her work on her first album, the self titled debut, “Tiffany.” She soon had two #1 hit singles and even knocked Michael Jackson out of the number one spot on the album charts. The nationwide mall tour she was doing for promotion of her album led her to two number one records and album sales past the six million mark. Her second album, “Hold An Old Friend’s Hand” went double platinum and included the top ten hit “All This Time.” By the early ‘90’s she decided to take a break “to grow as a person, a mother, a wife and as an artist.”

Tiffany will embrace the UOP campus today at noon at the McCaffrey Center Stage where she is sure to have heads boppin’ to both her old popular songs as well as new beats off her fresh new album, “The Color of Silence.” This is her first full-length record in over ten years and includes seven tracks written or co-written by Tiffany herself. The concert is free to all students and is scheduled to last about an hour.

So what is Tiffany doing here, in Stockton? ASUOP Publicity representative, Dave Bellman commented, “We heard she was doing a comeback tour at college campuses across the nation so we decided to call her people and see if we could get her to come to UOP.”

During the concert today, ASUOP will also be announcing the start of ticket sales for yet another music sensation’s future concert at UOP, indie rock/funk band, “Semisonic.” This Minneapolis based trio is most known to students by their most recent runaway hit song, “Closing Time”.

Meanwhile, back home in the UK, their second album, Feeling Strangely Fine was certified platinum and earned them a Brit award nomination.

The three friends are soon to release their new album, All About Chemistry where they’ve mixed together a batch of brand new songs, various digital recording de-
Light dinner experience at Vietnamese restaurant

Saigon Restaurant offers authentic and light Vietnamese cuisine for all to enjoy.

MICHELLE-ELIZABETH VALLE
Senior Staff Writer

Location: 1904 Pacific Ave.
Phone: (209) 463-2274; take out or dine in.
Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Mon.-Sat., closed Sunday
Payment: cash or credit card.

Springtime is arriving fast and what better way to experience the wonderful fresh air than to take a stroll down Pacific Avenue?

While down on the "mile" rent a movie and grab a bite to eat. A great place to sit and dine is Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant. Here, items on the menu are in Vietnamese, but descriptions of the dishes are written below.

This mirror-lined restaurant with its green decor reminded me of the "Wizard of Oz." meets the carnival fun house.

Owned and operated by Andy Nguyen, Saigon has been catering to Vietnamese food lovers all over Stockton for five years.

My companion and I began our exploration of Vietnamese food by ordering an appetizer of four spring rolls ($4.95). The spring rolls were a healthier version of the more common egg rolls.

The roll contained fresh shredded lettuce, carrots, cucumber, rice noodles, shrimp and pork rolled decoratively in a translucent egg wrap. The rolls were served with a sprig of parsley.

I decided to order grilled shrimp over rice noodles ($5.25). This dish was prepared almost the same way as the spring rolls were but with larger sliced cucumbers. It was a light, guiltless yet surprisingly filling dish that left me feeling healthy and satisfied.

My companion decided to order a much heavier dish, with grilled shrimp, barbecue pork and egg roll over rice ($6.95). The pork was softly marinated with a sweet sauce and the egg rolls were cut into small sections.

There are several choices on the menu, from Be ball noodle soup ($4.95) or shrimp soup with catfish ($7.25), which can be treated like a meal in themselves.

One fascinating thing on the menu is the fire pot ($15.50) which comes with either catfish or generic seafood. It is more expensive than all the other soups because of the way it's prepared and is a dish that serves two or more people.

The soup is prepared in a large bowl with a section charcoal grill in the middle. The soup is cooked around the charcoal. It is an excellent way to eat your favorite seafood dish.

Overall our dining experience was an excellent adventure. The service was courteous and the dishes were superb. If you've never eaten Vietnamese food, Saigon is the place for your first dining experience.

I give Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant a rating of three stars and a half.

