Groups rally to raise awareness at UOP

Palestinians and Israelis encourage education of current situation

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Last week’s student run Palestinian-Israeli Awareness Week brought speakers, dialogue, displays and a peace documentary to UOP in an attempt to educate the campus community about the current situation in Palestine and Israel.

In light of recent and longstanding conflict in the Middle East, a week of activities was dedicated to awareness of the problem and the possibility for its eventual alleviation. Organizers also aimed to create constructive dialogue while maintaining a safe, productive and respectful environment.

The idea of creating an awareness week came from students Randi Kay Stephens and Sarah Pooner, who both studied abroad last year in the Middle East, and grew to consist of six organizing students including Dallas Frohib, Nura Khairallah, Sammar Miqbel and Jenny Ullman.

The week’s activities began on April 2 with the documentary “Peace of Mind,” which shows Palestinian and Israeli youths documenting their own day to day lives on video camera. The film, which was shown in order to give students an understanding of how people actually live in the region, was a hit on campus. “This was a wonderful event,” said Jennifer Saaty, junior. “It was interesting to hear about how the kids there feel.”

Tuesday brought Palestinian activist Dr. Elias Rashmawi and Representative Scott Segal from the San Francisco Israeli Consulate to lead a discussion called “History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict 101.” This event outlined the key issues of the conflict for each side and allowed students to hear first hand what the basis of the conflict is. “The night was based on speeches from both sides,” said UOP freshman and event co-coordinator Jennifer Zhang.

Palestinian activist Dr. Elias Rashmawi left, voices his opinion while Scott Segal, a San Francisco Israeli Consulate representative looks on.

Softball - 18th ranked Pacific Tigers keep winning with strong showings.

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S.F. 49ers’ President and CEO talks at UOP

JENNIFER ZHANG
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At the San Francisco 49ers’ summer camp, UOP unsurprisingly attracts many 49er football fans to its Stockton campus every summer. But many 49er fans, business professionals and students gathered a bit early this year on April 3, 2001 to support and hear about the professional football team.

The event was titled “Striving to be the Finest Organization in Sport On and Off the Field,” a talk given by the San Francisco 49ers’ President and CEO Peter L. Harris. It was presented by the Eberhardt School of Business’ Pacific Business Forum and took place in Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

According to information given by Eberhardt School of Business, Harris is a highly effective business leader. He has an impressive record of success in a variety of corporate environments.

An overview of Harris’ professional career life and successes includes CEO of Gemco Department Stores, CEO of FAO Schwarz (a toy retailer chain in New York), CEO of Acolade (an entertainment software developer and publisher) and CEO of The Picture People (200-store chain operation).

In addition, Harris is best known for being one of the creators of “entertainment retailing,” which means “creating interactive and entertaining experiences for customers while they shop.”

Harris’ career entered another challenging stage last year when he was named President and CEO of the San Francisco 49ers, one of the most successful franchises in sports history. In the last 20 years, the 49ers have won 13 division titles, five conference championships and five Super Bowl championships.

Harris’ talk can be divided into three parts. First he discussed the numerous elements that have enabled the 49ers to achieve continuous success over the years. One of these elements is organization. Harris said, “This is a team that lives organization intensely and passionately. Virtually every minute of every day during the season is planned. It’s amazing.”

Another winning element of the 49ers is a common objective. Harris said, “Everyone shares a common objective and that is winning the Super Bowl. This common goal is communally thought of, not individually. No one is working for him/herself in the 49ers organization, everyone is coming together.”

A third success element is leadership. Harris discussed the many characteristics of good leadership such as commitment to excellence, being positive, caring about people...

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PGSA makes silence heard during “Day of Silence”

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April 4 marked the 10th annual celebration of Diversity Day. To honor and participate in this day, the Pacific Gay Straight Alliance (PGSA) organized Day of Silence to call to attention the silence that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals feel every day of their lives.

The purpose of Day of Silence is to make the Pacific community aware about the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender cause.

The individuals participating take a vow of silence from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day in order to create a silence that will make an impact and can be heard by everyone in the community.

The event was held primarily in the McCaffrey Center with a closing ceremony in Morris Chapel. Throughout the day, the participants stayed in the McCaffrey Center together to ensure their message was heard. Since they could not speak, buttons and flyers were passed out to convey the reasoning for this event in the first place.

Lunch was provided along with entertainment such as music and games. Then, at the closing ceremony students had a chance to speak their feelings while sharing their experiences.

The philosophy PGSA has behind this event is that the silence calls to attention voices not always recognized by present day society. This event is a way to raise awareness of the discrimination and repression that the members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community feel and experience often in their everyday life.

The main force behind Day of Silence is to send the message to the rest of the UOP community so they can help break the silence for the gay community and ensure that their voice is heard as well.

Cynthia Krieger, who is in charge of the PGSA, is passionate about making a positive change in the Pacific community with relations between the gay and lesbian community and the rest of the university.

“For the ones who are silent, many emotions surface during the Day of Silence. Many find it hard to feel first hand how someone is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender might feel because society does not listen or care. This is the hardest part - when you see someone purposefully avoid you or make rude comments about what you are doing. For me, I enjoy seeing the friendships and the support that is formed when people wearing buttons see each other and smile,” Krieger passionately states.

Overall, 300 students participated this year in Day of Silence. For this only being the second year that Pacific has held Day of Silence, the turnout was successful and definitely noteworthy. If anyone would like to know more about PGSA or find out how they personally can become involved in the PGSA community, email Cynthia Krieger at uopgsa@hotmail.com.

Mayor Podesto comments on meeting with Bush

THE PACIFICAN

Mayor Gary A. Podesto and other attendees at a national summit on sustainability in cities met for more than an hour on April 5 with President George W. Bush at the White House. After the meeting, the Mayor issued a statement commenting on his impressions of Bush’s policy agenda for supporting cities. The statement is as follows:

“I think he is going to be another president that is extremely supportive of cities, understanding that cities are the economic engine that drives the nation.

“In his speech to the group the President emphasized five policy areas that he thought would be helpful: tax cuts, particularly the inheritance tax. He commented especially with respect to minority populations, saying that some are just beginning to sustain wealth and don’t need to have it taken away by taxes when someone dies.

“The President also talked about strengthening small businesses through tax cuts; increasing affordable housing through new programs at HUD; the important role that his faith-based initiative will play in dealing with some social issues; and new funding for education.

“The President was remarkably personable and came away very encouraged,” the Mayor concluded.

Mayor Podesto was in Washington as part of an annual lobbying trip planned by the local San Joaquin Conference of Governments. He also attended the US Mayors Conference’s summit on investment in cities. The summit culminated in the meeting with Bush.

Ohio State U. studies new daf-fodil medication for Alzheimer’s disease

[U-WIRE] COLUMBUS, Ohio - Galantamine, a new medication derived from daf-fodil bulbs, is one of the most recent drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration and is being studied at the Ohio State University Medical Center to treat Alzheimer’s patients.

Director of the Division of Neurology Dr. Douglas Scharre has been a significant researcher at the medical center and has proved the drug helps to alleviate Alzheimer’s symptoms by boosting the release and regulating the breakdown of the chemical acetylcholine in the brain. The new drug will be marketed as Reminyl.

“Acetylcholine is a brain chemical necessary for nerve cells to communicate and if you block the breakdown of acetylcholine, it can suppress the ability to lay down new memories to be stored in the brain. It also enables the nerve cells to become more efficient in sending messages from one another,” Scharre said.

Scharre said although Galantamine is not a cure for patients who are diagnosed with mild to moderate Alzheimer’s disease, it does provide relief for those afflicted and subdued some of the symptoms of the brain disease.

“Galantamine works as a cholinesterasic inhibitor, which means that it doesn’t allow the breakdown of acetylcholine and the patients who have used the medication are able to retain a higher degree of cognitive skills as a result,” Scharre said. “While there are other Alzheimer’s medications on the market, this medication gives patients more options for treatment and has few side effects.”

