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ASUOP election brings new leadership

Newcomers Olson and Johnson have high hopes for the Pacific community

JENNIFER ZHANG
Staff Writer

There were neither recounts nor the involvement of judges; the ASUOP election results were clear and convincing. Matthew Olson and Jon Johnson had defeated their opponents and will be ASUOP’s new president and vice president next school year.

Out of total of 767 presiden
tional votes, Olson and Johnson won 291 (37.9 percent) while their opponents Ricky Peterson and Jessica Grimes received 239 (31.2 percent).

With a few abstentions, the rest of the votes went to write-in candidates. Among them, Josh Cook and Greg Rishe obtained 112 (14.6 percent) while Derick Sangran and Ben Starr received 82 (10.7 percent).

For the Attorney General office, incumbent Katrina Peterson and Jessica Grimes received 239 (31.2 percent).

ASUOP election brings new leadership

Weather

Friday
Hi: 76 Lo: 49
Partly Cloudy
Saturday
Hi: 77 Lo: 51
Mostly Cloudy
Sunday
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Partly Cloudy

New chaplain to be announced soon

Committee hopes to find replacement religious advisor soon

The committee which was organized last August to review candidates and give recommendations with the deadline of March 15.

The committee had three candidates in mind and one will be selected for the position. The Interim Pastor Joy Prier withdrew her candidacy due to personal reasons.

Peggy Rosson, Student Advising Center Coordinator, and Chair for the chaplain Search Committee commented that the group is made up of a variety of people from the UOP campus and surrounding community.

The committee was made up of a variety of people that were chosen to represent the different perspectives on the UOP campus.

Since the university is still loosely affiliated with the Methodist Church, David Bennett, the District Superintendent for the United Methodist Church and Pastor Gaye Benson from St. Marks United Methodist Church were on the committee. So was Catholic Friar Robert Silvia from the Annunciation Cathedral. The rest of the committee was made up of UOP students, staff and professors which include: Dave Fletcher from the Engineering Department, Shari Lamont who is an alumni and head resident, Ben Sheffield from the Office of the chaplain and Gaye Walton Price, the Director of the Humanities Center, as well as two other students.

Once a candidate is selected for the position he or she will have a lot of responsibilities to the spiritual life at UOP as well as the surrounding Stockton community.

The committee which drafted the list of responsibilities for the chaplain stated, “The role of the chaplain is to provide leadership in attending the spiritual needs of students, faculty and staff through pastoral counseling, worship, and educational programming. The chaplain is expected to honor all spiritual beliefs and religious faiths and foster a climate of mutual respect and regard.”

The chaplain is expected to provide a Catholic and non-denominational service in Morris Chapel, yet his or her responsibilities will be far greater than that.

The chaplain will head or be in charge of many commit-
Free newspapers to be provided for UOP students

Kate Saldin
Staff Writer

Monday, March 26 marks the first day of a four-week program in which free national and local newspapers will be provided on campus for UOP students. In what has become a popular curriculum at 280 colleges and universities nationwide, The Newspaper Readership Program will bring three daily newspapers to selected dining and residence halls at UOP. The newspapers that will be available are USA Today, The Record, and The New York Times, all of which are donating money to fund the program.

USA Today representatives also hope to supply local ethnic newspapers in order to give students an opportunity to choose from a wide variety of sources and perspectives.

According to information provided by USA Today, the program’s main goals include helping students “understand the world in which we live” and encouraging the “acquisition of skills important for educated citizenship.” The program is also designed to give students easy access to what may otherwise be an expensive or inconvenient information source.

As part of the introduction, students will be asked to fill out pre- and post-participation surveys in order to gauge the effectiveness of the curriculum. Refreshments and pre-participation surveys will be available around campus on Monday.

Thus far, the surveys collected on other campuses show that students are enthusiastic about the program, with statistics from an independent research company stating that 82 percent of students surveyed think newpapers are “very important” or “important” to their education.

The National Newspaper Readership Program began in 1996 when the president of Penn State University, Graham Spanier, brought the idea to USA Today and The New York Times. “One of the real benefits we expect from this program is to encourage the participation habits that students will carry with them throughout their lives,” said Spanier.

USA Today now manages the program and has been bringing it to northern California colleges and universities for about a year and a half. Sacramento State, UC Davis and Chico State are among the schools that have participated in this program. All three of these schools have expressed an interest in keeping the program on their campuses for longer than the four-week introduction period.

Any school that has had the introduction can request a continuation of the program that would cost approximately $6 to $12 per student per semester. These costs represent a large discount off the newsstand rate and would be covered by the individual schools and the participating newspapers.

Chaplain
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On campus including the Association of Campus Ministry, Division of Student Life, Inter-faith Council, chaplain’s Advisory Committee, Bishop Scholars and advise and support other student faith-based organizations.

The university also has plans for the chaplain to have a visible role as it represents UOP in various ways. The chaplain would have responsibilities of being a symbol for UOP’s religious heritage and representing the university in other forms of religious life in the community. He or she will also serve as liaison to the Board of Education of the Methodist Church as well as between the university and community colleges and community organizations. The chaplain will also bring to attention church relations to the Vice President of Student Life and cooperate with the Division of Institutional Advancement.

This is a big responsibility for one person to fill as this job also implies many administrative and managerial work as well as all of the other responsibilities.

Peggy Rossen, Chair of the chaplain Search Committee said, “We are confident that we will find a suitable candidate to fill the position by the deadline.”

After a year of waiting, most students, staff and faculty are ready to see a comeback of religious life at UOP.

Film studies flourishes as major, minor

Matt Erikson
Guest Writer

University of the Pacific is well known for many of its areas of study. The School of Pharmacy, sports sciences and business programs are among the best in the state of California. However, many people are not aware of one of Pacific’s fastest growing majors, film studies.

Currently film studies is only available as a minor and as a self-designed major. With 25 students claiming film studies as their field of study, it is easy to see the growth of the major on our small campus.

Self-designed majors must be approved by a committee and will be guided by one of the program’s professors. The standard self-designed film major will include courses such as Aesthetics of Film, Major Filmmakers and Photography. These courses are catalogued in the English department.

Dr. Diane Borden heads the film department. Borden first became involved with film while she attended U.C. Santa Cruz. She has made many presentations at film festivals around the world, including the 100th anniversary of film in Paris.

Borden stated that the film program at Pacific has proved to be very successful for recent graduates. Alumni have held such positions as producer at Sony Pictures, executive with Paramount Pictures, associated with the Art Directors Guild, as well as many independent filmmakers and screenwriters.

Pacific’s film program is very lucky to have two excellent film professors who have a great knowledge of film theory, but the program lacks technical equipment that is necessary to achieve hands-on experience. The prospect of obtaining such equipment is very grim. The film program at Pacific is directed towards a theoretical study rather than a practical study of film. Such equipment is also very expensive and would require enormous donations.

It is needless to say that Pacific’s film program is nothing like film schools such as New York University or University of Southern California, which have a large amount of technical equipment and provide a more hands-on experience. However, they are not able to provide as much one-on-one time with professors.

“UOP’s film program has dedicated professors who make themselves available to students,” said Lahrn Laurens-Davitt.

“UOP’s film program is not one of the strongest in the nation, but it has superb professors who are more than willing to help students. Alumni from the film studies program have proven successful in the film industry, but if you are hoping to have access to equipment, you should look into other schools. UOP does provide excellent professors and a great education in the area of film theory.”

Career and Internship Center
The Pacifican

Are you looking for job experience that will better prepare you for your professional career? Have you ever thought about doing an internship for academic credit? Many employers are beginning to use internships in their recruitment process and are requiring practical experience for permanent placement.

An internship may be just what you are looking for to help reach the professional goals you have set.

The Career and Internship Center will be hosting an Experiential Learning Orientation to provide students with the details of the program and its requirements. Attending an orientation is mandatory for any student wishing to participate in the Experiential Learning program.

Three sessions are currently scheduled for March 26 in WPC 140. There will be a session for students in the Humanities from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., a session for Social Sciences from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., and a session for students in the Natural Sciences from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the designated time for your concentration, you may attend one of the alternate meetings.
Comm. majors create financial literacy project

Four communication majors at the University of the Pacific are creating a project to test financial literacy among their peers. The goal is not only to find out what young people know about money matters but to encourage them to learn more.

On Tuesday, March 6, the team sponsored a game show entitled "Who Wants to Get Out of Debt?" in which contestants vied with one another for prizes by answering questions about everything from APR to the difference between debit and ATM cards.

The event was just one part of the Bateman Case Study Competition, a yearly contest, sponsored by Visa, in which members of the Public Relations Student Society of America may participate.