The greatest Vegas Shoot 'em Up Film of the Decade

MIKE DELORENZO
Staff Writer

Do you like Elvis, how about mindless action and vulgar humor? Well if you do and even if you don't you should definitely go and watch "3000 Miles to Graceland." This film threw me into a contemplative loop of fractured structure and alienation. On the one hand as a film critic I have one view of the film, but on the other hand as a film viewer I am torn by the value of escape.

Prior to watching the film I saw the reviews and noticed a startling trend of low ratings averaging about one and a half stars. As a critic I take into account the basic elements of filmmaking, and from this perspective it is clearly visible that the story is weak and at points completely ludicrous. The acting though the film sports a star-studded cast, lacks any validity or emotion, and the cinematography is wildly aggressive and tends to spilt into the annoying. Broken down piece by piece, the film falls on the fundamental levels of filmmaking.

Despite this critical interpretation of the film, it is without a doubt one of the most entertaining films I have seen in the last two years. As your average movie viewer going to the theater to escape reality, I was entertained and amused. The non-stop action and over-the-top elements of the avant-garde style keep the audience in a constant battle between witticism and danger. Demian Lichtenstein hits the screen with his second feature film. His first film "Low Ball" hit the screens in 1997, but only in a limited release. Part of Lichtenstein's design derives from his extensive background in the music video market. He has past projects, which include directing Music Videos for Sting & Eric Clapton, Grandmaster Caz, Shabba Ranks, Queen Latifah, West of Eden (Best Independent Video/MTV 1987), Cypress Hill, Gloria Estefan. Now he heads into the feature film realm with "3000 Miles to Graceland."

The film is something out of the counter-culture of the entertainment generation. Dazzling effects of modern cinematography, "3000 Miles to Graceland" is without a doubt a dynamic and riveting film filled with hilarity and action. Random background shots in the film border on the mundane especially with the inclusion of such sequences as observed in the Casita shootout, where a flash shows a midget Elvis impersonator being blown into a slot machine in the heavy crossfire. The film is a definite must see for action fans and Elvis aficionado alike.

Actor Kevin Costner stars in '3000 Miles to Graceland.'
Film Review:

The Mexican' depicts a tale of two frustrated lovers Julia Roberts and Brad Pitt star in "The Mexican." It's a Two-hour-long episode of "Change of Heart," that syndicated showdown of two frustrated lovers, giving it a shot on their own and eventually - or at least usually - deciding to love each other again, only after chasing another one and making out a little with a third party.

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Margolese is played by an uncredited Gene Hackman ("Enemy of the State"). In this case, it's kind of like if President Bush had made a guest appearance on "Malcolm in the Middle" a week before the election. How would that effect your vote? If a movie frustrates the hell out of you, how long do you stick around before you walk out? "The Mexican," the shamelessly obvious Brad Pitt /Julia Roberts vehicle, asks the first question, but provokes the latter. True love lasts forever and, as long as you paid your $7.50, you're welcome to leave at any time, to answer my own question.

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Margolese is played by an uncredited Gene Hackman ("Enemy of the State"), which raises a rather pressing issue: Why not credit big stars that make recognizable (or unrecognized, for that matter) appearances? There's no big secret here. Gene Hackman is in this movie, big deal. Despite every attempt to hide such, Matt Damon was in "Finding Forrester" and, guess what, Gary Oldman was in "Hannibal." There's something to be said about a movie whose biggest surprise is the "secret" presence of a big name actor. If we want to see Gene Hackman that bad, we'll go rent "Hoosiers" and not have to deal with these stupid little David Copperfield tricks.

It's what Margolese wants, for reasons unknown for the majority of the film, that is of utmost importance: a mystical Mexican gun that is resting across the border. Against the wishes of his rather psychotic girlfriend, Samantha (Julia Roberts, "Enin Brokovich"), Jerry accepts the job of retrieving the gun and takes off for Mexico with little more than a pistol and ignorant American dreams of the splendors that Mexico holds.

