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In memory of Shomari Solomon

May 3, 2001

JENNIFER ZHANG
Staff Writer

To many, Don Bowden might be just an ordinary name. But it is associated with something that is not so ordinary: an honorary landmark in the history of track and field. More specifically, Don Bowden is the first American citizen to run an under-four-minute mile.

This historic landmark was created on June 1, 1957 right here on the UOP campus in the Annual Pacific Association Championships. The race was run on a clay track, which was known as Baxter Field. Bowden won the race with the record-breaking time of 3:58.7 minutes. It was called the Miracle Mile.

To commemorate Bowden’s achievement and UOP’s special place in the history of track and field, a bronze plaque was made. It still stands today on the south west corner of Raymond Great Hall, which was the location of Bowden’s finish line.

It was an extraordinary event at the time, as Bowden’s name appeared on almost every major newspaper’s front page the day after his historic race.

An article in The Record titled “Don Bowden Becomes First American Under Four Minutes-3:58.7 in PA” described Bowden’s race, “...Bowden stepped off the heat without the benefit of even being pushed...while the closest man to him finished some 80 yards back and crossed the finish line about 15 seconds later. He seemed barely winded at the finish.”

According to his biography written by race organizer and friend Daniel Horan, at the time of the race, Bowden was 20 years old and a junior student at the California State University at Berkeley.

His sub-four-minute time was the third fastest mile ever run. It was recognized as one of America’s Greatest Sports Achievements of the 20th Century. In addition, his time went into many record books such as the American Record and the World Age Group Record. Besides this sub-four-minute record, Bowden has many other accomplishments in the track and field history.

For example, he was a member of the U.S. Olympic team in 1956 and competed in the 1500-meter race. Bowden also set the NCAA record for the half-mile in 1957. Over the years, Bowden has been recognized as a hall of fame member in many organizations. He is a celebrated member in the University of California Sports Hall of Fame as he still holds the mile record for UC Berkeley. Bowden has also been a member of the Stockton, California, Sports Hall of Fame since 1967.

Pacific's MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievements) center hosted this year’s Northern California competition. The event was held Saturday and participants from six different high school chapters were present. This is UOP's second year hosting.

**MESA Day 2001 acknowledges achievements in studies and activities**

The UOP men's tennis team won their first ever in Big West Conference.

See Tennis page 20.

**Weather**

Friday
Hi: 83 Lo: 52
Partly Cloudy

Saturday
Hi: 83 Lo: 50
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**Kristine Netters**
Staff Writer

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Clubs offer students a chance to sell back textbooks

JESSICA C. CURLEY
News Editor

Students have always complained about how much money the bookstore gives them for their textbooks when they return them at the end of the year. But this year a group of students are doing something about this.

The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) and the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is holding the first-ever textbook swap/yard sale in the McCaffrey Center on Wednesday, May 9, Dead Day from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RHA is jointly sponsoring the event with PRSSA. They will be participating most in the yard sale part of the event and PRSSA will be taking care of the book swap.

"PRSSA wants to get more involved in students’ lives. The ‘Moving Up and Moving Out’ yard sale is a way where we can provide a service to students on and off campus and help increase profitable interaction between students here at UOP," said Linda Quach, PRSSA treasurer.

"Students can drop off their books at the PRSSA table and we will sell them to other students for a price higher than the bookstore’s refund and lower than the price of a used book for those books that are going to be used next semester," said Quach.

"PRSSA will be collecting a $1.00 per book fee of only those books sold. Students will be able to pick up the books or their money at the end of the yard sale at the PRSSA table or arrange with us other ways of getting their money or books to them after the sale."

This is the first year that PRSSA has done this at UOP and the idea for the book swap "came up in a discussion at the beginning of one of our meetings," said Quach. "We wanted to provide a medium where students could exchange their textbooks with other students but didn’t really know how to do it."

The yard sale provides a medium where students can transfer books and things that they will need next semester with others that are willing to sell them."

When asked if other PRSSA chapters had done this same thing before, Quach said, "I’m not sure that other PRSSA chapters have done it before, but I’m pretty sure that other schools have done it before and it was very well received."

Quach is not sure if the event will be annual because she said, "We’re not sure how well it will be received, but hopefully we’ll be successful and be able to build awareness for an annual yard sale."

PRSSA encourages students and groups to get involved in the yard sale/book swap.

Quach said, "Students will now be able to exchange their belongings with others in a more profitable and convenient arena."

Gender Studies program brings awareness to UOP

KATE SALDIN
Staff Writer

As part of a program that was formerly known as Women’s Studies, a handful of UOP students either minor or have a self-designed major in Gender Studies, which is an interdisciplinary study of both “feminine and masculine identities,” according to the program’s constitution. Gender Studies also aims to examine gender from various viewpoints, with an emphasis on historical, social, political, biological, psychological and artistic perspectives.

Gender Studies courses pull from various other departments including History and Art History, English and the Classics. Many of these courses can also count as University General Education credit.

Though one of the smaller programs of study at UOP, the influence of Gender Studies can be seen around campus through speakers, films, panels, exhibitions and other displays. According to UOP Gender Studies Coordinator Dr. Merrill Schleier, “We try to create an intellectually stimulating environment across campus.” With this goal in mind, a large part of what the Gender Studies Program does is outside of the required classes and focused on raising awareness through sponsored events.

These special topic events focus on current social issues and the way in which they relate to gender and gender studies. Such issues include racial and ethnic identity, sexuality, economics, health and fitness, and the influence of the media. Programs such as these have brought presenters from around the country to UOP’s campus: Diane Bonder, an award-winning filmmaker from New York, is among those who have presented their work at events sponsored by UOP’s Gender Studies program. Other presenters have shared their expertise through art exhibits and other forms of presentation.

In addition to these extra curricular activities, Gender Studies bustle themselves with a wide variety of classes, including Introduction to Gender Studies. This course is taught through a series of lectures by different faculty members from various departments, who discuss how gender pertains to fields such as Economics, Anthropology, Literature, and Philosophy.

According to Gender Studies student Jennifer Coon, sophomore, “What is most interesting about Gender Studies is that it applies to all aspects of life.” As part of both Gender Studies and International Studies, Coon will spend two semesters in Amsterdam, where she will study gender in the Dutch society.

Various Gender Studies courses are available each semester and are open to all students. The courses that are available for Fall 2001 are Contemporary Art and Film, 20th Century Art and Film, Sex, Frocks and Manor Houses, Between Two Worlds, Women in U.S. History, and Sex, Sin and Salvation.

2001 PURC winners

The 1st annual Pacific Undergraduate Research Conference (PURC), held Saturday, April 21, was a huge success. 29 posters were presented representing many disciplines. The students did an excellent job of presenting their work.

The Michael J. Minch Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Research were given to the following students based on their presentations at Saturday’s conference.

Melanie Funes-Duran, Department of Biological Sciences, “Identification of novel ABF-1 interacting proteins using the yeast 2 hybrid system.” Faculty advisor: Craig Vierra

Brenda Belmont and Eric Chen, Department of Biological Sciences, “The role of notch in the expression of ABF-1.” Faculty advisor: Craig Vierra

The judges for the awards this year were: David Fletch, David Fries, and Larry Speer.

Public Safety Report - April 18-24, 2001
Prepared by Jerry L. Houston

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**When**

April 15-20
April 17-19
April 19
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April 22
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April 23

**What**

Broken car window
Broken window
Massive graffiti
Fight at dance party
Portable office burglary

**Loss**

License Plate
License Plate
Stop Sign

Did You Know?

During this period of time, Public Safety officers provided 108 hours of foot patrol, found 122 open windows/doors (61 of those were dead propped open), provided for 7 escorts, assisted 6 stranded motorists and interviewed 6 suspicious persons.

If you have any inquiries about any of the information provided in this report, you are encouraged to contact Jerry L. Houston, Associate Director of Public Safety at 946-2537 or Extension 2307 from campus phones. You may also call anonymously to report any suspicious circumstances or persons.
The Pacifican remembers staff member Shomari Solomon

"For some life lasts a short while, but the memories it holds last forever."

-Laura Swenson

Shomari Solomon, junior communication major and Pacifican staff member, took his own life on Monday, April 30 at the age of 20. Solomon was involved with the Pacific campus life in many ways and he will be missed by many.

At The Pacifican Solomon helped the advertising and business departments in many ways. Kia Jorgensen, editor-in-chief of The Pacifican, said, "Shomari was a friend, a hard worker and he had a warm heart towards everyone. He was always happy and eager to participate."

