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Modern Dog Design Co.

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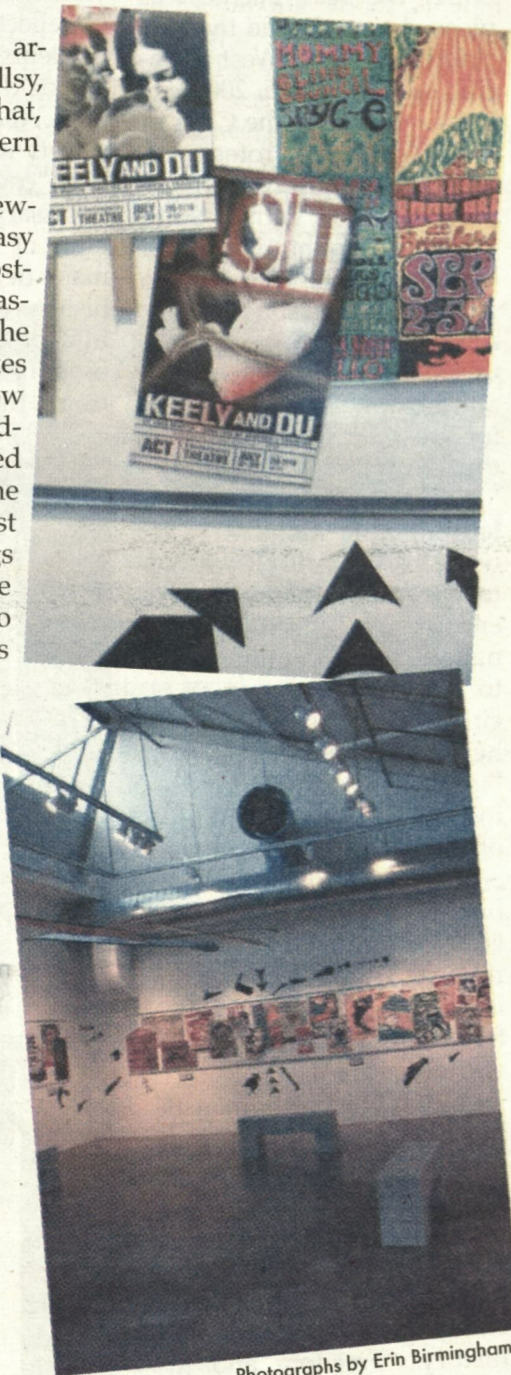
By Erin Birmingham
News Editor

Modern Dog Design is not your everyday design company. Started in 1987 by Robynne Raye and Michael Strassburger, it has made its reputation on creating progressive alternative posters for concerts, art walks and music festivals. They also designed the images on various K2 snowboards. They are an advertising company that thinks outside of the box and executes in their own fashion. Advertisement is a highly under appreciated art form, when in reality it is the most common outlet today's artist can employ to earn a pay check.

The Modern Dog Design Co. exhibit in Pacific's Reynolds Gallery, was bright, creative, attractive and to the point. However, at first glance it could be a tad overwhelming. To give the viewing process some structure, the exhibit's designer painted arrows and dates under each section of posters. A person could choose

to either follow the dates and arrows, or, if they were feeling ballsy, just take it in as they found it. That, would probably be the Modern Dog way of going about things.

The only thing preventing viewers from smudging their greasy little phalanges all over the posters, was a long piece of hard plastic that bisected each wall. In the middle of the floor, glass boxes on top of neon pink and yellow blocks, served as cases for products that Modern Dog designed labels and packaging for. The products were very funny, most likely overpriced, crap. Things like lotions and chap sticks, the kind a person could expect to find in a small gift shop that was grappling to be trendy. Stuff you get as a present and say, 'gee wiz that's neat looking' while thinking, 'thanks buddy, it probably smells like foot and will give me Eczema.' But that is oooooo-kay because it looks damn cool!



Photographs by Erin Birmingham

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Dr. Cornel West: "A Love Supreme"

Suzanne Shenk
Guest Writer

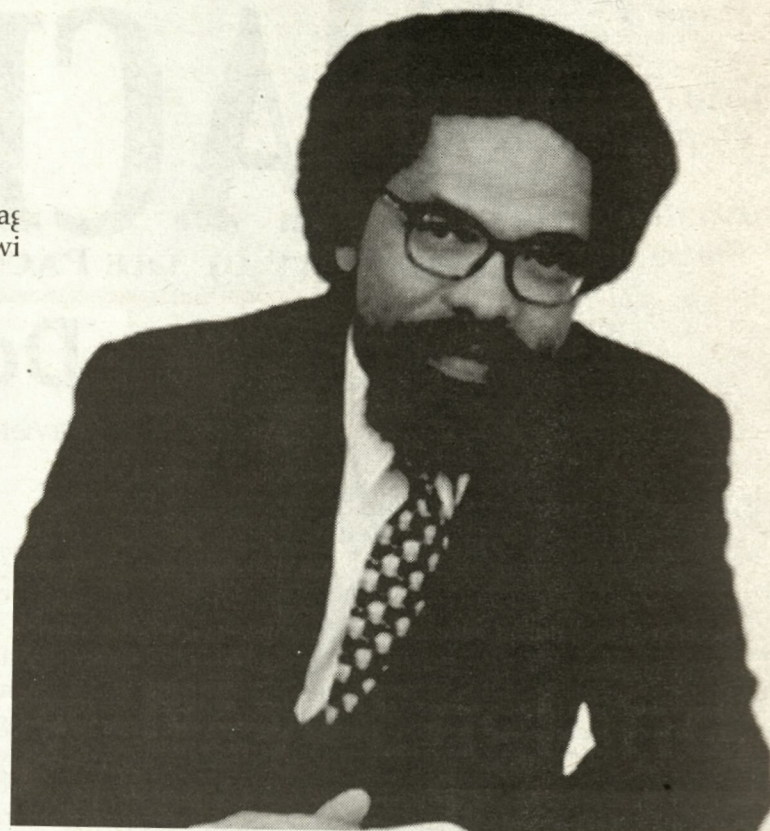
"Black people have made dissonance a way of life," spoken by Jazz legend Duke Ellington. Off, around, and under the beat, Pacific was pleased to welcome the heralded Dr. Cornel West to Pacific on February 5, 2005. Dr. West is currently the Class of 1943 University Professor of Religion at Princeton University. Gifted with a voice that speaks for humanity and democracy, Dr. West is also of *The Matrix* fame: he was a major influence in shaping the storyline for the series, and he appears as "Councilor West" in the second and third installments.

Dr. West opens his talk lauding this month's focus on Black History. "Black history is American history." He encourages "self-determination" as a defining force to fuse an identity as Black citizens, and he laughs as he adds that he hopes to "unsettle" the audience during his address. Sprinklings of philosophical greats like Socrates and Plato pepper his talk; "'The examined life is not worth living,' but the flipside, the examined life is painful." Wisdom comes from tears, and life is nothing without scars.