Within mere moments of arriving, Jerry secures the gun and is ready to fly back to the jolly old U.S. of A. Oh, but did I mention the curse? Jerry quickly learns through firsthand experience that the gun is cursed and carries a storied history that seems to change about as frequently as Puffy's speech. He somehow manages to simultaneously lose his car (an El Camino), his money and the pistol just as Margolese is starting to get overanxious for his piece.

On the home front, Samantha splits town and heads for Vegas where she plans to forget Jerry and start a new life as an overpaid croupier. "They can make as much as $100,000 a year," she remarks. It's a wonder there aren't more croupier majors. Instead, a gay hit man, known as Leroy, kidnaps her and holds her hostage until Jerry delivers the gun, just in case he gets any funny ideas about the priceless antique. Slowly, the history behind the gun takes over and the film attempts to deliver some kind of redeeming moral about the power of love, but in the end, one has to take "The Mexican" for what it is: a run-of-the-mill star vehicle (a two-seater in this case).

As a side note, how funny is it that Roberts is starring in such a simple little comedy just as she's finishing off the last touches on her Oscar speech? It's kind of like if President Bush had made a guest appearance on "Malcolm in the Middle" a week before the election. How would that effect your voting? You haven't won quite yet, Ms. Roberts.

Pride Week to enlighten students on UOP campus

The goal of Pride Week is to bring forth activities that celebrate the contributions of LGBT people and to educate the campus community at the same time," says James Smith, Director of Grace Covell Hall and Coordinator for Pride Week.

"While most of the events are movies, we believe that they are movies with a message. Sunday through Tuesday movies will be shown with discussions to follow. These movies include: the highly acclaimed "If these Walls Could Talk II," "Get Real," and "But I'm a Cheerleader." According to Smith, these movies were chosen because they not only present a serious topic, but are light hearted and fun at the same time.

On Wednesday night a Safe Zone training session will be held. This program is designed for people who wish to learn more about becoming an ally for the LGBT community.

People who participate in this session will be given a safe zone sticker to place on their room or office door signifying their commitment to being an ally." Says Shari Lamon, coordinator for the Safe Zone project at UOP.

The week concludes on Thursday with a Rainbow Dinner in the Grace Covell Dining Center and a Peace March that evening in the McCaffrey Center. Those who are not on a meal plan but would like to attend the Rainbow Dinner may do so free of charge thanks to donations from various sponsors.

Pride Week is being sponsored in part by the Residence Hall Association, UOP Gay Straight Alliance, Office of Residential Life and Housing, Grace Covell Community Council, and University Dining Services.

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"Pride Week is a week of programs, and activities that focus on celebrating the contributions of Lesbian, Gay, Bi, and Transgender people. The purpose of this week is to educate the campus community on issues affecting LGBT people and to allow for open dialogue about these issues. All members of the Pacific Community are invited to attend programs. Refreshments will be served at all activities."
'15 Minutes' of good film in new DeNiro movie

[U-WIRE] WASHINGTON - Is anyone else tired of anti-media films? While other movies seem to take off each other successfully, the slew of anti-media movies that started (and peaked) with "Natural Born Killers" in 1994 have recycled the same old plots and the same old stories of evil. Now, seven years after "NBK," we get another movie about the media being evil and featuring the violence that America seems to thrive on.

"15 Minutes," starring Robert DeNiro and Edward Burns, falls into this trap. Maybe it isn't a misconception from the start - the idea has worked before - but it's poorly played out. "15 Minutes" is full of cliches and contradictions.

Eddie Fleming (DeNiro) is a tough New York City cop who has graced the cover of People Magazine and many others. He's made the high profile cases and grabs the limelight every chance he gets. Eddie gets more than he bargains for when two Eastern European immigrants come to America and believe that murder, especially on tape, makes one a celebrity in the United States. Through a building fire and other circumstances, Eddie teams up with Jordy (Edward Burns), an arson detective who fits all the stereotypes of the new cop who wants to do right in an immoral world. These two partners must stop the foreign killers that hate America. Not only are these stereotypes misleading, they don't fit in the movie.