According to a medical center press release, Scharre promotes the medication because of progression and development noted in patients who took the drug compared with those not using the medicine.

“We have certainly seen improvement with behavioral problems that are associated with Alzheimer’s Disease, like hallucinations, anxiety and restlessness... The abnormal proteins still progress, but hopefully with the medication patients can think and function better than without it,” he said.

According to the Web site www.webmd.com, Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive illness which causes degeneration in nerve cells in the brain which further leads to atrophy and eventually death. It is a primary concern in the United States because there is no cure and it affects more than 4 million elderly Americans each year.

Like Galantamine, most drugs being used to treat Alzheimer’s are aimed at slowing progression because there is no cure.

Alzheimer’s disease begins in older adults usually above the age of 65. Sufferers of advanced Alzheimer’s disease often cannot recognize their

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and being ethical. Harris emphasized that these characteristics apply to everyone, not just football players.

In addition to these positive elements that 49ers possess, Harris talked about the business of professional football. One of the issues he concentrated on is the salary cap, which he believes is a positive but tough aspect of professional football to deal with.

Harris also thinks that the system of free agents is not effective simply because it is too expensive. He strongly believes that the future of the San Francisco 49ers depends on new young talents. "The rookies will be the way to build the 49ers going forward, and our organizational skill in selecting people really matters as you reach out to add people to the organization. We are excited about this year's draft," said Harris.

There are a few things that the 49ers are currently working on, according to Harris. Services to fans need to be improved by finding out who they are and what they want. Organization still needs to be further developed to create the environment for people who want to work hard. Other things include communication on and off field, TV network contracts and new stadium building.

In the last part of his talk, Harris answered questions from the audience. One of the questions was, "Are there many leadership roles for women in professional football?" To this, Harris said, "Many would say professional sport has been a sexist system, but it is changing dramatically as we speak...We are committed to have women in our organization."

Harris' talk ended with audience applauding enthusiastically. Senior Diana D'Audney, who was there for a class assignment, said, "I think he spoke very well. It related a lot to the business class that we are studying at the moment."

Another UOP student who listened to Harris' talk, sophomore Linda Liu said, "The leadership skills and the list of elements for 49ers' success are very helpful. They are useful to people of all fields."

49ers president Peter Harris tells UOP about his experiences.

McGeorge School of Law

McGeorge does well in mock trial competitions

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Guest Writer

McGeorge finished tenth in the country in the 26-team national finals of the Association of Trial Lawyers Mock Trial Competition held in New Orleans on March 22-24. The team, featuring Dionne Choyce, Laura Giuliani, Alejandro Angulo, Edgar Sandoval and Charles Stone, was chosen to represent McGeorge in the International Advocacy Competition held in Dallas, Texas on March 23-25. University of Washington, Washington University, Stetson, Baylor, Georgetown, Memphis, Temple and Chicago-Kent advanced to the finals. Tim Balcom, a McGeorge alum, coached the team.

Four students have been chosen to represent McGeorge in the International Advocacy this month at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Most Competition scheduled for this week in Vienna, Austria. More than 75 teams from the United States and 15 foreign countries will be competing in the annual event. Alejandro Angulo, Angelo Heropoulos, Edgar Sandoval and Charles Stone are the members of the McGeorge team.

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NEWS
Survey hopes to bring childcare to Pacific campus

Staff Writer

A survey is now available on the Pacific Pipeline or at www.uop.edu/childcaresurvey, that could possibly bring a child development center to the UOP campus. The Ad-Hoc Child Development Committee created the survey to monitor the need for quality child care of student-parents, faculty and staff of the university. The committee members include faculty from COP and Engineering, staff from the Athletic Department and Admissions office, as well as two students and a community member of Stockton. The committee hopes to soon have a working child development center that would serve the children of faculty, staff and student-parents and possibly members of the surrounding community.

Professor Edith Sparks, the founder of the committee, said, “I was shocked two years ago when I found out that UOP didn’t have a child care center.” In response, one of Spark’s history courses researched the need for childcare on campus and presented a preliminary survey. It was concluded that there was general campus support and enough people with a need for a child development center. Yet the last survey did not address the many parents-students that attend the university and that could greatly benefit from affordable childcare.

The current survey is aimed at addressing the needs of student-parents, so that the committee can make a strong argument to the university about why childcare is feasible and necessary for maintaining a quality population of faculty and staff.

Sparks also feels that, “Having a child development center is an attractive feature to draw top faculty and students that require some type of child care service.”

Professor Cynthia Dobbs, a member of the committee, commented, “The demographics of the university are changing, there are a greater number of young faculty that need child care now or in the next couple of years. Yet it has also been the mission of the university to have a more diverse student body which means that there are a lot more student-parents.”

Sparks added, “Many professors have seen student-parents struggle in classes, it is hard for them to balance the needs of their children and all the requirements of college classes. We [the committee] feel that if child care were to be available on campus, it would make it easier for them to balance all of the pressing needs of their children and school work.”

In combined research the committee and students found that most colleges and universities currently have childcare programs or centers. For instance, Clairmont McKenna College, a school of the same size in Southern California has services for 85 children. The local Delta College currently has room for 320 children at their facility.

Sparks commented, “Delta presently has a waiting list of over 150-200 people. Obviously there is a vital need.”

Professor Julie Kenrow, from the Pacific Pipeline said, “There is a lack of child care around the UOP campus, having a development center would also be beneficial to the community.”

The committee has many ideas and plans about how the child development center will operate if the university approves it.

The childcare center would have a cost to its users, but it was the last survey did was to set fees to market price for a quality service. Members are also confident that the center could receive many grants and subsidies from the state, community and federal government. Although still in its planning stage, committee members feel that payments could be done on a sliding scale depending on the income of the parents.

The committee also feels that the center would be most practical for ages two through five. Hopes are that the center would be located in an existing building on campus, but the final decision would be with the university.

Sparks also mentioned that the development center could also be useful for undergraduates and students as it presents work opportunities and valuable lessons for the School of Education and other related departments.

All students are encouraged to fill out the survey on the website by May 1.

Sparks said, “We are really urging student-parents to fill out the survey because they are the hardest population to get statistics from, and the committee wants their input because we want to know how much they need affordable child care.”

The data collected from the survey will be compiled by the ad-hoc committee and presented in a summary report that will be presented to the university in hopes to get a child development center to UOP in the near future.

Sparks lastly said, “If UOP were to implement a child development center it would display the attitude that the university values student-parents, and believes that they should be able to be excellent students and support their families without a loss of sacrifices.”

Library’s high-tech solutions

The Information Commons (IC) just added a highly rated CD burner to its repertoire of computer resources for students and faculty. Twenty-four Zip drives (250 MB capacity) were added earlier this semester when the IC replaced more than half its computers with some fast PCs, boasting four times the memory and processor speed. Moreover, all IC computers now have DVD-Rom drives. Here’s a current list of other resources:

- Eight digital scanners
- One color laser printer
- One black/white laser printer
- 24 Dell computers, 256 megabytes of memory, 766 Mhz processor
- 16 Dell computers, 128 megabytes of memory, 500 Mhz processor
- Three Macintosh G3s, 64 MB of RAM
- Four Sun Ray network appliances
- Three Dell computers, available in group study spaces and in the library classroom serve as overflow when the Commons reaches capacity. There are also eight study carrels networked for laptops.

Office 2000 Premium (with Publisher and Frontpage) is on all Windows computers. Headphones can be picked up at the circulation desk to listen to music while you work on a computer. In addition to this hardware and software, trained technical assistants are on hand to help.

University Chaplain search stopped

The search for a University Chaplain has been suspended until the fall semester of 2001, according to Judith Chambers, Vice President for Student Life.

“The suspension will give Julie Sina, our incoming Vice President for Student Life, an opportunity to participate in the selection process,” Chambers said. Rev. Joy Preiser will continue her service as Interim University Chaplain.

