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Freshmen orienting at the Youth 2 Youth retreat

SDA in Times

■ **Misrepresentation:** Adventism in the News

Andrea Trout
News Editor

David Koresh and the Branch Davidians, the Lindy Chamberlain story, the movie *The Road to Wellville...* Most would agree that these are not the Adventist Church's finest moments of publicity. Even though public relations for the General Conference made it perfectly clear that Koresh and his Branch Davidians were not in any way affiliated with the church, and Lindy Chamberlain was released from prison and exonerated years after being convicted, and that *The Road to Wellville* was a patently Hollywood version of the truth... As with media for any group, once the negative is heard the rebuttals seem to fall on deaf ears.

In these great traditions, August 13 and 14 proved to be interesting days for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and to a smaller degree, La Sierra's own

president, Dr. Lawrence Geraty. *The Los Angeles Times* printed a series of articles entitled "Currents of Change" focusing on problems and controversies that the Adventist church has faced and continues to deal with. Different articles focused on aspects of the church, such as the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, commonly known as ADRA, Loma Linda University Medical Center, and internal controversies of the church in general.

The main article, Thursday, August 13, was just that: a brief history of the church followed by a documentation of church politics during the past few years. Specifically, it discusses the conflicts between local congregations of the church and the leaders who run it, and problems within the administration itself, giving extensive time to David Dennis, former head auditor at the

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Freshmen Orientation

■ **Influx:** In vast numbers they arrive

Julene Duerkson
Staff Writer

Freshmen, with eyes barely opened and minds fogged with sleep, stumbled towards the awaiting buses the Wednesday morning before school began. For the third year La Sierra University Freshmen took part in the freshmen orientation followed by Youth-2-Youth. The excitement packed retreat began as 167 freshmen headed to Forest Home and the mountain air.

52 student leaders from La Sierra University, including Resident Assistants from each dorm, SALSU members, and other volunteers, went through two days of training which focused on peer leadership and small group communication. There were a wide variety of majors, ages, and reasons for participation represented. For many of the leaders it was not their

first time on the retreat, some had even participated as incoming students during their own freshmen orientations.

The overall theme and movement of the retreat was friendship and acceptance. Many students expressed that the feeling of acceptance and community was a positive, upbeat way of beginning a school year. "The new friends I made here are really great! It also gave me the first real sense of belonging to the school and the other students," said Donald Hill, a physical therapy major from Bakersfield. This general feeling ran through both the leaders and the new students. For Desiree Bivens, a junior Psychology major acting as a Y-2-Y leader for the first time: "It is the funnest thing to do! You are able to get involved with a lot of different people, and there are activities that you don't often do during the school year."

As anyone might expect, there was lots of flirting glances and chats between the new students! Friends were made and laughs shared. With the overriding feeling being positive, the program was a success. Many of the student leaders

wished they had been given a similar opportunity when they were freshmen. Attendance may have been required, but a good time was had by all.

Pastor Sam Leonor from La Sierra University Church spoke several times, challenging everyone in earshot to be real and enjoy God. Icebreakers broke barriers and forged friendships. Family groups, consisting of eight or more freshmen and two student leaders, met twice a day to get to know each other and provide a safe and comfortable environment to share. For some, this aspect was the highest point. "I was really scared about meeting new people, but the family group really helped me get to know people, especially those I would probably not meet back on campus," said Leilani Carros, a pre-Speech Pathology student from Loma Linda Academy.

The retreat and Youth-2-Youth program is an excellent way to begin a year. It brings new and returning students together to enjoy themselves and get to know one another. This year was a success and there will be many more.

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President's Welcome

Felipe Vielmann

SALSU President

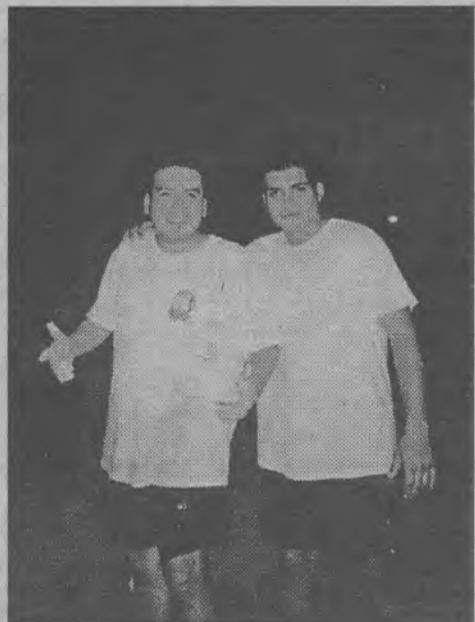
Hello and welcome! Welcome back to our returning students, and welcome for the first time to our new students. It has been an eventful summer. We, your SALSU officers, have been working nonstop to ensure that your stay with us here on the La Sierra University Campus will be eventful, enjoyable and memorable.

For those of you that do not know whom I am, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Felipe and I have been elected to serve as your public servant. The actual title is that of SALSU President, but in all reality I am here to serve you.

During the summer many changes occurred within the office space of SALSU. We have made the necessary arrangements so that you as a student body can come and share and get to know where we your cabinet reside. We look forward to seeing you at the SALSU Open House which will occur in the near future.

But I digress. I was allotted this space in order to welcome you and to share some of my goals and hopes for our future together. One of my first hopes is that we, as a campus, can come together in spiritual camaraderie and share time together, whether it be

through small group worship, moments of prayer, church time, or chapel. I hope that we can come together through social activities. I am the first to say that not everything is for everybody. But we do hope to provide a little something for all. If ever you feel that we haven't been reaching you, let us know. If you see that we have done something well, let us know. Just as



Felipe and a freshman, Sam

constructive criticism is important, some friendly words of encouragement go a long way. Sometimes we need that extra nudge in order to stray from that Snickers bar and head for the gym. I hope that we can all share in moments of fun and health. A 10K run or 5K walk might just do the trick. These are but some of my hopes.

I have some goals as well. First and foremost is to be the best representative of

this Student Body with all those I come in contact with, particularly those that have not had prior contact with our University yet. My second goal is to work as closely with the administration as possible in order to show them that it is not all fun and games--to let them know that when we say that something is wrong we are not merely spouting our mouths to the wind. Another goal is to be able to better integrate our commuter students into our campus life. A famous saying reads as follows: "If Mohammed will not come to the mountain, then the mountain must come to Mohammed." This year our SALSU cabinet is not only diverse in terms of where we originate from—some of us from here in the West Coast, others joining us from the East and the South, as well as an International student—we also live in a much more diverse array of locations. While most live in the dorms, four of us live in the village. Not only do we currently live in the village, we have lived there in the past and we know what it is like to feel as if there is nothing for us to do. We plan to change that this year. At a time when community is such an important aspect of getting along, we plan to provide a safe haven that fosters such a community.

From me to you: I welcome you to the 1998-99 Student Association. This may very well be the most enlightening adventure that we ever experience together.

SALSU:



President
Felipe Vielmann: #2



Spiritual Vice:
Lindsay Daily: #12

As your SALSU President this year, I want you to know I am both interested and approachable. On campus, in my office and via email, I always want to hear what you have to say.

College is about more than merely the inevitable study, even though that is why we are here. SALSU has a great team this year and I know you'll enjoy what we have planned; but keep me posted. I strongly believe that the best ideas originate from the people for whom the events are planned. If there is anything we've missed, anything you have always wanted to do and haven't had the chance, just let us know and we'll see what we can do. All of this ranges from Religious, Social, and Health activities. I really am interested in making this a campus that you are willing to make and call your own. If you have ideas on how to boost school spirit make sure that you talk with me. The moment that we take ownership over our school we will see drastic changes—changes that will benefit all of us that make this campus a community.

My office extension is x2988 and email contact is welcome at my SALSU address; <salsu@lasierra.edu>. Or, drop by the office. Even late into the night someone is usually there, and more-often-than-not, it's me.

~Felipe

Hey everyone! I am excited to be back at LSU. I have been praying for you and this place while we've been gone for the summer. I have a feeling we're going to have a great school year. Campus ministries are supported this year with a vibrant team of individuals working, together with me, to bring you lots of fun ways to spend time getting closer to God.

We have some new ministries coming your way beyond the usual Wednesday night Rendezvous. S.O.S. will take place every Sabbath afternoon at 3pm, and it will include a variety of events from going to the mountains to the zoo.

Another new ministry is 'Come & See' which will be small groups that will begin during rush week. And of course we will have getaway retreats for you guys to spend a weekend relaxing away from school. All sorts of stuff is going on for you guys this year, all you have got to do is plug into it.

Get involved with Campus Ministries I love to see and hear from you. But more than attending events I encourage you to get involved with God. Pray you guys. Pray for your friends, pray for this campus, pray for campus ministries, and pray that God will work in your life this year! May God bless you all!

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SALSU elections
NEXT WEEK
after chapel

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Who we are and what we can do for you



Social Vice:
Kimberly Odle: #15

I would like to start off by saying "Welcome to La Sierra University" for those who are joining us for the first time and "Welcome back" to those who are returning. My name is Kim Odle and I am very excited about being your Social VP this year.

Do you like to sing Karaoke or know someone who does? Well, I thought so. We've already had the super-successful "Back to School Bash" and SALSU Open House. This past Saturday night we opened up the dorms so that all could see. What did this mean? Well, we like to call it "Room Check." Starting at 7:00pm we were in South Hall having a Sabbath Shut Down service. After the service, each Residence Hall was open for 45 minutes at a time for all to see. This continued throughout the night; progressing from South Hall, to Gladwyn, to Sierra Towers, and ending up with Angwin.

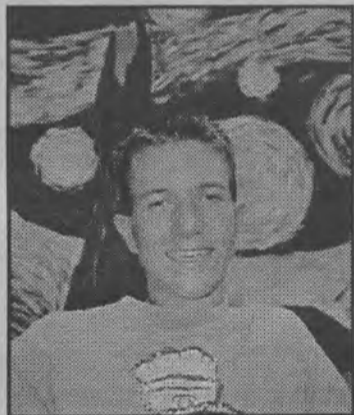
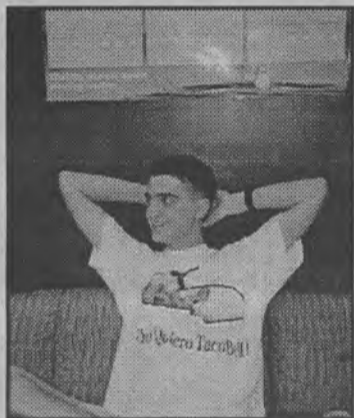
For the rest of this quarter, keep an eye out for some very exciting things such as this week's "Rush Week," a time for you to get to know the clubs on campus; "Fall Fun Night," just a fancy name for bowling; "Spirit Week," brought to you by your friendly Senators; and several Christmas activities as the season approaches.

For months now I have been hoping and praying

that this year will be great for all of you. The next two quarters will include things such as a "TV Week," "Winter Freeze Night," "Roll into Spring," "Lock-In," the "LSU Carnival," and other fun events that you won't want to miss!

If any of you are interested in helping with events or being on a Social Council please contact me at x2005 or drop by the office. With all of your help and prayers I know that this year will be Great!!!! Thanks for taking the time to read this. Have a great year, see Ya...)

Kim :)



Perspectives:
Carl Jonard: #99
Rick Marson: #42

Hi there, I'm Rick Marson co-editor of the *Perspectives*, which, if you don't know, is the picture directory of all the students, faculty and staff

here at La Sierra University. Carl Jonard, the other co-editor of the *Perspectives*, is down at the Commons right now having dinner.

I came back up to work on the cover for the *Perspectives* and just when I got here the Criterion editor called to ask if we could rewrite the highly offensive article we gave her, so she would actually have something she could print.

It should be mentioned at this time that everything even slightly offensive written in the original article was written by Carl. See, we hooked up our two keyboards to one computer and both typed the article. But Carl got out of hand, and now here I am writing a new article which Carl has no knowledge of. Anyway, right now we are working away on the *Perspectives*, well, actually, I would be except I had to stop to write this article, and Carl is, as I said earlier, at dinner.

Boy, I hope he doesn't come in while I'm writing this and see me and demand that, he, as the other co-editor, should be able to help write the article, or I'll have to waste more time writing yet another article.

Anyway, *Perspectives*; yup, we are hard at work making it. As for when it should be out, ask Carl. In fact, if you have any problems with the *Perspectives* once you get it, it was probably Carl's fault and he's the one you should be looking to lynch, not me. I only do high quality work, like this article.



CABL Director:
Avimaria Davis: #23

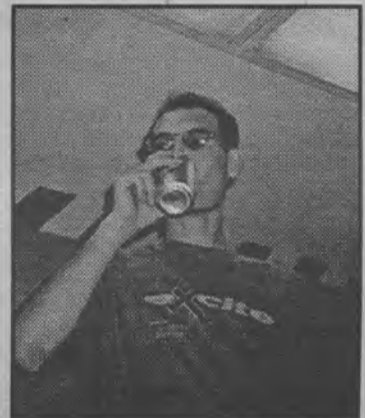
For the 1998-1999 school year I will be your SALSU C.A.B.L. Director. For those of you who don't know me, let me begin the journey.

I am Avimaria Davis, a senior Developmental Psychology major planning to become an elementary school teacher. Since this is my last year, I want to go out with a bang!

I have several things planned for this first quarter, but first let me tell you what my job is. I am your guide to living healthy: eating right, exercising, and especially getting proper rest. Basically, I am the tour guide to your school survival.

I have planned lots of events for this quarter. September 28-Oct. 1 is Rush Week (I will have a booth where you can ask questions or give suggestions). In October, there will be a Blood Drive on the 5th from 10am-3pm in the Student Center (I will need several volunteers for this event), and the 23rd-31st is Red Ribbon Week during Spirit Week on the Campus Mall (Promotes being Drug-Free). I am also working on a weekly Aerobics Class in the Student Center (TBA).

I hope to see each one of you at ALL of these events. Let's make this year the best ever. God Bless and don't hesitate to call me, x2005, or stop on by the SALSU office.



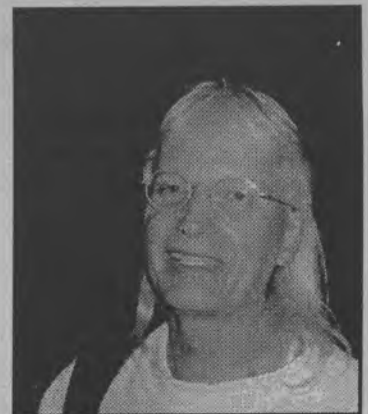
Public Relations:
Natan Vigna: #5

Hi! My name is Natan Vigna and I'm the Public Relations Secretary for this school year. My job is to make sure YOU know what's going on on our campus. So, in order to accomplish my job, you'll be seeing flyers all over campus, video announcements before Chapel, banners, and many other creative ways of advertisement.