As for the anti-media campaign, "15 Minutes" raises the same issues that have been at the front for years. It's the idea that the media will air anything for ratings, that nothing is too much, and that the executives care more about their image than their friends. The high point of the film is a slimy performance by Kelsey Grammer as a sleazy TV journalist. It's fun to see "Frasier" curse every five minutes.

One flaw of "15 Minutes" is that it's another movie that stereotypes Eastern Europeans as evil United States-haters. To be honest, these bad guys are just small variations on Arabs or Russians. The end of the Gulf and Cold war has been bad for movies so, to invent villains, they have used the "Eastern European" term to mean "arrogant and misguided foreigners that hate America." Not only are these stereotypes misleading, they don't fit in the movie.

A final flaw of "15 Minutes" is the way the movie attempts to be anti-violent. Although the movie preaches against the glorification of violence, it may contain the nastiest moments of any movie in 2001. There are numerous murder and torture scenes, including a sick and twisted interrogation/murder scene involving the Europeans and a hooker. It may not be the goriest scene in a movie so far this year, but it is one of the most unsettling. For a movie that argues against violence, it certainly seems to revel in showing it. "15 Minutes" has a lot of talent behind it and one can tell those involved believed in the film. However, when it is all put together, the movie seems tripe and long. Its ideas are not revolutionary, nor do they mean anything. "15 Minutes" is an accurate description of the number of quality minutes in this film.

Edward Burns (left) and Robert DeNiro star in action thriller, '15 Minutes.'
Top Ten tips for a safe and fun Spring Break

10. Visiting foreign countries can be dangerous, so just stay away from them.

9. If you lose your identification while on vacation, tell people that you are really famous and deserve only the best treatment. They should kindly bow down to your every need.

8. All food and drink to be consumed while in another country should be tested by the CDC, so be sure and send it to them ahead of time so you can enjoy it during your trip.

7. If people you meet don’t speak English, be sure and sound out all the words real slowly and loudly so they have an easier time figuring out what you want.

6. While in an Irish pub, start a bar fight over the soccer game that is on the television. The locals will appreciate you adapting to their customs.

5. Smoking less than a pack a day while in France is illegal and punishable by death.

4. Lodi, California offers a safe and viable alternative to travelling abroad during Spring Break. It is located just north of Stockton and is known for its grapes.

3. Remember, there is no law that says sexual relations conducted outside of United States borders are NOT viable reasons for your boy/girlfriend to dump your cheating ass. Be sure he or she doesn’t find out.

2. If flying is too costly, you can always swim to your destination. Be sure to tell your professors that you are going to need a few more travel days.

1. Always keep in mind, when drunk in Mexico, “policia” means police.

March 9
Tickets will go on sale for
4/29 Semisonic Concert
$12 for students w/valid I.D.
Call ASUOP Office
946-2233

March 23, 24
UOP Opera Production
presents
"Strawberry Fields" DeMarcus Brown Studio Theatre, 8pm
937-0616

March 30
UOP Symphony Orchestra and Choral Ensembles present Hayden’s “Creation” Faye Spanos Concert Hall, 8pm

April 4
“A Funny Thing Happened On the Way To The Forum” Based on classical Roman comedy.
8pm, Long Theatre
946-2051

March 8-April 27
STOMP
San Francisco, Marines Memorial Theatre Special $25 student tickets for shows on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays through 4/27
(877) 771-6900

Entertainment in the Area

Celebrity chat

Before everyone goes on Spring Break, it might be a good idea to start taking notes of some of the following information that I’m about to share with you about some of our favorite celebrities.

Believe it or not, famed opera tenor Luciano Pavarotti recently stated that he dreams of doing a duet with Madonna. Pavarotti said that he hopes that Madonna can find time to perform and sing, “Caro Mio Bambino” with him at one of his annual concerts in Modena, Italy.