“I want to express our thanks and gratitude to Peggy Rossen, Chair, and to all members of the University Chaplain Search Committee for all their work, and I want to assure the University community that the search will resume in a rapid and timely fashion once Julie Sina begins her duties at Pacific.”

Sina was recently appointed to be the next vice president of Student Life, replacing Chambers after 25 years of service. Sina comes from the University of Florida at Gainesville where she was the Dean of Students for three years.

Student Life VP wins award

Judith Chambers, who is completing 25 years as the University of the Pacific’s first vice president for Student Life, received the Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

Chambers has served as president of the organization and last year received special recognition for her years of service. In 1989, she was presented with the Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service. She is moving from Student Life to the University’s Advancement division at the end of this academic year in May, to continue her work with students who have become alumni.

The Scott Goodnight Award, honoring the organization’s founding president, recognizes individuals who have demonstrated sustained professional service in student affairs work, high-level competency in administrative skills, innovative response in meeting students’ varied and emerging needs, effectiveness in developing junior staff members and leadership in community and University affairs.

Chambers served as dean of women at Pacific before being named vice president, and was dean at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, in the 1960s. She received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Pacific and a doctorate from Heidelberg College in Ohio.
Chase Chevrolet and students “Chase Down Hunger”

Students of the Eberhardt School of Business at the University of the Pacific have joined together with the 57-year-old Stockton landmark, Chase Chevrolet, to fight hunger among the underprivileged. The program joining the UOP students with Chase gives the students first-hand experience in the business world, provides Chase Chevrolet with the buying habits of youth, and helps fight local hunger.

The event, entitled “Chase Down Hunger,” is scheduled for Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Weberstown Mall and centers around a canned food drive in which attendees will exchange canned food for raffle tickets and the chance to win a variety of prizes from Chase Chevrolet, 24-Hour Fitness, STAR 99.3 FM and various stores.

The UOP students and Chase Chevrolet will be donating all canned food and monetary donations collected at the event to St. Mary’s Interfaith Charities in Stockton, a long-time and well-known hunger-fighting institution. In addition to the raffle, the event will also include activities such as a climbing wall, dunk tank, and scavenger hunt. STAR 99.3 FM will also be broadcasting from the event site.

The UOP students are still actively seeking event sponsorships and donations from outside organizations. Parties interested in sponsoring or donating to this charitable event, or those seeking further information regarding the “Chase Down Hunger” event should contact Ronald Hovestad at (209) 946-2639.

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Dave Irons, left, of Chase Chevrolet, and Marcus Lung, a business student, discuss the marketing class’ proposal for Chase, a landmark in the area.
Oh my God!

Somebody needs to stop it with the “weeks” already!

Two weeks ago was Woman’s Week of Action, last week doubled as National Library Week and Palestine Awareness Week, and next week is Cultural Diversity Week.

Who decided that every week should be an awareness week?

The causes that these weeks represent are very serious, and demand our attention.

But cluttering up our calendar with awareness weeks is not going to do it.

When something goes to far enough excess, it becomes ignored. The sheer number of awareness weeks, or days, or months, for that matter, is working against the causes that they are trying to promote by their sheer repetition. Awareness is becoming a huge cliche. I don’t think that’s what we’re trying to accomplish.

On the contrary, people are so sick of these weeks that we’re just going to get generally and ignore the causes even more.

It was better when we had just a few - women’s history and black history, red ribbon week, Earth Day. Then we all got really excited about it, because it was special. Awareness weeks aren’t special any more, because every other week it’s something else. We are all blasé at this point - and don’t give a you know what about what it is that we need to be aware of this week.

It started getting really bad a few years ago - causes got really trendy; insecure people got a new venue to get all self-righteous.

And then there’s these ridiculous National Days. For instance, today is National Big Wind Day. Tomorrow is Blame Someone Else Day. The 26th is Hug an Australian Day, and the 29th is Greenery Day. Next week is Organize Your Files Week and the week after that is Karaoke Week.

Why can’t we just settle down? This is such an American thing. Americans are so damn hyper. Maybe we should legalize drugs. If that would make people less touchy, sue-happy, and self-obsessed, that might be the solution.

Look at Southern Europe. Those people have the idea. They drink wine with lunch, and then go home and have long naps in the middle of the workday. They take August off.

Europeans know how to relax. They have their priorities in line. And they don’t have to stare at tacky posters all the time reminding them to be aware. (They wouldn’t let their intelligence be so insulted.) Americans, however, are chronically discontent.

The real problem is that awareness weeks are more serious and significant than just annoying. They’re detrimental to the causes they represent.

These causes deserve much more serious and significant treatment than simply a week out of the year. It’s an oversimplification of the problem, and it’s almost comical.

One week out of the year says, after the week’s over, you can forget about the problem. The problems don’t go away after the week’s over, but the week is treated as the solution. It’s put in the realm of the holiday, which we celebrate and then forget about it when it’s over.

Education, however, is always important. It would be better if we had such-and-such education week, because that would imply a
Question of the Week

The University is planning to restrict student parking to 'B' lots only, while the rest of the parking lots will be for staff and faculty parking only. How do you feel about this decision?

That's really silly because a lot of students bring their cars to school, and they do need parking. If they do go ahead and implement that, then they should designate another area also.

Jenny Tan
Freshman

No way dude! That's right by my building and it's hard to find parking already. This is crazy, I can't believe they're doing this!

Josh Bates
Sophomore

What? We're the ones who live on campus, and I want my beamer where I can see it. Parking is already scarce; we already pay for parking, so we should get a say in this.

Juliann Smith
Sophomore

That is a bad idea. Do they not understand that people here have cars, and that there isn't enough parking already? What about the people in the quads?

Naomi McVey
Freshman

Pacific Monopoly - "Great, I landed on NO PARKING!"

BOBBY LANFRANCO
Staff Writer

Spring 2001 semester an information semester for students... to tentatively take effect for the Fall 2001 semester," said Calaway.

He attempted to clear up some student misconceptions about the parking plan, but hesitated to comment fully on the plan pending further committee meetings and approval. Calaway confirmed that students would be using the "B" parking lots under the new plan, in conjunction with several parking areas adjacent to residence halls being reclassified as "B" lots. Specifically the lot behind Fraternity and Sorority dormitories are a few of the lots tentatively scheduled for the change.

While the open information channel is all well and good, Pacific's parking problem needs more than the band-aid solution that lot reassignment would be exact. Parking has been out of hand as long as I have been a student. Well folks, for better or for worse, it's all about to change.

We have all heard bits and pieces of the proposed parking changes coming down the grapevine. But as is so often the case at UOP, substantive information is as rare as the aforementioned parking space. It is just that sense of Gulf Syndrome around campus the Parking Committee wishes to avoid. In a recent interview Public Safety Chief and Parking Committee Chair Robert Calaway enlightened me on portions of the proposed parking plan. Calaway stressed that a copy of the parking plan changes and an updated map of campus parking lots will be distributed to students sometime in the next week. Calaway made reference to the success of parking at the recent Brubeck festival, observing that if you get the information out to students ahead of time, the whole process seems to go much smoother. "We want to make the

Spam, so good - it's gone

ERIN RUPPEL
Staff Writer

We all get those obnoxious e-mails known as "spam." Today, I only got two. Now, not only can I find a missing person (seems as if someone out there has information that the FBI doesn't!), but I can also get the lowest mortgage rates. Guaranteed! Apparently, these people have not seen my credit rating.

From porn to offshore bank accounts to weight loss, spam seems to have the one-up on telemarketers nowadays. However, they will not anymore if the government has its way. Congress is currently in the process of passing a bill that will require people sending unsolicited e-mails to provide a return e-mail address through which consumers can request to unsubscribe from the list. If the senders violate the legislation, they will be fined.