But, I can't do that without help and I'll need your help. If you are interested in helping with video stuff, let me know. If you like to paint, come and help; there'll be lots of banners to paint. Enjoy drawing on the computer? Do a flyer for us! There's lots of ways in which you can be involved this year. SALSU is not just the officers. SALSU is YOU!

If you are part of a club and would like to post an activity or event either on the Info Sheet or on the Chapel video, you need to contact me asap. The deadlines are Mondays at 11:30 am if you want it posted that week. If you come after that, there's nothing much I can do for you but wait until next week, so make sure you give me information on time. You can call our office at x2156 or email me at <natavign>.

I hope you enjoy this year at La Sierra University.



SALSU Sponsor:
Dr. Lennard Jorgensen: #11

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Check out the candidates on the back of your Chapel Card
Turn in your vote and make your voice count

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Laura Chen Wins Insight Contest

■ Laura's laurels: LSU's own takes first place out of 500

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The story begins, "Sometimes I still blame myself for Frank's death" and thus goes on to tell the story of two former La Sierra Students, Jeff Davies and Frank Modeste. The story, written by Laura Chen, a senior secondary education and English major at LSU and girlfriend of Jeff Davies, won first place in *Insight* magazine's annual writing contest.

Laura, 22, recalls opening the envelope which told her she had won, "I thought that maybe it would say, thank for entering but we are sorry to inform you. . ." Instead, Lori Peckham, editor of the magazine wrote, "Your entry was chosen as first place among 500 entries. That is something to be very proud of."

The story, written as the first person account of Jeff, as told to Laura, recounts the tragic death of his best friend Frank, who drowned in 1994. The two friends were on the LSU chemistry department's annual retreat to the San Bernardino Mountains. Frank, who was big into challenges, dared Jeff to climb a tree for a dollar. Jeff responded with a dare to swim across Jenks Lake for a dollar. Frank took the dare and he and several

friends set out across the lake. Halfway across Frank was in trouble. Despite the boys efforts to keep Frank above water, he struggled against them, threatening to pull them down with him. Rescuers and paramedics arrived an hour and a half later and pulled Frank's body out of the water; they were not able to resuscitate him.

The idea for the story was the result of a week long workshop with Lori Peckham during Spring quarter. The workshop was brought to campus by the English department. Dr. Robert Dunn, chair of the English department, says, "We are delighted that Laura has won. Especially because it is a result of the workshop. We hope Laura and other students continue to write and be published."

Laura says of winning the contest "it's just nice to know that somebody thinks my writing is good. I mean, I'm not a writing major and I work at this." She recalls how she immediately thought of the story when Lori said the magazine, and its high school age readers, love dramatic action stories. "Jeff never really talked about it," she remembers. "Not even to me and I was curious. When she approached Jeff with the idea

for the story he thought it was a good idea. Laura says that for Jeff, "it is a way of remembering Frank. He feels as if he was finally able



Laura Chen

to do something for him.

Jeff, 23, has managed to go on with his life. He graduated from LSU in 1997 with a B.A. in business administration. After graduating last spring from Loma Linda University with a M.A. in public health he enrolled in medical school in San Francisco. Through Laura's story Jeff says, "I still hurt and I miss him a lot, but I know that in death Frank has found life-eternal life."

Laura is very happy that she was able to help Jeff. Not only did she help him by keeping Frank's memory alive but she also split the \$250 first place prize money with him. But she is prag-

matic about the money, "I mean it's nice," she explains, "but better because Jeff and Frank's family and friends know Frank is not forgotten."

Besides writing Laura enjoys working with kids. As a result, her life has been shaped around it. She has worked for four summers at a summer camp in Newberry park, and helped out at the Adventist Church in Ventura with Vacation Bible School. Plus, she plans on being a high school teacher. "I did some student teaching at Loma Linda Academy and loved that so at least I know I am in the right profession." She attributes her desire to work with teenagers to mentors she has had in her life. "A few certain people helped me make decisions that resulted in me being where I am today. If I weren't for them things would have turned out very differently."

For fun and relaxation, Laura practices her new found sport, golf, and as an avid baseball fan, roots for the Cubs. She says that her lifelong dream would be to "write a bestselling novel." Only time will tell if that happens, but for now Laura seems content with her story, and the opportunity to remember Frank.

Alumni Son dies in Swissair Fl 100

Wendy Walters
Opinion Editor



Every once in a while, we students are hit with reality and realize that our young souls are not as immortal as we think they are. Many people in the local area were devastated to discover that the Swissair flight 111, which crashed September 2, 1998 off the coast of Nova Scotia, carried a passenger whom many knew and loved — Monte Wilkins.

Wilkins was the 19-year-old son of our own alumni; Dr. and Mrs. David ('66) and Janet ('67) Wilkins. The

Monte Wilkins

family lives in Yucaipa and attends the Calimesa Adventist Church. Dr. David Wilkins, an ophthalmologist, heads the Inland Eye Institute in Colton and has served as chairman of Loma Linda University Medical Center's ophthalmology department.

Monte Wilkins was a sophomore business major at Walla Walla College. He was on his way to study abroad for a year at the Institut Adventiste du Saleve in Collonges, France, as was his family's tradition. All of his three siblings had spend one year of their college education there; this

year was to be his turn. But this plane, destined for possibilities of excitement and new experiences in Europe, was the flight which tragically crashed, leaving no survivors.

Wilkins' sisters, Shannon, 29, a San Jose resident, and Marci, 21, who is currently attending Walla Walla College, and brother Darren, 27, a teacher at Loma Linda Academy, had all made the journey successfully.

Monte Wilkins graduated from Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman, Montana in 1997, but many local people, including current La Sierra

students, remember him attending Mesa Grande Academy from 1987 until his eighth grade year. He enjoyed outdoors activities especially golf, snow skiing, and backpacking. He was a likable person who was amiable to peers and teachers, and he was never afraid to talk about God. He was a leader in various clubs, class offices, and mission trips. His life manifested god's love and his own dedication to humanity. In memory of his life, the Monte Wilkins Scholarship fund has been established at Walla Walla College. He will be greatly missed.

Stahl Center

■ An Invitation to a "Charette"

Wendy Walters

Opinion Editor

Universities have been a catalyst sites where movements begin and where people begin to think about the world in different ways. La Sierra University, is also part of this trend. Since the motto of our university is "From Diversity, Community," our focus is to send out graduates into the world, from different cultures and with different talents, but with the common goal to serve humankind and create community. This theme will not just be a statement on the university seal any longer, it will be manifested throughout the campus in a very tangible way.

The university is creating "The Path of the Just," a new, aesthetically planned pathway which will inspire those on campus. It will

honor great people who have made our world into a more socially conscious community by their altruistic services which have "fostered individual empowerment, human rights, and religious toleration." These honorees include people from such diverse backgrounds and talents who have served humanity such as Mother Teresa, the Albanian Nobel Prize winner who served as a nun in India, Ana and Fernando Stahl, missionaries to Peru who fostered indigenous education and liberated indigenous peoples, Desmond Tutu, a South African churchman who received the Nobel Prize and advocated human rights, and John Weidner, a Dutch resistance leader and churchman who aided one thousand people to escape the Third Reich.



The Ana & Fernando Stahl Center for World Service

The Path of the Just is an involved project that will take a few years to develop. This is not just another pathway, La Sierra University envisions a path that will incorporate stories behind the honored people. Part of this creation include monuments, tree sites, benches, flowers, markers east/west and north/south patios designed by an award-winning architect, Robert Leathers, landscape architects, Arlan and Cheryl Nickel, and sculptor, Alan Collin's, whose work includes the Good Samaritan

sculpture at Loma Linda University. This pathway, stretching from Angwin Hall to Calkins Hall, will change the look of the campus. This pathway may include different tiles from parts of the world the honorees are from, or may have sculptures representing different ideas. Since this will be such a great opportunity to improve the aesthetics of the campus, all input from the community and students is wanted.

Those who are interested in discussing and contributing ideas to this cause

are invited to a "charette" on October 30, 1998. A charette is a French word used to describe a gathering of interesting and interested individuals who "cart" preliminary sketches, exchange ideas, and come up with new—and better—understandings." Themes for the sculptors will incorporate classic justice texts from scripture as well as the LSU motto, "To Seek, To Know, To Serve" and the Stahl Center mission statement, "Passing a vision of world service to a new generation."

REDISCOVERING CHURCH

■ A Book Review

Steve Daily

Campus Chaplain

The reporters were furious! They had been stood up again. This time Mark McGwire had failed to show for a scheduled news conference right on the eve of his 61st home run, the blast that would put him ahead of Babe Ruth and tie him with Roger Maris. Two days later, McGwire would hit number 62 to make him the all time, single season, major league home run king. So what could be more important than talking with a pack of hungry reporters about such an amazing record? The answer for McGwire was simple; while the reporters steamed about his absence, McGwire sat calmly at his locker reading an article about himself in the brand new Sports Illustrated. What an egomaniac you say, leaving all those people hanging just to read an article about his impressive feats. But the irony was that the article wasn't about his home runs or his athletic accomplishments; it was about his son. It was about how he learned that his son was far more important than baseball, or any number of home runs. After a

divorce and a lot of pain, McGwire finally had his priorities straight, even if the reporters didn't. Connecting with a fastball was nothing compared to connecting with his son.

In his new book, *Connecting*, Larry Crabb calls those of us who profess to be Christians back to a truly Biblical understanding of what it means to be part of a church. New Testament believers were soul-brothers and -sisters who met each other's deepest emotional, spiritual and psychological needs by bearing each others' burdens, praying for each other, and ministering to each other in small family like circles that they called church. By contrast, today we have "wrongly defined soul wounds as psychological disorders and delegated soul healing to mental health specialists and professional counselors when it is the job of the church." He argues that people are not suffering nearly as much from damaged psyches or mental disorders as they are from being disconnected souls. The only two things that have ever changed the human soul have been the fall into

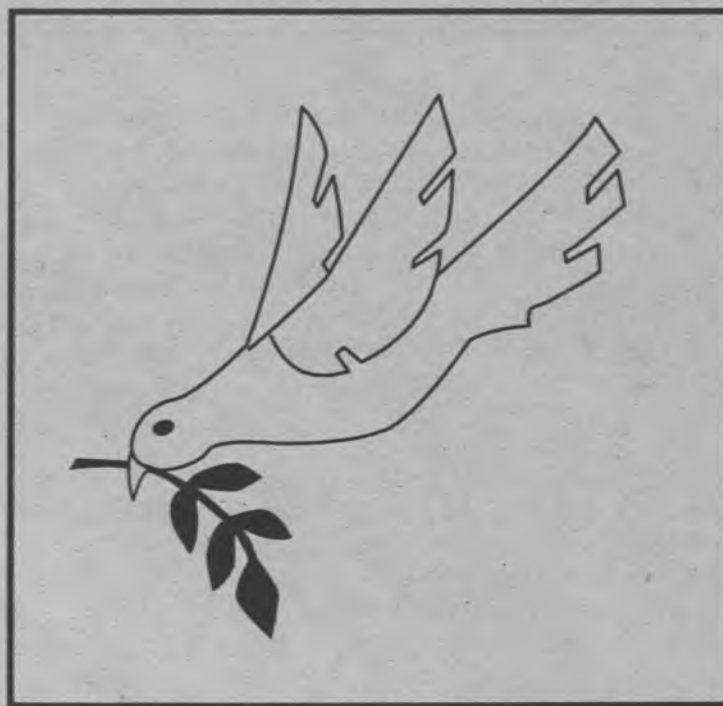
sin, and the miracle of God's grace in Christ. The way that we experience healing as human beings is through connecting with others who have internalized God's grace and want to talk about it, pray about it, celebrate it and live it out in their everyday lives. If we aren't in this kind of community, we aren't

the other hand, being assigned to a group generates dynamics that often undermine the kind of vulnerability that is necessary for grace to thrive. I believe that the most important thing you can find in college, next to Christ, is a circle of caring friends who you can talk with and pray for openly in

able to each other. This year, starting on Friday night, October 2, we are doing our best to provide opportunities for students to get together in the informal setting of a faculty home for the purpose of connecting spiritually. We will start at 7:30 PM (at the Daily home - 4997 Butler Dr. right next to the school) with a joint time of worship, praise music and sharing. Then we will break up into a number of small groups that range from high vulnerability to zero vulnerability. We hope you will choose from one of the following:

1. Star Gazing on the Deck with Dr. Bobst and his telescope
2. Viewing Christian Videos in the living room
3. Checking out contemporary Christian music in Lindsay's room
4. Relational Bible study in the study
5. Hot topics and personal sharing in the hot tub (bring swimsuit for this option)

Refreshments will be served, but most importantly we hope that your spirit is refreshed as we fellowship together each week. So come and join us at CPR for the Soul.



truly practicing church.

Those of you who are freshman have already been assigned to a family group that has the potential to become such a community. On

a true spirit of vulnerability and grace. I had five such friends when I was a student here at La Sierra, and I hate to think where I would be today if we had not been avail-

Website Update

By Tom Smith

VP Enrollment Management

The new campus website is now active and we are pleased with the new image being presented. As in all new things in technology, there are glitches in the implementation of the site. The Web Committee is working with our new Webmaster, Ron Forbes, as he attempts to bring up the site developed by an outside contractor. Please be patient with Ron as he tries to make things run effectively.

To accommodate users during the changeover, Ron has given everyone the immediate choice of accessing the Old Page versus the New Page. At present, the New Page is implemented with flash technology which requires users to download the flash plug in. Alternative methods of accessing the New Page without the use of FLASH are being evaluated and will be implemented as soon as possible. Please make note of any glitches you discover and let Ron know about them at <rforbes@lasiera.edu>.

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General Conference, who is suing the church for defamation after being fired. Church elders claim they fired him after allegations were made against Dennis for having sex with a teenage girl back in the 1970s. Dennis claims that he was terminated because he refused to remain silent about the misuse of funds with in the church. The *Times* quotes Dennis as saying, "There's a sense of loyalty in the church—misguided loyalty, I think—that demands that you don't do anything to embarrass anyone."

From financial follies the article turns to the firing of several pastors. The motives behind terminations is once again reported as financial. According to the *Times*, it seems that there is disagreement and distrust by local congregations of how money is being put to use at the higher levels of the church. In fact, the *Times* reports that many congregations are now signifying that their tithe money be used for local church expenses. One church even went so far as to raise \$300,000 towards expansion in this manner, which ultimately resulted in the firing of the pastor of that church. As a result, he left the church taking with him many members. Other incidents of a similar nature are also reported on.