"What kind of human being do you want to be?" he poses to the diverse, spirited crowd. The motif of "Where there is no death, there is no life," and a struggle for decency and dignity has stretched throughout Black history. "Freedom and justice, anyone who believes and wants these truths knows Black history," Dr. West urges. Understanding the beauty of suffering and despair infuses all humanity with a sense of the ephemeral quality of life and allows for moral maturity and community.

Finally, to students, Dr. West poses the unusual instruction, "You must learn to let your education die. Recognize your world views sits on pudding." In a beautiful phrase, he encourages students to experiment with "intellectual dizziness." Students must let presuppositions die, in order to be reborn. Above all, he hopes that society will learn that justice, not "cowardly revenge" is necessary to achieve any kind of peace, such as the major demonstrators in Black history embodied. He asks, in a poignant close, "Can a Blues nation learn something from a Blues people?" Hope-

fully, Coltrane's tragic "love supreme" will day reign.



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"Faith and Justice" film series

By Erin Birmingham
News Editor

On Monday, February 7, 2005, after an early dinner in the empty dining hall, I walked across the levy to the Newman House (Catholic Newman Center). After taking a quick shot of the house, in front of a purple and blue sunset, I was welcomed inside by Dr. Novak, Director of the Newman House and Catholic Campus Minister. I sat down with him to find out about the "Faith and Justice" movie series, which he, along with the Christian Ministries Collaborative at Pacific, will present on campus during the next few months.

I can immediately sense Dr. Novak's excitement about this new series, and his enthusiasm sparks my interest. He explains to me how the "Faith and Justice" movie series will appeal to the whole Pacific population. When asked how the series would work he explains that, "the movies are going to be preceded by an introduction

of the socio-historical and value background of the films and are going to be followed by a guided discussion." Discussions will be led by Rev. Joy Preisser, Erin Murray, and Dr. Novak himself, depending on the film.

The first film showing at the Summit through the series is Cry, The Beloved Country, on Saturday, February 12th at 8PM. The series also includes Gandhi, Romero, and Hero. All of these films circulate around the basic themes of faith, justice, values, morals and ethics in relation to international, social justice issues and history. As Dr. Novak said, in regards to the cinematic focus, "movies possess the power of image. The power to penetrate

your mind and heart, and leave a lasting impression."

Previously a professor at both Boston College and Pepperdine, Dr. Novak got this idea from similar programs that both campuses provided. Students and faculty both work together in organizing the series and in selecting the movies. They choose films that all students, regardless of religious affiliation, will enjoy. Dr. Novak's final message is that the series "is about life lessons in the real world, and everyone is welcome."



Photograph by Erin Birmingham

NEWMAN HOUSE: a spiritual place full of love

Rent a Lacrosse Player

By Erin Birmingham
News Editor

Come-n-get em' girls! Next Friday, February 18th is the first Men's Rent a Lacrosse Player. This is your chance to rent a lacrosse player for a day. Come and watch the boys strut their stuff to raise money for their team. The event will take place at 8:00pm in the large room adjacent to the dining

hall. There is a \$5 dollar door charge. The event will feature a live band and Pacific's men's lacrosse players putting on a show. In the online invitation for the event, coach Steve Cabral says, "It will be a dry event. But I am only talking about alcohol. The rest of the night will be soaking wet. And, after the show we will open it up to a dance party!!!" (Everyone likes a dance party!)

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LIFESTYLES

Boogeyman review

By Mikey Vu
Lifestyles Editor

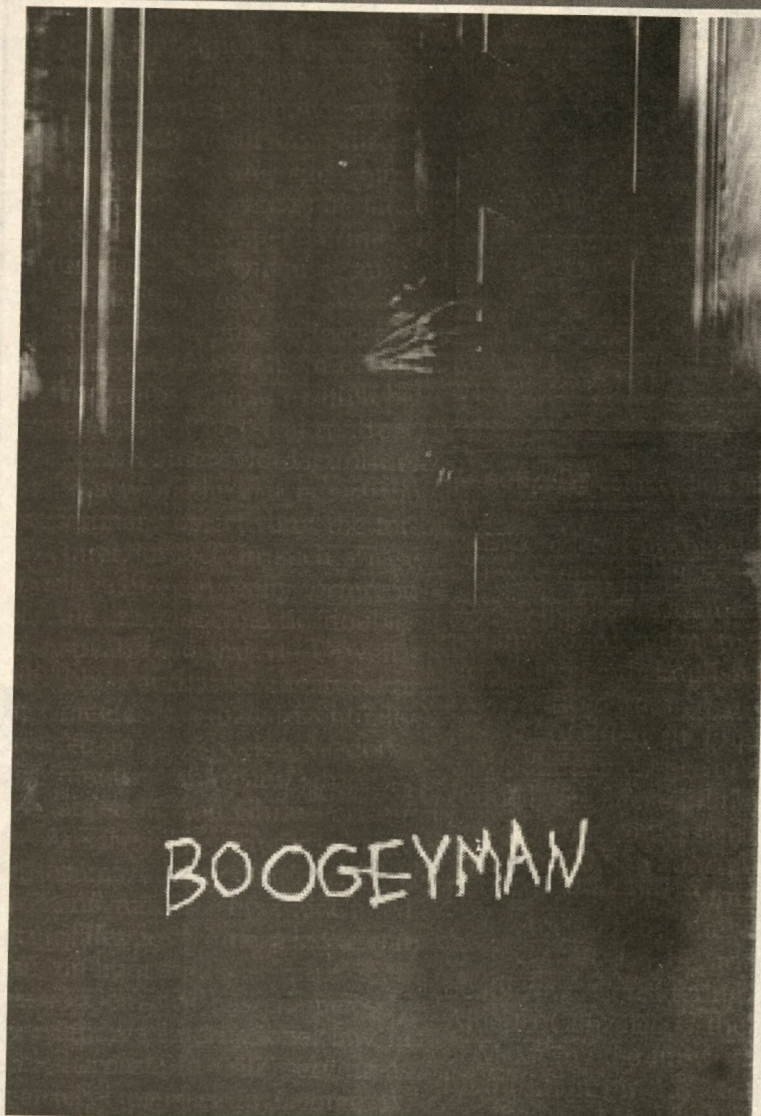
As we say goodbye to 2004, we leave behind films with fantastic cinematography like *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, films like *Garden State* the indie hipster take on character development chick flicks, and overrated biopics like *The Aviator*. As we move into 2005 however, we are greeted with an overabundance of craptacular excuses for horror films like *White Noise* and the ridiculously cookie cutter *Hide and Seek* (the creepy little kid + famous actor is almost as bad a horror cliché as drugs + premarital sex = death formula.) The cream of the crap however comes nicely bundled to us in the form of the ever so creatively named *Boogeyman*.