First a survey was compiled and given to UOP students to measure their financial literacy. Second the game show was created and gave the Bateman participants practical experience with event planning, promotions and advertising. Finally is the part on which the team is currently working - analyzing data processing and putting the findings of their project together to present to the Bateman judges.

"We want to get a better understanding of how variables such as family life, education or future goals can be correlated with financial literacy," said Bateman member Jason Lahm.

"The game show was a way to bring young people together and get them talking about important money issues," added Bateman member Shannon Rolf.

When asked why she decided to work on the project, Bateman member Joy Swenddal said, "Because this is an important issue. Being aware of these kinds of basic facts will make life easier, especially after college."

Lawrence R. Thompson, the fourth Bateman member agreed. "If we can make just a few people read over the fine print before they mail in a credit card application then we've done our job," he said.

"We've worked very hard from the start. This project has been the highest they wish they will be accepting a first place prize of $2500 from Visa in San Francisco later this spring for their project and case study.

UOP students participate in the "Who Wants to get out of Debt?" game show put on by PRSSA.

Trivia Bee held

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On Friday, March 9, the University of the Pacific sponsored an annual Trivia Bee to raise money for various literacy causes. This is the 10th anniversary of the Trivia Bee and this year, there was a record of 34 teams in attendance.

The Trivia Bee is a competition in which teams compete against one another in non-academic fields such as music and sports. Pacific's team consisted of Jonathan Meeker, the Vice President for University Advancement; Sara Faulk, an employee in payroll; and Craig Hawbaker, a professor. The team made a valiant effort, but was eliminated in the final round only trailing the winning team by four points. The Record emerged victorious in the end.

After the competition, there was a spaghetti dinner provided by the restaurant Angelina's. Meanwhile, there were raffle tickets offered to the guests for the chance to win a wonderful prize.

In addition to the evening, the guests were invited to dress up in a costume and decorate a portion of the stage for a chance to win a prize. There were teams dressed in elaborate gowns while the Pacific team looked sharp representing the school in an orange and black ensemble.

In total, this university sponsored event attracted more than 500 people ranging from the Mayor of Stockton, to the Chief of Police, to the Sheriff and even Stockton's City Council members. All the money that was raised throughout the evening went to Family Literacy Programs, an organization called Book Buddies for Children and to the Stockton and San Joaquin Library.

The night was fun and eventful for the hundreds of guests. Meanwhile, each individual's contribution helped the Stockton community by contributing money for a purpose to help children get involved in reading so that they can have a choice for an enjoyable, successful life.
Prolonged parking problems spark new discussions

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Staff Writer

In a plan set forth by the Meckel Design Company, parking at UOP is due for a few changes. Hoping to meet the needs of students and faculty alike, changes in parking availability will attempt to reflect the best interests of all involved.

Over the past several years parking at Pacific has been under review. Faculty and staff have voiced some concern over the daily availability of parking on campus.

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Racial screening effect' hinders Asian applicants

[U-WIRE] NEW YORK - A recent study in California revealed standardized tests may negatively affect enrollment of Asian Pacific Americans, while affirmative action most likely has little impact.

Researcher William C. Kidder conducted the study for a Berkeley, Calif.-based educational research organization (Testing for the Public).

Kidder examined enrollment trends from the law schools at the University of California at Berkeley, University of California-Los Angeles and University of California-Davis before and after the passage of Proposition 209, which effectively banned affirmative action in California state universities.

"Data from the three UC law schools reveals that whites were the only group to see their enrollments go up appreciably," Kidder reported in his study. He said that "by the numbers" admission policies harm APA candidates because standardized tests are not truly representative of merit.

Kidder explained that such tests not only have a "racing screening effect" due to economic disadvantages often felt by minorities, but that the tests cannot predict performance in school or social activism.

"Even though standardized tests do have some value in predicting grades, they are much less useful, probably useless, in predicting who will be successful, who will make an intellectual contribution, who will be a leader, who will be an achiever in life," NYU School of Law Visiting Professor Gabriel Chin agreed.

"There's a whole range of things that matter in college, grad school and career success that the tests don't measure; things like creativity, emotional intelligence, motivation and so on."

-Joshua Aronson
NYU psychology professor

Joshua Aronson, an NYU psychology professor, expressed similar views.

"Research suggests that they are only fair predictors of one's first year in college but don't predict well beyond that first year," Aronson said.

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Kidder's study also concluded that the current political discourse on APAs and affirmative action does not rely on empirical enrollment data.

"On the one hand, defenders of affirmative action too often treat Asian-American issues as taboo. On the other hand, many critics disingenuously cast Asian Americans as victims of affirmative action in order to advance political ends," Kidder said. He specifically criticized Harvard historian Stephen Thernstrom, who argues that APAs are victimized by race-conscious affirmative action.

"He ignores discrimination against APAs in order to attack other racial-ethnic groups who receive affirmative action consideration," Kidder wrote.

The study cited the "tipping point" phenomenon proposed by NYU Law Professor Derrick Bell as an alternative explanation for low APA enrollment numbers.

"As Asian-American applications have increased relative to whites, Asian-American admission rates have decreased compared to whites," Kidder said. "Derrick Bell's notion of the 'tipping point' provides insight into whether or not the real threat to APA's access to legal education is negative action designed to protect white privilege, as opposed to affirmative action."

Chin defended affirmative action as a means of creating a diverse university community.

"I think (affirmative action) helps Asian Americans by contributing to better learning environments and a more just society for all, including Asian Americans," Chin said. "I am not troubled by diversity consideration for underrepresented groups where Asian Americans are not underrepresented and therefore may not benefit directly."

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80's teen queen Tiffany hits McCaffrey stage

Pop star performs in anticipated comeback concert to hundreds of Stockton students and residents

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A&E Editor

As the clouds cleared, the sun broke in, spreading warmth over the crowd and clapping began as former pop star, Tiffany began to perform on March 8 at McCaffrey Center Stage. The show brought forth quite possibly the largest student turnout to a Pacific Hour concert in years. Hundreds of students gathered in McCaffrey Center for the former '80's stars' performance which brought smiles to all faces.

Tiffany sang songs off both her new album as well as her old time favorites such as “Could've Been,” and “I Think We're Alone Now.” Students of all likes joined for an hour of fun as energy and excitement vibrated through the crowd.

Tiffany's new “look” was surely different from what most people remember her by when she and other stars like Debbie Gibson of the '80's boasted big hair and bangles. Now, her short punk, red, shaggy hair-do set a new, modern tone that screamed, “I’m back!” Not only did the concert attract Pacific students, but Delta College students and Stocktonians flocked to the scene as well.

What people had to say

"I had a blast! It was low-key, no pressure. I was enjoying the day...like singing in the park, doing what I love to do—sing."  
-Tiffany

"ASUOP thanks the student body for their wonderful and enthusiastic support. You ain’t seen nothin’ yet! Next year is the 150th homecoming and we’ll rock the world!"  
-Greg Lehr, ASUOP Advisor

"I was a student here for four years and this is the largest turnout I've ever seen!"  
-Ashlee Williams, 1999 graduate
Something wonderful happened on Thursday, March 8. Something unlike anything that’s happened at UOP in recent memory. We all gathered together like a community. Chances are you were there, and you felt the power of the moment.

So, it was for a Tiffany concert.

Well, there had to be some reason that UOP students all gathered together in the McCaffrey center as if we all liked each other. So what if it was for a one-hit wonder fifteen years expired?

People started gathering in the McCaffrey center (as if it were a cool place to be) a while before noon when the concert was slated to begin. People brought their Summit food outside. Some people were already drunk to maximize their appreciation of Tiffany’s talents. Tiffany’s stalker even showed up, and started hitting on UOP students.

The benefits of bringing back nooners are two-fold. It would recruit both on and off-campus talent to regale us while we have our weekly sanctioned break from classes. Why did they get rid of such a great asset to our campus?

The benefits of bringing back nooners are twofold. It would give UOP students a reason to actually hang out together in the McCaffrey center for a purpose other than selling things like tasteful t-shirts, goodnight kisses and cans of orange soda. And it would bring a bit of culture to UOP. Not that Tiffany is exactly culture, but there’s just something cool about live music. Sometimes the type of music doesn’t even matter. Unless it’s Macy Gray.

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We want to all draw together in a spirit of campus unity. We want to hear sweet music wafting through our campus that’s not produced by a high school marching band competition. Brind back those nooners. Don’t we need all the opportunities to enjoy school spirit and culture as we can get? Nooners are the types of programs that our student government should encourage. There may be some programs that we could cut back on, but nooners should not have been one of them.

Comment on the concert ranged from “she’s actually not a bad singer” to “she’s not as cute as she was in the picture” to “this is lame.” But that’s not the point.