Finally, in a section with the subheading "Moral Fences?", the article dives into the 1996 document entitled "Total Commitment to God," a concept of GC President, Robert Folkenberg. The *Times* alleges that many members "resent it as forced spirituality." The article quotes Folkenberg as explaining the concept as "effective quality management,



President Geraty

in the context of a spiritual agenda" and instruction for people "at all levels of the church...to formally rededicate themselves to fulfilling the Gospel directive: 'Go, teach, baptize, make disciples.'"

This idea, according to the article, has met with resistance, especially at Adventist universities. "[It is] 'a bizarre attempt to erect 'moral fences,' said La Sierra professor Frank Knittel," reports the article. "This is not a day and age in which people respond to this," said La Sierra Presi-

dent Lawrence Geraty. "Our kids here, they'll say 'Shove it.' They'll leave the church," quotes the *Times* article. However, President Geraty remembers the interview, and that specific quote, in a different manner. He explains, "First of all, I don't remember ever saying 'shove it' because that is not in my active vocabulary, even when trying to put the words in someone else's mouth." He does however note that his quote captures the emotion of what he was trying to say. He recalls that he was talking to the reporters about women's ordination, "and I said that we here at LSU had the responsibility to help the church make sure that our beliefs and practices were related to members' lives at the threshold of the Twenty-first Century. 'Otherwise,' I said, 'Many of our students will just walk away from the church.'"

Dr. Geraty does say that he did discuss President Folkenberg's "Total Commitment to God" concept. First he explained the concept. "Basically," he said, "Elder Folkenberg is trying to hold everyone in the church accountable to a mission. Each of us is responsible to God for our service. I agree with that." However, he admits to differing with the Folkenberg's methodology. The General Conference President appoints a committee of international theologians who evaluate the "spiritual agendas" required of all the Adventist universities, according to the "Total Commitment to God" document, and generally reviews what the universities are accomplishing. Dr. Geraty disagrees; "I think it is very unfair of him to suggest that higher education be held accountable and evaluated in a manner that no one else in the church is." He continues; "I think it is unfair for the president of the GC to appoint [this committee] of international theologians, who don't understand our culture, situation, or issues, to act as judges over whether we here at LSU are being successful Adventists. What is our board of trustees and constituency for? It seems to me that that is their job."

As far as President Geraty's goal for La Sierra; he wants to "create an environment here at LSU in which young people are en-

couraged to make healthy choices for their lives." He feels that La Sierra as a university must "respect diversity and the fact that each of us come from different situations and is gifted differently by God." He cites Excite '98 as an example that La Sierra doesn't have "the serious generation gap that might be more severe in other places." He wants the university to guide students in making the rights decisions for their lives through "modeling, counseling, mentoring, etc."

A campus-wide email was issued the same day that the article was published in the *Times*, urging that all inquires about the article be directed to Angela Rosich, director of Public Relations for LSU. Despite the alarm, there seems to have been no major crises reported as a result of the article.

The *Times* did print two letters regarding the article. Marjorie V. Fortier, of Los Angeles, wrote to the paper, "Shaken faith? No! No! Most of the millions of Seventh-day Adventists are becoming more faith-filled as they experience their faith being tested. To Jesus' question, 'when I return will I find faith on the Earth?' they answer, 'Yes, Lord, we'll be faithful, prayerful, serving,' and as they say, 'stirred, not shaken.'" The other response printed in response to the articles, written by Dan Guild of Newberry Park, was not as pleased with the report. He wrote, "What motivated the *Times* to write a lengthy, almost entirely negative article panning the Seventh-day Adventist Church? What is accomplished by looking at all sides of 50 years of minuscule negative dust, most of which has settled?...Our mission is to carry the gospel of Christ to the world. For that reason the devil uses a few dissidents and the editors of the *Times* to paint a negative view of a healthy organization that is doing so much good for physically and spiritually needy people throughout the world."

Whether or not the *LA Times* was objective and correct in its reporting remains up to the reader, but, as Fortier wrote in her letter; "Well, we are out of the closet now." There is no turning back.

Events

Brandstater Gallery Exhibits

Now showing in the Brandstater Gallery is an exhibit of photographs and textile designs by Catharine Cooper. Ms. Cooper works with elements of the landscape, "exploring its tactility, its tonality and its resistance or amenability to change." Her exhibited textile designs utilize a small portion of her photographic imagery which is then manipulated and tiled to create "repeat pattern." The reception with the artist will be Monday, October 12 from 6-7:30 pm with a talk by Ms. Cooper at 7:30.

Gallery hours are 9-4 Monday through Thursday and 2-5 on Sunday. For more information call the gallery at ext. 2959.

Riverside Live

Riverside Live, a welcoming event for all university students in Riverside will be held on Thurs., Oct. 1 from 6-11 p.m. at University Village. Come enjoy a live band, midnight movie, discounted food, basketball and volleyball competitions, video games, car show and much more. Mix and Mingle with LSU students and meet students from other universities. Transportation provided by RTA for the first 40 people to sign up at SALSU. For more info call x2001.

Disneyland Tickets

Student Life has discount Disneyland tickets for sale. \$30 Adults, \$26 Children (3-11). Tickets are good through December, 1998. Black-out dates apply. Call Student Life for further details at x2100.

SIFE is Back, and Better than Ever!

Heather Miller
SIFE Fellow

Although the four-time championship SIFE team (Students In Free Enterprise) from La Sierra did not compete last year, LSU SIFE is back this year -- and with it a healthy list of projects and an appetite for the gold.

LSU SIFE has a long history of great projects that

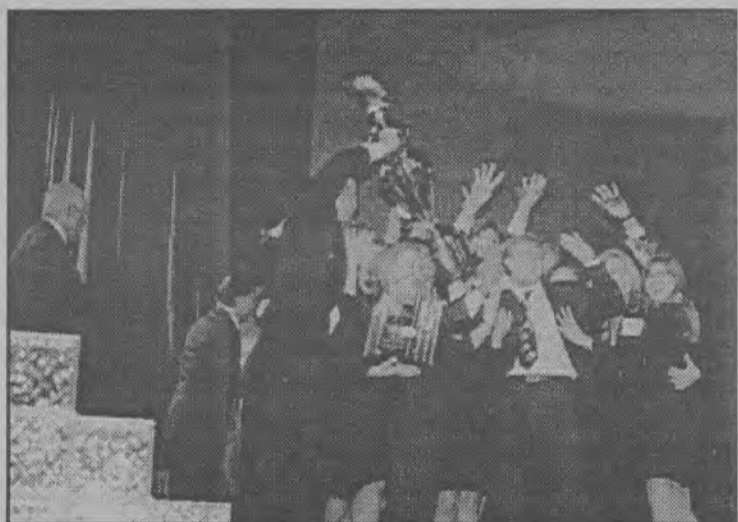
work" projects with local agencies; reading, computer, financial and English language literacy projects among various age groups; new student-run entrepreneurial projects; micro-lending projects; development of games that will teach kids and/or adults about financial and free enterprise topics; developing "junior SIFE" teams on academy and high

one student (April Aitken) and one faculty/staff person (myself) having been to a competition before. We were continuously amazed at how highly other teams and judges regarded the La Sierra team, even though we didn't compete. Several judges let us know how much they missed us. Connie Galambos, a junior communications major who went on that trip, said: "I am so filled with pride in my school's talented students

and the recognition we have earned even in secular professional circles.... I felt so stimulated by the possibilities a program like this can provide." And, according to Jeff Marks, a senior business administration/ marketing major, who was also on the trip, "After watching the top ten [teams], you can fully understand why all the big companies are trying to recruit these special students. It does not get any better than this."

So now is our time to get back into the race. It's a race we know how to run, and a race we know how to win. It's time to bring that trophy home again! SIFE invites you to join the team!

Stop by and find our more about SIFE during club rush week and watch for posters and fliers about SIFE activities. For more information, call or email Heather Miller, LSU SIFE director, x2225, <hmiller@lasierra.edu>.



LSU's 1997 SIFE team claiming their 4th consecutive international championship title

have helped children and adults in the community understand the free enterprise system and make better decisions for their financial future. LSU SIFE also has a long history of winning the international competition against more than 500 other college and university teams! The huge "traveling trophy" has our name engraved on it four times in a row (1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997). Unfortunately, it's out "visiting" another school this year. But that's only temporary.

This year we're organizing projects in elementary and secondary classrooms, in community centers and civic arenas, on the Web and Internet, and in other countries. We're looking for students (and faculty) with expertise in lots of different areas, who are interested in doing something that will have a long-term benefit for our community. In return, students will develop leadership skills, gain hands-on experience in real-world situations, get lots of job opportunities, and have a great time! (You can also get community service learning credit for nearly all SIFE projects.)

Some of the projects this year include: several overseas ventures; "welfare-to-

school campuses (with corresponding competitions), sports role modeling (with some absolutely amazing big names!), and Internet and Website projects, among others. Although SIFE is based from the School of Business and Management, it is not major-specific. In fact, the greater the diversity of majors, the better the projects and the better the judges look on us at the competitions.

During the spring, a team will be selected to represent LSU SIFE at the regional competition (probably in San Francisco), and then if selected at the international competition in Kansas City, Missouri, in May. They will represent the combined efforts of all the La Sierra students who will have contributed literally thousands of hours to the community through SIFE projects. There is no greater pride than when the La Sierra SIFE team presents what their school has done to help others.

Last spring, in spite of our not competing, LSU SIFE sent a delegation to Kansas City to represent our championship team as well as to observe what the other teams were doing. Six students and four faculty/staff went on that trip, with only

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Student Leadership Openings

Natan Vigna

SALSU P.R. Secretary

The Student Association of La Sierra University [SALSU] is calling students interested in leadership positions to apply and run for one of the six openings in Office for this school year.

Freshmen are invited to run for one of the three openings for Freshman Senators. Students other than entering freshmen are invited to run for one of the following positions in an open election: Resource Manager*, Criterion Editor*, Executive Vice President*. The position of Senate Parliamentarian is also available and students interested in this positions need to contact the SALSU office because it does not call for an "open election." All of these positions have stipends.

Students interested in these positions need to fill

out an application by Thursday, October 1, and meet the following requirements: (1) The Candidate must not have been on Citizen Probation or Suspension one quarter prior to or during the campaign. (2) The candidate must have a GPA of at least 2.5 from the previous quarter or high school cumulative of GPA of the same. If elected, a 2.5 GPA must be maintained throughout the term of office. (3) The candidate must uphold the standards and values of both La Sierra University and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. (4) Candidates should be aware that they are responsible not only for their actions, but of their supporters as well. They should make every effort to discourage libel, slander, defacement, or removal of opponents' posters. (5) Posters or other campaign literature must be approved by

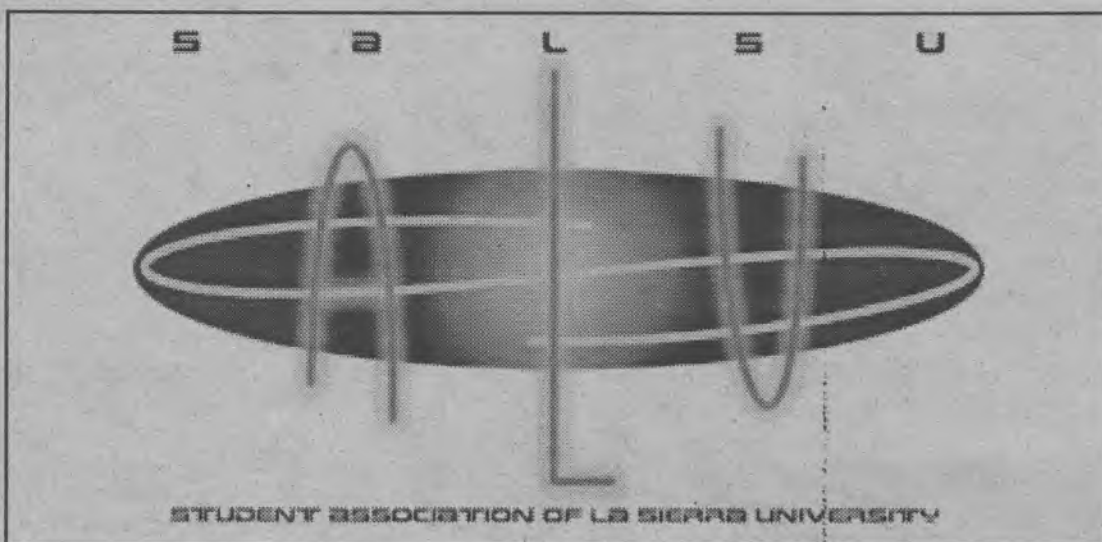
the Student Life office (AD 202). Posters may not be posted on glass, in worship areas, trees, doors or walls. Bulletin boards and stakes in the ground are permissible. (6) The SALSU Senate, Senate Chairman, and Senate agencies have final authority over all matters, procedural and substantive, pertaining to the SALSU Elections. (7) The SALSU

Senate and its agencies reserve the right to add and amend any election or campaign rules necessary to maintain the integrity of the democratic process. Should any problems or questions arise, contact the Election Committee Chairperson.

Applications will be accepted until Thursday, October 1 at noon. Open elections will take place next

Tuesday, October 6, immediately following Chapel.

* The positions of Resource Manager, Criterion Editor and Executive Vice President were filled during last year's elections; however, the elected candidates resigned for various reasons during the Spring and Summer quarters.



Dean's Lists

The Dean of the College of Arts of Sciences is pleased to congratulate and publish for recognition the names of the students who received the Dean's Letter of Academic Recognition and who were named to the Dean's List of Academic Honors.

These students completed 15 or more units of classwork and earned a 3.50-3.99 grade point average, with no grade lower than a B-, and with no Incomplete notation, during Spring Quarter, 1997-98.

Students receiving the Dean's Letter of Academic Honors:

Darin Abdrabou
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Jason Beck
Craig Beeson
Dalyia Benyamin
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Shasta (Emery) Burr
Cindy Per Canlas
Peter Carillo
Bonnie (Cafferky) Carter
Norman Carter
Nissa Casuga
Esther Cha
August Champlin
Laura Chen
David Choe
Edwin Chung
Elizabeth Chung
Lisa Chung
Irene Ciofica
Brando Cobanov

Amber Coe
Tara Colescott
Lisa Cortez
Kirstin Crowder
Darren Diekmann
Thomas Elmer
Gabriel Enriquez
Lilybeth Evardome
Monte Fleming
Eric Foster
Karen Frazier
Jessica Frederick
Connie Galambos
Barbara Ganchingco
Kimberly Garcia
Erwin Gonzales
Michael Guadiz
Korianne Haas
Candy Hamp
Aimee Hashizume
Cliff Hendaro
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Alecia Jaco
Hooman Javanmardi
Anuradha Job
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Paul Kim
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Sonny Koo
Angie Kwik
Sydel Lacre
Heather (Hoag) Lauer
Ryan Lauer
Anzela Lee
Timothy Lee
Alison Lew
Job Lopez
Cara Loveless
Jenifer Lowe
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Stephanie Marnella
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Michelle Rathnam

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Roxana Samame
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Leaszlo Szerdahelyi
Michael Tagalog
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Lea Varias
Eugenio Vazquez
Rattiporn Veerawat
Wendy Walters
William Wang
Morgan Welebir
Jonathan Wilson
Peng Yew
Kar-Yee Yung

These students completed 15 or more units of classwork and earned a 4.00 grade point average during Spring Quarter, 1997-98.