The film starts out harmlessly enough with a scene in which Tim (Barry Watson of *Seventh Heaven...fame*) is cowering in his bed because of the scary shadows and foreboding music playing in the background. His father comes in to reassure him that everything is ok and that there are no monsters, and to everyone's dismay, he promptly gets eaten by the closet. Fast forward fifteen years (complete with *Scooby Doo* fade in and everything), Tim is haunted by the visions of the evil closet that devoured his poor hapless dad. Sure the psychologists tell him that his father walked out on them, but Tim knows better. He knows the truth about the murderous closet and the boogeyman that inhabits it. When a death in his family brings Tim back home however, he comes to the brilliant conclusion that the only way to get over his fear and forget his nightmares is to spend one night alone in

his old house.

What follows this fool-proof plan is a myriad of creaking doors, a lot of darkness, and for the first time in cinema history a stare off competition between a human and an inanimate object. The amount of time that this man stares at the closet will boggle even the greatest of minds. *Boogeyman* is just not a good movie. It's not even good enough to be a straight to video release alongside the Van Damme films in the back aisle of Blockbuster. First off, it's poorly directed with long tedious shots that create no tension whatsoever, mainly due to the acting chops of Barry Watson and the special effects that looked like they were done in Microsoft Paint. The PG-13 rating may seem to have hindered the film a little bit, but both of the most successful Japanese remakes (*The Ring*, *The Grudge*) were at least a little bit creepy whereas *Boogeyman* is too convoluted, nonsensical, and disappointingly takes itself too seriously to be funny.

I feel that to truly convey how I feel about this movie you must experience it yourself, and just because I love you, I will show you how to simulate what a viewing of *Boogeyman* would be like without even leaving your residence hall. First, turn off all of the lights in your room for maximum spooky potential. Second, tell your roommate to scream a random loud noise in fifteen minute intervals, the more random the better. Next, stare at your door and walk back and forth towards it to simulate the long drawn out zooms that director Stephen Kay spent very hard learning in film school. This next step is very crucial and you will not get the full experience of watching *Boogeyman* un-



BOOGEYMAN: What is lurking in your closet?

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ART: Inner most scares



CONCEPT: Various interpretations



SCARY MOVIE: yet another repetitive horror film churned out by Hollywood

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less executed properly. Have your roommate punch you in the face when you're not looking, take your wallet, and leave you sitting on the ground wondering where your \$8.50 went. To cut to the chase, *Boogeyman* is

the *Goosebumps* of horror cinema. So remember, unless you would subject your eyes to a book series with titles like "*Night of the Living Dummy*", "*Welcome to Camp Nightmare*", or "*Tick Tock, You're Dead!*" save

your precious \$8.50 and spend your significant other for Valentines Day. Go ahead, buy them something nice.

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Pacific comedy showcase

By Allison March
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, three hilarious comedians came to Pacific's campus. From eight o'clock to ten o'clock the Faye Spanos Concert Hall was spilling over with laughter as the comedians picked apart Stockton and our school.

'A Night of Comedy' was put on by Pacific's Circle K International club. Circle K puts on projects such as this one throughout the year to support many other causes.

This event was put together to benefit Pediatric Trauma Prevention. President of Circle K Angy Vu, who has been president for the past two terms (two years), said "this was the second annual 'Night of comedy.'" This was also the second year the program raised money for the Pediatric Trauma Prevention.

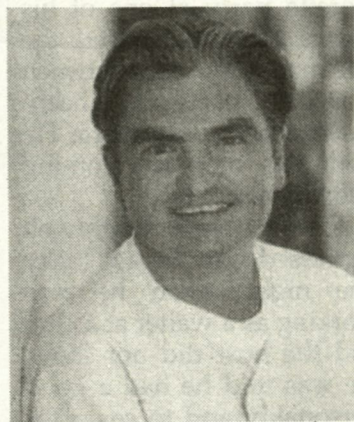
All the comedians individually have all worked with high up organization such as Improv, Punch Line, The comics on Duty, and Comedy Central.

Roger Smith was the first comedian on stage. Out of the three he was the newest edition to the comedy business.

He got the crowd rolling when he commented on girls recent appealing fashions; "It only works when you can pull it off...what are these girls vampires and they can't see their reflection?"

He got a little on the crude side with his descriptive tales; "girls who look like they gave birth that day." The funny thing is that we can all visualize this picture from the last time we went to the mall.

The next comedian on stage was Bob Perkell. He started his career in Newport Beach, California. He continued in the area having shows five nights a week. Perkell has also done an array of



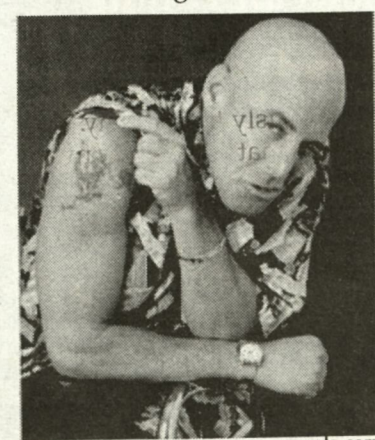
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BOB PERKELL

traveling in his career. He has done tours in the states and even taken his act overseas for the troops in various countries.

One of Perkell's main points was that he is no longer an addict. Being crude along with Smith was one of Perkell's talent. He hit on some of the girls towards the front of the stage making some of the adults as he called it "hiss" at him.

Perkell did not stop there however, he went on talking about his relationship status and how his girlfriend cheat-



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GARY BRIGHTWELL

ed on him and not only that it was with his best friend. He said he sure was angry about that, "when I saw that guy I took him by the neck and said bad dog."

Ouch, hate to be in relationship with this guy and see it go bad.

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Horoscopes

Aquarius
1/19- 2/18

What you think you want, may not be what you need. Rid your life of excess baggage.

Pisces
2/19- 3/20

Suddenly everyone is at your beck and call. Enjoy the royal treatment.

Aries
3/21- 4/19

How, precisely, did you plan this task before jumping into it head first.

Taurus
4/20- 5/20

You could walk into a room of all strangers and charm all of them. Go on-try it.

Gemini
5/21- 6/21

Nothing today is going to be expected. But hey, at least it won't be boring, right?

Cancer
6/22- 7/22

The help you need is on the way. All you have to do is ask.

Leo
7/23- 8/22

Chalk it up as a loss. Sometimes people are just not worth your heartache.

Virgo
8/23- 9/22

Eliminate excess chatter. Say what you mean and only say it once.

Libra
9/23- 10/22

You can't afford to eat out everyday. Make your own lunch today. Every bit helps.

Scorpio
10/23- 11/21

Don't be fooled by illusion of perfection. The grass isn't as green as it seems.