Yeeahh Baby!! Mike Meyers will be back as “Austin Powers” for a third time around, which is set to arrive sometime in 2002.

Hey Hey Hey...Here Comes Fat Albert!!! Look for Bill Cosby to bring his classic cartoon to the big screen as a live action film.

Also in the movies, look out for the upcoming film "Hotel." Director Mike Figgis has brought together an ensemble cast that includes Salma Hayek, Lucy Liu, David Schwimmer, and Burt Reynolds.

Horror genre king Wes Craven will direct and update the classic horror tale of “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” for Dimension films.

Speaking of scary, Stephen King is on the Web again! On March 5, a portion of the author’s upcoming novel “Dream catcher” will be excerpted in 3 free installments on Time Magazine’s Website. The full book will be out in the traditional paper form on March 20.

Finally for all of you “Will & Grace” fans, look for a surprise guest character to appear sometime during the May “Sweeps.” Here’s a little clue for you...he used to be on Cheers!

Well, have a great spring break everybody! I’ll be chatting with you in two weeks!

Kelly O’Connor
Women's History month

Jackie Joynor-Kersee: the greatest female athlete ever

JAGDIP DHILLON
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It is hard to talk about great female athletes of the 20th century or even great athletes of the century period, without bringing up the name Jackie Joynor-Kersee. She definitely is the greatest heptathlete of all-time and maybe the greatest track and field athlete ever. She won six medals in three different Olympiads. She holds numerous American and worldwide track records that may never be broken.

Kersee was born in East St. Louis and her grandmother named her Jacqueline after President Kennedy's wife because she knew Kersee would grow up to be the first lady of something. She couldn't have been more right. Kersee became the first lady of track and field and held the spot for years.

Before her ascension to greatness in track and field, Kersee dominated in other sports. She was a premier athlete at UCLA from 1981-85. She was a starting forward on the basketball team for all four of her years and she of course dominated in track and field, especially in the heptathlon, which consists of the 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200 meters, long jump, javelin and 800 meters. She also competed in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles and garnered a silver medal in the heptathlon. It was due to a leg injury she suffered near the end of the event.

That would be the last defeat she would suffer in the event for years. In 1986 she set a world record in the heptathlon with 7,148 points. She also tied the world record in the long jump for females at the 1987 Pan American games. This also got her the Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year award in 1987. She was on a roll heading to the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

When she got there she continued her dominance. In the heptathlon she got the gold medal and broke her own record by getting 7,291 points a record that still stands. She also holds the next five highest scores in the event. She also competed in the long jump event and garnered her second gold medal. She also broke the Olympic record with a leap of 24-3 1/2 feet. After the Olympics, she became the first female to win "The Sporting News Man of the Year" award.

Next on her radar screen were the Barcelona Olympics in 1992 and defending her medals. In the heptathlon she was successful getting her third gold medal. She did not fare as well in the long jump, as she only managed to capture the bronze medal.

Many people believed that this might be the end of her fabulous career. She was intent on participating in one more Olympics in her home country. The 1996 were to be held in Atlanta and she was there. She got injured again and was forced to pull out of the heptathlon. She did manage to fight through the pain and win another bronze medal in the long jump. That would be the last medal she would win at her last Olympics.

Kersee participated a couple of more years on the track and field circuit before she retired in 1998. In 1999 ESPN honored her by naming her the 23rd greatest athlete of the century. Last year she tried to come back for the Olympic trials but got injured and was unsuccessful. She finally announced her permanent retirement last month.

Women's Hoops
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Christensen led the way with 18 points and two players led the team with four rebounds.

The Pacific Tigers Women's Basketball team scored 43 points in the first half, then cruised to a 69-45 victory over the Cal Poly Mustangs on Sunday, March 3.

With the win the Tigers move to 10-4 in the Big West and 17-10 overall this season. Pacific's 10-4 conference mark is the best winning percentage (71.4%) ever achieved in team history, surpassing the 66.7% set in 1998 at 10-5 and in 1992 at 12-6.