Solomon was also involved in other clubs on campus including Intervarsity Pacific Christian Fellowship, Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity and African American Student Union (AASU).

According to the Stockton Police Department, Shomari Solomon, 20, of 1302 N. Tuxedo Street in Stockton was found dead on Monday, April 30 by a family member. The death was ruled a suicide.

Solomon participated in the University of the Pacific track meet. Maya Taylor, president of AUSU, said, "Shomari was involved with many people in the Stockton community. It is a sesquicentennial event, a celebration of Pacific, and a reunion weekend. It's a lot of things."

Like Johnson said, the Don Bowden Street Mile is only one of many events scheduled in the Gala Alumni Reunion Weekend. There are many other events for people who are interested in a variety of different activities.

For example, on Friday, June 15, the Reunion Concert "Class of the 70's" and fireworks will take place at 8 p.m. in Stagg Memorial Stadium. According to the Master Calendar-All Alumni Reunion Weekend 2001, this event is "an evening of chart topping hits featuring Christopher Cross, Al Stewart, John Ford Coley, and Ambrosia."

Another new event is titled "Renewal of Wedding Vows Ceremony," which will take place at noon on Sunday, June 17, at the Morris Chapel. It is an invitation for people who had been married in Morris Chapel or wish they had to renew their wedding vows.

Like the Don Bowden Street Mile Competition, all the events in the Gala Alumni Reunion Weekend will be open to the community and everyone who is interested. For more information, contact the UOP Alumni Office at (209) 946-2391.
Panel lectures on media and sports

CHELSEA SIME
Asst. News Editor

A group of attentive students gathered Monday to listen to a discussion based on the affect mass media plays in the evolution of extreme sports. The panel mediating the dialogue represented universities and fields of research from a variety of concentrations throughout sport science and sociology.

Present at the event were three panelists: Belinda Wheaton, Glyn Hughes and Robert Rinehart. Each of the speakers lectured on his or her area of expertise within the field, drawing together a common thread: the way a sport is presented in the media often manipulates or changes the way the activity is viewed by both its participants and the outside community.

Wheaton visited Pacific from the University of Surrey Roehampton in London, England. As an avid participant in sports and an accomplished windsurfer, Wheaton did two years of research in the British windsurfing community looking to find the way media affected the various parts of the subculture. She wanted to discover the reasons people decided to start windsurfing and what the activity meant to them.

During her two years, Wheaton also wrote for a windsurfing magazine, where she got a first-hand perspective of her research field.

The professor realized, through her ethnographic research, that the images of windsurfing presented by the mass media (i.e. newspapers, television, major magazines) were different than what the actual participants thought of this form of extreme sport. Wheaton told the group of the discrepancies between media and consumer industries in relation to how windsurfers define their own culture.

Hughes, the next presenter, yields from the sociology department at UC Santa Barbara. His focus built upon Wheaton’s points and further explained how media sports brands such as ESPN’s X-Games changed how society views extreme sports.

As a child, Hughes grew up around sports and participated aggressively. He said that he believes others’ thoughts of sports influenced his own decisions to join teams, much like how media influences society.

Hughes described the definition of these sports brands and explained that instead of selling a product, the media glamorizes many sports. Essentially, it is media that have shaped the growth of the X-Games and promoted the events as more real sport than ‘extreme.’

The last lecturer, Rinehart, is an author and professor at CSU San Bernardino. He further addressed a point that the other two had touched upon—the gender objectifications and inequalities in the alternative sport world.

The professor used examples of various skate magazine advertisements to illustrate the fact that he believed these industries portrayed advertisers as oppositional and tended to play upon the “maleness” of sports and objectify women. He also questioned whether people saw extreme sports as a mirrored image of mainstream sports or if they caused a shift in how sports were viewed all together.

After the three presentations, the panel held an open question and answer session with attending faculty and students.

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She is an alumni and has worked closely with the university and her speaking at the convocation is really a credit to her tremendous work for UOP.

Since it is the 150th anniversary of the university, other events will take place at the convocation which trace back the history of UOP and highlight it’s accomplishments graduating seniors and alumni. Gilberston sees the convocation as, “A special time when all seniors, faculty and parents can gather and kick off the commencement ceremonies.”

There will be two actors at the convocation also. One will portray William Taylor, a founding member of UOP back in 1851. Another actor will portray John Muir, a great naturalist and the first president of the Sierra Club. Muir had connection to Pacific as he visited the valley often during the 1860s and 1870s and even camped regularly near the current campus.

An honorary degree will also be given to alumnus Ralph Guild.

Also, outstanding student award recipients will be recognized during the ceremony. It is the hope for students to be more a central part of the ceremony.

Even though a foreign head of state will not be speaking at the convocation, the ceremony will have entertaining and memorable events that will highlight the history of the university as well as the many accomplishments of the class of 2001.
The hidden costs of attending Pacific

Lurking somewhere beneath that green sheet you fill out every semester is a plague on the student body. It is sinister, it is foul, and yes, it is very expensive. It is the hidden cost of UOP, the things that students aren't supposed to realize, but somehow they do.

UOP is not cheap, that much all students have figured out by now. Yes, many students, most in fact, receive some form of financial aid, but that is neither here nor there. There are things that students are not properly informed of, and will only learn of through their own misfortune.

Currently, students pay $115 a semester for access to the health center, and another $52.50 a semester for the ASUOP fee. Now, while the ASUOP fee actually goes to do what do we support by the fee. What do we support by ASUOP and the student activity fee. Other support is provided by campus groups and our advertisers.

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**Question of the Week**

*What do you think has been the most positive progress here at UOP?*

The recycling program because UOP is participating in saving our Earth.

**Natalie Goriel**

Junior

The technology, slowly but surely, the fact that everything has been upgraded in the library has made everything more accessible.

**Christina Schaff**

Senior

The year in review

**OpEd Section focuses on the positive**

**Lisa Hoffman**

Staff Writer

So, the year’s almost over which means that the fun we’ve been having at UOP is temporarily on hold.

I realize that a lot of my articles tended to focus on the negative aspects of various programs, but its hard not to acknowledge the improvements that have been made.

Perhaps the most remarkable has been the start of the recycling program. It’s better late than never, right?

I’ve noticed that students around me have been more inclined to recycle because of the guilt they feel when they throw away recyclable items. There’s really no excuse for not recycling now that we have green bins on every campus and right outside the doors and our dorms.

It also felt good to see students make a conscious step towards community tolerance with the various ‘special’ weeks and days. Although some of us began to feel that we were becoming monotonous, they all had very important messages for the rest of us.

These awareness weeks helped to inform us of ongoing problems that have yet to be resolved, for example, the National Day of Silence. They also gave students a chance to socialize while being productive at the same time.

Another improvement that has been made on campus are the activities that ASUOP has provided us this year. They have brought us Wayne Brady and Bill Maher just to name a couple.

Also, ASUOP has brought talented bands and singers to UOP as well. These events have brought both students and faculty together to just have a good time. Hopefully, this trend will continue next year as well.

**Congratulations to talented student researchers**

**Dear Editor,**

Congratulations to our students!

The participation of undergraduate students in research at the University of the Pacific has always been encouraged. In recent years, student and faculty interest in research has grown and participation has increased. There has been little campus-wide recognition of the achievements of undergraduate research and no forum has existed to showcase the work being done. Well, things are changing.

The first Pacific Undergraduate Research Conference was held on Saturday, April 21, 2001. The conference will become an annual event.

Participation in the Research Conference was excellent. The Research Conference attracted 29 poster presentations, each describing the research projects of one or more UOP undergraduate students. The students stood by their posters, described their work and answered questions from persons viewing the posters. The exhibit rooms were crowded with students, faculty, UOP staff and the general public. Conversations about the research were intense and filled with excitement.

The three of us had the honor of reviewing the posters, judging the student presentations, and selecting those who would receive the Michael J. Minch Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Research. This turned out to be an extremely difficult but pleasurable task. In fact it was so difficult that we bided to give four rather than three awards. The poster displays, and the research they described, were uniformly of high quality. All three of us commented that many of the posters were at least equal in overall quality to presentations we see at national conferences in our disciplines.

We asked each presenter to “take us through the poster” we were impressed with the knowledge and enthusiasm we observed. We commend and congratulate each participant in the Research Conference. They represented themselves and their hard work well. We are proud of them and their accomplishments as researchers. Due to their efforts the first Pacific Undergraduate Conference was a great success and will be an excellent starting point for future events. They made us proud to be faculty at UOP.