Alas! A way for me to avoid the clutter of my inbox! And evidently, we will save some money in the process. $9.4 billion dollars a year to be exact.

I am so glad that Congress is really getting out there and dealing with the problems of the little guy. It is about time they deal with problems that affect me! Congress, if you are reading this, can you get somebody to do my laundry, too? I promise I will vote for you in the next election.

Okay, so maybe Congress will not hire someone to do my laundry for me (although a girl can hope), but I still like them because I will hopefully no longer be bothered by incessant e-mails from invalid e-mail addresses.

Spam, be gone! I cast you out of my computer and out of my life! Now we will save some money in the process. $9.4 billion dollars a year to be exact.

What's up with that?

What's up with people putting soap in the fountain in front of the library?

Isn't that gag a little tired?
He Said

No apologies for you

JUSTIN BUCHANAN
Staff Writer

Oops, we did it again. No apologies for you.

The United States should take every measure to ensure the prompt and safe return of the 24 service men and women who now sit in the hands of the Chinese government. This is an absolute outrage. China has no right to detain our military personnel without unrestricted access by US officials.

China’s lack of respect could potentially damage US-Chinese relations permanently. There are already talks of revoking permanent normalized trade relation (PNTR) status, which was only recently granted to China. The action, or should we say lack of action, by China has furthred the call for increasing arms sales to neighboring Taiwan under the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act.

China has become far more aggressive towards the United States in recent months. In late March a Chinese warship locked its fire control radar at a US surveillance ship, thought to be an isolated incident at the time. Some say they are testing the resolve of our new President. Not the smartest move considering that China is up for entrance into the World Trade Organization (WTO) on June 3rd.

I think that Rep. Tom Tancredo of Colorado said it best when he said, “They want an apology? I’ve got an apology for them – I’m sorry we ever passed PNTR.”

Hey, I’ve got an idea. If China wants, maybe we could trade Britney Spears for the safe return of our crewmen and women. Actually, I wouldn’t wish that on anyone, not even China.

The Weekly Rant

High school fashion gestapo strike once more

SCOTT SWITZER
Managing Editor

Freedom of Speech is one of the basic rights granted to us by the very first amendment on the Bill of Rights. Speech also includes expression, and we all choose to express ourselves differently, through our clothes, hair, our words, but no one is any less important. Recently, Porterville High School in central California has impeded that basic freedom, enforcing ridiculous dress codes and acting like a bunch of Nazi’s, suppressing the rights of students for their own good.

But therein lies the mistake. You see, Porterville High made the mistake of wrongly suppressing and punishing my sister’s expression, trampling all over her civil rights as a human being, and that will not be tolerated by me, nor evidently by the students and parents of Porterville.

Dawn Switzer, a sophomore at Porterville High, was reprimanded for having a blouse with straps that were too thin. When told about it, she offered to change into another shirt, because she did have one. She was told that that was not possible, and she would be suspended for that day, and it was her duty to find a ride home because she needed to be off the campus. Finding a ride was not possible, because Dawn, like me, lives in the mountains, close to 40 miles from Porterville. Instead, they put her in the “Responsibility Center” (RC) for the day.

She was not allowed to go outside of the RC, except at the very end of lunch when one of the campus security escorted her. The security guard did not have to do this, she did it because she felt guilty that they were not going to allow Dawn to eat lunch. Unfortunately, Dawn’s older sister Summer was holding her lunch money, and they would not let Dawn find Summer so that she could get something more than a bag of chips. As a further sign of wrong doing, Dawn was not allowed to go to lunch, but every other student in RC was allowed a full lunch break, with no escort. These other students were minor violators though, having only slipped their classes, not done anything like have straps on a shirt that were too thin. I mean, the potential threat to society, maybe we should lock this girl up in Attica.

As far as the US complaint, was it fairly enforced, it would be one thing. However, there are discrepancies in the policy, and it is up to a monitor’s discretion to punish or release a student. Many are never even talked to, they just go on about their business.

If the rule is going to allow figures of authority to obviously play favorites, then it should not be in place.

This entire incident sparked a student/parent protest of the school, and in fact may result in a court case against the school’s enforcement of dress codes. Let me give you an example of the dress code: Hats and Shirts can not match, because that is gang-related. Shoelaces cannot be colored, because that is gang-related. You cannot where anything that is sexually suggestive, but that is not gang-related, just too risky.

The school is so busy protecting the students from gang-related clothing, that they forget to protect the students from the gangs. A month ago, a hit list was found in one of the bathrooms at Porterville, naming off several students to be killed, and still nothing is known about the person who created it. Shouldn’t this take precedence over clothing Mrs. Clothes Nazi’s? However, the school’s administration, aside from not wanting to return calls to anybody talking about this incident, seem to be of the opinion that maybe if they don’t look at it, it will just go away.

Now, maybe I am way off base, but shouldn’t we be teaching younger kids to become independent. In a couple of years, these kids will be out in the real world, where the laws usually make a little more sense. By restricting them so much now, you are leaving them brutally unprepared. Kids should be taught to have an opinion, and to express themselves. If we do not, they could grow up to be weak-willed people who will...
Could the energy crisis actually be a good thing?

She proudly announced that they had reprogrammed their Sacramento home’s thermostat to stay at 55 degrees at night, while also managing to replace a total of 144 light bulbs in and around the house, without forgetting to insulate their water heater.

What I want to know is, why did the Davises, along with so many other Californians only decide to conserve energy once a crisis hit? 144 light bulbs is an awful lot of replacing if you ask me. Couldn’t they have had at least half of them replaced beforehand, without having to be in the midst of an emergency? I think the main factor here is that a lot of people are just lazy in finding the means to conserve energy. Overall, this crisis is definitely increasing the awareness of conservation for people, which is a fantastic predicament for the state to be in.

Numerous Californians have even taken a huge step to include the use of solar panels on their rooftops. Solar cells that make electricity — photovoltaics, which we’ll shorten to PVs — have been around for decades (1839 to be exact, when Edmund Becquerel, a French experimental physicist discovered the effects of them). But until very recently, they’ve been way too expensive to compete with conventional sources of electricity. In fact, in a decision that could revolutionize the market for solar electricity, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) announced that it would buy enough solar panels to make 10 million watts of electricity. That’s enough to power about 3,000 customers during the day, when the sun is shining, and when the utility faces its highest demand.

Overall, with the increased demand in conservation, including the use of photovoltaics, Californians are moving toward burning less fuel, and creating less pollution in the long run. It is a shame to think that an energy crisis is what finally got their attention, but at least it happened now, rather than allowing more damage to build up. If you’ve been wondering what you can do to help conserve energy in other ways, the Solar Electric Power Association homepage provides a list of representatives you can contact who can tell you how your utility is involved in solar technologies, and how they can help you install a system or purchase electricity generated from solar power or other renewable energy technologies.

So now when I hear someone complaining about the energy crisis in California, I can smile to myself in knowing that this could just well be the best thing that has happened, in terms of conservation, in a long time.

Day of silence opens awareness to UOP students

The lack of involvement was really disappointing because I think that out of all of the “special” weeks and days that we’ve had so far, this one was probably the most important because it’s about a group of people whose civil rights are still being violated. Out of all fifty states in the U.S., Vermont is the only one that allows “legal unions” for gays and lesbians, which the title itself is problematic because it is marginalizing homosexuals. But its the best thing that has happened so far since it grants many of the same rights that married heterosexuals have. Its shameful to realize forty-nine states, including ours, are still discriminating against gays and lesbians.

A closer look into our history though will show us that our nation has had numerous other discriminatory laws. In the past African-Americans were segregated, women were prevented from having access to birth control and interracial marriage was also illegal, just to name a few. We look back on these laws and scoff because we realize that they were ethically wrong and had no logical reason for existing. Yet we are still discriminating against another group of people through our legal system. If it is wrong to discriminate a person based on their ethnicity and gender, then why is our country still denying basic civil rights against people based on their sexual orientation? I am empathetic towards the plight of gays and lesbians and their legal status in our society and I’ve involved myself in the struggle to secure equal rights since I’ve been able to vote. But I won’t be surprised if the right for homosexuals to legally marry isn’t secured in the next few years seeing as every other group of people that have been discriminated against have had to fight for decades to have their rights recognized.