The point is that we were all together. When does that ever happen? The occasional men’s basketball game is the closest we get to resembling a unified campus. You were there, you know how great it was to look around and see your fellow students all together and feel like you were part of something. It was great to have a reason to hang out in the McCaffrey center—what is supposed to be the center of our student life.

Which is why we’re requesting that the new ASUOP administration bring back the nooners.

Despite what you might have learned while watching Mad About You, a “nooner” is a mini-concert during the Pacific Hour on Thursday every week. The designated “concert” chair from ASUOP would recruit both on and off-campus talent to regale us while we have our weekly sanctioned break from classes. Why did they get rid of such a great asset to our campus?

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The Showdown: Their legacies are at stake

"Don’t mess with Texas!"

Will Bush be a better president than Clinton was?

Bush has practical solutions, Clinton has scandals

The Clinton era shows us how much we need a president like Bush

I have yet to meet a single person who could give me a justifiable reason as to why Mark Rich, the largest tax evader in US history, was pardoned. I can think of one not so justifiable reason however; Denise Rich. The same Denise Rich who raised over a million dollars for the Clintons and the Democratic Party. The same Denise Rich who paid for the furniture for the Clinton’s new home in New York. The decision to pardon her husband Mr. Rich reeks of corruption and bribery, and embodies the Clinton legacy.

President Clinton was a president of circumstance. We must separate the things that happened during the Clinton administration from the things that the Clinton administration did. Take the economy for example, Clinton did nothing to improve the economy. The economy can be credited to the rapid development of technology and the less aggressive level of interest rates by Alan Greenspan.

What Mr. Clinton can be given credit for is a weakened national defense. Under the Clinton administration our military readiness declined and our troop morale steadily declined. The Clinton administration has shown the United States weakness in Middle Eastern relations and exacerbated problems in the Balkans.

Furthermore, it almost seemed like the Clinton administration was going out of its way to be unethical. Scandals like Waco, Vince Foster, the Lincoln Bedroom, Travelgate, Filegate, Chinagate, Zippplegate, and numerous others highlighted, demonstrate our former President’s high "moral character."

While I may not agree with every decision President Bush has made, he will make a far better president than Bubble. Bush will improve our relationship with our neighbors to the south. Mexico is a vital trading partner for the United States. Increased relations could be very lucrative for both countries.

Bush is set on improving our Nation’s defense. He plans on implementing National Missile Defense to protect our skies from aggression. He appointed Donald Rumsfeld, a proven leader, as his Secretary of Defense, and Colin Powell, one of the most respected men in Washington, as his Secretary of State.

The pinnacle of President Bush’s platform is tax cuts. I know the sound of those two words may send shivers down the spines, assuming they have one, of most extreme liberals, but it is a proven way to stimulate investment and spur economic growth. Giving money back to the people, and yes the rich are people too, is the best way to increase the purchasing power of the consumer and avoid locking the government into long-term fiscal spending that it may not be able to afford in ten years.

Policies aside, Mr. Bush is a man of integrity. It is about time that we have a person in office who deserves to be called honorable. It is about time we have a person in office who can admit when he has done wrong and accept the consequences for his actions. It is about time we have a man in office who is not William Jefferson Clinton.

"You can’t pardon stupid!"

When it’s all over, there won’t be anything left for Bush to destroy

Bush’s presidency will make us nostalgic for the Clinton era.

We have been calling him President Bush now for 61 days, or just over two months, but hey, who’s counting?

In those 61 days, the new leader of the free world attempted to drill for oil in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge, renege on a campaign promise to cut carbon dioxide emissions, cut off funding to overseas family planning groups, provide funding to religious organizations to incorporate them into the provision of social services, and hesitantly suggested a voucher program that would take money from public schools. I wouldn’t have thought he had enough time to trample the environment, third world countries, the separation of church and state, and school children, what with all the time he spends back at the ranch, but I guess I was wrong.

Apparently that wasn’t enough; Bush also presented his new budget to a joint session of congress, in which he proposed a $1.6 trillion tax cut, the main beneficiaries of which remain somewhat dubious. But, of course, he’s a compassionate conservative, so I’m sure the cut will be evenly distributed and won’t go directly into the coffers of the rich.

Also included in the budget is a $4.2 billion increase in defense spending, a portion of which he plans to spend on the development of a national missile defense program that breaks the Antiballistic Missile Treaty of 1972.

What better to do in your first weeks in office than to tick off the Russians?

The budget itself clings perilously to wishful thinking on President Bush’s part. For those of you doing the math, he wants to increase spending, drastically cut taxes and pay down most of the national debt, all as the country slides into a recession. The numbers just don’t add up.

Maybe it’s only me, but if his actions to date are in any way indicative of what’s to come in the next four years, I imagine many will soon be reminiscing about the Clinton era. Considering Bush had the lowest approval rating ever for a president just entering office, without doing much of anything, and Bill Clinton was still popular after eight years and several scandals, it appears the American people have already come to that conclusion.

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We care more when the shootings are closer to home

Michelle-Elizabeth Valle
Staff Writer

Just when you think they’re over, the shootings begin once again. On a peaceful March 15th, a student at Santana High School near San Diego opened fire on his fellow classmates wounding 13 students and killing two.

Some believe there have been several other shootings or threats of shootings. Some serious, as the Santee rampage, others not as bad as with the middle school student in Pennsylvania. When I was young, I moved to Stockton with my parents to be with my grandparents. The first shooting I witnessed was behind the safety of a television set as news accounts of a crazed man shooting and killing several elementary school students at Cleveland School were reported. It was such a shock to me that a man could have the capacity to shoot innocent children, no older than eight or nine.

Monday Night RAW = Rage Against Women

Erin Ripple
Staff Writer

Being a college student, I often have nothing better to than sit around and watch mindless TV shows such as pro-wrestling. I was wasting some time the other night by watching a WWF show, Monday Night RAW, with some of my friends, and I was absolutely appalled by what I saw. Vince McMahon, owner of WWF, made one of the women (who, I was informed by one of my more interested friends, used to date him) basically strip down to her underwear in the middle of the ring. In front of millions of people. She was standing in her bra and thong underwear, and he told her to take off her bra! She unhooked it and had it almost all the way off before he told her that she could stop. She was practically in tears, but she told him that he had no idea how much she degraded herself for the right cause.

Whether she was acting or not is irrelevant. WWF portrays a negative image of women that gets transmitted via television to the entire rest of the world.

Another example is of the former WWF wrestler known as Sable. She was humiliated in front of millions of people when her clothes were ripped off of her in the middle of the ring. She sued WWF for $100 million, settled, and quit the organization.

How can society allow this to continue? How can we support something that is so obviously degrading?

By portraying women as sex objects to be ordered around and paraded unwillingly in their thong in front of the whoever has enough brain cells to pick up their remote control and push “power,” WWF is sending the message that it is okay for anyone - from Vince McMahon to Joe Average down the street from you - to view women as nothing but objects. And that it is okay to treat them as such.

Where do these people get off? Who do they think they are that they feel they can do whatever they want to whoever they want and not receive any repercussions? That one can use a woman’s rights and women’s social and political capital hundreds of years and get cheered on (by men and women alike) for it? There is absolutely no excuse for actions like this. In our society of supposed social progress, there is no place for chauvinistic pigs like McMahon and their power trips.

I say, it is our job as members of the human race to send the message that this is not okay. When women are being raped and abused with no legal recourse in developing nations (and developed ones, too, like China), the last thing that we should be doing is reviving in a medieval, patriarchal mindset and supporting the degradation of women. The last thing we should be doing is putting up with WWF.

However, if they are allowed to accept this money, then their first allegiance is to the source of the money, since it is ultimately the source of the votes. Conflicts between public and corporate interests often lead to stalemates in our houses of legislation, at which point our representatives generally give up on accomplishing anything useful and draft yet another carsear law instead.

But I don’t believe that this cycle is as fatalistic as it sounds. If campaign finance reform laws ever manage to be passed, the system will adapt to the new financial constraints of the candidates. If candidates need most of their money to be on TV, then TV will simply have to start showing them for less. After all, TV likes to show people what they want to see - that’s just good business-and around election time, everyone wants to see candidates. They might not be able to air their advertisements on prime time, but we could really do without their manipulative ads anyway. Just watch debates would be much more informative, even if commercial breaks were inserted. And if candidates were almost eliminated from television, which they wouldn’t be, most Americans could still read.

What I’m saying is politicians don’t have to be as dependent on corporate and special interest funding as they think they have to be. If they would just act as a group to eliminate certain sources of funding, then they would all start out pretty even. They might even experience less pressure to maintain their fantastic balancing acts while in office. Basically, nobody’s going to lose here, and the people just might win for once.