**Sincerely,**

David Q. Fletcher, School of Engineering
David S. Fries, TLJ School of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Larry O. Speer, Department of Chemistry, COP

**The Health Center is implementing positive changes**

**Virginia Giddens**

Staff Writer

For as long as I’ve been at UOP, students have complained about the health center. They said that the center’s remedy for every ailment was either birth control or Tylenol. They complained about the wait and the quality of care, and they generally distrusted their diagnoses and prescriptions.

While I’m sure that some exaggeration and hysteria were involved in this student analysis of the health center’s services, the problems that did exist were sufficient to bring about a serious examination.

According to a new report, the Cowell Student Health Center has decided after an extensive review process to mend its ways.

Beginning next Fall, the health center will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., giving students adequate time to see a health professional either before classes start, or after most have ended. It will have limited hours on Saturdays, staying open only from 9 a.m. to noon, but at all hours a nurse advice line will be available to students.

More physician’s assistants and nurse practitioners should ensure that the wait is generally shorter, and services for women will be increased. The appointment scheduling and record-keeping system will be replaced by a real health data management system, so it should work much better.

Also, the facilities themselves will be improved and updated and a Health Services Advisory Committee will be established. This committee will have broad campus representation, so that if students are ever as dissatisfied with the health center as they have been in recent years, the staff will be confronted with their concerns.

I am pleased to see that the University is responding at last to these years of bitter complaints and making the health center a better place for their students to be treated and their staff to work. Combined with recent discussions of child care and the campus parking situation, this development seems to indicate that our university is becoming more student centered. Who knows? Someday we may even get decent food!
Lanfranco to Morons, "I want my fries dammit!"

By R. G. LANFRANCO, II  
Staff Writer

So Gentle Reader, steal away with me quickly now. Follow Time's silent, gloomy corner and I will let you in on my little secret. I know of the coming invasion, the invasion already occurring all around us. Day by day, a subversive force has been overwhelming the American public over its airwaves, through the print media, in our churches, synagogues, classrooms, town halls, cubicles, and PTA meetings. In fact, they are all around you this very minute. So my friends, take a deep breath, firmly grasp both sides of your table or desk, and take a look around. YOU ARE SURROUNDED BY IDIOTS!!!

If this article is your first revelation of this fact, it's okay to take a minute. You've been deceived for some time now. Any one of the people you encounter every day could be an idiot disguised as a real human being. Beware your friends, the guy down the hall, your professors, anyone in middle management, the Resident Director, the news people, your roommate, the entertainment you buy your landlord, anyone sharing the freeway with you, even the University President; they are probably all forces of the idiot invasion.

True idiocy has beguiled Americans at the highest level since this country's inception (it was George Washington's unit which mistakenly opened fire on French dignitaries (they thought they were Indians... to trigger the French and Indian War). I believe we can pinpoint this heightened wave of activity to the case where a woman was awarded $2 million for spilling her McDonalds coffee on her crotch. Twelve "reasonable" people decided the McDonalds corporation should have put a better warning label on their coffee cups, rather than question the logic of keeping a thin plastic receptacle of 120 degree liquid next to one's genitals.

And its only gotten worse. Rather than fight back against growing incompetence we instead choose to embrace it and put it on television. Television, aside from HBO, is now controlled by the idiot force. And we are way beyond the expected stupidity level of cable and the FOX Network. If idiots wanted to be on television they used to be limited to Gerardo, Jenny Jones, and COPS. But now we have idiots galore on COPS, Worlds Scariest Police Chases, Worlds Dumbest Criminals, Judge Judy, Judge Joe Brown, Judge Mills Lane, the People's Court, Divorce Court, Moral Court, Jenny, Rikki, Maury, Montel, Queen Latifa, Change of Heart, Blind Date, anything on the WB, Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire, QVC, any "reality based" show, and don't forget the lesbian cross-dressing midgets with a secret, featured by the idiot King Jerry Springer. Today's disgruntled moron needs simply pick up a gun and find the nearest person to kill.

But do we fight back? When was the last time the people at the drive thru gave you everything you ordered, plus napkins and sauce? When was the last time you went back and made them fix it? I polled the late night fast food facilities in Stockton (this is scientific because I believe me I've hit them all) and only Del Taco gets it right. Are all the fast food places run by idiots? I know I do it....

And finally Robert Downey Jr. has been fired from Ally McBeal. I won't highlight the irony of a drug addict being fired from a show revolving around sex addicts. I won't mention you apparently need two drug arrests "in season" to get fired from FOX. I'll skip the discussion of how jail time doesn't cure serious addiction, about the huge discrepancies in the sentencing of crack versus cocaine offenses (yes Virginia, it is the same drug), how rehab only works if you want to get better, or how he would still be in jail from his second drug conviction so many years ago if only he were black. Instead I'll commend FOX for being pro-family. I mean, jeez, if you red this thing before I runned spell check, I'd be eating my big fat paycheck.

So please, for all the inspirations of genius, for all the moments greater than mankind, for all those proactive people who thought outside the box, rage against the incompetence. Turn off the TV, tell the McCaffery center to keep track of the Spruce Room keys, and tell those bastards you wanted your fries!

The United States Supreme Court legislates prejudice

ERIN RUPPEL  
Staff Writer

America has been called the "melting pot of the world." People of all races and ethnicities come from everywhere to seek out opportunity and to escape oppressive traditions and legislation that they had to deal with in their former countries. However, many have come to find that in America, that legislation still exists. Every day, the government oppresses people of other ethnicities, people who came to "melt" with the rest of us, and denies them the opportunity that they need to succeed.

Just recently, the US Supreme Court ruled that private citizens cannot sue the federal government for infringement of the federal law that bans discrimination based on race, color or national origin. This issue came up when Martha Sandoval filed a lawsuit because she was not allowed to take her driver's exam in Spanish. She claimed that it violated the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Title VI of which prohibits any federally funded agencies from discriminating on the basis of national origin.

The Supreme Court ruled that there were no provisions for a private citizen to file suit based on this law. How nice that the ultra-conservative members of the Court (who were the majority in the decision) can use a little technicality like that to uphold racism and discrimination in this country. Because I think we can all agree that we need a lot more of both.

Now don't get me wrong, I hold many conservative opinions. However, I also believe that the innate purpose of government is to protect us impartially, not to take away privileges, such as our ability to obtain a driver's license, based on such a trivial matter as what language we happen to speak.

What effect would Sandoval's speaking Spanish have on her ability to drive? Absolutely none. Most traffic signs are symbols, not words. And those that are words are very simple and also have other identifying factors. For example, a stop sign is red and shaped like an octagon. It has the word "STOP" in big white letters on it. Even if Sandoval did not speak a word of English, she would be able to know what a stop sign is.

This decision by the Supreme Court is ludicrous. It simply perpetuates government oppression instead of allowing us the freedom to fight for our rights by filing suits and have those suits upheld when legitimate. And perpetuates discrimination based on race and language. The Supreme Court needs to realize that America is indeed a "melting pot," and not with the purpose of melting down other races to mold them into our ideal shape, but for everyone to come together and live in harmony, without prejudice. Without discrimination.

What's up with that?

What's up with Semisonic giving away tickets to their concert?

I'm bitter. I paid my $12!
Abortion is not political

JUSTIN BUCHANAN
Staff Writer

Those who know me pretty well know that I have long-term political aspirations. Those who actually read my articles also know that I am very opinionated. I am not usually afraid to write a position that will ruffle a few feathers or anger a few liberals, or even conservatives for that matter.

I like writing articles that infuriate people, not because I like to make them mad, but because I like them to think, something I am sure people do not do enough of. However, with the issue I am supposed to tackle this week, I feel that this would be a morally unjustified way to get people to think.

This week I am supposed to write an article on recent abortion legislation. Well, I am not going to do that. That’s right, I refuse to. I am instead going to write on exactly why I will not write on the issue.

If there is one sure fire way to end a political career before it starts it is to take a stance on abortion. Almost any stance will do. I think that that is an absolute shame. The abortion debate in this country has polarized and divided us. Both camps in this debate has attempted to force this to be the most important issue, asking people to vote on a candidates stance on abortion and only their stance on abortion.

The debate has become marred by constant mudslinging. All the while both sides ignore the needs of the individuals who are really affected. The debate itself, the rhetoric used by everyone involved, and the bitter partisanship associated with abortion, serves only to degrade the value and meaning of life.