In the first half the Tigers took control of the contest in opening moments as with the score tied 4-4, Pacific reeled off a 21-4 run over the next seven minutes. Junior Selena Ho (Belmont, Calif.), sophomore Ahsa Johnson (Oakland, Calif.), and freshman Corinne Wong (Clackamas, Ore.) keyed the run with a combined 15 points.

While Wong, Ho, and Johnson were igniting the offense the rest of the squad started to convert in other places as the Tigers hit 18 of 24 (75%) shots from the foul line, including 12 of 15 (80%) in the first half. Meanwhile Pacific's defense held Cal Poly to 8-24 (33%) from the field in the first half as Pacific charged out to a 43-21 lead at halftime.

Ho's 18 points led Pacific, but freshman guard Nancy Dinges (San Mateo, Calif.) also reached double digits with 10 points. For the Mustangs, Caroline Rowsle led the way with a game-high 20 points.

The Tigers now head to Big West Conference Tournament on Mar. 7-11 in Anaheim. Coming the Tournament the Tigers have secured the number three seed and will take on Cal Poly in the first round. Times for the first round games will be determined on Sunday, March 4. 
Pacific’s Basketball Jones

Jono Metzger-Jones may not be a giant, but he sure looks like one on the court for the Tigers. Metzger-Jones, who is in his first year here at Pacific after transferring from West Valley Community College in San Jose, has worked his way into the starting lineup with his tough play on both offense and defense.

We caught up with Jono after the Tigers last home game against Idaho, which the team won 76-70.

The Pacifican: What really caught you to UOP?
Metzger-Jones: I had quite a few options on where I could go. Schools on the east coast were interested, but I decided to come to Pacific because of the close proximity to my family (Oakland, CA).

The Pacifican: How do you like UOP so far?
Metzger-Jones: I love it. I love the campus, the people, everything about it. I haven’t seen too much of Stockton because I am so busy around campus. I really don’t have the time.

The Pacifican: Of all the places you have played this year, which gym has been the craziest?
Metzger-Jones: I would have to say Utah State is one of the craziest gyms I have ever been in.

The Pacifican: What is the team outlook on the up-coming Big West Tourney?
Metzger-Jones: Everyone is 0-0 and there is no team in this conference that we cannot beat on any given night. That is the great thing about college ball. It is all about the pride and the name on the front of your jersey.

The Pacifican: If you could play anyone 1-on-1 with anyone, who would it be?
Metzger-Jones: Jennifer Lopez. And I’d let her post me up!

The Pacifican: What are your plans after UOP?
Metzger-Jones: I want to get into coaching basketball on all levels. I would love to make what the NBA coaches make but I would really enjoy coaching college ball.

Jono Metzger-Jones: Pacific’s newest sharpshooter.

Game of the Week

It’s tourney time!

This week’s Big West Conference Tournament is the springboard to the Big Dance!

The Madness of March has finally begun, and this weekend both of our Pacific basketball teams will be in Anaheim to see how far they can propel themselves into the postseason.

And there are no excuses, no reason for being busy. Next week is spring break, and everyone’s travel plans should include a weekend roadie to So-Cal to support the Tigers.

Sure we may not win the NCAA tourney this year, but I still want to put my money on my own school in the office pool. So head down south to party and will the Tigers to victory... I better see you there!

The Point After

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Summer Sessions 2001

THINK AHEAD!

Plan your summer now!

- Registration for Summer Sessions 2001 begins Monday, March 19! See your academic advisor for the preliminary schedule of courses.
- Summer Sessions catalogs will be available at the Center for Professional & Continuing Education (CPCE) March 12, 2001.

CPCE is located in McConchie Hall, across Pacific Avenue on West Stadium Drive.
The Pacific baseball team improved to 11-8 on the season after sweeping an afternoon doubleheader from the Santa Clara Broncos. In game one the Tigers exploded for five runs in the first inning as they won 11-2, then in the second game Pacific staged a late inning rally to win 7-6 in ten innings.