Students receiving the Dean's Letter of Academic Recognition:

Aya Adachi
Alafiyah Adamji
Angela Barker
Robert Bills
Sherena Bui
Belinda Castillo
Ralph Clark
Sarah Eberhardt
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MiHyang Kang
Kristian Leukert
Cathy Macknet
Luckvin Manuel
Grace Oh
Joann Parker
Myeasha Pruitt
Elisa Ramos
Gustav Smith
Amy Wang
Rachelle Wareham
Michael Weismeyer
Jennifer Wong

Student Clubs on Campus

Club 4 Real: The purpose of this club is to enhance residential life at Angwin Hall. Sponsor Lilian Han hopes everyone on campus came to their first LIVE weekend event, called Roomcheck, to "check out their chambers" on September 26. This club is currently holding elections.

International Student Association: Though usually thought of as a club only for students that come from other countries, ISA is expanding the qualifications for membership this year. Students who have been student missionaries in another country, or studied abroad or lived outside of this country are considered international students. Everyone eligible is invited to join in learning from other cultures and traditions through art, film and fun. ISA will be an active club throughout the year with regular outings and meetings. The first club activity will be the Phantom of the Opera on October 4th. Geovanny Vielman has been elected president.

History/Pre-Law Club: This club provides a campus forum for students interested in learning about, discussing, and debating social, political, and legal issues; past and present. The History/Pre-Law Club also acts as a student association for history, political science, and prelaw students; arranging both social events as well as professional outings (such as the annual visit to the Southern California Law School Forum). All majors in the Department of History & Political Science are officers.

Health, Exercise Science, & Athletics: The HESA club is functioning and will chose their president and other officers at the first departmental chapel of the year. At the present no activities have been planned.

MBA Student Association: The first event is an introductory meeting on Monday evening, September 28 at 4:30 that will involve all the School of Business and Management graduate students. The president is Jeff Smith. SBM is also organizing a Business Club to start up early Fall quarter.

Pre-Medicine Club: Yes, the Pre-Medicine Club is alive. The officers elected for this year are: President, William Wang; Vice-President, Luckvin Manuel; Treasurer, Eugene Vazquez; Secretary, Meriam Makary; and Senator, Alex Ramirez.

Plans are in the works for a grand reception for incoming freshmen and all premed students the week following Club Rush week. Other plans include: blood drives, intramural sports, liaison for hospital volunteer work, mock MCAT testing, CPR classes, speaking opportunities at local high schools, and lots more. If you would like to know more, please contact the president, William Wang, at <willwang@lasierra.edu>.

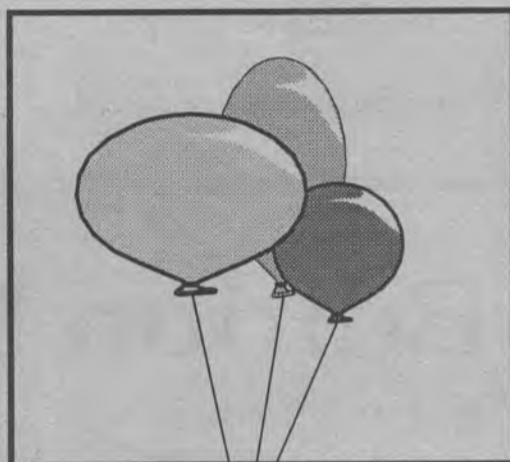
Religion Club: This club has not been organized yet, but plans to be active this year. Chaplain Steve Daily is the Sponsor.

Black Student Association: BSA is in the process of reorganization, but will be active this year.

Earth Awareness Club: This club sponsors events (which you can get community service for) such as beach clean ups, campouts, hikes, volunteer work, getting active in the community and on campus with pollution/carpooling issues, and

influencing the campus to be more "green" and aware. If you are interested, feel free to contact <wendwalt@lasierra.edu>. Or, stop by their booth during rush week to find out more information.

Student Alumni Association: This club sponsored the 4th annual Freshman Scavenger Hunt held Sept. 12, hosted the welcome reception that kicked off



Freshman Orientation Weekend on Sept. 11, and on Sept. 21 will sponsor the information booth that will be in front of La Sierra Hall all day. This booth has been very helpful for new and transferring students - we pass out campus maps, school calendars, class schedules, and help people find classes.

SAA doesn't have officers, by vote of the students; all pull together. The club was founded in 1994 to foster school spirit, to show students the joys of being involved and volunteering for group/community efforts, and to start patterns of involvement with the alumni association.

There is a core group of 8-10 SAA members, not an open membership, but SAA activities are open to all La Sierra students.

Other events for which the club has become known: annual rose sale at Valentine's Day and the an-

nual spring French cafe with live music and French food.

Research Society: The Research Society is active, but no events are yet planned. This club is co-sponsored by Jeffrey Tosk and Marvin Payne.

English & Communication: Officers will be discussed at an early meeting of the Communication and English colloquia (which meet together). At the moment there are no officers and no plans, but that should change.

La Tertulia: The first event of this club will be a repeat of last year's fund-raiser; the sale of Christmas wreaths and garlands. The president is Maritza Durán and Lourdes Morales-Gudmundsson is the sponsor.

Education Club: This club is looking forward to an exciting and profitable school year under the leadership of Karri Hill as president. Other officers selected are Andrea Maxwell as vice president and Lakeisha Seals as social Vice President. Other officers will be selected and plans will be made for the year at the first meeting. The Education Club is open to students who are especially interested in going into the field of elementary or secondary education, but all are welcome to join us.

SAGE: This club is a group of students who meets to discuss what gender is, how it is constructed and how it affects men and women. They hope to affect the community by making people aware of the limitations gender puts on everyone, and

they discuss ways to break stereotypes and make this world a better place. This is a new club, barely started last winter quarter. Activities from last year included movie nights where we discussed masculinity vs. femininity, abortion etc. and a clothes drive for the local battered woman's shelter. This year they hope to work more closely with the shelter, and also work with other groups in the community to advance gender equality. SAGE is not a "Woman's Club" as gender is not limited to "woman". Members of all genders, both sexes (if there are only two) with all sorts of beliefs, etc. are welcome. Gender inequality affects everyone; come and discuss. The sponsor is Cheryl Koos. The Steering Committee consists of Connie Galambos, Gabriela Martinez, Macarena Tapia, and Wendy Walters. The recommended contacts for questions are Gaby and Connie.

Students in Free Enterprise: SIFE is a club open to all majors. It is active again after a one-year hiatus and has plans for numerous projects plus a trip to the International Competition of which they are the only 4-time consecutive winners. This club is currently organizing and is looking for a few more interested members. Contact Heather Miller for more information at <hmliller@lasierra.edu>.

OLE club: The OLE club plans to get an early start on activities for this year. October 3 is a Welcome Social at sponsor Patricia Larios' home at 6:30pm. The weekend of October 30-31 there will be an Hispanic Retreat at Pine Springs Ranch with both the OLE club from LSU and the ALAU Club from LLU for more information, contact Patricia Larios at x2088.

SALSU invites all **Club Representatives** to a lunch meeting Friday, October 2, at noon in the Cactus Room. Discussion will cover the Stahl Center Path of Just, see article page 5, and SALSU-to-Club interactions and plans for the duration of the year. Byo lunch.

~ Rumors ~

Rumor has it: That the trees around campus are quarantined off by police lines because they are producing pine cones this year. On the surface, this doesn't seem so bad, but one glance under them could convince anyone otherwise. These massive pine cones only show up once every seven years, so watch your head and take these demarcations very seriously.

Rumor has it: That there is a displaced chicken living behind and underneath La Sierra Hall. It's been there for a few weeks, and some people believe that it came down the hill from the fire on Two-bit. It has been scratching at the ground around the base of the back-stairs to the History Department offices, as well as leaving other traces of its presence. It has been reported, by reliable witnesses, to hide up in the trees out in front of Hole Memorial Auditorium.

Rumor has it: That, despite all the other available outlets and options, Physics Lab is the most religious experience available on campus.

Rumor has it: That the Criterion Editor has resigned.

Limited Edition Editorial

■ A written apology

Bonnie Carter

Criterion Editor

While I am not vouching for the validity of the other above "rumors," I must admit the truth of the last. I have the pleasure of addressing you, the student body, as Criterion Editor only this once. Due to an array of circumstances that I will do my best to tell you about here, I have had to resign.

Don't worry about the paper. My replacement is both talented and experienced... but I will let them introduce themselves soon enough.

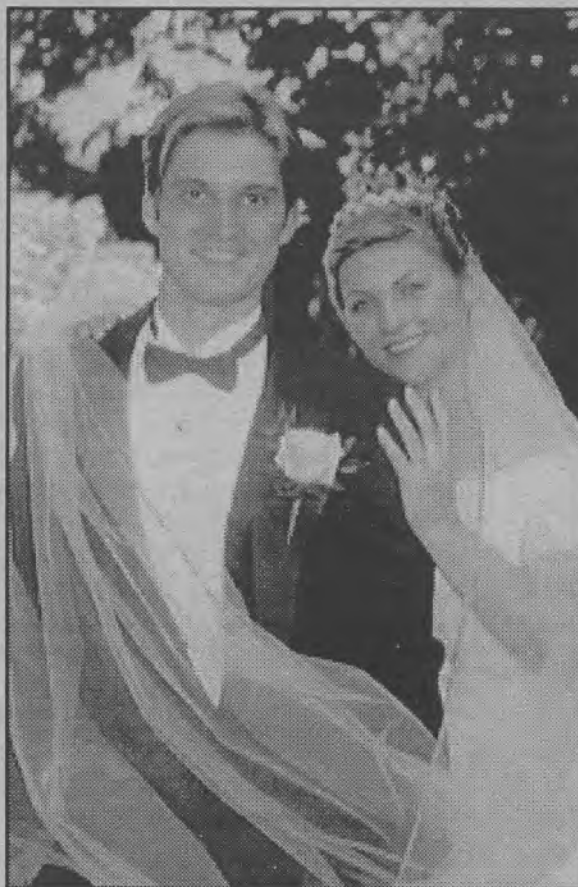
I resigned as editor for the following reasons:

1) I changed my major over the summer. I abandoned my English path and decided I want to be a dentist. As an already fourth year Senior, this means I have to do 2 sciences this year in the hope of graduating in 5 years. Also, I haven't had any sciences since High School (and this has been longer for me than for many others on campus). This transition is especially difficult because I have defined myself as a "humanities baby" for so long. An Editor? A Dentist? I don't know why,

but I am committed to trying. As the Sciences aren't the most natural of courses for me, I found the necessary time commitment to be a bit overwhelming by itself, and I have been overstretched.

2) I got married over the summer. This is more time consuming than I had previously anticipated, but it is completely worth it.

3) I didn't manage to complete my desired first-Chapel edition that I had so wanted to. With my other educational, etc., commitments sneaking up on me, I realized the paper needed more than I was able to give. This was disheartening, and, combined with the dawning realization that I am a writer, not an administrator nor a designer, I finally decided that it would be best for



John & I at our August 9 wedding

me to bow out before the middle of the quarter when my grades start to slip and the student body is used to me being editor.

As I am no longer the single English major who ran for this position, I hope you can all forgive me for running under (now) false pretenses.

I had such high hopes

for this year, especially where the paper was concerned. There are so many vast resources on campus that just need to be tapped. All the papers created by the English News writing classes that deserve to be published and read, all the work the Religious Studies majors produce that could use an active audience, all the projects the History department dabbles in that are so interesting. I really wanted to be the one to bring these to the student body, but it just wasn't meant to

be. I'm not the one for this.

I've always been an over-attempter. I wanted this to work out, but I've had to be realistic about the number of hours in a given day.

I have completed this issue as a love-gift to the La Sierra student body. I hope you like it. Remem-

ber to make the transition period as easy as possible for the new editors. The more information you send them, the better they can represent LSU in the paper. Editors and journalists can't be everywhere, they need story ideas and help and pictures and... [sigh].

My biggest regret is having to leave the SALSU cabinet. The people involved this year are some of the nicest and most effective individuals I have ever met. My time with them was really enjoyable, though somewhat abridged. I wanted to do it all, and I tried to do it all, but I have to be true to my new priorities.

I have a new husband who is the best thing that has ever happened to me. It was either time with the paper, or time with him. I'm sorry.

You can reach SALSU and my successor at x2156. If you have a burning desire to contribute to the next issue, contact Felipe via email and he will direct you interest to the appropriate channels.

I wish you all the best for this year and always.

Eagle's Nest

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1-10	Sunday

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Wednesday:	1-8p
Thursday:	10-12p; 1-5p; 6-8p
Friday:	10-12p

Math

Monday:	10-12p; 6-9p
Tuesday:	1-9p
Wednesday:	1-9p
Thursday:	10-12p; 1-5p; 6-8p
Friday:	10-12p

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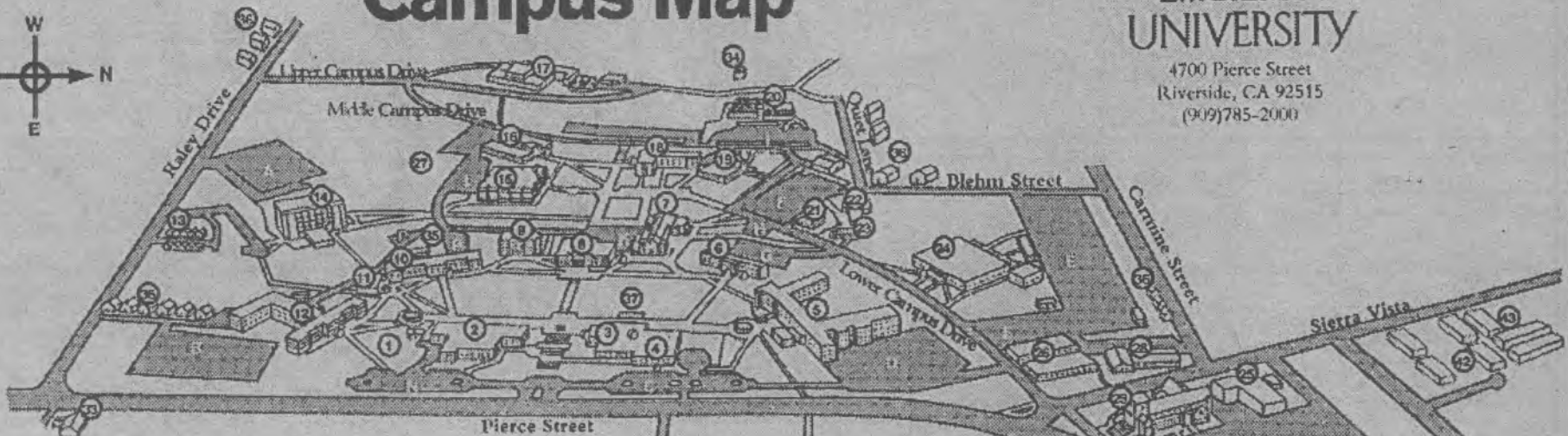
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September — October

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Next issue's FOCUS will be on Service. Anyone with an interesting service experience is encouraged to write. Please contact me Thursday, Nov. 5, merimaka@lasierra.edu.