The issue is a moral one, and in some circumstances a legal one, but in no way ought it be a political one. Leave it to the courts and leave it to the individuals, but do not leave it to the politicians.

I am not saying that Congress ought not to legislate regarding abortion, or that candidates should not take positions on the issue. I am saying that when they do, the language they use and the way in which it is discuss should take a different form than other issues. It should not be such a galvanizing debate. Politicians should step out of the political role and become a human being.

All issues have moral implications, but few to the degree that abortion does. I am ashamed that we politicize everything so much, that we forget that real people are affected by our actions and our words.

Revenge of the anti-choice

KARISSA CLOWARD
Staff Writer

Only 100 days. Congressional Republicans waited only 100 days into the Bush administration before letting fall the first blow to abortion rights. Last Thursday the House reintroduced and passed the so-called “Unborn Victims of Violence Act,” a bill designed to take advantage of the anti-choice sentiments of our current president.

It sounds innocent enough. The bill’s language assigns federal penalties for the injury or killing of a fetus as the result of a violent crime committed against a pregnant woman. But the problems are real.

Whether the pregnancy in question be a fertilized egg or a fetus in the third trimester, this bill essentially assigns it personhood. The penalties for the crime against the fetus would carry equal weight with the penalties for the crime against the woman.

This legislation flies in the face of the 1973 Supreme Court decision on Roe v. Wade by claiming that life begins at conception, though the justices clearly disagreed. If the bill continues to advance, it will set a dangerous precedent for future erosion of abortion rights.

House Republicans were testing the water with this legislation. The eventual goal appears to be a reversal of the Roe v. Wade decision, and the proponents of such change wanted a gauge of receptivity. They know that opportunities like this one are few and far between – a Republican congress, a Republican president and a conservative Supreme Court that is likely to shift even further to the right in the coming years.

President Bush has vowed to sign the bill if it ever reaches his desk.

So the fetal crime bill is not really about violence against mothers and their unborn children. The National Coalition against Domestic Violence realized this and lobbied strongly against it. Instead, the bill is about eroding a woman’s right to choose.

We can now only hope that the Senate does not continue to let the ball roll down this path. If they respect the Roe v. Wade decision at all, they must realize that support of the bill will only give further license to right-to-lifers in their crusade.

Do not be fooled. This legislation does not protect women and children. It only protects the wishes of the anti-choice.

Minor crimes, major penalties

NATALIE GOREL
Staff Writer

Gail Atwater was going about her daily routine. She had to drive her two children to soccer practice, and she was pulled over by a police officer, arrested, handcuffed and taken to the police station. You would think that Atwater had committed a horrendous crime for the treatment she received. Her crime did not fit her punishment. Atwater was arrested because she had failed to buckle her seatbelt, as well as her two children’s.

Atwater did break the law, but she did not deserve an unjust punishment. A fine is definitely in order for her mistake, but a trip to the police station is uncalled for. On April 24, the Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 decision that police officers have the right to “arrest and handcuff people for minor incidents punishable only by a fine.”

She claimed that the arrest was unconstitutional and violated her 4th amendment rights. The 4th amendment protects an individual’s right “to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizures.” Atwater’s lawyer’s main argument for this case was “the Fourth Amendment restricts the use of arrest for minor offenses and this case would be different if someone were stopped for drunken or reckless driving, which would cause danger for others on the road if they were released.”

The city’s lawyer, on the other hand, argued that “police are allowed to make an arrest if they witness someone violating the law... police often don’t have enough information to know if someone’s actions are a misdemeanor or felony.”

It is obvious that we are dealing with two completely different ideologies. However, if someone makes one small mistake, like forgetting to put their seatbelt on, do they deserve to be arrested? I understand the importance of buckling up, but I do not understand going to jail if you did not. Minor incidents like this one should not take up the time of already busy police stations. A fine which “this people where it hurts the most” is enough to teach them a lesson.

Are the police stations all around the U.S. going to be filled with soccer moms and other average citizens who commit minor offenses? With this new legislation implemented we will face minute incidents like Atwater on a day-to-day basis. Let’s face it, we all break the law sometimes when we fail to fulfill minor requirements, but do we deserve to go to jail for it?
The end of an era, reflections of the past and what it meant

SCOTT SWITZER
Managing Editor

And so weary travelers, this journey has come to an end. It has been filled with ups and downs, but now the curtains drop for the final time. I will take one last bow to the crowd, and then withdraw into the darkness of beyond.

Five years ago I came to this school as a bright eyed freshman, sure that college would be everything I expected and the best time of my life. In a sense it has been, but there have also been the unexpected, the bad times, and well, UOP. A year later I came back to this school a sophomore, with a much more cynical approach, my hopes having been thoroughly crushed beneath the feet of faculty and staff.

Three and a half years ago, I began writing for this paper. My hope was renewed, and I found something that I enjoyed more. Two semesters later, I switched my major to journalism, becoming sick of a math department that I found severely lacking in teaching skills, I left engineering. I had come to a divergence in the woods, and well, UOP. A year later I came back to this school as a bright eyed freshman, sure that college would be everything I expected and the best time of my life. In a sense it has been, but there have also been the unexpected, the bad times, and well, UOP. A year later I came back to this school as a sophomore, with a much more cynical approach, my hopes having been thoroughly crushed beneath the feet of faculty and staff.

I have met many great people here at UOP, and had my share of the college experience (and never regretted the decision. I had come to a divergence in the woods, and well, UOP. A year later I came back to this school as a sophomore, with a much more cynical approach, my hopes having been thoroughly crushed beneath the feet of faculty and staff.

The Pacifican was a willing member of the staff. Always pleasant, he would go out of his way to say hello to anybody. He will never say hello again, and we never got the chance to say goodbye. So long Shomari, I hope you knew that there were people here who cared for you, and will miss you. I left full of hard lessons, and although it is a cliche, it is about remembering the good parts, and honoring those memories as best we can.

This article is about goodbyes and remembrances. Mark Mason, the manager you all know when you go to the summit, is leaving this school as well. Mark and I go back to five years ago here, have known each other the whole time, and are now leaving the school at the same time. Mark is heading back to New York, and I am going to be somewhere in the area, so don't go applauding my exit yet.

I learned some very important lessons while in college. 1) Beer before liquor rule does not work 2) Telling yourself that you will get up in the morning no matter what you go to bed never works 3) the real friends you make in college will last, savor them.

These are just a few of the people who I have to say goodbye to. After 95 issues of The Pacifican, I won't feel quite right not working here any longer. I came in when this paper was rebuilding, its reputation was a joke and so was the content. I am appreciative to have been able to come in and help to change that. My last goodbye is to the staff; You are all perfectly capable of accomplishing what you set forth. The Pacifican is in your hands now, the torch is yours hands. Keep the faith, and continue to succeed.

And so with this I will bow out. Thank you reader for enduring this journey with us, and I hope it has been eventful for you as well. Turn out the lights, and down the curtains, for this time has passed us by, and we will never have another exactly like it.

Letters of remembrance

Shomari was new to The Pacifican staff this fall, but within a week he knew everyone's name. He made it a point to greet everyone in the office every time he entered, with a smile on his face. I could always count on Shomari to add some laughter to my day at work, he always had a funny story to tell or kind-hearted joke to play. His attitude at work was wonderful, he happily did every assignment I gave him, and never complained.

Shomari was a compassionate, self-less person who I believe sincerely cared about every student he knew. I remember last Halloween he went out of his way to buy candy for every member of The Pacifican staff and his classmates. He made sure everyone had a piece even if he didn't know them well.

What happened has been a tragedy, but I hope we can all learn from the way Shomari lived his life, following your heart, being generous and kind to all those around you. Shomari was friends with him. Seeing him sad made me sad. People like him did not deserve heartache. On behalf of the entire A&E staff, I just want to say, Shomari, you truly will be missed, Rest in peace.

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**Women's Volleyball**

For the Tigers, this was the season that wasn’t supposed to be, but nearly became the season that was.

After losing arguably the greatest senior class in Pacific history, the Tigers found themselves the recipients of one of the greatest freshman classes in history.

All-American, and Big West Co-Player of the Year, Karla Gormsen, a senior, bridged the gap by becoming one half of the nation’s premier offensive tandems with teammate and BWC Freshman of the Year, fellow All-American Jennifer Joines.