In the opener the first five Tigers reached base as Pacific chased Santa Clara's starter in the first inning by putting five runs on the board with only one hit. The Tigers continued to pour it on offensively as they scored in seven of the nine innings.

Junior Richard Hackett (Tracy, Calif.) led Tigers offensive attack as he went 3-3 with a solo home run (4) and two unearned runs. With the win Houlton moved to 4-1 on the season.

In the second game it was the Broncos who broke out on top with four runs in the bottom of the fourth, but the Tigers fought back with a single run in the fifth and three runs in the seventh to tie the game at 4-4.

In that seventh inning, Pacific's Rick Morton (Yuba, Calif.) got things started with a single up the middle. Senior Andrew Coleman (Pasadena, Calif.) followed with a single to left, fol-

lowing a pop out, sophomore Marcus Steele (San Diego, Calif.) came through with a double to left to score Morton and put runners at second and third with one out. One out lat-

er, junior Mike Fitzgerald (Rancho Murietta, Calif.) tied the game with a single to left.

The two teams traded runs in the eighth and each were scoreless in the ninth to send the game to extra innings. In the tenth it was again Hackett who provided the punch for Pacific as he singled home the go ahead run, then scored the eventual winning run on a single
courtesy of Coleman.

On the mound for Pacific in game two, junior Ryan Jurvakainen (Longview, Wash.) went six and a third, allowing four runs, all earned, on seven hits but did not factor in the decision. Freshman Matthew Pena (Clovis, Calif.) pitched two and two thirds, allowing two runs, both earned, on five hits to pick up the win. Meanwhile Todd Culp (Sacramento, Calif.) picked up his first save of the season after picking up a scoreless tenth. The Broncos run in the tenth was charged to Pena, who moved to 2-1 on the season.

Pacific will play a two-game set with Eastern Michigan at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8 and at 7 p.m. Friday, March 9 at Billy Hebert Field.

Welcome home! Tigers win again.

Softball win streak hits eight with weekend sweep

The Tigers celebrate one of many recent wins.

The Pacific men's tennis team finishes the weekend with an overall record of 5-4 with a 7-0 loss to #6 Washington on Saturday, March 3, and a 7-0 win over UC Riverside on Sunday, March 4.

The match against Washington, hosted by UC Irvine, was dominated by the Huskies (10-4). Washington dropped the first of three doubles matches before reeling off eight straight victories to win 7-0. Senior Tobias Abrahamsson (Malmberg, Sweden) lost his first singles match of the season with a 7-5, 6-1 loss to Andrej Bizjak in the opening round.

The Pacific Women's Tennis team fell to 2-4 on the season with a 7-0 loss to #1 Stanford (12-0) on Friday, March 2 in Stanford, Calif.

Five of Stanford's singles players are ranked within the top 100 best in the country, with Laura Granville at the top spot. She improved to an impressive 25-1 on the season, defeating junior Susanne Bertel (Gunter- schleben, Germany), 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 1 position. No. 7 Lauren Kalvaria topped Christophe Barthel (Hassel, Germany), 6-3, 6-1 in second position.

In doubles action, Barthel and senior Diana D'Audney were overpowered by the duo of Lauren Barnikow and Kalvaria, currently ranked no. 1 in the nation in doubles. The 8-2 loss to Barnikow and Kalvaria marked Barthel and D'Audney's first loss as a duo this season (4-1). The Tigers return to action on Sunday, March 11 versus Cal Poly in Big West Conference action at 10 a.m.