What’s up with that?

What’s up with campus parking this year? Why do we pay 75 dollars a semester to park a long way away from our classroom or residence, and be turned away from our parking lots during “events” with threats of having our cars towed?
University College representatives should be heard

NATALIE GORIEL
Staff Writer

The future of University College, which serves UOP's non-traditional student population, has become much of a concern. According to UC Senator Priscilla Silvery "there were a series of rumors made last summer that UC was going to change." However UC Assistant Provost to the center, Dr. Barbara Shaw, quickly cleared them up.

The essential problem, however, did not happen last summer, but on October 19, 2000. A letter was issued by Rob Brodnick, Records and Research Officer that stated "all student records now need to show college codes consistent with major codes." So this means the students who previously had the UC college code, were now changed over to the school of their majors.

In the letter Brodnick said this step taken reflected "efforts to upgrade data reporting through the Banner computer system." In big black bold letter it says, "This has not changed your status or affiliation in any way." And the most important statement in the letter is "your home school, however, remains University College."

You would think that the letter would have cleared up the confusion and many questions about UC, but in fact it has done the opposite. Now the problem that arises is entirely new. Because of the upgrade with Banner, when you check to see how many students are enrolled in UC, you will find out that there are 0 students in the program. But that is not the reality. According to Shaw, there are about 50 to 60 students enrolled.

The problem now is people think that UC does not exist anymore. In an interview with president-elect and current Senator-At-Large-UCC Matt Olson, he said there has been much confusion about the existence of UC. He continued to say that the matter would be further debated by ASUOP. Shaw on the other hand said, "UC still exists."

If we strip away the politics that surround this issue, the main problem then becomes the concern many non-traditional students have with not being represented on campus and their unique needs not being fulfilled. In order to reach more students and solve these problems, the idea of organizing a club for non-traditional students seems like the right path to take. Shaw, Silvery, UC VP-Treasurer Karen Booze, and Student Advisor Della Richardson support this idea. They feel that a club will be able to better serve the 800 undergrad and grad non-traditional students at UOP.

It is crucial that non-traditional students are allowed a strong voice on our campus. No matter if UC changes later in the future, there still needs to be some kind of representation for these students. These adults have taken a big step in coming back to school and we cannot deny them representation.

As I spoke with Silvery, Booze, and Richardson, I could see their frustration. Universities are institutions where differences should be respected and represented. It is up to the student body to make sure that every voice on campus has a chance to be heard.

The Pacifican is now accepting applications for Section Editors. Applications are available at The Pacifican office on the third floor of Hand Hall.

Texas sodomy law discriminates against homosexuals

[U-WIRE] My apartment is my safe and private home. What happens there with my friends or my boyfriend is a matter between a man and woman in the privacy of their home.

It is accepted that consensual and loving sexual acts between a man and woman in the privacy of their home should be an undisclosed issue.

The sexual activities of two consenting adults in the privacy of their own bedroom should be able to dictate what is done between two consenting adults in the privacy of their own bedroom.

The convictions of the two men were upheld last week by an all-Republican panel in the 14th Court of Appeals as it made a massive step backwards. The fact that two people could be prosecuted for something that is not harmful to society — or any of its business — is ludicrous.

The convictions of the two men were upheld after a three-judge panel of the 14th Court of Appeals ruled the conviction was unconstitutional.

But the original decision was upheld last week by an all-Republican panel of the 14th Court and set a precedent. It is embarrassing to be from a state that has submissively allowed itself to be seen as one of the most judgmental in the country.

Conservatives demand the government step in on an issue that really doesn't affect them. This comes from a group of people calling for less government. The "stay out of our business" attitude conservatives support should be handed to them on a silver platter.
A warning to all UOP students about date rape drugs

Dear Editor,

Recently I became aware of certain situations involving the use of date rape drugs on our campus, in places that are very popular hangouts. I think it is very important that our campus community, especially girls, be aware of this situation. I know that I had heard the rumors, like everyone else, but assumed that it must be the people I didn’t hang out with or the people that I never came into contact with who were involved; or that it was just entirely false. But I realized that these situations do occur, and with people whom I thought I trusted. I don’t want anyone else to make the mistake of trusting the wrong person.

I know that part of my attraction to this school was its size. My parents were worried to send me to a very large school for fear of occurrences just like this. Our campus is too small to put up with things like this. I know that people know about this, and it should not be tolerated! If we are all aware of this and do all we can, we can rid our school of this very real problem.

I am sickened by some students’ reaction to this. I don’t know how anyone could know about the existing situation and not take action to prevent or stop it. Instead it is tolerated. This serves as another reason for us to be more cautious - no one is watching out for us. Please, especially girls, we need to watch out for each other. I thought that I was being safe by having acquaintances walk me home, but as I found out those acquaintances could possibly be the ones that were involved. My solution is using the buddy system, and I know it sounds like we’re in the second grade again, but we really have no other alternative. I am a very trusting person by nature, and I am very depressed by the fact that I now have to suspect people of doing these horrible things, but I can’t think of another solution if I am going to keep myself safe. We can not be in denial if we are going to keep this from happening again.

I am very unimpressed with the actions taken by the UOP Public Safety department. I know that they do not yet have the legal power to do much, but I think that we, as students, have a right to know that this is going on at our campus in order to protect ourselves. In their newsletter, they write about all minor occurrences, such as broken windows, but nothing about this serious issue. If people were given information, the situation could be completely avoided. At bare minimum, they should give warnings that drug-induced rape is a possibility on our campus, and encourage us to take precautionary measures.

For the sake of those involved, I have left out my name because I respect that they would like to remain anonymous for the time being. I just wanted to provide UOP students with a warning and let them know that it is a real issue at our school, and we all need to be careful and watch out for ourselves, because no one else will.

-Name Withheld

Free speech means even when it offends you

[U-WIRE] Newspaper headlines rang out three times this week with cries of censorship. Three times this week, our most basic, fundamental right in this country was put to the test in the very institutions that claim themselves safe havens for free speech.

On the open-minded campus of Harvard University was the case of Matt Evans, a third-year law student who decided to post horrific signs around campus that read “Smile! Your mother chose life.”

The signs, at first, were merely torn down, but when a female faculty member caught on, Evans was approached. “(She) denounced my message as one of hate, accused me of meddling in women’s issues and called me a coward because I had not put my name on the signs,” Evans said.

Evans was later called into the Deans office and ordered to post the signs only on message boards of items for sale and to include contact information on each sign.

Signs that appeared soon after read, “Smile! You’re a singleton” and have been met with no resistance by the administration.

Controversy on the campus of University of California-Berkeley was centered around an ad placed by conservative author David Horowitz titled “Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery Is a Bad Idea and Racist Too.”

Horowitz, who paid $1,200 for the ad that ran in the Daily Californian, was immediately the center of a public outcry. Angry students, obviously convinced that they were right, stormed the office of the newspaper, weeping and yelling, and then spread out over the rest of campus to steal any copies still on the racks.

The editor gave in, calling the issue “an inadvertent vehicle for bigotry.”

Finally, on the campus of Brown University, revolving around the same Horowitz ad as at California-Berkeley, an angry student stole all copies from around the campus and demanded the final 100 copies from the newspaper office as well.

The protests have similarly demanded both that the $725 Horowitz paid be given to a minority fund and that the paper “renounce its nominal affiliation with the University."

“It’s not our place to decide which political views can be published in the paper,” countered editor Patrick Moos. “We want to publish everyone’s views.”

Is collegiate America crying for free speech or is free speech crying for collegiate America?

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On the corner of March and
West Lanes is a plaza that
holds a treasure fit for a king.
No gold is located here, but
a treasure mine of Chinese
cuisine and a treasure mine of
the large dining area, China
Palace, the decor is truly a
feast for the eyes.
After gawking at the beau-
tiful landscapes and Chinese
classes and Chinese
characters on the walls, my
companion and I decided to
order our king's feast.
Soup wasn't on our list this
time, but excellent soups to
order would be the hot and
sour soup ($4.95 on take-out
menu) and the combination
wonton soup ($4.95) which
contains ground pork and
shrimp filled wontons, veg-
etables, chicken, pork, beef
and shrimp in a broth.
Our appetites took over
our ordering and we ended up
ordering four yummy
dishes. We decided on order-
ing the beef with broccoli
($5.95) in a thick special
sauce. This was in place of
our usual beef with aspara-
gus ($8.95), which has be-
come a popular dish among
patients.
To quell my seafood craving,
we ordered Pepper Salted
Prawns ($8.75). Other
more expensive seafood dish-
es were the pepper salted
crab and stuffed lobster, sold
at market price. Chicken with
green beans ($6.95) was a
great contrast to the beef and
broccoli.
Lastly we decided to order
a purely vegetable dish.
Cathay garden vegetables
($8.95) was an excellent
choice. Baby corn, sliced car-
rots, water chestnuts, broc-
coli, snow peas and mush-
rooms were tossed in a thick
and creamy garlic sauce.