The Tigers destroyed old school records by winning 20 straight matches and 50 straight games over the course of the season before falling apart abruptly against the hated UCLA Bruins in the NCAA Regional Finals.

In her nearly flawless freshman campaign, Joines not only led the Tigers in blocks at 1.60 per game, but also became the first player in Pacific’s storied history to ever hit better than .400 for the season, wrapping it up with a .402 mark.

**Men's Basketball**

Things looked very promising for the men’s b-ballers after tearing apart the pre-season competition, yet the D-II opponents gave way to those of the increasingly tough Big West, and the Tigers would have to settle for a respectable 18-12 mark, but just 8-8 in conference play.

Pacific did cap the season with a great run through the tournament, including a 74-58 thrashing of top-seeded UC Irvine, but fell short of an NCAA bit, losing 38-50 to Utah State in the Big West title game.

Things do look relatively bright however, as next year’s Tigers look to be more seasoned and cohesive, and should beat their end of season RPI rank of 131.

**Women's Tennis**

Not much is more demoralizing than a brutal, nine match losing streak. After suffering such a streak, the Tigers began to right the ship, winning four straight late in the season, but it would be too little, too late.

Pacific ended its season losing a pair of matches, the final of which was a 3-4 heartbreaker to Boise State. Though just 2-3 against Big West teams, the Tigers finished the season with just a 7-16 record.

**Field Hockey**

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Goalie Lisa Beach turns in another super-star performance for the season, yet no matter which new squad of Tigers accompanies her onto the field of battle, none of them give her the support she needs.

Pacific finished just 3-14 (2-3 NorPac), and opened the season 0-5. However, if this cloud had a silver lining, it was the strong, season-ending win over Saint Louis in the NorPac tournament (3-2 on penalty shots).

**Men's Polo**

The men’s water polo team followed suit with many of their Pacific counterparts, getting hot late in the season, but not being able to capitalize.

The Tigers took six of seven at one point late in the season, but could manage a mere eighth place finish at the MPSF tournament, dropping the year’s final contest 12-6 to Long Beach State.

**Tennis**

Big West tennis title, and doing so via sweep.

Pacific finished the season with four solid wins, and taking five of their final six, en route to knocking off Irvine.

The Big West title also comes with an automatic bid to the NCAA tennis championships.

**Women's Polo**

After going 0-19 in conference play since the dawn of the new millennium, the Tigers finally got win number one, a 6-4 victory over UC Irvine on Saturday.

Though this season has hardly been a success, it has shown signs of promise, and with the monkey finally off the Tigers back with the win over Irvine, the future could begin to get very bright for Pacific.

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As with the majority of the collegiate golf teams in the country, this was an up and down year for the Tigers. Their low finish was 12 of 19 teams at the John Burns Intercollegiate in Ohahu, but they did manage a high of fourth (of 14) at the recent Western Intercollegiate in Santa Cruz.

Heading into the NCAAs, the Tigers still have a chance to end their season riding high, and hopefully take some momentum into next year.

Women’s Basketball

Despite playing their most difficult schedule, possibly ever, the Tigers finished with a 17-11 record, and a school-best 10-4 regular season record in Big West play.

As with each of the previous two seasons, coach Murrell has made noticeable improvements and it definitely shows on the court, and in the Tigers’ RPI ranking of 145. Junior Selena Ho also became Pacific’s all-time three point shooter, ending the season with 201, leaving her 32 shy of the Big West record with a season to play.

Soccer

After asserting themselves as one of the Big West’s elite, the Tigers suffered a sharp drop-off this season, mustering just an 8-8-2 record.

More than anything, Pacific was hurt significantly by injuries and inexperience as their very young team experienced some on-field growing pains.

The injury-riddled Tigers limped into the off season, finishing just 1-5-1. Hopefully this season was a fluke, but fall will be here soon enough to show us for sure.

Softball

Apparantly the softball team decided the women’s volleyball and basketball teams were getting too much press, because the Tigers have exploded to have what looks to be their best season in many, many years.

At 45-10 (15-4 Big West), the No. 18 Tigers have been plowing through any and all comers, largely thanks to ace Cindy Ball, a four time BWC Pitcher of the Week this season alone.

Men’s Volleyball

Looking to ride their hot-streak into the postseason, the Tigers, winners of five of their last six, played host to UC Irvine and UCLA, but lost both, thus ending their season, and pretty well summarizing an almost-but-not-quite season.

This season was one in which the Tigers enjoyed increased attendance, but still saw far too few fans, particularly for a pair of home upsets of No. 1 ranked teams.

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Baseball

To date, the Tigers seem to be as they always are, fading after a big preseason into a lackluster Big West campaign. Pacific stands at 20-25, but just 1-10 in the Big West.

Among the individual accolades, junior ace Jason Walker earned Big West Pitcher of the Week honors on March 13, a feat senior D.J. Houlton had accomplished previously on Feb. 27.

Senior infielder Rick Morton also bagged himself a Player of the Week award back on Feb. 20.

Men’s Swimming

This season was one that was largely uneventful for the Tigers, neither bad nor fantastic.

Though they did what they could to finish strong, coming in second at the Big West Conference championships, behind UC Santa Barbara.

Even though they finished second, Pacific recorded an all-time high with 824.0 points.
Sonos Hand Bell Ensemble to give special concert

The Pacifican

UOP’s recent graduate Chavanta McGrew is a member of the Sonos Handbell Ensemble. When Handbell Ensemble Sonos appeared on Prairie Home Companion, 4,000 people jumped to their feet in a rousing ovation at the conclusion. When Sonos announced a concert at UCLA, tickets nearly sold out in the first hour and a second performance had to be scheduled.

Now, the nationally renowned ensemble will perform in a smaller venue when they appear at Central United Methodist Church, 3700 Pacific Ave, across from University of the Pacific, on May 6. The 4:00 p.m. concert will be held in the church’s 550-seat sanctuary.

After touring the country this past winter with concerts in Texas, Louisiana, Michigan, and Ohio, the group has returned to its Bay Area home for several concerts this spring and summer. Sonos is more than a handbell ensemble. With Maestro Michael Morgan and the Oakland East Bay Symphony, Sonos commissioned and performed the first major work for handbells and orchestra. William Ludtke’s “Suite for Handbells and Orchestra” received preconcert publicity and rave reviews by all of the Bay Area’s major news media.

The World Premiere of William Ludtke’s Symphony No. 3 with the Oakland East Bay Symphony received critical acclaim.

In addition to touring nationally, Sonos plays in many of the major venues of the San Francisco Bay Area, including Davies Hall with the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, the San Jose Performing Arts Center with the San Jose Symphony, and the Paramount Theatre with the Oakland East Bay Symphony.

Concert goers will be treated to more than a classical concert, as Sonos repertoire features a wide range of musical favorites. Attendees might be treated to Bach’s “Toccata in D Minor” and Berlin’s “Alexander’s Ragtime Band,” along with audience favorites such as Mozart’s “Rondo alla Turca,” Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus,” and Copland’s “Hoe Dawn.”

Tickets for the Stockton concert may be purchased at the church office, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Friday, or by calling (209) 466-5046. Adult tickets are $10, while children and youth tickets (under 15) are $5. A package price of $25 is also available for families with children under 15.

Sonos has recorded a number of CDs, which are distributed nationally by major retailers, and has an extensive web site at http://www.sonos.org/about/.

Nationally renowned Handbell Ensemble to perform locally at Central United Methodist Church.

Talented movie buff bids farewell to ‘all you film fans’

Mike Delorenzo
Staff Writer

Well at last the time is here and I am saying my goodbyes as I prepare to shake the presidents hand and be hooded on Knowles lawn. I leave this school with a sense of bewilderment and amazement. I immersion myself in all the arenas of cinema the campus had to offer. From ASUOP Films Chair, and President of the Society of University Cinema for Kin-
Many sequels top this summer's blockbusters

[V-WIRE] Is it a big summer? Sure, bigger than most. As many as five movies will be battling for box office supremacy this year. Whereas the summer of 2000 was ostensibly over after "M.I.2" and "Gladiator" bull rushed the box office—leaving period and somber action flicks "The Patriot" and "The Perfect Storm" to meander along somewhat quietly—this summer won't quit in May. That's a good thing because last summer was one of the worst and last year...well, it stunk.

Summer movies are categorized by the big ones, the dramas and the comedies.

**BLOCKBUSTERS**

"The Mummy Returns" (May 4) — This sequel has done well with test audiences and may top the original box return. The plot this time takes tomb raider Brendan Fraser and gal Rachel Weisz 10 years into the future, where there's a battle between the returning Imhotep and a Scorpion King, played by WWFs The Rock. Patricia Velasquez co-stars.