Come support LSU boys and girls basketball teams at their first basketball game on November 6, 1998.

Research Society meeting Tuesday, November 10 at noon. Contact antophun@lasierra.edu.

Don't forget to do the Mission Inn Run on November 15, 1998. Contact CABL Director, Avimaria Davis at x2005.

Clubs: If you'd like upcoming club events on the Criterion calendar, e-mail them to merimaka@lasierra.edu by Wednesday November 11.

Follow the Path to Justice

BY FELIPE VIELMANN
SALSU President

Alumni, students, faculty, and leaders of the Inland Empire Community were all on hand as the Stahl Center and La Sierra University began its day-long discussion of how *Path of the Just* would best be represented here on our campus last Friday. As the cross-sectioned group of individuals gathered at Brandstater Gallery for a day long discussion, the feeling of excitement, expectation, and vibrancy flowed through the room.

Path is an idea born from Stahl Center Director and Founder, Dr. Charles Teel. When confronted with the reality of life that gave only twenty seconds worth of recognition to Jonas Salk, discoverer of the polio vaccine and over three days worth of coverage to a distinguished movie star that passed away just days later, he had nothing more he could say other than: "Not right!" Subsequently, he brought the idea of commemorating individuals whose lives of altruistic service have fostered human rights, individual empowerment, or religious toleration and presented it before numerous committees in order to have *Path* become a reality on the La Sierra University

campus.

The original idea, which was to replace the thirty two existing trees that now line the mall that goes from Angwin Hall to Calkins Hall, was placed on hold for several months due to unfortunate circumstances.

It was when *Path* was returned to the table, that the collaborative efforts of students, faculty, staff, and noted leading minds in the world of "service oriented architecture," found the idea of replacing trees along the campus mall seemed to be too small.

People were invited from within the community of students, faculty, staff, and neighbors that have been in constant contact with the University. And so, as the day unwound, ideas of fountains, trees, and walkways emerged. Minds met to plan a future place where the senses and the mind could be engaged in a way that would evoke opportunities for students and community alike to interact in a manner that allows us all to think of what it means to lead a life dedicated to altruistic service.

Path is something that will be a reality for our campus. If you are interested in learning more about *Path*, make sure and stop in at The Stahl Center located in La Sierra Hall, right next door to the School of Religion.

Hit the hay at the Barn Bash

BY RICK MARSON
staff writer

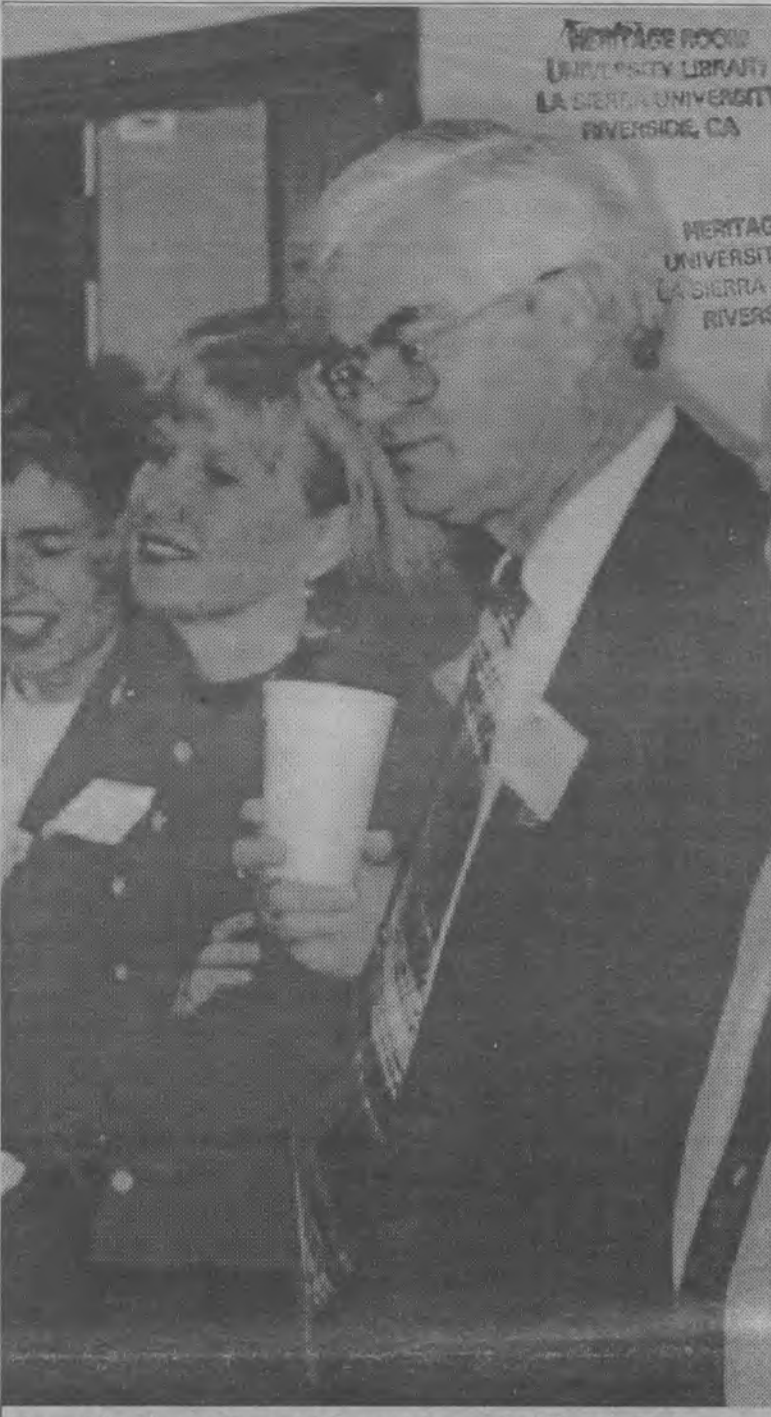
Yee-haa! SALSU and the campus clubs held a barn bash at the alumni pavilion to raise club funds on Friday October 29, between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. SALSU gave \$2.25 in five cent coupons to the first 50 people there. In accordance with the theme, the gym was decorated with hay bails and students came dressed ready to milk the cows and slop the hogs.

Finding no cows to milk and no hogs to slop, they opted instead to participate in the variety of games and partake of the food at booths hosted by the clubs. There was pizza, ice cream, cookies, soda, candy, massages, darts, fish, face painting, and a large selection of tosses including ring, wiffel ball, and wet sponge. If that wasn't enough, you could unjustly incarcerate your friends in

the jails at this school function. Along with all the club booths, there was also karaoke and line dancing that was supposed to start at 9:00 when the club booths closed, however closed down at 10 p.m. due to popular demand. That didn't stop the line dancing, however, and row after row of sidestepping boot stompers competed for space with the food eating, ring tossing types. Meanwhile a spontaneous game of pseudo-cricket broke out behind a stack of hay. The bash continued unabated, the line dancers stomping and kicking to the music which at times became decidedly uncountrilike (Men in Black and Can't Touch This), dodging the occasional stray wiffel cricket ball hit, and enduring intermittent spurts of karaoke. The barn bash came to an end when the line dancers went home, the hay was swept up and the cricket players were forced to leave.



Three LSU students enjoying themselves at the Barn Bash



Riverside Mayor Ronald Loveridge at La Sierra Univeristy

Mission Madness extends throughout the campus

BY JODI CAHILL
Assistant Chaplain

Missions Madness hit the campus as Homebase hosted it's Callbook kick off week. Returned Student Missionaries from all over the globe joined the Language Institute Directors from Japan, Korea, Russia and Taiwan as they challenged students to fan the flame of adventure and service.

Monday's dorm worship found students on a trip to Pohnpei or Tanzania with Kristie Seheult and Ryan Hayton. Both students shared personal experiences from their terms of service as Student Missionaries.

Ben Guerrero, SALSU Vice President, and a returned SM from Majuro, was the featured speaker for Chapel and challenged students to connect with Christ and each other. Guerrero followed Dr. Geraty's introduction of the Language Institute Directors from Japan, Korea, Russia and Taiwan.

Marlene De Coito, Director from Taiwan was overheard saying, "I'm amazed at the life on this campus, we wrote it off for dead." When asked what has

made the difference Assistant Chaplain Jodi Cahill replied, "Students charged with the Holy Spirit, it's unstoppable energy." De Coito, Saili Butler from Korea, Mark Duarte from Japan, and Harry Mayden from Russia spent the remainder of the day in the Commons showing students opportunities in their respective countries.

Duarte is an LSU alumnus and former Student Missions Director. His career in Missions began on this campus in 1981 and has spanned the globe. He has four of our thirty four Student Missionaries serving in Japan. "You can be very proud of your LSU student, stated Duarte and added, "I look forward to more in 1999."

Stahl Center Sabbath, completed a week showcasing service with presentations by Maestro Jon Robertson, the LSU Wind Ensemble, and the LSU Chamber Singers following a Flag Processional. "To conclude a week on missions with a service of worship is right," observed Stahl Center Director, Charles Teel. "Through processional, song, word, flags, and hymns we are invited to reflect on the One who calls us to serve."

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What should be the role of women in the SDA church?

BY CONNIE GALAMBOS
staff writer

Only recently did I realize that in many Seventh-day Adventist circles my views on gender issues might be dubbed as fairly radical feminism. I was born an idealist, and that often oblivious world view guided me through many years of church school. When I began studying at the university level, it shocked me to confront that my concept of gender rights was only a utopia, and not a reality. My intense desire for justice and human rights turned into hostility — anger directed towards those people and institutions who claimed that my existence as a woman dictated I should be subjugated, both overtly and covertly.

On October 15, 1998, at the International Association of Adventist Conference on the Loma Linda University Campus, Dr. Cheryl Koos gave a lecture on "Where We've Been - Where We're Going: The Legacy of Seneca Falls, 150 Years Later." The workshop was meant to encourage participants to evaluate the 1848 Seneca Falls Women's Rights Conference and its "Declaration of Sentiments." Led by her background information, we examined both secular impacts the bill had on American history, and its ramifications for the position of women in the SDA Church.

The lecture prompted a roundtable discussion amongst

Dr. Koos' LSU entourage: Angi Kwik, Maritza Duran, Linn Tonstad, Shelley Price, Emelly Ross, Macarena Tapia, Eva Pascal, Lisa Cortez, and myself, Connie Galambos. Dr. Koos opened up the floor to personal

from resolution — even within a church that claims as one of its tenets the equal love of God for all his children, and thus of one for another! The discussion was intense, with too few microphones and even fewer minutes

of their own voices in any struggle for gender-related issues.

One participant remembered being about 20 years old, and attending a General Conference Session. Outside of the old meet-

voices through denigrating the issues in an effort to be nicer, more tolerant, and "good" Christians. Loosely constructed Biblical arguments are left unrefuted and we are still unordained, preaching from a mere fragment of the pulpits, and sitting in the nursery areas even after our children are of age.

Women, we will lose our voice by giving up in dejection and leaving the church we once loved. This conference most importantly introduced me to Adventist women committed to the church — yet simultaneously committed to an equal rights revolution from within its structure. As progressive young women in the church, it is vital that we not leave the institution, and not leave our idealism. SAGE gave me a forum in which to address gender issues, and to redirect what could easily be destructive tactics into constructive actions.

Not identifying myself on this issue would mean alienating my womanhood from moral obligations as a human, and more importantly as a Christian. I have made my decision, yet many Adventist women linger tentatively on the outskirts of gender studies, supporting case studies but never wanting to admit that there is a fight to be fought. I am a Christian, and I am a feminist. SAGE helps me to cope on a personal level with redefining my "role" as a woman in society, and also to pursue that religious utopia I claimed as a naive child.



After carefully reviewing the Bible, Sister White's books and Brother Thompson's personal notes, we have concluded that nowhere is female hair grooming condemned. Therefore your request has been approved.

narratives as to why we are all members of SAGE, the Student Association for Gender Equality, Gender Studies minors, or working for the Women's Resource Center. Soon after, the audience joined in the animated discussion about how far women's rights had come in the church — along with how terribly far we still have to go. We discussed the devastating effect of a gendered society on the oppressed, and how this social problem was so far

to take in the incredible interaction.

When we finally broke for lunch, we were swarmed by conference attendees wanting to touch us, to talk to us, and to believe in us. The observations and burdens we shared were not original. Rather, our presentation was outstanding simply because it existed. Because we, as women, spoke out with our voices about our struggle. Women need to claim ownership

ing hall, men and women picketed together for women's rights to share seating with men, and to no longer have their faces covered in shame for their sex. Today, those men who picketed are in some of the most powerful offices our church provides to humans and those women that marched beside them are still the secretaries, the social committee chair-people, and the potluck coordinators.

Often we women also deny our

Letters from missionaries in Korea and Taiwan

Dear Jodi and Steve,

Hello! Sorry for the long black out. Orientation was great! The flight to Korea was fine. Another week of orientation passed with only slight fatigue hindering the SM's mood. After all the orientation, I felt like I was graduating yet again. We were all shipped off to our respective institutes.

I was bussed to Chuncheon, a sleepy little city two hours NE of Seoul. It is a beautiful place, surrounded by mountains (which are more like hills to Californians), lakes, and greenery. The air is cleaner than in Riverside. I think it's fresh, but my coordinator (a girl from Michigan) thinks it's polluted. What do I know?