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Macedonia deals with Kosovo

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The war in Kosovo has been settled for quite some time now, but the conflict in Macedonia has just begun. Macedonia has been a fairly peaceful republic. During the conflict in Yugoslavia in the 1990's, Macedonia managed to stay free of the violence despite its diverse population. However, the days of living in peace have soon changed.

The guerrillas of the Kosovo Liberation Army have moved into Macedonia demanding equal rights to all Albanians. It is estimated that this group of men is comprised of only 100 soldiers, but this number is dangerously increasing as the violence continues.

The conflict in Macedonia is a continuation of the Kosovo conflict of 1999 and 2000. However, the problems the ethnic Albanians faced in Kosovo are very different than those in Macedonia. Slobodan Milosevic, former leader of Kosovo, believed in ethnic cleansing of the Albanians and is responsible for many war crimes for which he will be put on trial first on a domestic level and second on an international level at the Hague.

NATO does not support the actions of the KLA and has urged Albanians in Kosovo not to follow in their footsteps. NATO officials and many Balkans experts "are calling the recent spate of violent attacks on Serb police and civilians nothing more than a land grab."

There have been laws changed a few years back giving more rights to Albanians. For example, in 1998 "Arben Xhafere's Democratic Party of Albanians joined Macedonia's ruling coalition, and the party won key minority rights."

This victory allowed Albanian police chiefs to serve in many towns, and dozens of schools to teach an Albanian-language curriculum.

Changes still need to be made in Macedonia, but the way the KLA is going about seeking change is not beneficial. The KLA needs to look at the changes that have already been made and go from there. Now this doesn't mean loading up with guns, but instead coming up with solutions that are non-violent. Instead of using violence, the army needs to take a more diplomatic approach.

With the aid of NATO, just like in the Kosovo War, things in Macedonia can be reversed if the KLA use their heads instead of their guns.

The conflict in Macedonia is not really mean anything tangible - it's just a buzzword. Otherwise we're not going to be doing anything actually constructive during this time other than protesting.

What would be ideal, would be to have these awareness weeks replaced with education that took place all the time. Then the causes that need action would be treated with adequate seriousness. Awareness would be something that we could eventually have to expect.

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Semisonic to perform live at Faye Spanos in concert

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In just a couple of weeks the Minneapolis trio, Semisonic will travel to Stockton to perform music from their new album "All About Chemistry."

The trio consists of guitarist/songwriter Dan Wilson, bassist John Munson and drummer Jacob Slichter. They have added a new member, Chris Joyner whose primary instrument is the keyboard.

Semisonic has come a long way from being the underdogs and unfamiliar of the music world and has since perfected their music through the new album. "Closing time", "Secret Smile" and "Singing in my sleep". "Chemistry" and "I Wish" are reminiscent of past albums, and promises to give audience members a glimpse of previous music. Songwriter, Wilson, has managed to integrate the imagery of previous work while providing a view of the human condition.

"On the last album, I wrote almost all the songs as secrets being told to just one person - like me whispering in your ear. This time around, I envisioned a big group of friends at a great party, where everyone has done a few things they'll remember forever and everyone has done a few things that they'd rather forget," said Wilson on the official Semisonic web site.

If you’re a Semisonic fan or one who’d like to be, then you’ll love "All About Chemistry" and all that the band has to offer. You will leave the concert humming along. You will become engrossed in the musical tale that the band will weave around you. If you like live concerts, you will definitely like this one. You will surely not be disappointed.

Fans will be able to get a chance to see Semisonic perform in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Apr. 29. They will be struttin' their stuff at Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

This will be the final chance for fans to see a Semisonic concert in Northern California. The band will play in Los Angeles on May 1 and then they're off to Colorado and the United Kingdom.

So don’t wait now, tickets are now on sale at the ASUOP office in McCaffrey Center or at any tickets.com outlet. Contact ASUOP for more information regarding price and availability; 946-2233.
Restaurant Review

Payter's restaurant an integral part of Stockton

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Location: 61 Lincoln Center
Hours: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily (breakfast served until 11 a.m. Mon.-Sat. and until 1 p.m. Sundays.)
Payment: cash, credit or debit card
Information: (209) 477-9513; fax (209) 477-9532; payters@virtualstockton.com

Owner and operator, Peter J. Pijl had no clue how successful his restaurant would be when he first opened it over a decade ago. Today, Payter’s success is mostly due to high schoolers, college students, and hungry Lincoln Center shoppers alike.

For many patrons, he’s known as Coach Pijl, the coach at St. Mary’s High School just a few blocks away on North El Dorado Street. He’s a great coach with a knack for running a great restaurant.

When patrons walk in to the ordering counter, they will see walls covered with sports pictures of St. Mary’s baseball teams and of the 49ers. It is here that you instantly view a world of history. Yet the dining area is very opposite. Shelves of plants and paintings deck the walls and fans swirl above giving a breeze of cool air.

My companion and I decided to dine at Payter’s due to our limited amount of funds. For the student craving a big meal on less than ten dollars, Payter’s should come to mind. Every sandwich, side dish, or full dinner costs less than ten dollars with change to spare.

Payter’s has an excellent breakfast, a wide variety of lunch, and serious carnivore dinners.

For the burger lover, a traditional 1/3 lb. hamburger ($2.95) and side order of fries (half order $1.10; full order $1.60) will suffice.

However, if you’re more into deli sandwiches, Payter’s has a wide selection. An excellent sandwich for a warm spring day is the Joaquin Beef Sandwich ($3.45). The sandwich consists of roast beef, a green chili strip, melted cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and mayo on a warm onion bun. It is a mouth watering sandwich for the adventurous patron.

You may order any lunch item during dinner. Yet dinner is a category on its own. The menu consists of steaks galore. Do you want steak? Are you tired of the same old t-bone or sirloin steak with dry veggies? Payter’s manages to get creative with the steak dinners.

For the meat lover, a steak and chicken combo ($6.65) will fill you right up. There is also the teriyaki steak ($6.85) which is marinated in teriyaki sauce.

Although traditional steak lovers will like the typical steak and shrimp dinner ($6.85). If you like a warm atmosphere, inexpensive food, and a friendly environment, Payter’s is an excellent place. The service is good (mainly high school students working their first jobs). The food is quickly and efficiently prepared, and the dining experience is wonderful. Overall, I give Payter’s a rating of three and a half out of five.

Tenth annual Celebrate Diversity Week to storm UOP

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UOP presents their 10th annual Celebrate Diversity series of events.

This year’s theme is “revisiting the first event as a celebration of a decade,” said coordinator Jennifer Sexton. Celebrate Diversity was first organized and launched in the fall of 1991 by a small group of students committed to learning through service.

“Celebrate Diversity’s purpose is to find common ground of respect and acceptance in order to build a healthy, peaceful community through collaboration, education, and understanding,” writes Peggy Rosson in an e-mail about the event. It is an important part of UOP’s efforts to bring forth acceptance and understanding of the world and its diverse people.

‘Blow’ Continued from page 11
Sharon Stone in “Casino.”

A refreshing difference from her other films where she plays the body rather than an actress, here her rail thin frame and cooked-out hair will discourage the usual trappings of physical identity.

Johnny Depp too cats less than usual to the physical appetite of many women viewers, as Jung he sports a mullet hairdo and does not age too gracefully. Appearance aside, he delivers a dyanamic performance, elating the feeling of despair and the vacuiousness of a hunger that can never be satisfied.

The one performance that will inevitably leave everyone talking is that of Paul Reubens. Most popular for his portrayal of the popular children’s character Pee Wee Herman, Reubens plays Derek Foral, Jung’s West coast connection.