Results

Pacific 0, #1 Stanford 7
Singles
1. #1 Laura Granville (Stanford) def. Susanne Bertel (Pacific)-6-2, 6-3
2. #7 Lauren Kalvaria (Stanford) def. Christiane Bartel (Pacific)-6-3, 6-1
3. #16 Gabriela Lastra (Stanford) def. Melinda Kocis (Pacific)-6-2, 6-1
4. #32 Keiko Tokudo (Stanford) def. Diana D'Audney (Pacific)-6-4, 6-2
5. #89 Emilia Andersen (Stanford) def. Sandija Zaris (Pacific)-6-1, 6-0
6. Sarah Pestieau (Stanford) def. Alison Doehrmann (Pacific)-6-1, 6-1.

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The Pacifican

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The Pacifican

Pacific's softball team won its eighth consecutive game and remained undefeated at the Worth Invitational in Fullerton, Calif. after the final day of competition on Sunday, March 4.

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After a quick start, Tiger’s ship slowly sinking

The PACIFICAN

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BWC Tourney: Can Tigers go 3 and in?

JOSH MONTERO
Sports Editor

With thirty-some games to prepare, both of Pacific's basketball teams head into this weekend's Big West Conference Tournament in exactly the same place. Three wins from an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship Tournament, the Big Dance. However, each team made it into the BWC Tourney in their own way.

As has become their standard mode of operation, the men's team began conference play strong, only to dissolve late and back-peddle into the BWC Tourney.

Last season's Tigers ended conference play by losing a painful 7 of their final 10 games, slipping into the bottom seed of the Big West Tourney, only to be trounced by eventual champs Utah State 64-41.

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Apparently they built up too much confidence, because conference play would not be kind to them. Losers of 6 of their last 10, the men's team has once again backed their way into the postseason, and will need to play at a level they've yet to reach this year if they plan on making it past the first round.

On the other hand, the women ride into the Big West Tourney on the strength of the program's best conference season ever (10-4).

Tigers end strong

THE PACIFICAN

Despite holding a 34-30 half-time lead, the Pacific Tigers Women's Basketball team fell to UC Santa Barbara 66-55 on Thursday, Mar. 1. With the loss, the Tigers drop to 16-10 on the season and 11-2 in conference. Meanwhile the Gauchos moved to 18-8 overall and 11-2 in conference.

After falling behind 9-4 in the opening moments, Pacific was able to turn up the defensive pressure and hold the Gauchos without a field goal for the next ten minutes, unfortunately Santa Barbara was able to get to the line during that time and maintained a 21-18 lead with just over five minutes remaining in the half. The Tigers, however, would use the momentum they built to go on a 16-9 run to close the first half and grab a 34-30 at the break.

In the second half Santa Barbara came out on fire, shooting 14-22 (64%) in the half, and quickly took the lead with a 5-0 run at 35-34 with 17:43 remaining in the game. Pacific kept things close for the next several minutes as the Tigers were down only one at 39-38, but then the wheels came off as the Gauchos went on a 13-4 run to build a 52-42 lead and put the game out of reach.

On the night, Selena Ho (Belmont, Calif.) led Pacific with 12 points, while sophomore Ahsha Johnson led the Tigers with eight rebounds, also tying a season-high.

Junior Maurice McLemore makes a defender look silly.

For UC Santa Barbara, Kayte D'Hondt, and junior Dolinda Kimpton, freshman Gillian Meeker routinely appeal amongst them.

In the first round of this weekend's tourney, the Tigers face the same Cal Poly team they dismantled a week ago, and look to battle nemesis Long Beach State in the second round.

Pacific backs in

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Staff Writer

When it comes to the postseason where even a single loss means the end of a season, what matters most are a team's depth and coaching staff. The Tigers can proudly boast both, having a bench of players who could be starting elsewhere, as well as the Big West's best young coach in Sherri Murrell (who tied the school's best conference record her first year, and just two years later has broken it). Pacific's women also have the conference's best point guard in junior Selena Ho and one of the most athletes starting fives in the state. And it hardly matters which of their many starting lineup the Tigers send onto the court, though senior Millie Kimpton, freshman Gillian d'Hondt, and junior Dolinda Meeker routinely appeal amongst them.

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