Sagittarius
11/22- 12/21

You have recently lost a friend; one too many lies this time may have been the end.

Capricorn
12/22- 1/19

The lights are helpful at a distance. Up close the glare is blinding.

COMEDY from page 5

Last but far from the least was Gary Brightwell. He is originally from southern California where he grew up and went to school for Engineering. Before his comedy career started Brightwell received two degrees in aerospace engineering.

Brightwell had a great supporting job in engineering and a full time comedy job. In the end he thought it best to further his comedy career.

Brightwell has been on numerous television shows and has opened for many well known comedians such as Jay Leno and Jeff Foxworthy. He now tours and just last week got back from visiting nine country's.

Having lived in 'SoCal'

all of his life Brightwell was a little disturbed with how cold it was. He said "down there it hits 60 degrees and people are like the Earth is off its axes."

One night he had a bachelorette party at one of his shows and he realized the one main difference between a bachelor party and a bachelorette party, a camera. He said, "its nice but nothing good comes of it."

After the show, Brightwell expressed how he got lucky one night when he was working as a waiter at a club and the host did not show. He was told he had a good personality and to cover for him and ever since he has been a comedian.

The show was full of great laughs and hopefully it will come around again.

Here is a joke to tell a friend: A guy walks into a drug store one night and sees there are different numbers of condoms in the boxes, one with six, one with nine and one with twelve. From there he precede to ask the clerk, "who buys which box?"

The clerk told him, "well the Latinos buy the six condom box for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and then church on Sunday. The nine condom box are for the blacks Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Saturday night and Sunday. The twelve are for the married white people, January, February....."

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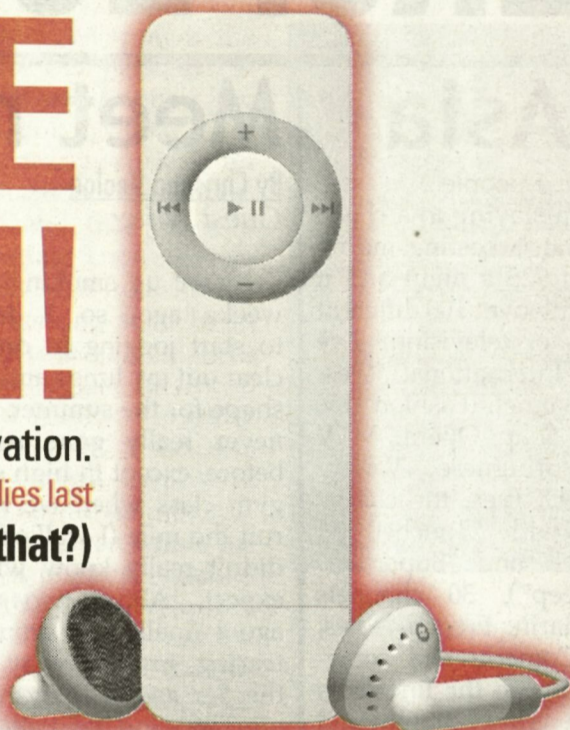
856 Calendar of Events...

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MARTINI MOOD Monday-Friday 4-7 p.m. <i>featuring Domaine Chandon & Macchia during December</i>			1 Western Wednesdays <i>Movies at 2</i>	2 856 Anniversary Party! <i>Big Valley Steak Specials</i>	3 Cuervo Holiday 10 p.m. <i>Andre's Birthday</i>	4 Chateau Briand for
5 Family Style Dinner Specials <i>Sunday Night Football</i>	6 Monday Night Football Specials & Prizes	7 Senior Specials <i>Psychic Readings - 6</i>	8 Western Wednesdays <i>Movies at 2</i>	9 Ladies Night 5-7 p.m. <i>Big Valley Steak Specials</i>	10 Limousine Service <i>Symphony Pre & Post Specials</i>	11 Chateau Briand for 2
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PERSPECTIVES

Travels in Asia

By Jeff Swartz
Foreign Correspondent

Hong Kong is the most expensive city in Asia, I don't care what they say about Tokyo. The place wore me out and I started getting dizzy living on the 24th floor of a 56-story building, so I left and took a high speed catamaran from Hong Kong to Macau. Now let me tell you a little about Macau. It was once owned by the Portuguese, so everything here is in either Cantonese or Portuguese. No English, no Mandarin. So I'm walking down the street and I haven't a clue what people are saying or what the signs mean. I'm a little confused. Macau is filled with casinos full of Cantonese people who love the joy of pushing and shoving and smoking cigarettes till the sun comes up.

On a side note, it seems that there are a bit too many Russian women loitering around for it to be a Russian tourist destination. A little fishy, but they seem to be loitering for (ahem) some money if you catch my drift. Now, I'm not the "gamble, throw away your money, hire a lady"-type of guy, but I will say that Macau is pretty rad. It looks like Spain was taken over by China and they got rid of all the Spaniards. I don't know why they keep up with the Portuguese, because I haven't seen any

Portuguese people.

So I'm staying in a cheap motel that is costing me no less than \$25 a night and it comes with over 100 different channels of television. I've got the International Wrestling Channel, Fashion TV, Russian Soap Opera, MTV Asia, Portuguese Variety Hour, PAX (yes, the cheesy channel with "Touched by an Angel" and "Supermarket Sweep"), 30 channels of Mandarin, French News, Indian Comedy and something between the lines of a Japanese crime drama and "Melrose Place." The place is surrounded by the beach and there's a lot of Thai food-but no Thai people.

I don't know how long I will stay, but after this I plan on taking the boat to Guangzhou and making a big circle through China, from Harbin and Changchun in the north all the way to the Laotian border in Yunnan in the south. I found a cheap ticket to Singapore, but if I ever did go to Singapore I have the impression that I would want to have a lot of money to spend and a nice hotel to come home to. So it's not going to happen this year. Oh, and the world forgot to tell Macau about the invention of the touch-pad telephone, because they are still getting up close and personal with their rotary phones.



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CULTURE SHOCK doesn't faze our foreign correspondent in Macau.

Meet me on the levee

By Christina Nealon
Guest Writer

I gave up smoking a few weeks ago, so I decided to start jogging in order to clear out my lungs and get in shape for the summer. I had never really gone running before, except in high school gym class when we had to run the mile (I walked), so I didn't really know what to expect. About two weeks ago I finally got around to tearing myself away from the *Sex and the City* re-runs on TBS, and actually went out and hit the pavement in earnest. I decided to go running outside, instead of at our awesome fitness center (where I do yoga), simply because I thought it would be more interesting to have some changing scenery to distract me. I figured it would beat zoning out at the TV in the fitness center, and it would give me some fresh air—which I guessed would be good idea since I did want to clear out my lungs and everything.