For those who don't have
time to sit down and eat in
the large dining area, China
Palace has a deli style section
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on the menu (except featured
ones on the main menu)
quickly.
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restaurant between the hours
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sum dishes. Don't worry, if
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able assortment of Chinese
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Festival to blossom this season

Greg Thompson
Staff Writer

The spring season has ar-
ived igniting the serene
sights and smells of vibrant
flowers waiting to blossom.
The central star of the solar
system, known as the sun, is,
finally, shedding its warmth
upon the UOP campus.
Unfortunately, to the de-
spair of many students,
spring break has concluded,
but one shouldn't fret about
discovering the next social
function.
On Saturday April 7 the
United Cultural Council
(UCC), in conjunction with
ASUOP, will be hosting the
annual International Spring
Festival, which paves the way
for another upcoming cele-
bration, Diversity Week.
This year's Spring Festival
will be similar to those of the
past, but hopes to attract more
UOP students and members
of the Stockton community.
The various clubs and all-
iances linked to the UCC will
assemble the Festival, which
is comprised of an array of
booths, demonstrations, per-
formances, and the ever so
tempting aroma of food.
There is an ample collection
of clubs and alliances par-
taking in the Festival such as
the African-American Student
Union (AASU), who will be
performing at the event in addi-
tion to having a booth.
The Hmong Student Asso-
ciation (HSA), the Muslim
Students' Association (MSA),
the Japanese Cultural Fan As-
sociation (JCFA), Pacific's
Gay/straight Alliance
(PGSA), MeChA, Milam and
Kilusan will also be in attend-
ance.
Furthermore, the Diversity
Week Committee will provide
festival visitors with the op-
portunity to receive a face
painting, which is a favorite
amongst most guests.
Although the Festival is
sponsored and hosted by
UCC and ASUOP, some clubs
may bring in outside vendors,
from the local community,
who are intrigued in the pos-
sibilities of obtaining a booth
for the event.
From, approximately, 11 am
until 4 pm, the Hand Hall
Lawn will be the venue for the
April 7 International Spring
Festival.
Anyone and everyone is
welcome and encouraged to
attend this year's celebration,
which is sure to not only be
tempting in culture, but enter-
taining as well.
For more information, re-
garding the Festival, contact
ASUOP or UCC.
**Movie Review**

**'Enemy at the Gates' is a new perspective on WWII**

**MIKE DELORENZO  Staff Writer**

If one were to attain all of their knowledge of the Second World War from Hollywood, then they would most likely never know of the Soviet struggle and victories. Until now this was taboo, to place the Red Army in any sort of Political victory even if it was over the national socialist ideal. Jean-Jacques Annaud ("Seven Years In Tibet," "The Lover") breaks this barrier in his latest film, "Enemy At The Gates." The film stars Jude Law, most commonly known for his portrayal of Dickie Greenleaf in the screen adaptation of the chilling Patricia Highsmith novel "The Talented Mr. Ripley," as Vassili Zaitsev a legendary Soviet sharp shooter.

The film opens with the horrific and grotesque pinning of the reality of terror and hopelessness of mortality as hundreds of young Soviets experience the macabre of war for themselves as they make it to Stalingrad. Vassili a young volunteer for the Red army has never experienced war or the ruthlessness of battle. Taught to hunt at a very young age, he developed the ability of a marksman. Rushed into battle with nothing more than his wits to protect him, as the army is mal equipped and there are not enough guns for every soldier, Vassili rushes the field to certain death. The chaos is phenomenal as the severity of death and the insignificance of the individual becomes all too real among the stacks of the faceless dead. Vassili’s ability as a marksman is discovered once he encounters Commissar Daniloz a Soviet propagandist played by Joseph Fiennes. Daniloz decides to elevate Vassili to the status of hero to bring hope to the thousands of Soviet troops who have lost their will to fight, as well as to further his own political career.

As a hero Vassili is loved and admired by everyone, and is seen as the Soviet savior and leader against Fascism and the evils of the Reich. His heightened success and ability to target and eliminate Nazi officers, forces the Nazi’s to call in their premier marksman. Major Koenig played by Ed Harris. This cold and calculating National Socialist monster never shows any sign of emotion as the German Nobleman places himself against Vassili the young Shepard of the Ural.

The war becomes a personal chess match between the two sharp shooters as they both contemplate one another’s next move and opt for strategic dominance. The film takes a turn from the fate of Stalingrad to personal vendetta of Vassili and Koenig.

Hollywood mainstream mediocrity, for the film with a diluted love story that hinders on the sublime. Rachel Weisz plays Vassili’s love interest, a young Soviet girl with the heart of gold. Their love prevails despite the enormous casualties of Stalingrad, and the trial of friendship with commissar Daniloz, and a lackluster sex scene tops it off. The film starts off strong with the heart wrenching realism of the brutality of total war. Civilians and soldiers are both subject to intensive shelling and hell fire from the impeding Luftwaffe. The film is historically accurate, yet cinema has never proven a valuable learning tool for historical fact. Just look at “Saving Private Ryan,” and ask yourself; "Where are the British and the other Allied forces?"

Set against one of the most horrendous and mortifying slaughters of the entire war, the film tells the story where honor turns into vengeance and love into hate as one man’s struggle reflects the trials of a nation; but how is it that this man can be a communist and a hero to a capitalist viewer?

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**Questioning a rapper’s conviction by lyrical content**

**GREG THOMPSON  Staff Writer**

Rap music has been infamously known for its explicit lyrics, which contain depictions of drugs, sex, violence, and even murder.

On a handful of occasions, the artists who perform, and originate, these lyrics have been incriminated because of the content.

One can refer to the most prolific example, which involves the members from the rap group "2 Live Crew" who were thrown in jail because of an on-stage performance. Others may recall that rapper Mac Dre of Vallejo, was convicted, and served five years in a California State Prison, for conspiracy to rob a bank in which lyrics from his 1991 Album "What’s Really Goin’ On" were used by the prosecution to convict him.

There are tens of thousands, maybe even millions, of rap lyrics that include or explain violent or non-violent acts of crime, but is it viable enough for the government to link an artist to a crime because of the lyrical content in his or her music?

There might not be a legitimate answer to the question above, but it is definitely a reality and a convincingly controversial one at that.

In the case of Anarae Brown, also known to rap fans as X-Raided or Netarious, the life described in his rap lyrics eventually “caught up” with him in 1992, shortly after the release of his first album, entitled “Psycho Active.”

Brown, a native of South Sacramento and the Garden Block neighborhood, which is known for its violent gang activity, was arrested, along with two other men from his neighborhood, for the murder of a rival gang member’s mother. Brown, and the two other men, sat in a Sacramento County jail for almost four years awaiting trial. When the jury reached their decision in 1996 all three were found guilty of First Degree Murder, and sentenced to 31 years to Life with a questionable possibility of parole.

The controversy that lies within the conviction is a result of the case constructed by the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office. Prosecutors built most of their case against Brown with lyrics from his album "Psycho Active.”

The D.A.’s office believes that Brown described the shooting in extreme detail, on more than one occasion, in his album, which places him and the two other suspects at the scene of the crime.

Brown maintains his innocence and explains that lyrics are purely coincidental, yet the prosecution upheld their notion and compiled enough evidence to convict Brown and his associate.

This is an intriguing case with many unanswered questions, which seem to trouble many artists in the Northern California rap community.

J-Mac, a San Francisco rap producer asks, "Why X-Raided? Why would someone gaining success and attention in the rap game commit an act like this? It doesn’t seem right. It’s like he was sectioned out because of his stature, reputation, and the neighborhood where he came from. This s—t happens all the time.”

X-Raided continues to record and release albums from the confines of Folsom State Prison, and these albums are considered to be the most respected, in terms of lyrics, around the rap society. Brown’s albums may be purchased at a variety of "Ma and Pa Shops," but may also be found in a few of the major chain stores.