Since coming here, I have undergone an enormous spiritual transformation. Now, I try to rely completely on God. No longer do I trust my own strength. I know I

couldn't survive here long, away from my family and friends, if I didn't depend wholly on God. I pray many times in a day. I have rediscovered my bible. What a difference it makes when you stop reading the bible and start eating it (figuratively, of course). When you do not depend on bread, but on "every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" for your sustenance, a remarkable transformation occurs in your life. I now feel invigorated and in-love with God, whereas before my religion was a mere curiosity that I subjected to intellectual perusal.

Still, it is difficult being away from family and friends.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours in Christ,

August

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Hello all,

This is the first update from Taiwan. If you know anybody who you think should be added to this list, please let me know cause I'd like to stay in contact with as many people as possible.

Okay, this probably won't be too structured at first, but please hang on. The next one will be more organized.

First Impressions:

Though I know its not completely correct, the analogy I'd make about Taiwan in general is this: Taiwan is to Japan as Mexico is to the United States. There are a few key differences though. Taiwan has almost no destitute people. There are poor people here, but I have yet to see any beggars or people starving on the streets. The housing and shops remind me of Mexico, but the streets are filled with middle class style cars - Hondas, Saturns, strange, but expensive looking Euro brands, etc...

Which brings me to the next item. Drivers here are crazy. I've already seen one accident and apparently they are quite common. The golden rule of driving in Taiwan is that are no rules. There are also hordes of motor scooters everywhere.

People carry everything from pets, to children, to water jugs on scooters - insanity would be an appropriate word.

I'm having a bit a problem adjusting to the food, but it is not as bad as I thought it would be. On the bright side Taiwan has the best veggie meats I've ever had. On the down side, they put with stuff I don't like. The superb veggie meat comes from a Buddhist culture that is also very veggie.

Yesterday (Wednesday) I went to this place that is exclusively veggie, but you'd never know it by looking at the food. Even Kar-Yee says the "v" meat tastes like real meat.

The one big cultural shock

that I'm going through now concerns snakes.

Apparently snakes are a very real threat here. Rule 1 - don't walk across grass at night.

Rule 2 - Don't walk into a dark house/room. Rule 3 - Don't walk at night without a flashlight. Just the other day someone killed a snake in their bed! Somehow it had slithered its way under the sheets. I'm told the snake problem will be bad for another month or so until they start hibernating for the winter months.

Well, there is tons more to tell, but its late and I've got teacher orientation tomorrow. If you have questions, comments, or just want to talk, please feel free to do so.

Leslie Camacho

P.S. - A King's ransom to the first person to figure out a way to send me a Veggie wrap from Taco Bell!

Where is the spirituality of this Adventist school headed?

BY FELIPE VIELMANN
SALSU President

People have many different views as to where our values in today's American society are headed. There are those that are concerned for where the values of our church are going, as well. I was in a class where we were discussing the diversity that we celebrate on our campus. While it is great to be accepting and welcoming of those around us, one of the students voiced concern about whether we are becoming merely a Christian, non-denominational, Institution rather than reflecting the Adventist tradition which is what founded La Sierra University. While speaking to another student, concern was raised as to whether our values are not headed down the tubes when we start to have events that encourage students to dress up in costumes and provide an outlet for them to do things that everyone else, that is non-Christian, is doing. "Where is the spirituality on this campus heading?" I was asked.

How much do Christianity, Adventism, and spirituality have in common? How tightly intertwined are these three, and more importantly how are they stressed on this campus? Considering that this is a private institution, should we see more prayer in the classrooms? How does it affect us, knowing that our own professors, many of them Adventist, do not take a moment of their busy schedule to offer a word of prayer with their students? Should prayer be relegated only for the religion classes? And what do we say to those students on our campus that are not Seventh-day Adventist and do not see the need for any of the spirituality—from wanting to be excused from chapel to dorm worship? Is there a point to paying an \$18,000 price tag to attend a private Seventh-day Adventist Institution and then complain that they run a spiritual program?

I know that this article raises many questions. I do not intend to offer any answers. At least not yet. I do want to raise these issues because I would like to hear your feedback. What do you think? Where do you stand? Why should we bother with any of these issues?

It is my earnest desire that as we go through our day and think about what it means to be part of the La Sierra University community we also take time to think of what Christianity, Adventism, and spirituality all mean with our being present here.

Praising God under the red flag

BY ARI SALGUEIRO
Graphics Designer

It is not a big secret that a lot of us do not appreciate required chapel and worship. It is not a secret that a lot of us do not like to go out and preach the gospel on the streets. It is very probable that a lot of us would not consider standing at five points and preaching to the cars passing by. I am also sure of one other thing: there are people in other countries who would trade all they have to be able to do just that. I was born in Havana, Cuba, and even grew up there for a while. You should all know a couple of things about my country that maybe are not advertised on the tourist brochures. There is no such thing as freedom of opinion in Cuba.

There is no such thing as freedom of press in Cuba. Until very recently, religious freedom was also a fantasy. I grew up in the Cuba of the 1980's, where Russia controlled the economy, and atheism controlled religion. God was not kicked out of the schools, he was simply never even allowed in. Every aspect of my education in Cuba was dominated by communist ideals and principles. Parents could go to jail for teaching religion to their kids, because their kids were not theirs, they belonged to the government. Gathering and revival campaigns were out of the question and church building was stalled for years. Handing flyers on the street was illegal and public preaching could put you be-

hind bars for quite a while. There was no higher education for Christian students. Religious freedom was but a dream, along with any other kind of freedom.

When my parents left Cuba and migrated to the U.S., I saw, for the first time, what it meant to praise our God without fear. We could talk to people on the streets and tell them about the love of God, without being prosecuted. Those first years were like a dream come true. We went out distributing flyers and invited people to our meetings. We could shout in the streets that Jesus was coming soon without being ashamed. Those were years when we were proud of our Lord and were more than willing to tell the world about it. It is funny how we can forget ourselves in the avalanche of this world. I got used to this new found freedom and even take it for granted along with the rest of you who always knew it. But I want to tell you one thing: you have to see the alternative, to truly appreciate what you've got. Take advantage of your freedom. Shout to the world that Jesus, our Jesus is coming soon. You still have the chance to share your faith. My country has achieved a little bit more of religious freedom in the late years, but the time will come, when this freedom will be taken away from us once more. I've been in the storm and fear its winds. Enjoy this time of tranquillity while it's still here. Shout the love of God to the four winds and do it soon. The clock is ticking.

Worship celebrates diversity

BY MERIAM MAKARY
Focus Editor

The annual Stahl Center Sabbath which unfolded this past weekend was highlighted again this year by a liturgical procession with students in international dress and flags representing the seventy nations comprising the university's student body. Readings on the theme of justice drew upon Stahl Center counselors, students, and alumni who have participated in the center's diverse program endeavors.

This day has traditionally featured two foci: student reports from various campus entities involved in service and a worship liturgy which draws upon processional, readings, music, and homily in focusing on a given theme. The music which garnished the worship experience included selections from Latin traditions by the University Chamber Singers and adaptations of Africa themes by the University Wind Ensemble. The worship theme this year built on Path of the Just, a stand of trees at La Sierra University honoring individuals whose lives of altruistic service have been manifest in individual empowerment, human rights, or religious toleration. The homily was presented by Stahl Center counselor Maestro Jon Robertson, chair of the De-

partment of Music at UCLA and director of the Redlands Symphony Orchestra. Robertson is principal guest conductor of the Armenia Philharmonic Orchestra. He participated with LSU students, faculty, and president in quilt distribution to Armenia hospices, pediatric wards, and refugee camps on a Stahl Center sponsored "quilt drop" of one thousand quilts this past summer.

Student reports of service endeavors featured students from the University Studies Service Learning Program, Students in Free Enterprise, Homebase, and the recently formed Amnesty International Chapter at La Sierra. Reports concluded with a phone link to four of ten students which the Stahl Center has recruited and Homebase has placed in the Peruvian Andes this past year. "One thing which we have learned in teaching a room full of students is a renewed respect for teachers!", noted these students who teach and coach daily.



The rabbit cometh ...

Book Review: Why Americans hate politics

BY STEVE DAILY
LSU Chaplain

While on vacation this summer, I found myself waiting with a group of patrons at a hotel, who got talking about President Clinton and the mess he has put himself in. As our discussion heated up, an older lady who happened to be an employee of the hotel said, "Have you heard the latest?" "No," we responded. "Clinton's got a brand new intern working in his office with all this going on," she said. "Why would Hillary ever allow that?" said one of the other women in the group, indignantly. "Hillary actually OK'ed the appointment," said the older woman with a laugh as she added, "The intern's name is Lorena Bobbitt!"

So goes life in the wake of our President's indiscretions and lies. You could hardly go anywhere these days without hearing people pop off, express outrage, or tell jokes about our Chief Executive. Cynicism and apathy about politics seem to be at an all time high in this country, today, but these are certainly not

new attitudes in this generation. Ever since Watergate the American public has seemed to expect the worst from politicians and even before Nixon left office Americans generally found themselves in a love hate affair with their democratic process.

In his award winning bestseller, *Why Americans Hate Politics*, E. J. Dionne argues that over the last several decades Americans have become increasingly disillusioned with our political process even as we have become increasingly marginated by it. Today less than half of Americans even bother to vote, largely because they believe that their vote won't change the system anyway. Both Democrats and Republicans have become so indebted to special interest groups for campaign fundraising that the will of the people is largely ignored. Even when voters try to take matters into their own hands with ballot propositions that are approved by landslide margins, the will of the people is often overturned by special interests who refuse to comply, politicians that manipulate the system or a judiciary that

rules such initiatives to be unconstitutional. Is it any wonder then that many voters have opted out of the system by refusing to participate?

Dionne states that «Democratic politics is supposed to be about making public arguments and persuading fellow citizens to advance the 'common good.' Instead, it has become an elaborate insider industry in which those skilled at fund-raising, polling, media relations, and advertising have the upper hand» (332). He argues that the "Sixties Left" which gave birth to the present Democratic Party, and the "Eighties Right" which is the perceived ideal of the present Republican Party, both conspired against the American public by attempting to advance their own agendas at the expense of the common good.

Politics has been polarized by issues such as abortion, gay rights, racism, feminism, welfare, immigration and controlled by lobbyists and special interest money while the fundamental concerns of government being accountable to the people, fairness in the tax code, economic

growth, job interests who refuse to comply, politicians that manipulate the system or a judiciary that rules such initiatives to be unconstitutional. Is it any wonder then that many voters have opted out of the system by refusing to participate?

My hope quotient has recently taken a big jump due to the miraculous success of Excite '98. When I first heard Shasta Emery and Jenn talk about a national meeting of young people on our campus in the middle of August, I thought, "Only God could make this work during the hottest, smoggiest time of the year." Most of us do everything we can to get off campus during the ugly month of August, but this summer I was thrilled to see and participate in a miracle that was truly exciting. In the wake of this conference my faith has been reinvigorated and my hope - even for our nation has been transformed. I will share the specifics of this in the next Criterion publication, but in the meantime let me just mention that even Clinton's meltdown can offer us a new vision of God's miraculous power and a new opportunity for hope.

ROVING REPORTER

Do you have any fears about the Y2K computer "crisis"?



"I'm sure they'll come up with something."
-Elizabeth Penner
Freshman, English



"I'll just deal with it when it comes."
-Trisha Chunestudy
Junior, History



"I heard that there are chips in toasters and other appliances that will shut off at the year 2000."
-Michelle Rathnam
Senior, Elementary Education



"I think all those major software companies will be screwed!"
-David Wong
Sophomore, Information Systems

LSU Business Department Teaches Bad Business

BY APRIL AITKEN
staff writer

As a senior at LSU, I have seen the campus change over the last several years. There have been many wonderful changes here on campus such as a stronger spiritual focus, a more involved SALSU, and a fantastic fitness center. As a freshman, I began my collegiate career as a Business/Pre-med major. Back then, the LSU School of Business and Management (SBM) was an exciting environment. For the last three years the SBM has taken a downward turn.

Due to an overwhelming number of negative comments in a Business Club survey last year, a group of students decided to form a focus group of students decided to form a focus group and explore the customer service at the School of Business Management.

The focus group consisted of eight juniors and seniors who had been at LSU for at least one year. Nearly two hours in duration, most of the comments were negative and very bitter. After breaking past the negative barriers and digging deeper into the real issues we found two main

problems: the Dean and the SBM teachers.

Students remarked that they feel very uncomfortable approaching the Dean. Joe* stated that when he went to the



Dean for guidance he was emailing and continued to do so with occasional over-the-shoulder glances during the conversation. On another occasion, Maria went to talk to him. She said, "he essentially called me a liar and made me cry."

Behavior such as this frustrates students and creates a barrier. Students feel helpless and that

their opinions do not matter. Similarly, they think that their comments and recommendations on teacher evaluations, are not taken seriously. It should be noted that the Dean

beginning hosting "Open Forums" last Spring Quarter for students to discuss issues at the SBM, however students are doubtful of any changes at SBM.

A second source of frustration is the

teachers. Teachers are so important to the student's view of customer service because that is what they are exposed to everyday, and it is what their education consists of. While the students commended faculty members, Tom Macomber, John Thomas, and George Ogum, generally, the students felt that there is a lack of good teachers in the

business department. Participants mentioned, that some of the classes were a waste of time because teachers read straight from the book instead of "teaching" the material.

Additionally, the participants felt that most teachers had problems communicating properly with the students. Cultural diversity is not as important as having teachers who can speak English. Thick accents and poor grammar are stumbling blocks for the student's learning experience. All of the students agreed that for the high cost of tuition, they deserve more effective professors.

These are the comments of my peers, but I have an additional question: Why do all the good teachers leave? In the last three years seven teachers have left the School of Business. These teachers came with impeccable resumes and were favorites among the students. What does LSU, and more specifically, the SBM do to keep the fabulous teachers? Why wouldn't they want to stay? Why has there been such a high turn over, especially in the last three years?

As a student, I am also frustrated. Does anyone care? *identities of focus group members were kept anonymous.

Microsoft plays games with competitors

BY DAVID CHOE
staff writer

I have a computer in my dorm room. I have the latest versions of Netscape Navigator and Microsoft Internet Explorer, and I've noticed in comparing the two main browsers, that Netscape Navigator takes time to start up than Microsoft's Internet Explorer. Upon testing the start-up time, I found that Navigator took just over 15 seconds to load up, while Internet Explorer took around five seconds to load.

Critics of Microsoft have argued that the reason Explorer takes so little time compared to Navigator is because Microsoft makes Windows and Internet Explorer, so the coding for both are intertwined. These critics have complained for a long time about the predatory tactics Microsoft has allegedly tried to employ on rival companies. Microsoft in this case has been accused specifically of bundling Windows 98 and Internet Explorer. This does not allow companies such as Netscape to have their software made by big manufacturers such as Dell, Gateway, Compaq, and IBM. These accusations are probably true because all companies, including Microsoft, are aggressive in order to make a bigger profit.