There was a small issue, though—I didn't really relish the idea of lots of people watching me when I was running. Self-conscious, I

know, but it was enough to convince me to go out after dark when there would be less people around. Now, I had heard all the usual horror stories about "Stockton after dark," so I figured staying on and close to campus would be the safest bet. I didn't want to end up getting eaten by all of those scary monsters out there. A couple of Mondays ago, I finally laced up my sneakers and waited for Burns Tower ("Big Burns," as I call it) to chime the eight o'clock bell. I pulled on a sweatshirt and stepped outside.

I walked up to the river levee on the Pershing Avenue side of campus. Taking a deep breath, I took off like a rocket down the levee. Just like that, without any kind of warm-up, I started running like a linebacker (Go Patriots!) in a dead sprint. Sprinting like a maniac on my first day of running was not a good way to start my program. I barely made it to the opposite end of campus before being completely and utterly winded. Still, I pressed on (a bit slower now) and made a complete circle of campus. I was proud of myself, and I slept really

well that night from the extra exercise.

Then the next morning came the agony as I awoke with my legs knotted with killer muscle cramps that took a half-hour to massage out. It taught me a lesson—stretch properly or suffer the consequences. Despite my stiff and sore legs, I did notice how well-rested I felt. I normally have to deal with a certain level of insomnia, but that night I dropped off to sleep like a baby. So running became part of my regular routine, and after a few nights of it I started to notice that I felt really good physically after running. I don't know if this is the fabled "runner's rush," but I do know that it feels great. No wonder they say endorphins are addictive.

I have kept running regularly for two weeks now, and I think I'll stick with it. I've taken a liking to it, and it makes me feel alive to be out there pounding the pavement after sunset. Speaking of which, I do believe I hear Big Burns chiming the late hours of the evening, so I'll have to end this little ditty and go put on my running shoes. See you on the levee.



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New AG is no improvement over Ashcroft

By Shane Cipris
Perspectives Editor

the protections of the Geneva Convention.

No matter what your opinion may be regarding the current military engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan, this set a dangerous precedent. As noted in a June 2004 article in Slate magazine (slate.msn.com/id/2102416), "The U.S. State Department has periodically expressed concerns about violations of this treaty by state police because it wants foreign governments to honor the treaty when they arrest Americans. Similarly, the United States is a signatory to international treaties barring torture, not only because it is deemed inconsistent with our traditions, but to prevent the torture of Americans arrested abroad." Thus, justified concern for the safety of U.S. soldiers in captivity is the reason for the ratification of such treaties and conventions.

However, Gonzales evidently doesn't find torture to be inconsistent with American traditions. In March of 2003, a report co-authored by Gonzales justified what is somewhat euphemistically called extreme interrogation methods on enemy combatants. The leaked report, which was not meant to be declassified for ten years, is an exercise in tenuous legal justification (both the memo and the report can be found in scanned Adobe format at msnbc.msn.com/id/5167080/site/newsweek/). One of the conclusions of the report was that certain sections of the United States Code were irrelevant in overseas military bases. The report states that the "Torture

Statute does not apply to the conduct of U.S. personnel at GTMO [Guantanamo Bay Naval Station in Cuba]."

In a nearly surreal bit of justification, the report further states that "even if the defendant knows severe pain will result from his actions, if causing such harm is not his objective, he lacks the requisite specific intent. Instead, a defendant is guilty of torture only if he acts with the express purpose of inflicting severe pain or suffering on a person within his custody or physical control." So in other words, torture is acceptable if it is not the primary objective of the torturer; in fact, in such a case it's not even really torture at all. This is semantic 'double-speak' worthy of Orwell's 1984, and it is the type of mentality that eventually led to the shockingly documented rampant prisoner abuse in Abu Ghraib prison, a scandal which irreparably damaged any claim of virtuous motives by the United States government in the war on Iraq.

Gonzales has shamelessly ignored international law in the past. In 1997, serving as legal counsel to George W. Bush (governor of Texas at the time), Gonzales argued to the State Department that a Vienna Convention clause pertaining to the arrest and conviction of foreign nationals was not valid in Texas. The Vienna Convention was ratified by the U.S. Senate in 1969, but according to Alberto Gonzales, it simply did not apply to Texas. The legal case in question was the arrest of a Mexican citizen named Irineo Montoya who



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AL GONZALES authored an infamous leaked government memo.

was convicted of murdering a Texas man in 1985. Montoya, who always maintained his innocence, did not speak or understand English but was induced to sign a confession (written in English) without the presence of legal council. He later said that he believed the confession was an immigration document. Despite all of this, Montoya was executed by the State of Texas after a decade on death row. Considering that Alberto Gonzales is the son of Mexican migrant workers, his position on this case—regardless of Montoya's guilt or innocence—seems particularly callous.

Under Gonzales' leadership, the Justice Department will prosecute Enron Corporation executives who willfully defrauded their investors and mislead investigators in one of the biggest corporate scandals in history. Given the fact that Enron was a major contributor to Gonzales in his former position as an elected judge in the

Texas Supreme Court, does this not constitute a clear conflict of interest? According to a Feb. 2002 article in the *NY Daily News*, the Enron Corporation gave Gonzales over 35,000 dollars in the year 2000; the article further states that "Gonzales was author of a state Supreme Court opinion that handed the energy industry one of its biggest Texas legal victories in recent history."

This is what we can expect with Alberto Gonzales as the new Attorney General: by ignoring international law and condoning the heinous practice of torture, his policies will further the spread of anti-U.S. sentiment in the global community. Domestically, corporate favoritism will be high on the agenda, as will the further encroachment of the civil rights of U.S. citizens. Needless to say, I genuinely hope that I will be proven wrong on these predictions.

Letter to the Editor:

Hello:

I just wanted to say that I was very impressed by a recent article titled "A physical and emotional success story" written by Deborah Graham. It must

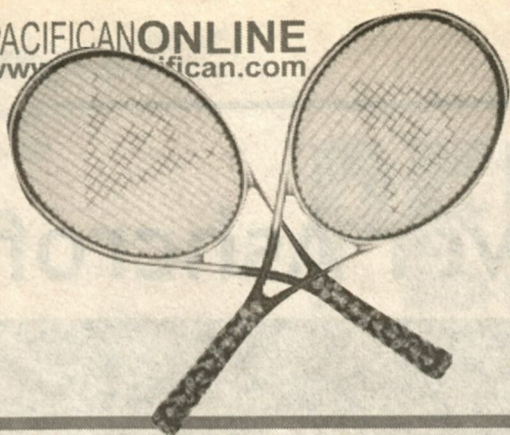
not be the easiest thing in the world to open oneself up like that and share one's deeply personal experiences, but I am glad she did, as I found the article to be inspiring and courageous especially in light of her former domestic

situation (relationship with her mom, etc) which she describes graphically. Not only was it honest to the point of being almost painful, it was also written with great descriptive detail that helped me empathize with the

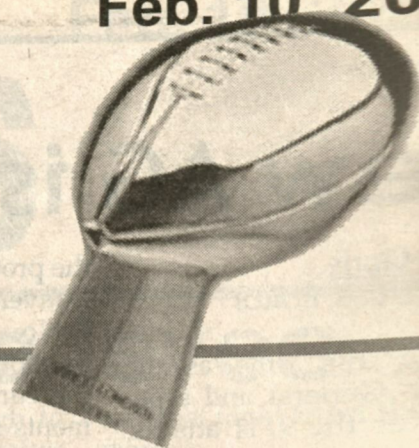
author. I almost felt short of breath myself when I read the account of a physically strenuous field trip to the Yosemite Valley. Without knocking the rest of the issue, I thought it was the best article in the entire issue and

it seems to me that this is exactly the type of article and level of writing that the Pacifican needs more of, at least in the opinions page.