The controversy lingers, but one thing is for sure, only the future can unfold the questions of the present; therefore, patience is a valuable asset.
Toulouse-Lautrec Exhibit gives taste of Avant-Garde

Mike Delorenzo
Staff Writer

The newest exhibit at the Palace of Legion of Honor in San Francisco pays tribute to the bohemian existence that was Montmartre. It was the site of one of the most important avant-garde communities of artists, musicians, writers, poets, and performers in late-19th-century France. Montmartre proved the bohemian capital of the world, it was a place for the outsiders, and the show remains true to the ideal of outsider lifestyle community. The show is a cavalcade of surrealist images that pay homage to an era that opened up new views of what was art. Over 400 works capture the lively and creative spirit of Montmartre; there are illustrated books and journals, posters, drawings, watercolors, shadow theater silhouettes, and various ephemera such as invitations and programs from cabaret, music hall, and theatrical performances. Approximately 70 of the works are by Henri Toulouse-Lautrec; the majority of these are from the collections of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec was born in 1864 to an aristocratic family. It was an aristocratic French family. As a child, he developed a bone condition that caused both his legs to break and they never healed properly, which caused him to look like a dwarf. Despite this challenge he established himself as a popular artist. The cabaret world in which he lived proved a valuable and influential force behind his art.

Lautrec artwork showcased in Avant-garde style at San Francisco exhibit.

The film is careful to eradicate any notions of Soviet civility and build a case for the ineptness of the Communist system. The Soviet officers and the political regime of communism is brutal shown in the opening scenes. Iconolatry abounds in the portrayal of the Soviets, with continual shots of the hammer and sickle as well as pictures of Stalin, which the officers routinely pay homage to. The price for failure in the Red Army is seen as no different than that of the Nazi regime. Vassili's character exhibits no political affiliation, yet he opposes his friend Daniloz who is seen as a communist, but even Daniloz is given an epiphany as he realizes the failure of communism.

“Enemy At The Gates” proved a valuable film for breaking the socio-political barriers of a unified victory over the Nazis. The production value is by any means an emotional riveting portrayal of a period in history, where man was faced with the utmost peril of human condition. It was filmed entirely in Germany at Babelsburg studio outside of Berlin, where Fritz Lang shot his masterpiece “Metropolis.” “Enemy At The Gates” hit the $80 million mark making it the most expensive film ever shot in Germany. It is interesting to note that even though the film follows a Soviet soldier, it digs at the heart of communism with a piercing edge. The Nazis usually scene as the type of men who like to push old ladies in wheel chairs down flights of stairs for fun pale in comparison to a Soviet officer in the film.

It is a wonderful film for the visuals alone, and despite the love angle the film delivers powerful performances from Law and Harris as well as a cameo by strongman Ron Pearlman. Personally I would like to see a realistic portrayal of an American troop struggling with the socio-economic reasoning behind his being a part of a global affair, and the reprimands he would endure in the event of abandoning his post in the hopelessness of an enemy onslaught. Maybe I’ll have to catch that one in Europe.
Top Ten ways to better organize your daily activities

10. Pin important notes and bills to your shirt to keep from losing them on the way home from school.

9. Consider getting a cell phone or a palm-pilot. Don't actually purchase one, though.

8. Arrange "boob calls" in alphabetical order for easy access when inebriated.

7. Relaxation and meditation should be part of a normal routine. Be sure and get 12 hours of sleep the night before through or your meditation time will be unfocused and wasted.

6. If you forget to take your medication during the day, make up for it by taking three times the normal dose, cause you'll probably forget tomorrow, too.

5. Organizing your binder by classes will help you keep track of test and assignment dates, but ruins the wonderful feeling of being surprised by a "50 percent of your final grade" test.

4. Thinking ahead is always smart. Pack tomorrow's bowls tonight to prevent a wasted day worrying about empty pipes.

3. Organize your workout routine around your best skills. Ask the fitness center to buy some PlayStation 2's and grilled cheese makers to maximize your body's potential.

2. Good procrastinators get drunk instead of studying... great procrastinators are drunk during the test.

1. Organizing your life around "A Wedding Story" is not recommended. Organizing around "A Dating Story" is scientifically proven to be much better for your health.

Compiled by Brad Franca

March 23, 24
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throughout the
week!
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performances...
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946-2116
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announced
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Celebity chat

Well with only 8 more weeks left of school, it's time to start thinking about what to do this summer!

Concert tours are always something to look forward to. This summer planning headlining tours are Janet Jackson, Jennifer Lopez, Aerosmith, Stevie Nicks, Guns 'N Roses, Aaron Carter, James Taylor, Rod Stewart and Yes.

The summer leg of the Backstreet Boys North American Tour will get underway June 8th and Depeche Mode will kick off a world tour on June 15th.

On television, look for the 2001 edition of "VHI Divas Live," which will feature Janet Jackson, Mary J. Blige and Jill Scott.

So who will be the big winner this year? Gladiator... Traffic...Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon...Chocolat??? Tune into this years Oscar Awards this Sunday on ABC! For those of you who won't be able to watch it on television, ABC and the Walt Disney Internet Group are partnering to present the first enhanced television broadcast of the Awards, which will be accessible through the official Oscar site at Oscar.com. At this site one will also be able to participate in watching the live telecast from ABC, movie trivia games and voting in award polls.

Well that's it for this week, stay tuned for more exciting news with our favorite celebrities! Until next time, this is Kelly O signing out!
**The Point After**
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Life is truly unfair.

Now since I thought that was for the hell of it I would call all little sports. I would love to give the men's hoops team props for their performance in the Big West Tournament, but because they folded like a jacks chair in the championship game I won't.

But how 'bout that softball team, eh? I have nothing but respect for softball players, because whatever the reason, standing in the batter's box while someone hurled an unhanded fastball at me, has always freaked me out. Not only can our Tigers handle it, but it takes a lot of runs to win 'em straight, so it seems pretty clear that they're doing just fine.

And let's all be thankful for that!

With basketball now complete (at Pacific anyway), some few of us who actually take in sporting events will have something to keep us going. And who knows, maybe another Nature will actually hit the baseball team play the rest of its games uninterrupted.

Add in a top 15 men's volleyball team, a couple tennis teams, and a women's water polo squad and the future isn't quite as bleak as it might seem. Besides, Big League baseball is right around the corner. And what a season it looks to be. Albert Belle has gone gimp, and Ichiro Suzuki really can make it to first in under four seconds.

What I find the most puzzling about the forthcoming season, is why the Giants, owners of baseball's best record just a season ago, has become the stable where old players are sent to die.

Shawn Dunston, Eric Davis, and now Benito Santiago? I guess Rickey Henderson isn't quite over the hill enough. I hate to think who's coming next... Frisco could trade Robb Nen away and sign Bobby Thigpen. Or maybe Mike Schmidt would give up the Senior PGA Tour to replace Russ Davis at third.

At least one of the Bay Area teams is making an effort to improve. I'll take a budding Johnny Damon over Dunston's entire career. And while it might not be as good as 1997, I'd take a Giant Dog and some nachos for Mark Gardner, I'll say it anyway.

Remember the good old days when the Giants had a farm system?

I mean don't get me wrong. I'm sure Marvin Benard and Armando Rios are destined for the Hall of Fame, this is a team that turned out Will Clark, Matt Williams, and so on.

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**Losses leave Tigers in hot water**

The Pacific Tigers Women's Water Polo team fell to 3-12 overall with a 4-3 loss to #9 Loyola Marymount (11-3) on Thursday, March 15.

Sophomore Amy Valois, freshman Jessica Schroeder and senior Cari Bertrand (Dundee, Ore.) each scored for the Tigers.

The scoring started in the second period by Lucy Windes, who scored on a man-advantage goal with 6:37 remaining. Pacific answered the goal less than a minute later on a man-advantage goal of their own by Valois. The tying goal left the score at 1-1 heading into halftime.

In the third period Pacific took their only lead on a goal by Bertrand at the 2:40 mark of the third period. Jamie Kroeze netted a goal less than a minute later to tie the game at 2-2.

It was more of the same in the final stanza, as Loyola Marymount took a 2-3 lead on Windes second goal of the game. The lead was short lived on Pacific's goal at the 15:18 mark by Schroeder.

Both defenses clamped down for the next five minutes before Teresa Guidi scored to break the tie with 12 seconds remaining in the game.

The Pacific Tigers Women's Water Polo team fell to 3-13 overall with a 7-3 loss to #10 San Diego State on Friday, March 16.

Freshman Jessica Schroeder scored two goals and senior Cari Bertrand added one goal for the Tigers.

The Aztecs were led by freshman Holly Hartzell, who scored five goals. Sophomore Amber Prestegard also added two goals for Pacific's women's water polo team fell to Long Beach State 13-6 on Sunday afternoon at the Pacific campus pool.

With the win, the 49ers improve to 8-7 overall, and 4-1 in the MPSF, while the Tigers fell to 3-10 and 0-5 in league play.

Pacific jumped on the 49ers early, grabbing a 3-1 lead in the first quarter on goals by Cari Bertrand and Amy Valois.

In the second period the 49ers outscored UOP 3-2 in the third period. Jamie Kroeze netted a goal less than a minute later to tie the game at 2-2.