"Pearl Harbor" (May 25) — The summer biggest, though not most expensive, film. Michael Bay, the visually oriented director of "Bad Boys" and "Armageddon," takes his dictatorial style to Dec. 7, 1941, the date of infamous Japanese secret attack. The action sequence represents a 40-minute centerpiece, which has a love triangle of Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett and Kate Beckinsale built around it. Bay's movies look good but contain plot that trucks can drive through.

"Tomb Raider" (June 15) — Angelina Jolie is Lara Croft. The trailer doesn't exactly contain plot that trucks can drive through. That's Ed Norton, for those who've been asleep for four years.

**DRAMA**

"Angel Eyes" (June 18) — A Jennifer Lopez movie opening one week before "Pearl Harbor" could either mean counter programming or an attempt to bury the film because it's bad. Lopez plays a cop whose life is saved by a passing stranger (Jim Caviezel) who may be linked to her past. Lopez's most dramatic and actionless role yet.

"Swordfish" (June 15) — John Travolta's career has been spiraling lately, and this new flick from Dominic Sena (author of the awful "Gone in 60 Seconds") about a hacker with an evil streak seems four years too dated — just the kind of material Travolta would jump at. He's the bad guy, and his bad guys are usually less than good. Hugh Jackman, and Halle Berry co-star.

"Baby Boy" (June 29) — Director John Singleton revisits the world that made him famous 10 years ago with "Boyz N the Hood" in a new film that explores the controversial problems facing black males in the Southern California. Model Tyrese (why Singleton enjoys employing models and singers to act, I don't know) gets the title role of a young man trying to juggle four different problems at once. Ving Rhames plays his soon-to-be-stepfather, and Snoop Dogg is a rival for his girlfriend's affections.

"Rollerball" (July 13) — remake of the Norman Jewison film by action man John McTiernan. Set in the future, it takes a dangerous game, some dangerous characters and uses a gambling backdrop. Chris Klein is the star as well as LL Cool J.

"The Score" (July 13) — Brando, DeNiro, Norton. And a reportedly lousy script about one last heist for the old timers and a breakthrough for the cocky kid. Watch for Norton to overact and affect all sorts of weird things in his performance, while Marlon Brando and Robert DeNiro sit back and marinate. That's Edward Norton, for those who've been asleep for four years.

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"Scary Movie II" (July 4) — One year turnaround for a sequel. Shows it doesn't take much time for the Wayans brothers. Maybe they'll spoof themselves.

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**COMEDIES**

"American Pie II" (Aug. 10) — It doesn't take the Farrelly Brothers long either. It's a kid-die movie with Bill Murray as a man with a war going on inside his body.

"Rush Hour 2" (Aug. 3) — The first one a little overrated, the second Chris Tucker Jackie Chan flick takes them to Hong Kong instead of Los Angeles. I like Chan, and Tucker has his niche, so the sequel should do well in my and box office terms.

"American Pie II" (Aug. 10) — The script has been made secret for the sequel. Uh, why? It is, of course, not in the joke, but how it's executed that counts. All the same players return.

**ACTION**

"Starship Troopers" (August) — It's a rethink of "2001." Could be "Waterworld." "Planet of the Apes" (July 27) — This retelling of the original cult classic has Tim Burton directing in his off-kilter and frenzied way. The visuals ought to be impressive either way. Mark Walberg and Helena Bonham Carter star.

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CD Review:
Janet Jackson's 'All for You' blends hip-hop beats

Multi-talented pop artist Janet Jackson releases new album.

[U-WIRE] Being MTV's first "Icon" is no small feat. Over the years Janet Jackson has certainly given her audience plenty to watch and hear, from her good-girl-next-door image in "Different Strokes" to her hip-hop choreography-worthy songs, to her somewhat kinky ballads. And who can forget those mystery hands, or the guy she so blatantly molested in her "If" video?

Working with long-time partners in thyme, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, Janet's latest opus, "All for You" is no surprise within the Janet Jackson genre of music.

To be honest, I was not thrilled about her first single off the new album "All for You." Nothing impressive, just another bouncy pop song to sing to while you're on a drive.

I'm done with the TRL 12-year-old smiley-face songs. And I wasn't about to stand for a singer and songwriter that I've grown up with to buy into the marketed rubbish that has been playing on the radio for some time.

But it grew on me. Especially because as I really listened to the lyrics I realized it wasn't just a happy-go-lucky song, but a proclamation that "I enjoy being single to the fullest."

Being recently divorced from her nine-year marriage, Janet definitely celebrates and expresses her new found freedom. So I gave the album a chance.

I'm not saying that there are not any of those peppy, radio-play dance songs, even one that reminds me of the '80s (which should have stayed in that decade); "All for You" has a few tracks for the kids.

But I'm not hating. Those songs have always worked for Miss Janet. "Come on get up" and "You ain't right" make good on her past work such as "You want this" and "Go Deep." And I found myself bopping my head quite happily to "Someone to call my lover." You have to expect those powerfully choreographed singles.

In addition, she makes true as a balladeer. In the past, Janet presented her audience with her sexy-friend persona, just another bouncy pop song to sing to while you're on a drive.

Not only is this no exception, but "All for You" exceeds any erotic, carnally-obsessed undertones she let pervade earlier albums "Velvet Rope" and "Janet." With lyrics like, "I just want to / touch you / tease you / lick you / please you / hold you / make love to you," in "Would you mind" (which I doubt very many would), Janet definitely surpasses an "explicit lyrics" warning, topping the song off with a surprising climactic ending.

Following that up with "Love Scene (Ooh Baby)" and "When we Oooo" will definitely sure-fire your night. Listening to Janet, expect the kinky. But enough about the same-old, same-old. There are a couple of pieces that step out of her previously easily-categorized musical cannon which make "All for You" an icon worthy album.

"Trust a Try" begins with an opera-inspired introduction, phasing into a strong lead guitar and a hard rock beat. Opera and rock? Odd thought, but being an rock-lover at heart, I was pleasantly awed at how well Miss Jackson mixes R&B with guitar that, thankfully, sounds nothing like "Black Cat."

Collaborating with another singer-songwriter diva, Carly Simon, Janet produces a poetical "Son of a gun (I betcha this song is about you)." The spoken-word poem, mixed with the sung verses represents minds of me of the coffee house scene in "So I Married An Axe Murderer," but with lyrics slightly more sophisticated than "She stole my heart and my cat." Thus, expect the innovative.

What Janet can do without is her all-too-frequent interludes. It seems to be tradition on her albums to hear her thoughts or silly conversations within the studio over ever since her 1989 release of "Rhythm Nation 1814."

Instead of a normal 12-14 track album, "All for You" is extended to a 20 track album. Her music speaks for itself and doesn't need to be trivialized by the inconsequential dialogue in the process.

This practice seems to be becoming a trend with new artists including Sunshine Anderson, who also includes small interludes between tracks. Please ladies, leave those conversations in the studio.

Bottom line — in "All for You" expect the more experienced Janet Jackson of today with some of the Janet we've known through the years. This album shows us how Janet has grown into herself. Expect an icon.

"All for You" was released on April 24 and is available in stores now.

In addition, every song can be previewed at Janet's official website, www.Janet-Jackson.com.

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Dr. Ray's joke Corner

Airlights
The FAA says airlines are scheduling too many flights. You can understand the airline dilemma. After all, luggage has to be stored somewhere.

Cigs Up
Philip Morris is raising the price of its cigarettes 12 cents per pack. It's expensive when you put it into perspective. That means in a year's time, a smoker will have spent over 600 dollars on just one tumor.

Jackass
Two kids were hurt trying to copy the stunts on MTV's "Jackass". Producers say this is not the message of the show. Rather, that young people should waste their time in a more productive manner.

Stallone Driven
Sylvester Stallone has a new movie coming out called "Driven". In this picture, he tries some of the most daring stunts of his film career. He attempts three lines back to back.

Jackson Five
The Jackson Five will perform a reunion concert in the fall. Since they first recorded as youth, each of them have now had children. At least that's what the grand jury said about Michael.

NASA 7200
NASA is building a plane that goes 7,200 miles per hour. It could change the airline industry dramatically. Flight attendants would have to ignore you a lot quicker.
[U-WIRE] Don’t blame the makers of “Driven” if you have a strange urge to drive too fast after watching this movie and get a speeding ticket.