Sincerely,
David Blair



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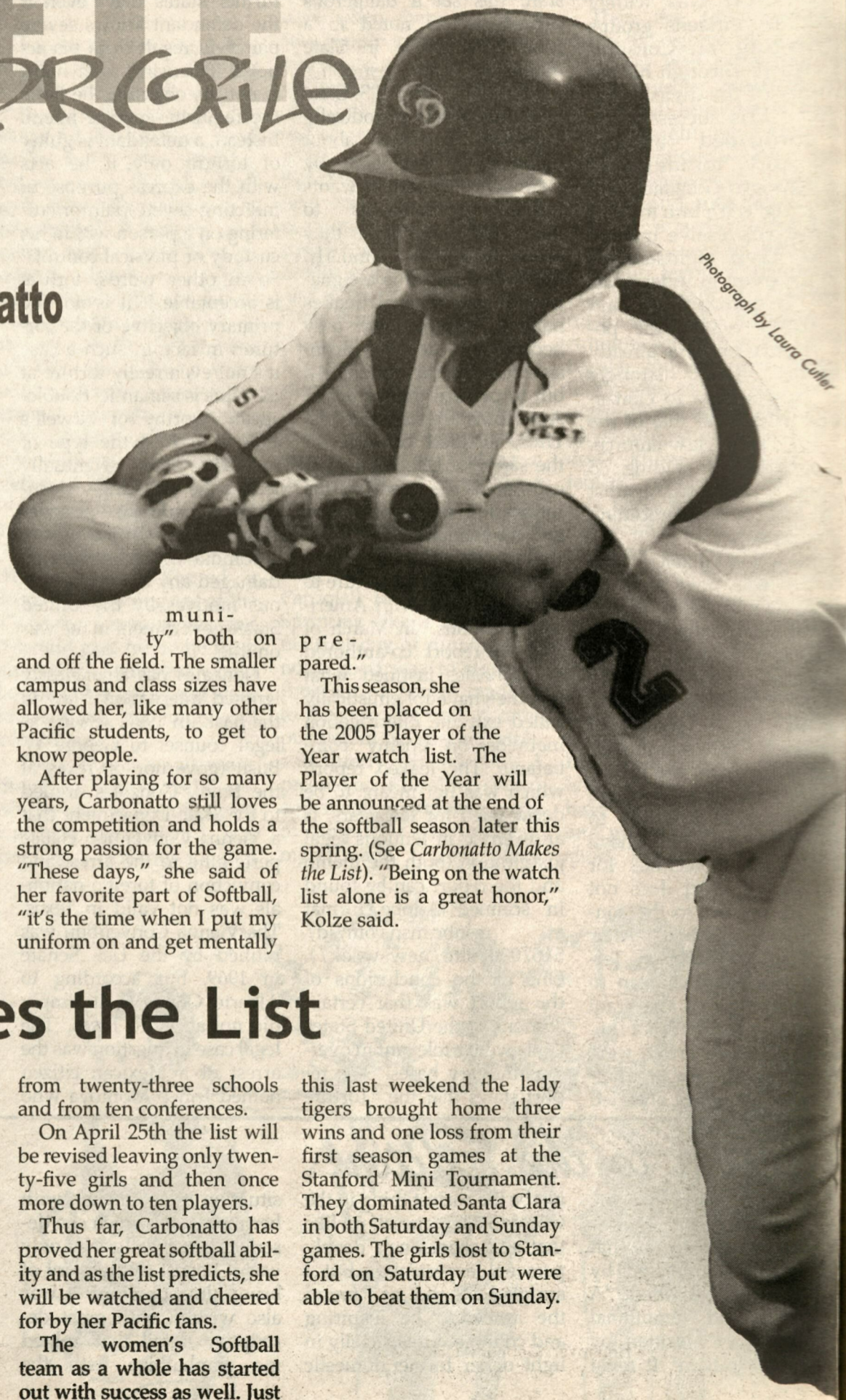


ATHLETE PROFILE



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Gina Carbonatto
Softball
Sophomore



Photograph by Laura Cutler

Jennifer Hite-Smith
Sports Editor

Sophomore Gina Carbonatto entered this season with a strong first year of collegiate ball play under her belt. Carbonatto is starting in centerfield and batting lead-off for Pacific. Years of experience and practice have brought Carbonatto to where she is today; she has been playing softball since the third grade and even before

that she was a T-ball player. Last year, Carbonatto was awarded All-American honors for athletics. She had a strong season but was unable to play in the last dozen games after an injury to her ACL in her knee. Head Softball coach, Brian Kolze, is very pleased with Carbonatto's performance last season and already this season again. Carbonatto is "a leader on the field," he said. Carbonatto enjoys being part of the "tight nit com-

muni-ty" both on and off the field. The smaller campus and class sizes have allowed her, like many other Pacific students, to get to know people. After playing for so many years, Carbonatto still loves the competition and holds a strong passion for the game. "These days," she said of her favorite part of Softball, "it's the time when I put my uniform on and get mentally

pre-
pared."
This season, she has been placed on the 2005 Player of the Year watch list. The Player of the Year will be announced at the end of the softball season later this spring. (See *Carbonatto Makes the List*). "Being on the watch list alone is a great honor," Kolze said.

Carbonatto Makes the List

By Allison March
Staff writer

The Amateur Softball Association recently released their top-forty list of the softball players to watch for during the 2005 season. Gracing the list this year is our own Gina Carbonatto (see Athlete Profile). This will be Carbonatto's second year with Pacific as the team's Center fielder.