Although Microsoft most likely uses predatory tactics, the simple

fact is that in order for software, including the software made by Microsoft, to dominate its market, the software has to be convincingly superior to all its rivals. Take a look at Windows compared to systems such as OS/2 by IBM or Unix, and it will become very obvious which operating system is the more user-friendly and aesthetically pleasing. Also, compare Microsoft Word to its rivals. Back when Word had just come out, Word Perfect was using an inefficient system of formatting which involved the use of the F1 to F12 keys in conjunction with the Alt, Ctrl, or Shift keys. I was in high school then. Being a poor student, I «borrowed» software from my friends to use on my computer. The problem with «borrowing» software was that I had to guess what combination of keys to press to save or do anything else. I had to guess whether Shift-F2, Ctrl-F7 or any other combination of keys did the exact formatting function because I did not have that paper that was supposed to be placed on top of the function keys that told me what to press to get Word Perfect to do what I wanted it to do. Microsoft on the other hand copied the Apple Macintosh method of using a menu bar that was accessible by the mouse. This made Word about a million times easier than Word Perfect, so people started using Word. Word Perfect caught on later, and is now using

the menu bar, but now Word has all new bells and whistles to keep ahead of Word Perfect. Although Microsoft has control over many of the big software genres, Microsoft does not dominate over every software market. Some of Microsoft's products are inferior to software made by other companies. Such is the case for Microsoft Money which is a program used for finance management. Intuit Quicken is the more popular brand because it is so much easier to use and much easier to abuse. The consumers know what is good when they see it, and I think Microsoft

became big because most of the programs Microsoft produces are great products. Instead of complaining to the Justice department, the companies that make Navigator and Word Perfect should strive to develop software that will outperform Microsoft Internet Explorer and Word.

Microsoft is guilty of nothing but being a company that has risen to the top. Microsoft has exceeded due to the the quality of work and creative ideas that Bill Gates and his team have enforced. They do not deserve this public criticism from the government.



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Editorial: "If you can dream- and not make dreams your master; " - Rudyard Kipling

Last Friday morning, as I entered the SALSU Office, I noticed a bouquet of flowers upon my desk. As I ecstatically opened the card to see who they were from, my eyes encountered a new name.

Being caught up with my

own problems and grief, I had become blind to the beauty other people can offer. Unfortunately, I followed the same busy routine, and become accustomed to these daily actions, failing to enjoy my surroundings.

Until a few weeks ago when a tragedy occurred in my life,

I was awakened to the important role and influence people can have on one another. I had taken for granted God's creations and had completely involved myself with my goals for the future. These past events helped me realize that we should all cherish the present moments

and past memories we share with people. If we always look toward the future, we could risk the chance of robbing ourselves from the happiness and love we all deserve to experience.

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New Coach Wants Eagles to Soar High

BY ANDREA GELI
Feature Editor

Michael Watson is the new coach for the Lady Eagles and he has big plans for the LSU women's basketball team. Despite the Snoopy basketball tie that he wears, he seems very serious about turning around the team's past poor performance.

Though this is his first time working at the college level, Watson refuses to be intimidated. "It feels like I've been coaching forever, but I guess it has actually been about fourteen years."

Most recently, Watson coached top level club teams that were organized to showcase the talents of high school basketball stars for college recruiters and coaches. He believes working with such high caliber players gave him the experience he needs to transfer to his job at La Sierra.

Surprisingly Watson played football, not basketball, in high school and college. Basketball was a recreational sport for him until he began running intramural programs for it.

Watson has coached girls' basketball for the last five years. "Girls are like sponges. They soak up the information they get and work hard to improve. Guys want to dunk. For me, they are harder to coach."

Watson would like the Lady Eagles to win at least ten games this season, which would improve on last year's record. He believes this could be achieved if the play-

ers focus on the goals he has set forth for them. "Teamwork—that's the most important. We're also going to work on a fast paced offense with a lot of three point shots. Our defense needs to be very aggressive. We'll play mostly man-to-man, but we're learning about four different defensive structures to use this year."

Watson wants to keep other elements of the team's plans a surprise, especially for opposing teams.

Kristen Willey, Karen Ruiz and Lacey Cordell are Watson's go-to players for the upcoming season. "They are definitely the ones to watch during a game," he says.

The team itself bears watching, for Michael Watson intends this year to be the beginning of a winning program. "I believe we can be one of the top programs in the area in three years," he says.

Come see the girls in action in their upcoming games. The schedule for the next few games is as follows:

- Friday, Nov. 6
LSU Eagles vs. PUC
12 noon
- Tuesday, Nov. 10
LSU Eagles vs. Southern California College at Costa Mesa
7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 14
LSU Eagles vs. Azusa Pacific at Azusa
6:00 p.m.

What are YOU musing about?

BY CONNIE GALAMBOS
staff writer

What are YOU musing about? This is the question that editors Connie Galambos, Gabriela Martinez, and Macarena Tapia are asking of La Sierra University students this year.

In fact, they challenge you to make your personal musings public in *Musings*, a book to be distributed during Spring Quarter 1999.

To participate in *Musings* requires submission to creative forces otherwise neglected by the serious student.

Although term papers, laboratory sessions, and work schedules conflict with your inner thoughts, don't let life suppress you! This is your chance to express yourself in a public forum without the MLA Stylebook or any hypotheses.

Musings will accept your stories, music, poetry, essays, memoirs, manifestos, paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs, textiles, graphic designs, and any other forms of creativity legal on an Adventist campus.

Through realities or fantasies, enjoy this opportunity to express yourself differently than current obligations dictate. You may think you are not "creative"...but when beings muse, they are all inspired.

The Muses, for whom the book is named, held a revered place in Greek mythology. Although legends surrounded the muses conflicts, their positions as goddess over the arts filled them with enough inspiration to motivate artists, writers, singers...creative beings of all types throughout the universe.

Modern musers traditionally think or meditate in silence. But this book intends to break that silence and motivate you, the students, to direct the muse in you outward - out of your brain and

"Submissions for Musings will be accepted starting November 1, 1998..."

into the La Sierra University community.

Traditionally, *Musings* has been a book compiled, edited, and published by students.

Students have always appreciated the chance to display their creative talents in their own publication. Former copies of *Musings* are available at the English and Communications Department.

The most recent edition came out in 1996, and since has been on hiatus due to a lack of student initiative and budgetary concerns.

However, with a bigger budget and the combined energies of three editors, this publication is back! Connie Galambos holds the position of Literary Editor, and is working with Artistic Editor Gaby Martinez and Design Editor Macarena Tapias.

The College of Arts & Sciences granted *Musings* a generous amount of start-up money, which has been rapidly expanding with the help of personal donations by Drs. Gary Bradley and Frank Knittel. With the combined work experience of the three editors, this book is well underway, and now just in need of your contributions.

Submissions for *Musings* will be accepted beginning November 1, 1998, and continuing through January 31, 1999.

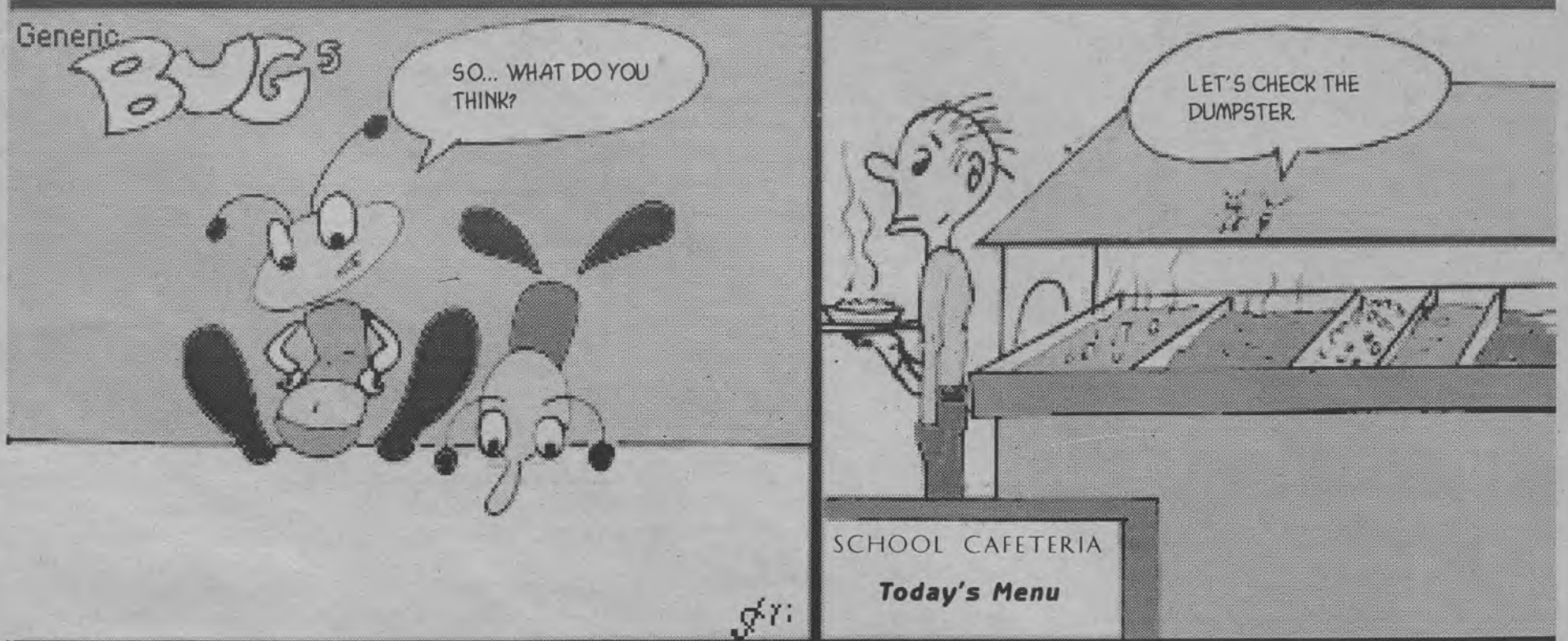
The pieces will be judged by a blind jury of faculty from various departments; results will be tabulated by the editors.

All submissions will be on display during an open reception in February. In March the most honored writers will be presented with a copy of the book, with their piece featured inside.

Pick up your submission forms for *Musings* at the Eagle's Nest, the Library, the Office of English & Communication, or the Art Department. For more information, e-mail the editors at musings@lasierra.edu.



Let your thoughts ascend



Oprah and *Beloved* give audience chills

BY W. PRICE
staff writer

With the release of Oprah Winfrey's new movie *Beloved*, we see once again that she can do it all. Toni Morrison's novel has finally come to life on the big screen.

This haunting tale about Sethe, (Winfrey) a freed slave woman and her two children is quite an emotional roller-coaster. Sethe and Paul D (Danny Glover) argue over her shameful secret which has been revealed.

Oprah captivates the audience with her amazing ability to give us the coldly detached, yet strong and seasoned mother with integrity. She has bravely borne the guilt of killing her daughter "Beloved" to assure that she (Beloved) will not be taken away by white slave-owners.

Director Jonathan Demme crafts this complicated story together with fluid eloquence. Winfrey carries the pain and the passion from the beginning scenes until the end. Sethe finds herself so

loaded down by guilt that she can only sit in a chair and wear the empty expression of a zombie until her final redemption by Paul D.

The other characters are no less intense. Thandie Newton does a marvelous job at playing the half-witted and crazed Beloved. Kimberly Elise plays Denver, the oldest daughter who emerges from a shy girl who won't even venture outside of her own yard, into a mature woman. Glover, although the most experienced of all the actors, gives the least impressive performance. His take on Paul D, the bewildered and likeable boyfriend of Sethe, is quite average.

This piercing drama is full of intense emotions and troubling scenes. Although at times confusing, the movie is worth the concentration to understand what is happening. It is not for the faint of heart. Neither is it a movie for a Saturday night or a first date. Rather you should square your shoulders, suck in your gut and be prepared for one of the most engaging movies of the year.

Will you be Tartuffified?

FROM ENGLISH and COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Much great literature has been banned at one time or another and Moliere's *Tartuffe* suffered this fate shortly after its initial production in 1664. Like Shakespeare before him, Moliere's acting skills led directly into his writing skits and short plays for the theater group with which he traveled.

Later, Moliere started writing full-length plays which were presented first to the French aristocracy. His career took a decidedly turbulent turn when he began to write about the French aristocracy. One such play, *Tartuffe*, revolves around a French family whose home has been invaded by a religious hypocrite. Ron Williams and An-

thony Priest, Michael Weismeyer, Ari Salgueiro, Christina Walters and Sharon DeLeon, Doug Brown, Josie Pardenella, Kim Izvernari, Liesa Hequibal, Michele Pongvorin, Jennie Wong, and Kristi Marson play the various roles.

"It's a great cast," Dr. Renard Doneskey, the play's director, noted. Doneskey last directed

Faustus on this campus. "And it's a funny play as well, filled with wonderful jokes and puns. But unlike a strictly romantic farce, the play's cen-

tral point against religious hypocrisy is totally relevant in today's world."

Come to one of the performances to find out exactly what happens. *Tartuffe* will play Dec. 2, 3, and 5 at 7:30pm and on Dec. 6 at 2:00 pm in Matheson Chapel. Tickets are \$5.00 general admission, \$2.50 for La Sierra students with I.D.



Celebrating National Children's Book Week...

BY CHRIS CICCETTI
Assistant Librarian

During November 16-22, book lovers around the country will celebrate National Children's Book Week. Here at LSU, the library is hosting a Children's Book Fair to celebrate this event.

The road to college starts with literacy. For many of us, literacy began with parents and caregivers who read to us frequently, thereby teaching us that books could be fun. This knowledge helped motivate us when we began learning to read.

Studies of children who learn to read before starting school have shown that these children have been read to on a regular basis, and have a wide variety of printed material available in the home. Most educators say that reading aloud is the most critical thing parents can do for their children to ensure their success in school.

Why should we care about this at LSU? Some of us are studying to be educators ourselves, and reading aloud will be one of the most crucial things that can be done to motivate students. Even those who don't become teachers will likely become parents at some point.

If you are not a parent, you may be involved with children in important ways. Do you have children in your extended family, or work with children in schools or at church? One of the most influential acts you could do with these children, and a great way to celebrate National Children's Book Week, would be to share a favorite book from your own childhood.

Come visit the Book Fair in the lobby of the library on Wednesday and Thursday, November 18 and 19, 1-7 p.m. to celebrate National Children's Book Week. *The Frugal Frigate*, a children's bookstore in Redlands, will be here selling books. Come just to enjoy the good books available, to buy books for yourself, or to buy books for children you know. A paperback book is one of the best gifts available for under \$5.00. 10% of proceeds will benefit the children's book collection in the library, a collection from which you can borrow any time you need a good children's book.