“Driven,” which is like a mix between “Rocky” and “Days of Thunder,” is set in the high-pressure, fast-paced world of CART (Championship Auto Racing Teams). The movie stars Sylvester Stallone (who also wrote and produced the movie) as Joe Tanto, an aging race car driver who is asked by his former boss Carl Henry (Burt Reynolds) to come back to the races and help out promising young rookie racer Jimmy Blye (Kip Pardue).

Blye started out the season winning several races, but as a result of his new fame, his mental toughness comes into question. He has to confront several sources of stress in his life including his jealous and overprotective manager, Demille (Robert Leonard), who also happens to be his brother, a rival driver named Beau Brandenburg (Til Schweiger) and Brandenburg’s ex-fiancée Sophia (Estella Warren), who Blye falls in love with.

The plot seems complicated, but they seem to take a back seat to the aesthetics of the film. The dialogue is corny at times and the movie moves so fast the audience doesn’t get much of a background about the characters. Reynolds’ character is confined to a wheelchair, yet we never really know how Tanto and his ex-wife have a terrible relationship, but we really don’t know why. Too many things are left vague.

The characters do show a lot of emotion, though, Hate, envy, friendship and competition are what drive this film. The racing world and the lives of the people in it are interesting.

Combined with the great music and visual elements, “Driven” is a fun movie to go see. Although, watch out for speed traps when you leave the theater—“Driven” is guaranteed to get your adrenaline running.

**Crime novel keeps you ‘hanging’ tight**

[U-WIRE] AMES, Iowa - Hangman is a word game played by children. The goal is to solve the puzzle by guessing one letter at a time. Each time a letter is not in the puzzle, the hanging begins.

The game is harmless fun— that is, until a madman starts to play the game using real people. “Hangman” is a chilling tale of revenge and mystery.

In the United States, dealing with a multiple-state killer is hard enough. Once caught, the states fight over who gets to hold the trial. In this case the stakes are raised. The killer is not terrorizing multiple states, but is terrorizing in two countries.

The crime spree begins in Seattle. A victim is found hanged with one leg removed. On the wall is a drawing of the hangman game with a puzzle. A few days later in Vancouver, a second body is found. This victim too was hanged, but had both legs removed. Once again the murderer left the bloody calling card of the hangman game on the wall.

Detective Maddy Thorne has been placed in charge of the manhunt on the American side of the border. Her knowledge of serial killers has propelled her to a high-ranking career.

Detective Zinc Chandler is a member of Special X, a division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A fighter to the end, Chandler will let nothing stop him from catching the killer.

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Top Ten

Top ten things to do after graduation

10. Keep drinking... they’ll never figure out you graduated
9. Use #10 to help avoid those loans that need to be repaid
8. Move back in with the parents, they won’t mind
7. Moon the President
6. Move to a cabin in Montana and... wait, that’s been done
5. Use that UOP degree to propel yourself up to manager at McDonald’s
4. Join a nudist colony in Alaska
3. Do what everyone else is doing... go to summer school to make up for slacking in the Spring
2. Drink on Knoles Lawn... you’re an alumnus now, Alcohol Policy doesn’t apply
1. Go get a degree from another school to see if you learned your lesson the first time

Celebrity Chat

Well with the semester almost over, I have to say that I’ve had a great time sharing the “late-breaking” celebrity news with you. Hopefully, you have enjoyed it as much as I did and maybe somebody will carry on my column next semester. So, let me wrap up our final issue with yet some more intriguing news about our favorite celebrities.

In music news this summer, Destiny’s Child will headline MTV’s first ever TRL Tour, which will also feature Nelly, Dr. Dre, Jessica Simpson, Dream and 3LW.

Next month Sisqo and Carmen Electra will host the 2001 World Music Awards in Monte Carlo. There will be performances by Nelly, Shaggy, Enya, Nelly Fortado, Christina Aguilera, Rod Stewart, Backstreet Boys, and Ricky Martin on May 28th on ABC.

Also keep your eyes wide open for British Cosmopolitan magazine’s annual naked issue. It will feature “Bad Boy” rap star Eminem naked and only covered with some sticks of dynamite! This special June issue will be on newstands on May 17th.

In food news, you can expect the same great taste at Fish-N-Chips.

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staff have turned the program so far around has been one of the great joys of doing my this job.

Of the endless wealth of memories I will take away with me, perhaps none will stand out more than Eden Palacio’s halfcourt buzzer beater of two years ago, seeing Michael Olowokandi have his way with the Big West Conference, or the women’s volleyball team’s thrilling five game victory over Michigan to advance to last season’s Final Four in Hawaii.

Here at Pacific we may not have the most die hard sports fans, but one thing that is never in doubt, is that the athletics and media relations departments are brimming over with wonderful people.

I have been lucky to have spent as many years as I have working with and covering some of sports most genuine and talented people.

I certainly did not revolutionize the medium, nor have I been the most accomplished editor of this decades old newspaper, but I know in my heart that to no one did this job mean more than it has to me.

But you know, after waiting and waiting for my semester in the sun as Sports Editor, I learned this morning that what I do here is meaningless and inconsequential.

I learned this morning that one of my friends and co-workers, Shomari Solomon, is no longer with us.

Shomari was an extraordinary person, a perpetual beacon of happiness and good nature, and one of my few fans.

He was one of the first to tell me when I wrote something really good, and the first to honestly tell me when I wrote something lackluster or sub-par.

He was and will forever be one of our team, and will forever be a Tiger.

I used to dread the end of the semester because it would bring with it the end of my tenure as editor, but Shomaril’s untimely passing has helped me realize what should be obvious, that while jobs are lost everyday, I still have what is most important, and that is my life.

So sure, I will go as berserk as anyone everytime a new conference champions banner is unveiled in the Spanos Center, sports is in my blood and will be until the end of time. But I will also appreciate it a little bit more each morning I can wake up and enjoy another day.

So as not to go out on a sad note, I want to send my thanks to all the athletes, coaches and athletics personnel with whom I have had the pleasure of working over the last six years.

I would also like to express what a true pleasure it has been to cover the women’s basketball and volleyball teams over me tenure with The Pacifican.

John Dunning and Sherri Murrell are two of the most wonderful people I have had the pleasure of working with, and wish both their programs, as well as all of Pacific’s teams, nothing but the best, and long lasting success.

Parting Shots

On my way out, allow me a moment to pass the torch to the next Sports Editor, former Pacifican staff writer Brett Barrie.

I wish Brett nothing but the best, and hope to see the section continue to look better all the time. Who knows, he may even have the good fortune of having the help of more than one writer.

I suppose all that’s left to say is thanks for the wild times, war Tigers, and good night now.
The NBA playoffs heading into the home stretch

JACDIP DHILLON
Staff Writer

The NBA playoffs are in full swing as by the time you read this most of the first round series will be over. Once the average teams are out of the way it will be down to the Elite Eight and that is when the real fun starts. Here is how each conference is looking:

Western Conference: First Round Lakers defeated Trail Blazers 3-0. The defending champions are on fire having won 11 in a row and now wait for their second round opponent. From the looks of things not many people are going to be able to compete with Kobe and Shaq in harmony.

Kings lead Suns 2-1. The Kings might have already won this series by the time you read this. That means they get the Lakers next and a chance to avenge last year's first round loss to the Lakers. That is going to be daunting task since the Lakers beat them 3 out of 4 games this season. If they go down it might be Chris Webber's last games as a King.

Spurs defeated Timberwolves 3-1. The Spurs looked superb against the T'wolves and seem to be the only team that can play with the Lakers. They also have a seemingly easy second round opponent lined up and that is always good.

Jazz lead Mavericks 2-1. The old wily Jazz are still tickin' but if they move on they will take a lickin' from the Spurs. The Jazz are still fun to watch if only for the 80s nostalgia factor and John Stockton's shockingly small shorts.

Second Round Predictions: Lakers over Kings in 5 games.

Tigers suffer another tough weekend on the road

THE PACIFICAN

Pacific dropped a 6-1 decision to UC Santa Barbara on Friday, April 27 in the first of a three-game series at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium. The Tigers fall to 20-24 overall and 1-9 in Big West play, while the Gauchos move to 5-2 in conference play and 31-11 overall.

UC Santa Barbara jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning highlighted by a Jeff Bannon single, which scored Tyler Von Schell and Dave Molidor. The Tigers came back in the top of the third on an RBI single from Jason Walker (Ontario, Calif.) to make the score 3-1.