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Tigers swap wins with Ohio State at home

The 12th-ranked Pacific men's volleyball team fell to 5-10 on the season with a 3-2 loss to #14 Ohio State (11-4) on Friday, March 16. The Buckeyes won 23-31, 25-30, 24-30, 30-16, 15-13 in 110 minutes before 225 spectators in the Alex G. Spanos Center.

The Tigers were led by sophomore Aaron Wachtel, a career-high 19 kills. Freshman Sean Rodgers and senior Tim Gerlach added 12 kills each, followed by sophomores Martin Berntsen's 11 kills. Rodgers also hit .300 for the match.

Senior Lucas Wisniakowski led Pacific with a career-high 19 digs, while Wachtel added a season-high 12 digs. Sophomore Chris Tamas tallied a season-high 12 assists for the match.

The Tigers are next in action with a non-conference match against La Verne on Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m. in the Alex G. Spanos Center.

Swimming

The 12th-ranked Pacific, led by Shannon Catalano (Fresno, Calif.) and Sarah Marshall (Dixon, Calif.), set career-highs in the 100 butterfly on Friday, Pacific finished 20th in the nation with 23 points in the NCAA Women's Swimming Championships on Saturday, March 17. The 23 points is the most ever collected by a Pacific swimming team at the NCAA Championships.

On Saturday, Catalano and Marshall competed in their final events for Pacific on third and last day of the NCAA Women's Swimming Championships. Catalano finished 23rd in the 200 butterfly with a school record time of 2:01.73, while Marshall was 34th in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:02.04 on Saturday, March 17.

Catalano finished seventh in the nation in the 100 butterfly with a time of 54.56 on Friday, March 16 earning automatic All-American honors with a top-eight finish. She also broke school records in the 200 freestyle where she finished 19th in the nation with a time of 1:47.86 and in the 200 butterfly where she was 23rd with a time of 2:01.73. Catalano was a mere .03 seconds away from the consolation finals in the 200 freestyle, where she could have had a chance to add to Pacific's historic point total.

Marshall had a school record time of 53.86 in 100 butterfly preliminaries, and finished eighth with a time of 54.80 to earn automatic All-American honors. She ended up finishing 19th in the 200 backstroke with a time of 55.41, a mark that broke her own school record she set earlier in the season. Marshall finished 34th in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:02.04.

"Finishing 28th in the nation is a springboard to our efforts of trying to finish in the Top-20 next season" said Pacific swimming head coach Ray Looze. "We expect to add more in the fifth and a fifth run in the top of the sixth inning." Pacific took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when senior Rick Morton drove home Mike Fitzgerald, who led off the inning with a single.

But the Irish countered with two runs in the third, added two more in the fifth and a fifth run in the top of the sixth inning. Pacific added a second run in the bottom of the eighth when Morton hit a solo-shot home run.

Pacific got back on the winning track as it defeated Columbia 10-1 on Tuesday, March 13 improving to 14-9 on the season. The Tigers jumped on Columbia in the first inning with three runs led by a Richard Hackett home run. Pacific added a run in the third on a Rick Morton RBI triple, and scored in the fifth on a Hackett RBI double and in the sixth on a Joel Summers RBI single to lead 6-1 after six innings.

Pacific added some insurance in the seventh when it scored three runs led by a bases-loaded single by Morton, which brought home two runs. The Tigers tacked on an extra run in the eighth for the 10-1 margin.

Brian Huck picked up his first career win pitching five scoreless innings, giving up six hits and striking out three on the day for the Tigers. Todd Culp pitched three innings of relief and gave up only one run against the Lions.

Pacific was paced by Hackett who went two for four with a home run, a double, two runs and two RBI. Morton was two for five with a triple and three RBI.

Sacramento State defeated Pacific's baseball team 8-6 Friday afternoon in a non-league series at Hornet Field.

In the rubber match, the Hornets would again take advantage of the Tigers, this time by a count of 7-3.

The Tigers tied the game in the game in the third when Aubelio Jackson tripled to center. After a strikeout, Jackson upped his conference-leading stolen base total by swiping home plate. The steal of home marked the first time Jackson has accomplished the feat in his career.

The Tigers broke the tie in the sixth inning when Chris Morena hit a grounder to third that was mishandled by Bobby Ciani allowing a pair of runs to score.

The 3-1 advantage held until the seventh inning when the Hornets' offense awoke. Sacramento put five runs on the board, and Pacific could not recover.
Tigers on a roll

The Pacific men’s tennis team improved to 7-4 on the season march a 4-3 win over Georgia Southern on Saturday, March 17 at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts.

Senior Tobias Abrahamsson improved to 10-1 on the season as singles action with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Wojciech Nowak in the No. 2 position. Sophomore Maxime Lacroix clinched the victory for the Tigers on a roll defeating Uli Gensperger 6-2, 6-0. Junior Dieterich Haug fell to Ryan O’Keefe in a marathon match, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-12 (10-8) in the top spot.

In doubles, the duo of Haug and Abrahamsson defeated Nowak and Darren Clark, 8-6 in the second spot. With two wins, Georgia Southern captured the doubles point.

The Tigers are next in action Tuesday, March 20 versus Drake, hosted by Fresno State. The match is scheduled for 2 p.m.

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Women’s tennis wins, loses

The Pacific Women’s Tennis team improved to 3-5 on the season with a 7-0 win over Georgia Southern on Tuesday, March 13 at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts.

Pacific dominated all six singles matches and earned the doubles point, winning two of the three doubles matches.

Junior Susanne Bertel defeated Isabella Kling, 6-3, 6-0 in the No. 1 position, while junior Christiane Barthel topped Amy Bartlett, 6-2, 6-4.

In doubles action, the duo of sophomores Jaimee Brenner and sophomore Alison Dohrmann defeated Brook McNamee and Callie Ward, 8-4.

Senior Sandija Zarina and Bertel teamed up to overtake Amy Winter and Virginia Baldwin, 8-0.

The Pacific Women’s Tennis team fell to 3-6 on the season with a 7-0 loss to South Alabama on Wednesday, March 14 at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts.

Bertel fell to #76 Silvia Sosnarova, 1-6, 6-0, 6-2 in the No. 1 position, while junior Barthel lost a 6-2, 6-2 decision to #45 Martina Ondrejkova.

At the six spot, Jaimee Brenner battled Pamela van Boekel, but fell 5-7, 7-6 (10-8 in a tiebreaker).

In doubles action, the duo of Bartel and senior Sandija Zarina topped Pamela van Boekel and Sosnarova, 8-3 in the third position.

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Tigers try to play bracket spoilers at BWC tourney

Pacific’s men’s basketball team held off UC Santa Barbara in overtime for a 71-69 victory and won its first round game of the Big West Conference Tournament Thursday night in Anaheim, Calif. The Tigers improved to 17-11, while UCSB ends its season at 13-15.

Thursday, the Tigers were led by junior Ross Mills, who had 18 points off the bench. Mills was 5 of 11 from the floor and 7 of 12 from the free throw line.

The Tigers lead by six points with 30 seconds remaining when UCSB drained two three-point buckets. The Gauchos’ buckets came with 28 seconds remaining, tying the game at 66-66 and sending it to overtime.

UCSB took a three-point lead in overtime before senior guard Peter Heizer drained a three-pointer and tied the game. Junior David Bunts drained a three-pointer with 1:33 and gave the Tigers the lead for good at 69-66. Pacific hit 11 of its last 12 free throws to secure the game while UCSB buried three-point baskets. The win was the first overtime win for the Tigers since February of 1997.

Pacific’s men’s basketball team advanced to the Big West Finals for the first time since the 1997-98 season with a 74-38 upset of top seeded UC Irvine in the semifinals on Friday, March 9 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

The Tigers jumped out to a 18-3 lead at the 12:25 mark of the first half, and pushed the lead up to 39-14 with 42 seconds left in the first half. Pacific opened up the second half with a 6-0 run capped by a Maurice McLemore layup to go up by a game-high 28 points at 45-17. UC Irvine went on a 16-3 run to cut the score to 49-33 with 13:34 left in the game. Heizer responded with a three to put Pacific back up by 19 points at 52-33.

The Anteaters went on an 8-0 run to cut the lead to 52-41 with 10:32 left in the game, but that was as close as they would get as Pacific went on a 7-1 run and led by no less than 12 points the rest of the way.

Pacific was led by McLemore who had 22 points, on nine of 15 shooting, and six rebounds for the game. Heizer had 18 points and seven rebounds on the night, while Jon Metzger-Jones had 11 points on three of five three-point shooting to round out Pacific’s double figure scorers.