During the 2004 season, Carbonatto had a .449 batting average and had a record 71 base-hits. Overall, Carbonatto had a very impressive freshman year. Carbonatto was the very first freshman at Pacific to get NFCA All-American First Team Member, a very prestigious award. Carbonatto and the other thirty-nine softball players on the "to watch list" are

from twenty-three schools and from ten conferences. On April 25th the list will be revised leaving only twenty-five girls and then once more down to ten players. Thus far, Carbonatto has proved her great softball ability and as the list predicts, she will be watched and cheered for by her Pacific fans. The women's Softball team as a whole has started out with success as well. Just

this last weekend the lady tigers brought home three wins and one loss from their first season games at the Stanford Mini Tournament. They dominated Santa Clara in both Saturday and Sunday games. The girls lost to Stanford on Saturday but were able to beat them on Sunday.

Men's Tennis Brings it Home

By Allison March
Staff writer

As the nine courts at Pacific's Hal Nelson's Tennis Courts heated up, so did the men's tennis team. On Friday, February 4th the men's tennis team hosted and conquered Cal Poly.

The match started off with doubles, which were each scored with pro set to eight. Arnar Sigurdsson and Vladimir Zdravkovic won their opponents 8-2. The most challenged team was Niclas Otte and Jorgen Vestli with a win of 8-4.

Then there were sophomores Alan Kelly and Robert Price also winning with a score of 8-3. In there match Price gave it all as he strived to save some of the crucial points. Kelly also played a great game killing Cal Poly with an untouchable volley.

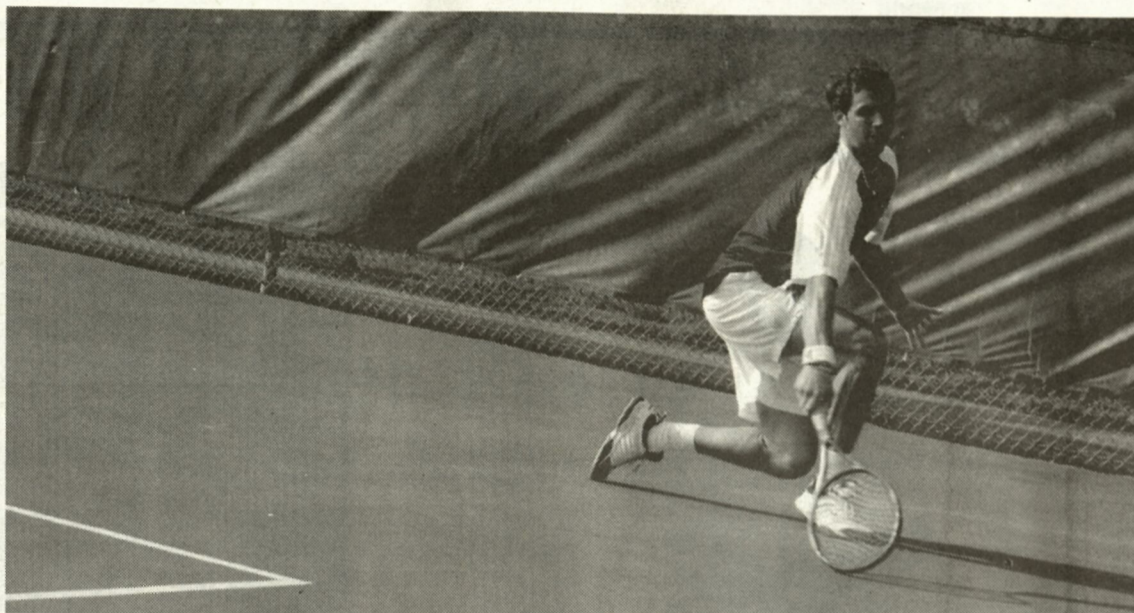
Kelley and Price have been tennis partners since this last fall. These two are not only compatibly on court, but they are also friends off the court. This was one of the reasons

their coach, Guido Baumann, thought they would be a good match.

Kelley and Price had smooth, consistent passes throughout the game and agreed that, "winning those services games was key to the match" and that they were "getting better as the season goes on."

Just as in doubles Pacific dominated the courts for singles. Sigurdsson had a quick aggressive match winning the first two out of three sets 6-2, 6-1. Baca made it hard for his opponent, but in the end lost 4-6, 3-6, 6-3. The rest of the team competed as follows: Vestli won 7-6(3), 6-1; Otte won 6-2, 6-3; Kelly lost 3-6, 3-6 and Authin Kakar won 1-6, 7-6(5), 1-0(10-7).

This win against Cal Poly brought Pacific's record up to 1-1 and a 1-0 record in the conference. They will be traveling to San Diego State this Sunday. Go Tigers!



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BACKHAND: Junior Niclas Otte stops the ball before it gets out of bounds during last Friday's Match against Cal Poly.

New England Dynasty

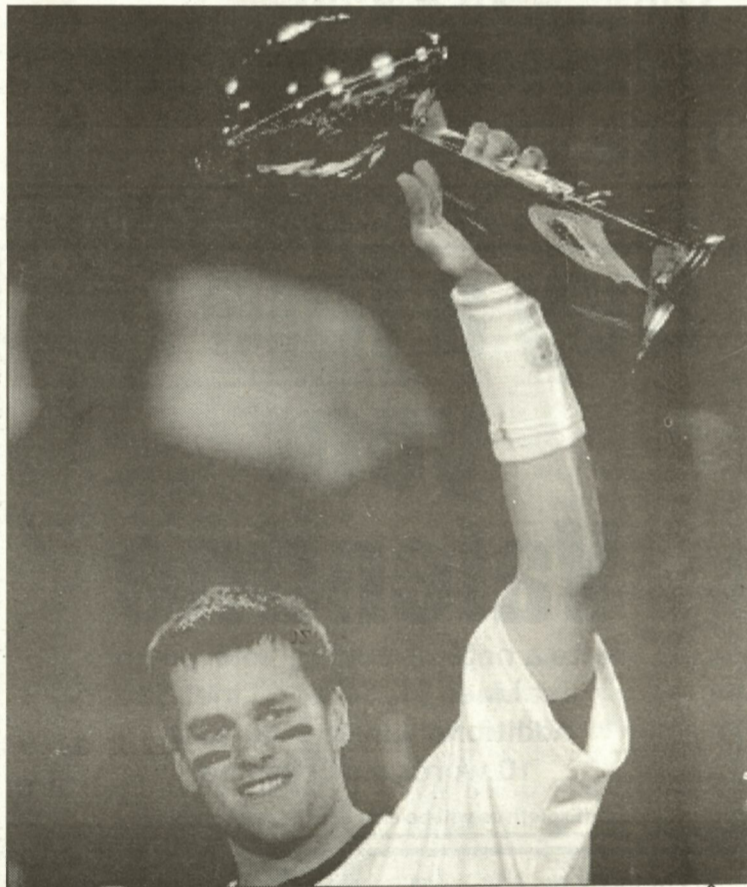
By Laura Cutler
Photographer

It's a great time to be a sports fan in New England right now. The New England Patriots have won the Super Bowl for the second year in a row. They have sandwiched the first Red Sox World Series Championship in 86 years and created a dynasty. The New England Patriots are World Champions.