The colorfulness of Reubens’ character vibrantly captures the screen as a Hollywood hairdresser who dabbles in drugs as popular form of aristocratic recreation. Reubens’ ability to develop a difficult and controversial character is one to be admired.

The film boasts a wide variety of captivating effects in a flash of still images, and uses various film stocks to span the eras of time. Despite the excellent production value and amazing talent in the film, director Ted Demme seems to curb an artistic flair that would undoubtedly unite the cast and take the film to a higher level. The film is a definite winner there is no doubt about it, but for me it lacked the serious blow to the head that you would expect to see in a film of this caliber and subject matter.
Just Visiting proves to be a film for the entire family

Jean Reno's talent as an actor has been glorified in France where he holds the status of a national star. Until now most American viewers have only seen him in tough guy roles in films such as "Mission Impossible" and "Ronin." In the film "The Professional," viewers were presented with a different side of Reno. In this film he was able to express himself deeply as a kind-hearted killer opposite his adolescent counterpart (played by very young Natalie Portman). This film marked a dramatic point in the perception of Reno's artistic worth here in the U.S.

Reno now illustrates his comedic ability in "Just Visiting," where he confronts the hilarity of technological conveniences and the portrayal of honor in a society that is based on greed. Reno, unlike Girard Depardieu, has entered the role of a credible thespian on a wide playing field and has secured his foundation. We all remember "Green Card," and we all wish we could forget "My Father the Hero."

While this film will probably not appeal to the average college student who looks for sex and violence or an artistic style as reasons to fork out $8.00 to see a movie, it proves a good, clean film that everyone should take his or her little brother or sister to see.

As Easter approaches and the trip home brings about the question of what to do with the younger sibling, this is a promising outlet. The film will undoubtedly appeal to the child inside all of us as we latch on to the adventures and mishaps of Thibault and Andre as they discover that which we take for granted.

Blow soundtrack is a must have for 70's music fans

"Blow" chronicles the real story of drug dealer George Jung, who became a millionaire at the age of 21 and hisspell with the law, being convicted four times on drug-related charges. The film was directed by Doug Liman and stars Johnny Depp as Jung.

The soundtrack to the film is a must-have for fans of 70's music, featuring hits by artists such as Lynyrd Skynyrd, Cream, and The Marshall Tucker Band. It includes the original version of "My Father the Hero," which was performed by Jean Reno in the film.

The film's soundtrack also features songs by artists such as "Can't You Hear My Heart Knocking" by The Marshall Tucker Band, "Let's Boogaloo" by KC and the Sunshine Band, and "Can't You Hear Me Knocking" by The Rolling Stones, among others.

The soundtrack is available on CD and vinyl, and it's a great addition to any music lover's collection.
Film ‘Dish’es up a delicious comedy on Apollo Mission

[U-WIRE] LOS ANGELES - In the last 30 years, there have been a number of films, television shows and documentaries that have explored the intricate details of the Apollo 11 mission.

People all over the world watched the live broadcast of the lunar landing, and were actually able to see Neil Armstrong when he proudly proclaimed, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." But this is only one side of the story. If not for a small group of scientists in the small town of Parkes, Australia, one of history's greatest scientific feats would have been little more than just a faint memory.

In his heartwarming film, "The Dish," director Rob Sitch ("The Castle") dives headfirst into a story that few people know about. It all started more than 30 years ago when NASA decided to send a group of astronauts to the moon. They wanted it to be televised, and because they needed a backup for their main satellite dish in Goldstone, Calif., they called upon the tiny town of Parkes. A quiet place with a knack for sheep farming and a small population, Parkes was also home to the most powerful receiving dish in the Southern Hemisphere, which sat right in the middle of a remote sheep farm.

When the flight schedule of Apollo 11 changed, however, and the main dish was unable to pick up the signal, the Parkes satellite became solely responsible for transmitting images of man's first steps on the moon to people all over the world.

Based on Australia's actual NASA crew, the four scientists in the film are a colorful array of personalities. There is Al Burnett (Patrick Warburton), the by-the-book, U.S.-born NASA representative; Cliff Buxton (Sam Neill), the recently widowed scientist and team leader; Ross "Mitch" Mitchell (Kevin Harrington), the sarcastic technician who, from the beginning, can't stand being around Al; and Glenn Latham (Tom Long), the calculations expert who, at one point, takes it upon himself to reconfigure official NASA data.

Even though they sometimes step on each other's toes and occasionally break into arguments, these fabulous four function better together than they do apart, and their chemistry is one of the key elements of the film. Despite each man's view of the overall global mission, the peculiarities of Australia's style of dressing or the condition of the Dish, every character has one very welcome thing in common each is laced with the warm, refreshing perspective a welcome storytelling technique in any sense and stumbled upon a nugget of pure comic gold. This film makes us wonder about and ponder different possibilities, all the while entertaining us.

Overall, "The Dish" is a pleasant, promising film with a lot of heart, emotion and energy. It is definitely out-of-this-world.

Kevin Harrington, Tom Long, Patrick Warburton and Sam Neill star in new movie 'Dish.'
Top Ten guidelines to enjoying the Spring in Stockton

10. Claim that allergies are always affecting your nose to better cover up your nasty coke habit

9. When flying a kite over south Stockton, refrain from using any material other than bullet proof kevlar

8. When deciding on which mall to visit in Stockton, drive a couple of hours away, and think about it at a much nicer mall in another city

7. When having a swim party in the levy, be sure to wear proper bathing attire and wait 30 minutes before swimming after you eat

6. When cleaning up your dorm, separate the empty beer cans by brand name, in order to get a perspective on how much dirty, cheap beer you’ve been drinking

5. Don’t forget that the new hot fashion trend is wearing a lacy thong with a nice new vest, guys!

4. If you enjoy fishing and the outdoors, remember the one key to having a great experience, Baccardi 151

3. Springtime means that live is in the air, but not for you of course

2. Getting in shape is a must for the Spring, so work off that winter chub by running constantly, where ever you may go

1. We’re all gonna melt this summer so you’d better find something fun to do this Spring, like solving our energy crisis

Compiled by Brad Franca
Easter is the time of year for chocolate bunnies, jelly beans, egg hunts, brunch, and that reluctant trip to church. But is that what Easter is really all about?

The true story behind Easter is the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. He was publicly beaten, executed by crucifixion, then buried. Then he rose from the dead three days later, just as he promised he would.

Why did Jesus undergo all this? The Bible says that he was crucified for the forgiveness of sins. Like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD laid on him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:6).

Our sins have separated us from God. Indeed, “all have sinned and fall short the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). God solved the problem of sin by making him who “no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2Corinthians 5:21).

Jesus was the Son of God who died in our place, so that we could enter heaven in the future and enter into a relationship of peace with God today. He said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me” (John 14:6).

Have you ever asked Jesus to come into your life, to bring you peace with God? You can call out to him right now. If you are sincere, he will hear you and come to your life. “To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12).

This Easter, why not investigate the true meaning for yourself? Read the section called “John” in the Bible. And see article BLIND FAITH at EveryStudent.com.
Tigers get plenty of scoring, but can't get the win

Despite a strong final quarter, the Pacific Tigers Women's Water Polo team dropped a 13-7 decision to UC Santa Barbara on Saturday, April 7. The loss drops Pacific to 5-16 on the season and 8-9 in MPSF action, while the Gauchos moved to 8-8 overall and 3-3 in the MPSF.

In the final period, trailing 9-3 the Tigers scored on three of their opening four possessions to draw within striking distance at 9-6 with 3:26 remaining in the game. Unfortunately the Gauchos responded with two goals in the next minute to cement the victory.

Senior Jessica Schroeder (Newcastle, Calif.) notched three goals in the contest, improving her season total to a team high 40 goals.