The Gauchos answered in the bottom of the third when Von Schell hit a solo home run to push the score to 4-1. UC Santa Barbara added two runs in the bottom of the seventh on a Mike Kolbach two-run homer for the final margin.

James Garcia pitched a complete game giving up six hits, one run and striking out 11 to move to 8-1 on the season. For Pacific, D.J. Houlton (Torba Linda, Calif.) pitched his second complete game of the season in a losing effort to drop to 6-5 going eight innings, allowing 10 hits, three earned runs and striking out four batters.

Pacific dropped a 5-2 decision to UC Santa Barbara in the second game of a three-game series on Saturday, April 28 at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium. The Tigers fall to 20-25 overall and 1-10 in Big West play, while the Gauchos improve to 6-2 in conference play and 32-11 overall.

UC Santa Barbara jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a Dave Molidor RBI single. Pacific took the lead in the top of the third on a two-run homer by Joel Summers.

Conference Finals: Lakers over 76ers in 6 games. This should be an interesting contrast as the offense-minded Bucks battle the defensive-minded 76ers. Iverson is too good and the Sixers should take it.

NBA Finals: Lakers over 76ers in 6 games. This should be a very exciting series with three of the league's best players on display. The Lakers repeat because the Sixers will have no answer for Shaq.
Duo leads Tigers to postseason

BRET BARRIE
Guest Writer

People often say that history repeats itself, and it certainly has when it comes to the Pacific softball team.

The last time the team was nationally-ranked, it featured a pitching duo of senior All-American Brandee McArthur and up-and-coming freshman Cindy Ball.

Riding the pitching of McArthur, Ball, and junior Liz Niadna, Pacific went 38-22 overall, climbing to No. 25 by season’s end and earning its second-consecutive NCAA Regional Berth.

Although that was 1999, this year’s Tigers are on the same track, and might be headed for bigger and better things.

Pacific is currently in the same pitching situation, featuring now-junior Ball and freshman Jennifer Dacre. Thus far, the duo has led the Tigers to a 45-10 mark, but more importantly, a No. 18 national ranking.

Ninth-year head coach Brian Kolze hopes his stars in the circle will continue to lead the team into postseason play.

“We have never pitching leading the conference for the second year in a row, Cindy and Jen have had a tremendous impact on the team,” Kolze said.

“What it has created is that our pitching is keeping us in games, especially at times when we might not be scoring runs. But whether Cindy’s throwing or Jen’s throwing, we’re definitely in every game.”

Ball and Dacre have kept opponents’ bats in check this year, leading the conference in combined earned run average (1.34), opposing batting average (.190), innings pitched (336 1/3), wins (45) and hits allowed (247). Also, the two have posted 22 shutouts and have yielded just seven home runs on the year.

Much like McArthur in 1999, Ball is posting All-American statistics this season. Through 55 games, the 6-foot-1 junior has appeared in a conference-leading 42 games for the Tigers, starting 35 contests.

She currently leads the conference in ERA (1.24), wins (29-6), shutouts (15), innings pitched (236 1/3), opposing batting average (.177) and strikeouts (194).

“Cindy’s got an excellent chance at receiving All-American honors this year,” Kolze said. “She could very easily finish in the top three in the country in wins and against some top teams, so she should definitely be there. We’ll just have to wait and see what the selection committee thinks.”

However, Ball is willing to let her personal accomplishments take a back seat for the benefit of the team.

“There are a lot of pitchers doing really well, so I have no clue,” Ball said. “That would be an awesome honor, but I’d be even more special for me to see our team go to the (College World Series) this year.”

Although Ball has received most of the time in the circle this season, Dacre has been a solid No. 2, something the Tigers were missing last year. The sport sciences major is 16-4 with a 1.51 ERA (third lowest in the conference), seven shutouts and 71 strikeouts in 130 innings in the circle.

“It’s been great having her this year,” Ball said. “It’s good to know that we have two pitchers who can both win, and it’s been good for me too because I’ve been able to get some rest.”

Dacre didn’t waste any time getting started for the Tigers this season. In her first collegiate outing, the right-hander hurled a no-hitter in a 1-0 win over Santa Clara on February 3.

“It was a good positive way to start out the season and it gave me confidence going in,” Dacre said. “It was nice, but it was over with the next day. I don’t even think about it anymore.”

Ball has been solid for the Tigers in each of her three seasons wearing the orange and black.

As a freshman, the sport medicine major posted a 9-4 record and a 1.43 earned run average, striking out 56 batters while walking only 29. Along with a .282 batting average, she was selected to the Big West Conference Second Team.

However, she had a breakout year as a sophomore last season, going 21-12 with a 1.29 ERA, garnering Big West First-Team kudos. Her 192 strikeouts ranked second on the Tigers’ single season list. That is, before she broke that record this season.

After wrapping up the regular season with a three-game set at Cal Poly this weekend, the team will find out Sunday, May 13th who its first-round opponent will be when the selections for the NCAA tournament are announced.

With regional play set to begin Thursday, May 17, the Tigers must play the waiting game for now.

“This is by far the best team I’ve ever played on,” Ball added. “This year it seems like everything has worked together and we all get along. We have a good chance if we keep our heart. We might not be as talented as teams like UCLA or Arizona, but if we play with heart and play together that will keep us going.”

Although it appears as if history is repeating itself with the Pacific softball team, the Tigers aren’t looking to repeat history as they head into postseason play.

“We’re looking to make it...
Tigers take two from Long Beach State

Pacific's 18th-ranked softball team shut out Long Beach State 1-0 but could not carry its momentum into the second game and lost 4-0 Saturday at Bill Simoni Field in Stockton.

The Tigers go 44-10 on the season and 13-4 in the Big West. Long Beach State's record moves to 20-27 and 9-8. The loss was Pacific's first conference loss at home this season.

Junior Cindy Ball (Camarillo, Calif.) continued to build on her single-season records in wins and shutouts. Ball now is 28-6 on the season and has thrown 15 shutouts, both school records.

Through seven innings Ball walked three, struck out two, and gave up two hits. Freshman Lindsey Knoff earned the loss for Long Beach State and fell to 9-13.

The 'Tigers scored the game's only run in the bottom half of the second when senior Natalie Farmer (Fresno, Calif.) drove in senior Kelly Lowry (San Jose, Calif.) with a single to right field.

Tigers first-time champs

The Pacific men's tennis team improved to 14-10 on the season with a 4-0 upset over the No. 1 seed UC Irvine in the final round of the Big West Conference Championships on Saturday, April 28. With the win, Pacific earns an automatic berth to the 2001 NCAA Championships.

Pacific started out strong winning two out of three matches to gain the doubles point. Seniors Tobias Abrahamsson (Malmerberget, Sweden) and Alexander Fiedler (Marburg, Germany) defeated Oliver Schweizer and David Matthew 8-5 in the No. 1 position. Freshman Claes Lindholm (Karlskrona, Sweden) and sophomore transfer Maxime Lacroix (Auch, France) battled Greg Biorckman and Kweswi Williams to win 9-7 in the No. 3 doubles spot.

The Tigers swept the singles matches against UC Irvine for the 4-0 victory. Junior Dietrich Haug (Freudenstadt, Germany) defeated Schweizer 6-2, 6-2 at the No. 11 singles, earning him the Conference R. Wash Trophy as the Tournament's Most Valuable Player. Also winning at singles for the Tigers was Lindholm at the No. 2 spot and junior Gernot Kerschbaumer (Klagenfurt, Austria) at No. 6.

Pacific had the best team record going into the championship but were seeded third behind UC Irvine and Boise State. Pacific had lost to UC Irvine twice this season before defeating the Anteaters in the championship match.

Results
Pacific 4, UC Irvine 0

Singles
1. Dietrich Haug (Pacific) def. Oliver Schweizer (UC Irvine) 6-2, 6-2
2. Claes Lindholm (Pacific) def. David Matthew (UC Irvine) 6-2, 6-3
3. Gernot Kerschbaumer (Pacific) def. Renouk Wijemanne (UC Irvine) 7-5, 6-2

Doubles
1. Tobias Abrahamsson / Alexander Fiedler (Pacific) def. Schweizer / Matthew (UC Irvine) 8-5
2. Claes Lindholm / Maxime Lacroix (Pacific) def. Gernot Kerschbaumer / Kweswi Williams (UC Irvine) 9-7

MVP Haug leads Tigers to conference title.