The Patriots are the most dominant team of the twenty-first century, if not one of the most dominant ever. Despite some of the sloppiness and a number of penalties in the game- the Patriots have proved themselves to be something that is unlike any other team. Fans from New England couldn't be prouder.

The ninth consecutive post-season victory for the Patriots was a defensive struggle for most of the first half. Last year's Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady struggled to get into his usual groove in the first quarter. Credit goes to the Eagles defense which made it quite difficult for the Patriots to gain many yards. In fact, they didn't complete one first down the entire first quarter.

The first points of the game were scored by the Eagles on an 81 yard drive led by quarterback Donovan



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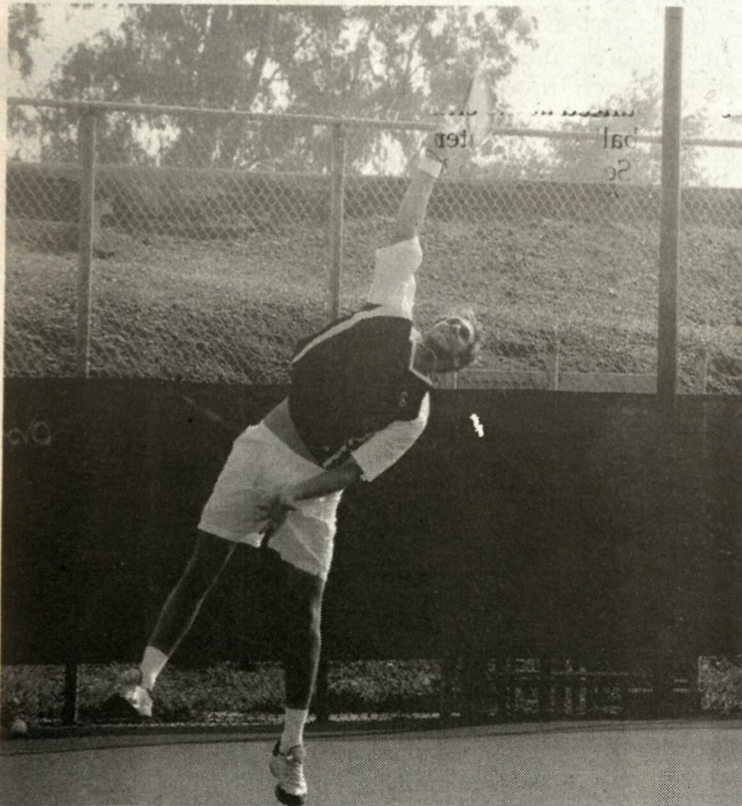
DYANASTY: Tom Brady proudly shows New Englad fans the victory trophy from Superbowl XXXIX.

McNabb. The touchdown was made on a six-yard pass from McNabb to L.J. Smith with 9:55 remaining in the first half. The Patriots quickly answered and in seven plays Brady threw a four yard pass to David Givens to tie the game with 1:10 remaining. The score stayed tied to end the half.

At the beginning of the second half the Patriots re-

ceived the football first and immediately took advantage. On their first drive Brady hit tight-end Mike Vrabel for a two- yard touchdown pass. However, at the end of the third quarter, the Eagles tied the game once again with a beautiful ten yard pass from McNabb to Brian Westbrook. They ended the third quarter once again in a tie.

See DYNASTY page 12



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STRETCH: All the way from Hannover, Germany Junior Niclas Otte fights for the win during the Men's Tennis match last weekend.

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The first quarter began with a 66-yard run that ended up in a touchdown reception by Corey Dillon with 13:44 left in the game. The Eagles were not able to do anything with their next possession and the Patriots quickly took advantage and scored their final points of the game with a 22-yard kick by Adam Vinatieri.

When it started to look like the Patriots defense was going to be able to hold the

Eagles, a 30-yard pass from McNabb fell into the arms of Greg Lewis in the end zone and brought the game back within three points. The Eagles final possession came to a close with an interception by Rodney Harrison.

The Eagles offense ran and passed for more yards than the Patriot's, however, it was the interceptions made by the New England defense that ended up making the difference in the end. Led by Teddy Bruschi, the Patriots defense in the final quarter was near perfection. Phila-

delphia threw away passes extremely close to the end zone which may have ended up costing them the game. In the first quarter McNabb tossed a pass that was intercepted by Rodney Harrison which quickly ended a drive.

In the end, the Patriots managed to shut down the extraordinary Donovan McNabb by sacking him four times, and intercepting three of his passes. By doing this- New England was able to win their third Super Bowl in four years. For the third time they won by an Adam

Baseball recap

By Jennifer Hite-Smith
Sports Editor



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Brandon Gottier (left) and Luke Massetti (right) helped bring Pacific's Men's Baseball team a victory for the third game against Nevada last weekend. The series ended with two losses and a final win for Pacific. Friday's loss was 4-5, Saturday's 0-1 and Sunday's win 11-2.



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Tigers take down 49ers

By Ryan Tedards
Copy Editor

The Pacific men's basketball team extended their winning streak to 14 games Saturday afternoon against the Long Beach State 49ers.

4,636 fans at the Alex G. Spanos Center saw a Tiger team that was flat out unstoppable. Pacific (18-2, 12-0) only missed 17 field goal attempts in route to an 87-58 win. The game was filled with standout performances by Tiger players.

Senior center Guillaume Yango scored 20 points on 7-

8 shooting in just 21 minutes on the floor. Forward Jasko Korajkic scored 7 of his 14 points in the last minute of the first half! And Junior Guard Johnny Gray was literally perfect in the first half, shooting 5-5, dishing out 3 assists and committing no turnovers.

In his first season with the Tigers, Gray has improved steadily each throughout the season. "Each game I have been building more confidence and getting better," he said.

Head coach Bob Thomason was pleased with the

performance the Inglewood California native put on Thursday. "Johnny Gray was sensational in the first half."

The Tigers, who are ranked 24 in the nation, will have to continue playing at a high level as their next two opponents offer up stiff competition. Pacific will travel to Idaho tonight and play Utah State on Saturday in Logan, Utah. Idaho boasts a 6-2 home record, while Utah State is a perfect 1-0 at home.

Vinatieri field goal, although this time he didn't have too much pressure at the time of his kick.

This team worked together this whole season to come out with the big win in the end but there was a standout player at the end of the game and this year it wasn't Brady. Dion Branch walked away with MVP honors as well as having tied a record for eleven receptions in a Super Bowl.

To the few Pacific students of New England and the supporters of the New Eng-

land teams- we are the World Champions. New England sports are at their prime and are ruling the world of baseball and football; just over one hundred days after the Boston Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years, the Patriots have added another trophy to their case. The legend of the New England Patriots continues on for yet another year. We are the champions, and we're wicked proud of it!