Sophomore goalkeeper Julie Ross (Morgan Hill, Calif.) put on a show Sunday afternoon as she stopped 16 shots on goal from the Cal Baptist Lancers to lead Pacific to its third win in four games with an 8-6 victory. The win moves Pacific to 6-16 on the season, while the Lancers dropped to 14-10 overall.

The Tigers broke out on top early as freshman Jessica Schroeder (Newcastle, Calif.) worked herself free in the opening moments of the game, then sailed a shot to the right corner of the goal to put Pacific up 1-0. Senior Cari Bertrand (Dundee, Ore.) extended the Tigers lead with two goals on the Tigers next three possessions for a 3-0 Pacific lead.

Midway through the third period, the Lancers had drawn within one at 5-4, it was then that Ross had her best moments as she denied three one-on-one chances from the Lancers attack to preserve Pacific's one point lead. In the period, Ross had six saves and gave the Tiger offense time to extend their lead.

Pacific took full advantage of that opportunity as junior Amy Valois (Cypress, Calif.) put Pacific up 6-4 with 4:08 remaining in the third. As the Tigers cemented their victory in the final period as Schroeder notched her second goal of the game, and 42nd of the season, with 4:13 remaining in the game.

The Tigers are back in action on Saturday, April 14 as they host the California Golden Bears in the Chris Kjeldsen Pool, beginning at 12 p.m.

The goal: the loneliest place in the water.

NBA Continued from page 19 and without Shaq. Anyone who has seen Kobe play can see that while he has sick natural talent, he has stunted his own growth by missing out on the lessons in basketball's mental aspects he would have got­ten plenty of at Duke, Arizona, or Michigan State.

Much like the Heat, the team everyone wants to overlook are the San Antonio Spurs, despite having the best record in the NBA. Duncan and Robinson are still plenty dominant inside, but the key to their post-season success may lie with veteran point guard Avery Johnson. Of course, last time that happened, they won the NBA Championship.

Bottom line, the playoffs are wide open, especially with Mark Cuban's Mavs emerging as plenty capable of running with anyone on any given night.

Softball

Senior Kelly Lowery was two of three with three RBI and a double.

The Tigers followed it up by defeating Utah State 4-1 in six rain soaked innings Sunday, April 8. With the win, the Tigers are tied with the 1982 squad for the fourth most wins in a season by a Pacific team.

Once again it was Ball who earned the win for the Tigers and improved to 22-4 on the season. With the win, Ball ties her 2000 mark for the sixth most wins in a season by a Pacific pitcher. She also claims sole possession of fourth place on Pacific's career wins list with 52. Kristen Hommel earned the loss for the Aggies and fell to 1-14.

Pacific returns to action at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 with a doubleheader against Hawaii at Bill Simoni Field.
Pacific gets it going as season's end draws near

THE PACIFICAN

The 12th-ranked Pacific men's volleyball team improved to 9-11 on the season and 5-9 in MPSF conference action with a 3-0 win over Cal State Northridge (11-13, 4-11) on Friday, April 6 at the Alex G. Spanos Center. The Tigers won 31-29, 30-27, 30-24 in 74 minutes in front of 221 spectators.

Sophomore Martin Berntsen (Naustdal, Norway) tallied a team-high 15 kills and hit .500 for the Tigers. Senior Vladimir Andric (Zagreb, Croatia) followed with 11 kills. Sophomore Dan Hoefer (Goleta, Calif.) recorded two service aces and five blocks, and freshman Sean Rodgers (Fresno, Calif.) added five blocks as well.

Cal State Northridge was held off the Gauchos the rest of the way, as Berntsen had four kills game. Berntsen tallied a match-high 28 kills and hit .469 for the Tigers. Junior Aaron Wachtogel (Redondo Beach, Calif.) had 23 kills and senior Vladmir Andric (Zagreb, Croatia) added 17 kills. Senior libero Dexter Macaranas (San Jose, Calif.) had a match-high 13 digs.

UC Santa Barbara was led by Alex Liener's 27 kills. John Baxter tallied 47 digs and led the team with three service aces.

The Tigers return to action on Friday, April 13, against UC Irvine in an MPSF match at 7 p.m. in the Alex G. Spanos Center.

Tigers double fault road trip

THE PACIFICAN

The Pacific men's tennis team fell to 9-8 on the season with a 4-3 loss to Santa Clara on April 6 in Santa Clara, Calif.

Santa Clara claimed the doubles point with victories in the No. 1 and 2 positions. Junior Cernot Kerscbhaumer (Klagenfurt, Austria) and junior Neil Kadota (Honolulu, Haw.) defeated Adam Lewis and Rick Ruso, 8-6, in the third position to earn the only Tiger victory in doubles. The Pacific men's tennis team fell to 9-9 on the season with a 5-2 loss to Saint Mary's on Sunday, April 8.

Saint Mary's claimed the doubles point with victories in the No. 2 and 3 positions. Senior Tobias Abrahamsson (Malmerberget, Sweden) and junior Dieterich Haug (Freudenstadt, Germany) defeated Arturo Planell and Richard Thomson, 9-8 (8-6), in the No. 1 spot earn the only Tiger victory in doubles.

Haug and freshman Claes Lindholm (Karlskrona, Sweden) won their respective matches for the Tigers. Haug defeated Thomson, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2) in the second position, while Lindholm topped Planell, 6-2, 6-2 in the third spot.

The Tigers are next in action with a match against UC Santa Cruz on Wednesday, April 18 at 3 p.m. at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts. Pacific and Santa Clara split the singles matches, winning three each. Pacific won its first three matches with senior Tobias Abrahamsson (Malmerberget, Sweden) defeating Michael Duong in three sets, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3, in the top spot. Junior Dieterich Haug (Freudenstadt, Germany) topped Matt Cox, 6-2, 6-2, 7-5, in the second position.

The Tigers host Long Beach State on Thursday, April 12 at 12 p.m. in the first of a three-game Big West series with the Dirtbags.

Tigers no-hit road sweep

THE PACIFICAN

Ending a four-game winning streak, the Pacific Tigers dropped their Big West Conference opener 6-1 to the Cal State Fullerton Titans on Friday. That would be the least of their problems.

As the game wore on it looked like one run might be enough as Pacific's DJ Houlton had a no-hitter through five. However, the Titans' bats would come alive in the sixth as they broke through with three consecutive hits to plate two runs and take the lead 2-1. They kept it going into the seventh, and before the inning was over the Titans tacked on three more runs to chase Houlton and build a 6-1 lead.

In the rematch on Saturday, Pacific again fell to the Titans at Goodwin Field in Fullerton. The Tigers dropped to 19-17 overall and 0-2 in Big West play, while the Titans won their seventh straight game to move to 21-10 overall and 2-0 in the Big West play.

Pacific looked as if it might start out of the gates quickly as Richard Hackett singled and stole second, while Rick Morton and Chris Moreno drew back-to-back walks to load the bases in the top of the first inning. However, Fullerton pitcher Derrick Merrill struck out Joel Summers to end the threat. The Titans would jump on top 1-0 in the bottom of the third inning and it looked for most of the night like that run would be the only scoring in the game, as Walker and Merrill waged a pitchers duel. The Titans finally managed to add insurance runs in the eighth to move the score to 3-0. It would end in a 3-1 Titan victory.

After losing a pair of close games to a very tough Fullerton State team, the wheels just fell off for the Tigers. Fullerton ace Kirk Saarloos had his way the Pacific's hitters, hurling a no-hitter, and helping make the game a long one for the Tigers.

When you throw a no-no, it does not take much run support to notch the W, but good luck telling the Titans that. Fullerton State made the game look like a horribly lopsided Little League game, though would not have the option of invoking the mercy rule.

Fullerton jumped on Pacific early pounding out nine runs in the first inning, and managed to score three more runs in six of the eight innings for the game, finally taking it by a painful 28-0 score.

The 28 runs is the most given up by Pacific since May 3, 1997 when it fell to Nevada 33-17.