“Before the tournament we talked about bringing our “A” game to each contest, and tonight we definitely brought it,” said Pacific head coach Bob Thomason. “We had a big win over UC Santa Barbara in the first round and that gave us an edge coming into tonight. Our team got out to such a great start in the first half. We played great on defense, rebounded well and were great on offense, and that set the stage for the whole game.”

Pacific shot 54 percent from the field for the game going 26 of 48 from the field, while holding UC Irvine to 28 percent from the field on 15 of 53. The Tigers shot a scorching 60 percent (9-15) from behind the arc, and outrebounded the Anteaters 39-30 on the night.

Pacific’s Big West Tournament run came to an end as the Tigers fell to Utah State 50-38 in the finals on Saturday, March 10 at the Anaheim Convention Center. Pacific’s record fell to 18-12 on the season, while Utah State moved to 27-5 as the Aggies received the Big West’s NCAA automatic bid.

Pacific jumped out to an early 9-7 lead in the first half, but the Aggies defensive pressure helped carry them to an 18-6 run to put them up 25-13. Metzger-Jones had an offensive rebound bucket to make the score 25-15 going into halftime.

The Tigers came out strong in the second half scoring the first six points to cut the lead to four at 25-21 after McLemore hit a jumper with 17:58 left. Pacific closed out the first half with a 10-0 run that extended into the second half and totaled a 16-0 run at which point the Tigers claimed a 39-20 lead with 18:43 remaining in the game.

Heizer led the way on the night with 16 points and seven rebounds for Pacific. McLemore had six points for Pacific on the night. Metzger-Jones finished with six rebounds on the other end of the court.

Successful season capped with early tourney exit

Pacific’s women’s basketball team ended its season with a 79-76 loss to Cal Poly in the first round of the Big West Conference Tournament Wednesday, March 7 at the Convention Center in Anaheim, Calif. The Tigers fall to 17-11 and Cal Poly improves to 12-16.

The Tigers were playing without junior guard Dolinda Meeker (Medford, Ore.) who was injured in the Tigers’ 69-45 defeat of Cal Poly on Sunday, March 4.

Junior guard Selena Ho led the Tigers in a comeback at the end of regulation and scored 17 of her game-high 24 points in the final 11:25. Sophomore Asha Johnson scored 10 points, seven rebounds and four assists, and freshman guard Corinne Wong added 10 points for Pacific. Odessa Jenkins led Cal Poly with 19 points, and Heather Journey added 18 points.

Pacific held a one point lead at 69-68 with 14 seconds remaining in regulation after Ho hit two free throws. But the Tiger defense fouled Jones on the other end of the court, and she hit one of two free throws to tie the game at 69-69. Pacific still had a chance to end the game in regulation, but Dinges had a shot as time ran down but could not convert.

Freshman Andrea Nederoske missed he put back as time expired and the game headed into overtime.

Cal Poly held Pacific scoreless for three and a half minutes into the overtime and claimed a 74-69 lead. The Tigers pulled to within 76-73 with 35 seconds remaining and had a chance to tie it but Ho’s three-point bucket rimmed out. Then Cal Poly hit the game winner with time expiring to secure the victory.

After falling behind 12-4 early, Cal Poly responded and went on an 11-0 run for a 15-12 lead with 12:31. The teams exchanged baskets, but Pacific never relinquished the lead for the remainder of the game.

But Cal Poly battled back and claimed a 57-50 lead with 5:37 remaining. The Mustangs did not relinquish the lead for the remainder of the game, and the Aggies scored the final four points to close out the game.

Pacific was led by Ho with 14 points and head guard Corinne Wong added 10 points for Pacific. UCSB shot 54 percent from the field for the game going 26 of 48 from the field, while holding UC Irvine to 28 percent from the field on 15 of 53. The Tigers shot a scorching 60 percent (9-15) from behind the arc, and outrebounded the Anteaters 39-30 on the night.
Elaina Oden: possibly the best Pacific ever had

Elaina Oden among the nation’s elite. University of the Pacific’s Elaina Oden was more than just a Pacific star, but one of the greatest collegiate volleyball players of hers, and perhaps any generation. Elaina is just one of a trio of Oden sisters to excel at the game of volleyball. Older sister Bev was a standout out at UCLA and would be an Olympian along with her sister, and younger sister Kim was certainly no slouch either.

Even as a freshman, Oden was tall, with a businesslike demeanor that would give opponents a pre-game glimpse at how serious a fight they were in for.

Until broken this season by Jennifer Joines, Oden held the single season record for hitting percentage at .380. Largely because of her stellar play as a freshman in the 1985 season, Oden helped lead her Pacific squad to the school’s first National Championship as the Tigers took down UCLA and Stanford en route to winning the title.

The national title would be the Tigers’ first of two in as many years, and at the season’s end, Elaina Oden would be named to her first of three All-America team honors. She would also be recognized by her conference, the Pacific Coast Athletic Association, as its MVP in 1985. Such a remarkable first season can often be as much a curse as a blessing, setting the bar very high for future seasons, raising expectations through the roof. Though unlike the throngs of one-year-wonders, Elaina Oden proved time and again that she would clear any bar, regardless how high it was set.

Without missing a step, Oden followed up on a conference MVP freshman season with a sophomore season in which she would not only repeat as a first team All-American, but would be named Volleyball Monthly’s national Most Valuable Player. Leading Pacific to a second straight national championship (won at home in the Spanos Center no less) was the icing on the cake. Just as she seemed to be atop the volleyball world, Elaina would fall victim to injury, forcing her to the sidelines for the next two seasons. Without their workhorse, the Tigers would continue to have strong seasons, but would not be able to defend their championships.

Returning to the floor in 1989, Oden looked only marginally removed from her previous level. In earning her third All-America honor, it was clear the voters were still plenty impressed.

With the sun having finally set on her record-setting Pacific career, she became one of just three Tiger volleyball players to have their jersey retired. Leaving her mark on the record books, Oden graduated in 1990 with a degree in Sociology, but also as owner of the single-season and all-time kill records (547 and 1485, respectively).

While every college career must come to an end, for athletes among the very highest echelon in the world, there is yet another calling, The Olympics.

Elaina Oden has for decades been a member of the US National Team, and competed in the 1992 Games in Barcelona, as well as the 1996 Games in Atlanta. During her stint with the National Team, Elaina was reunited with sister Bev, and as one might imagine, the only thing more frightening than defending one of the Oden sisters, is trying to defend two of them.

Following her playing career, Elaina traded her knee pads for a clipboard, joining the program at Notre Dame as an assistant coach. She stayed with the Irish just a year before moving up to an assistant coaching position at Indiana, where she remained for two seasons.

Most recently, Oden has returned to her hometown of Irvine, California where she works as an assistant coach at Irvine Valley College.
Nothing soft about this group of Tigers

Pacific demolished Hawaii 9-0 in six innings in the title game of the Malahini Invitational on Sunday, March 11. The Tigers have won 14 of their last 15 and are 19-5 on the season.

Junior Cindy Ball (Camarillo, Calif.) was named Most Valuable Pitcher and Sophomore Estée Okumura (Honolulu, Hawaii) was named Most Valuable Player in her hometown of Honolulu, Hawaii.

"I'm very happy that after losing the first game to Stetson, we could come back and run the table to win the tournament," Pacific coach Brian Kolze said. "It showed what we can do when we set a goal for ourselves. I'm very proud of this team going 12-1 the last two weeks and winning two tournaments to set ourselves up for Big West Conference play, I'm proud of how focused we became after coming struck out three and gave up five West Conference play," Kolze said.

Pacific trounced Winthrop 10-1 in the semifinal game of the Malahini Invitational earlier Sunday. Freshman Jennifer Dacre went the distance for Pacific. Dacre with a double to center. Sophomore Elizabeth Reynolds (Selma, Calif.) led off with a single and advanced to third on an error. Reynolds' pinch runner Barbara Moody (Covina, Calif.) reached on an error.

The Pacificans have won 11 straight games and 19 of their last 20. In Saturday's 4-0 defeat of UC Santa Barbara, junior Cindy Ball (Camarillo, Calif.) threw her ninth shutout of the season, which is Pacific's record for season shutouts. Ball held the Gauchos to two runs in six innings, while striking out five and walking none. Ball improved to 17-3 on the season.

Senior Angel Alves was two for two with two more runs scored and one RBI. Alves was on base twice the day with a single and one RBI. The advantage of Alves's errors is two more runs scored on the third.

The Tigers' fourth run in the bottom of the 10th inning came on a sacrifice fly by Reynolds (Selma, Calif.) after coming to the plate with the bases loaded and two outs.

The Tigers face ranked Fresno State in a non-conference header at 1 p.m. March 22 at Bill Sigma Stockton.