Pacific will resume action on Thursday, April 8 when the Tigers host Long Beach State on Thursday, April 12 at 12 p.m. in the first of a three-game Big West series with the Dirtbags.
The world outside Stockton
Willie Stargell - Alas, nobody lives forever, and unfortunately, heroes are no different.
This week, Pittsburgh Pirates' great second baseman Willie Stargell passed away at the age of 61, finally succumbing to the illness with which he had fought for years. It is both sad and ironic that the man they called 'Tops' passed on the day before his Pirates opened their multi-million dollar new ballpark. Sadder still is that the visiting Cincinnati Reds demolished the Pirates, erasing the silver lining from Pittsburgh's cloud.

Troy Aikman - Remarkably similar to retired 49ers great Steve Young, a Super Bowl hero and owner of a variety of team and NFL records. However, Young was able to ride off into the sunset semi-gracefully.

Down the stretch they come
JoJo Montero
Sports Editor

Can this be right? Nearing mid-April and the Kings and Sixers are leading their divisions?
In Philly, Pat Croce has assembled an eclectic group ofballers who seem to make it work. Most importantly, the Sixers have the two key ingredients necessary for success in the NBA in point guard Allen Iverson and newly acquired center Dikembe Mutombo. But the boys from Philly will need the answer to be healthy if they want to reach the Finals. Perhaps their biggest challenge will come from the surging Milwaukee Bucks, led by the deadly trio of Ray Allen, Sam Cassell, and the Big Dog, Glenn Robinson. Sometimes getting hot at the right time is all a team needs, but the Bucks should be concerned that their hot streak has come primarily against the Western Conference, and not the Eastern foes they'll see in the playoffs.

While the Sixers and Bucks get more than their share of run in the media, perhaps the most overlooked team in the East has to be Miami. Now sure, the Heat have hardly looked formidable in the playoffs in recent years, but this season they have the emotion to match their talent. Eddie Jones is healthy and ready to make his return, Hardaway has held up better this season than in years past, and Brian Grant and Mario Chalmers have held their own in the post. Most importantly, the Heat have Alonzo Mourning back, and though with questionable health, he has re-energized the team at just the right time.

So where are the Pacers? Sure losing an all-star caliber point guard will hurt any team, but Mark Jackson hasn't been all-star caliber for a few years now. Nevertheless, Indy still boasts one of the Association's best in Jalen Rose, but also has to deal with a Reggie Miller whose best days have come and gone.

Out West, the Kings have come a long way from the power blue unis and the days of Jim Les being their marquee player. However, their hold on the Pacific's top spot is tenous, particularly with their struggles against the Clippers on Tuesday night (though the Kings did hang on to win). However, Sactown still controls its own destiny, and can clinch without having to win out.

Close on their heels are the defending champion Lakers who lately don't seem too lucky to have two of the league's biggest stars. With Shaq and no Kobe, they seem to play far better than with Kobe. See NBA page 17

Women's Tennis
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The Pacific Women's Tennis team improved to 5-14 on the season with a 5-2 win over Sacramento State on Monday, April 9 at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts.
Pacific earned the doubles point after winning matches at the No. 1 and 3 positions. The duo of junior Christiane Barthel (Hassfurt, Germany) and senior Diana D'Audney (Auckland, New Zealand) defeated Marta Gronowicz and Janice Mota, 8-6, in the No. 1 spot, while junior Melinda Kocsis (Budapest, Hungary) and sophomore Jaimee Brenner (Lake Oswego, Ore.) topped Laila Karim and Italina Kirkness, 8-6, in the third position.

In singles, junior Susanne Bertel (Gieutersleben, Germany) defeated Gabriella Lundqvist, 6-3, 6-2, in the No. 1 position. Barthel defeated Gronowicz, 6-2, 7-6 in the No. 2 spot. Junior Melinda Kocsis (Budapest, Hungary) battled Mota and came away with the 6-3, 6-4 victory.

Pacific is next in action on Friday, April 13, when the Vikings take on UC Riverside at 1:30 p.m. at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts.

Game of the Week

Getting no-hit hurts. Losing 28-0 really hurts. Having both happen ...Zealand), put a serious hurt on their doubles opponents, helping the Tigers take the match by a 5-2 count.
The Point After

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Now I hate to pile onto the baseball team, but I am completely baffled.

Getting no-hit is understandable, it happens, and everyone winds up on the wrong end of a no-no sooner or later. Now, giving up 28 runs, that’s a different story.

Now ordinarily, I make it a habit of not offending large men with bats, but I may not be able to help it in this case.

Last spring I volunteered as a Little League coach, and because I had no experience, they assigned me a team of seven year old T-ball players. These kids had no idea where the bases were, how to hold a bat, and frequently ran in terror from a ball popped into the air.

Even in my team’s games, where every player on every team got to bat through the order each inning, did anyone ever get loose for 28 runs.

And sure, no official score was taken, but everyone kept a count. Just because you don’t yet understand baseball does not mean you do not want to win.

I cannot say with absolute certainty, but I don’t think more than two NFL teams averaged 28 points a game last season. I mean come on, four touchdowns is a lot. It took the Ravens six weeks to score the wins, Pacific improves to 35-6 on the season and surpassed the Tigers’ win total for the 2000 season.

In the first game junior Cindy Ball pitched five scoreless innings as the Tigers run ruled the Gaels. Ball struck out eight, walked one and gave up two hits.

With the victory, Ball improves to 20-4 on the season, and earned herself Big West Co-Player of the Week honors. Ball moves into a tie for second place with Brandee McArthur (1996-99) on Pacific’s single season shutouts list with 12.

Getting back into conference play, Pacific continued their winning ways, improving to 35-6 overall and 7-1 in the Big West with two victories against Utah State on Saturday.

Ball pitched the first game for Pacific and threw seven scoreless innings, striking out nine, walking four and giving up only two hits. Freshman Boni Kading led Pacific offensively and was three for four with two runs scored.

Golf: hail to the Master, again

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Oh how quickly we forget. It was not long ago that a Vijay Singh or Tiger Woods could only get into Augusta National as a caddie. Fuzzy Zoeller’s quip of two years ago about then champ Woods not serving “fried chicken, or collard greens, or whatever the hell they serve,” (for the traditional dinner each year to be chosen by the defending Masters’ champion) may have been meant as a joke, but was indicative of the attitude of many that golf was still a white, elitist’s game.

However, when as dynamic a golfer as Tiger Woods, and as easy a golfer to pull for as Vijay Singh, suddenly people care more about the game itself and where this generation’s newest stars might take it, than foolish old racial biases.

Coming into this year’s Masters, both Woods and Singh, among the Tour’s only minorities, were both favorites to take home their second green jacket. Woods because of his record-obliterating performance in the 1997 Masters, and well, just because he’s Tiger Woods. Singh was given good odds to win after his solid victory at Augusta a year ago.

Even beyond any prognostications by Vegas bookies, Tiger had something else on his side. History, or the chance to make it.

Heading into last weekend’s Masters, Woods was already the current holder of the previous three major titles (British Open, US Open, PGA Championship). No player in history had ever been holder of all four major titles simultaneously, and a victory at a course which he had proved to be able to tame, would vault Tiger Woods only that much higher in the annals of golf history.

When you’re hot, you’re hot, ask Tigers

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Given the way the Tigers have been playing, one could easily draw the conclusion that Limp Bizkit’s “Rollin’” was written as a tribute to them.

Not only has Pacific been on a roll, but one that seems to have no end in sight. Winners of 21 of their last 22, the Tigers have been taking on all comers and staking their claim to the Big West Conference.

Last week saw the Tigers on the road for a mid-week pair with Saint Mary’s before coming home to lock horns with Big West foes Utah State.

Pacific rolled into Moraga and swept the Gaels 11-0 and 3-2 Wednesday, April 4. With Defending champ Vijah Singh helps Tiger with his second jacket.