LSU SIFE organizes "Junior SIFE teams," Tutoring and Mentoring Projects, and More

BY HEATHER MILLER
SIFE Faculty Fellow

The La Sierra University SIFE team (Students In Free Enterprise) is initiating more than a dozen "Junior SIFE teams" at academies and high schools around Southern California as of Nov. 2 when seniors from these schools are on campus for University Experience days Nov. 2-16.

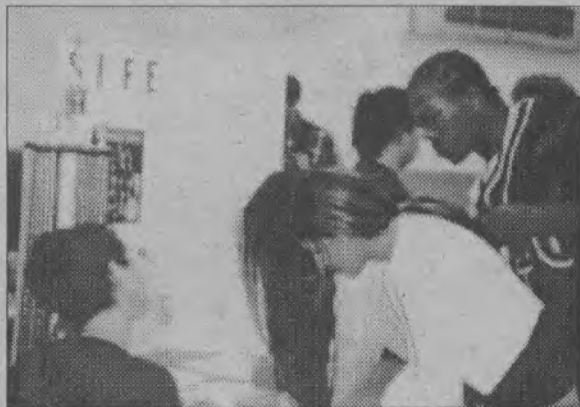
The junior SIFE team project is being coordinated by Geovanny Vielman and Julene Duerksen, along with Jennifer Johns and April Aitken. LSU SIFE students will mentor the academy and high school teams, help them create entrepreneurial and free enterprise projects on their campuses and in their communities, and host a spring competition for the teams. The purpose of creating teams on these campuses, according to the organizers, is to help the young students learn the valuable lessons of free enterprise, as well as to give them a taste of SIFE when they come to our campus for the real thing the next year! SIFE is looking for

LSU students to be mentors to the younger teams, and invites anyone interested to contact us.

Another project getting started in early November are two tutoring and mentoring projects. LSU SIFE is working in conjunction with the Arlanza/La Sierra Community Collaborative, directed by Michael Conner from the School of Education, and Family Services of Western Riverside County. The project focuses on several elementary schools in the Alford

Unified School District (our local public school district) to help children improve their basic academic skills, as well as get along better socially, including helping them cope with peer pressure, nurturing their interests in other areas such as music or sports, etc. A second mentoring project will

take place in a Jurupa alternative education school, where LSU SIFE will set up community service activities for the students to participate in. Students have already indicated an interest in starting their own entrepreneurial projects later this year as well. The tutoring and mentoring projects are being coordinated by Julene



Julene Duerksen invites students to join SIFE

Duerksen and Fabio Tichy. In addition, the Senior Citizen Computer Literacy project has also just been initiated underway. Organized by Rick Gurney and Mark Schatzschneider, this project will take place in several locations, starting in Rubidoux. The project involves creating a set of les-

son plans that will walk senior citizens through basic understanding of the computer, word processing, and surfing the 'Net,' etc. This project is also in conjunction with Family Services, and includes a donation of a number of computers from UPS. Finally, the Mexico entrepreneurial project has also begun. Coordinated by Geovanny Vielman and Rob Mohr, this project takes the entrepreneurial savvy of a local Riverside resident and turns it into clothing and toys for disadvantaged children in Mexico. A trip to the Montemorelos area is being planned for mid-November. Nearly all of the current SIFE projects are looking for students to help.

Remember, SIFE is not major-specific; in fact, the broader the diversity, the better the projects. If you are interested in helping in any of these or other SIFE projects, please contact the person listed, or e-mail Heather Miller at hmler@lasierra.edu, or call x2225. And don't forget - you can get community service hours for nearly all SIFE projects!

Focus on three different cultures

Dancing through the 'Friendly Isles'

BY MELE HAUNGE
staff writer

Polynesia is made up of many islands in the South Pacific Sea. Some of them include Tonga, Hawaii, American Samoa, Western Samoa, Tahiti, Tokelau, Aotearoa (New Zealand) and many other islands scattered across the vast ocean of the South Pacific. Each island shares its own language, traditional clothes, cultural dances delicacies and historical events.

One Polynesian island is Tonga, also known as the "Friendly Isles." (Captain James Cook). Tonga is made up of five major islands: Tongatapu, 'Eua, Ha'apai, Niua and Vava'u. These island are all under the sovereignty of King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV. Tonga is the only island in the South Pacific that is governed by a democratic monarchy.

On a typical Sunday morning, all shops and businesses are closed and the sound of harmonic bells fill the air. The people dress in their Sunday best as they make their way to church. The women are dressed in "puletaha," a two piece outfit, with a "kiekie" tied around the waist. The men wear a tupenu (wrap around) match-

ing their shirts, and a "ta'ovala" around their waist tied with a kafa. A kafa is a rope that has been braided from coconut husks. The kiekie and ta'ovala are both symbols of paying respect to a higher power.

There are many Tongan traditional dances. One of them is called the ta'olunga which is performed by a young virgin, bathed in coconut oil and wrapped around a dress made of green leaves. A young man who is seeking her affection will then dance in the background trying to impress her with his masculine slap dance.

The puaka tunu is a delicacy among the Tongan society. This is the pig that has been roasted over a ngoto'umu (fire pit). This dish is served at a feast during a wedding celebration, a funeral, a baptism or a family reunion. Another Tongan delicacy is the feke momoa which is octopus that has been dried and marinated with special coconut juice. Other Tongan dishes include the 'ota (marinated raw fish), sapsui, lu pulu (corn beef wrapped in taro leaves) and faikakai, a cuisine desert. Carbohydrates are an important element of the Tongan diet, which includes taro, manioke, kumala, and 'ufi.

Other islands of Polynesia are the two Samoas: Western and American. The Samoans are well known for the tattoos that the men have on the lower half of their bodies. These tattoos are symbols of tribal initiation and a distinction between nobility and commoners. The Samoan traditional dances include the slap dance, the Samoan siva (performed by a young girl) and the juggling of fire.

The Acetearoa are the people of New Zealand. Their culture includes many traditional dances. The poi dance, is performed by a group of young girls. The haka dance is a war cry performed by a group of men.

Although each island in the Polynesian regime has their own traditions and culture, they do have similarities with each other, in regards to their food, the stories that are told, their dances and their clothing. For instance, a lavalava is a wrap around that both the men and women of Polynesia wear. Green bananas, breadfruits, cassava, and yams are common foods among the South Pacific islands. Polynesians also share a strong sense of pride in their cultural beliefs and traditions. This is the Mana, the spirit of our people.

Discovering Diversity in South Asian Culture

BY LUCKVIN MANUEL
staff writer

The diversity and allure of the Southern Asian culture arises from its dance, music and arts. "Natya," a word meaning both dance and drama in Sanskrit, symbolizes Southern Asian dance. Classic dance forms are actually dramatic presentations that tell a story through a highly complex language of hand gestures (known as mudras) and body movements. The dancers are usually beautiful women, adorned in multicolored silk saris, with hair garlands of jasmine, elaborate head jewels, golden bracelets, and ringing ankle bells delicately hanging over painted bare feet. Such dances can serve a wide variety of purposes from religion to entertainment.

An important component of Southern Asian dance is the graceful and poignant music. Southern Asian music is melodic and rhythmic, but lacks harmony. The rhythmic element of Indian music is called a tala and can range from three to a hundred beats. Music is also often accom-

panied by a tanpura, an upright instrument with four or five strings. Other instruments often used include the tabla drum and the sitar, a double-gourded multistringed instrument.

Diversity is embodied by the various tastes of Indian delicacies. North India has a profound Islamic influence. Since the 16th century, the Hindu traditional dishes have been transformed by Arab control of the region. Meats with cream and butter sauce, dates, nuts, and sweets are all indicative of Mughlai cuisine. Coastal Indian cuisine is filled with meats and fish.

Southern Asia is also home to two of the most peaceful world religions, Buddhism and Hinduism. These religions embody the diversity evident in the Southern Asian culture. They are rich with graceful images and statues. The stories are vibrant and alive. Meditation, understanding, and identity are sought by these different religions. There is no better place to make these discoveries than in the mystical beauty of Southern Asia.

The Middle Eastern culture turns from terrorism to tourism

BY MANTURA SHELBY
AND BAHER MAXIMOS
staff writers

What area in the world has: deserts, camels, pitched tents (in the middle of nowhere), women dressed in black from head to toe, men carrying guns, terrorism, and lots of regional tension?

Give up? What should usually come to mind is the Middle East.

"AHLAN WA SAHLAN" (Welcome) friends to the middle eastern realm that you are about to embark to. Come and join us

in a warp-speed journey through various pasts and presents of this colorful world. If you haven't pictured the stereotypes from above or the screaming terrorist with his weapon in hand, you are on the right track to truly experiencing and learning about the zestful history and culture of the Middle Eastern countries. So sit back, relax and read about the pleasures that await you in the middle east.

The Middle East is one of the most richly cultured and active areas in the world. You can experience and do just about anything. Believe it or not, there's

more to do than archeological digs and camel rides all day. Touring all the famous historical monuments is fun too, but what about water-skiing, surfing, hunting, scuba diving, basketball, rugby and plaring every other sport you can imagine. Some monument attractions that are the oldest in history span from the great pyramids of Egypt, to the Phoenician ruins of Lebanon, to the Old City in Jerusalem, where all our biblical stories took place. But wait there's more! Each middle eastern country has a vast variety of delicious dishes that surpass Baskin Robin's 31 fla-

vors (that's there too). In certain parts of the Middle East such as Lebanon and Egypt, you can taste each one of these delicious dishes in just one sitting. From stuffed grape leaves and garbanzo bean dip, to stuffed squash and shish kabob. We wouldn't want to forget dessert would we? All the different pastries and fruits you can enjoy right for your stomach's desire. But wait there's more! The entire meal is still not complete until you have topped it all off with a cup of coffee or tea and have tried the shisha (a type of liquid tobacco pipe) while watching an authentic belly dancer and/or

group of folklore dancers dancing the night away. After all this, if you can walk out of the restaurant without difficulty, you haven't experienced a true Middle Eastern meal.

The meal is just half of the enriched culture and beauty you can experience. You also have the kindness and hospitality of the people. Middle Easterners are known as the most hospitable people on earth. But you'll have to see and experience it for yourself. So take a chance and take a trip down to one of the Middle Eastern countries of your choice!

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Net '98 7:15 p.m. LSUC	1 University Preview Days	2 University Preview Days Chapel 11:00 a.m. LSUC Net '98 7:15 p.m. LSUC Tuesday Tunes 8-10 p.m. EN	3 University Preview Days Passport to Leadership 7:30 p.m. MEI Net '98 7:15 p.m. LSUC Rendezvous 10 p.m.	4 Assembly 11 a.m. AP	5 Women's Basketball vs. PUC 12 Noon LSU Men's Basketball vs. PUC 2 p.m. LSU Net '98 7:15 p.m. LSUC CPR for the Soul 7:30 p.m.	6 Xodus 24:7 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. LSUC SOS 2:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Pacific Christian College 7:30 p.m. Fullerton
8 Relay Race Alumni Pavillion Fall Sinfonia Concert 7:30 p.m. HMA Net '98 7:15 p.m. LSUC	9 GRE 8:00 a.m. CLL Suite CC Reception for Doug Webb 6-7:30 p.m. BG	10 Last day to apply for Stafford/PLUS loans Women's Basketball Vs. Southern California College 7:30 p.m. Costa Mesa Men's Basketball vs Concordia University 7:30 p.m. Irvine Net '98 and Tues. tunes	11 University Preview Days Net '98 7:15 p.m. LSUC Net '98 7:15 p.m. LSUC Rendezvous 10 p.m.	12 La Sierra LIVE University Preview Days Men's Basketball vs. Dominican College 7:30p.m. LSUC Brickyard Bash After Men's Basketball	13 La Sierra LIVE University Preview Days Net '98 7:15 p.m. LSUC CPR for the Soul 7:30 p.m.	14 La Sierra LIVE Xodus 24:7 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. LSUC SOS 2:30 p.m. Women's BBall vs. Azusa Pacific Univ. 6:00 p.m. Azusa

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C.A.B.L.: Look out for the Bagel Breakfast coming to you on FINALS week (Dec. 7-10) from 7-9 a.m. Come and get your free bagels and juice served in the mall.

Christmas Banquet 1998 tickets on sale for \$10.00 in SALSU and in the cafeteria Mon.-Thurs. 12:00-1:00. The banquet will be Dec. 3 at the Spaghetti Factory from 8:00-10:00 p.m.

There will be a senate meeting December 2, 1998 at 12:00 p.m. It will be held in the Administration Building Room 223.

AIA Mission Trip to Miami over Christmas Break. For more information contact SALSU.

Visit SALSU's web site at www.lasierra.edu/salsu

SALSU wishes everyone and very happy and safe Thanksgiving!!!

Lifesaving water sent to Honduras Let's play broom ball

BY SASHA ROSS
staff writer

Within a week and a half, students and faculty of La Sierra University and members and institutions of the Inland Empire community collected over 2,000 gallons of water for the victims of Hurricane Mitch. This idea was initiated by the Stahl Center in order to aid relief efforts set forth by the Inland Empire Foods Company on behalf of the Honduran people.

The Stahl Center for World Service received a call from Cathy Sterner, president of the Inland Empire Foods Company, processor of Dried beans with a nation-wide distribution network, inviting the Center to assist in transporting food enough to feed 200,000 people in Honduras left hungry in the wake of the hurricane. "We turned to the Stahl Center on the basis of its global humanitarian service endeavors," noted Sterner. "We had partnered with the Center previously in their Global Quilting drive." Stahl Center Director Charles Teel, Jr. immediately placed calls to

Tegucigalpa, Honduras in order to secure information on needs and logistics. ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) International headquarters in Silver Springs subse-



quently agreed to cover the shipping, and ADRA Honduras is prepared to receive and distribute the beans upon their arrival in that country.

The only remaining problem was water. Dried beans must be mixed with potable water, a commodity in scarce supply following a hurricane. While agencies in Honduras are working frantically to purify water there, community residents, LSU students

and the Ramona Water Company pitched in to help. Collection bins were placed at various sites around Riverside and Loma Linda inviting residents to send a "six-pack" or "give a gallon"

to augment the bean shipment.

The container bound for Honduras holds 1,000 quilts donated by the Stahl Center, dried beans for 200,000 people, 2,000 gallons of fresh water, and medications donated from Loma Linda University. Packing and packaging materials have been provided by Hunt-Wesson, Inc. and transportation to the shipping dock has been arranged by Roadway Express Trucking.

High School Previews LSU

MARY E. LEMASTERS
staff writer

High school students arrived for the recruitment department's annual University Experience. Twelve academies including Thunderbird, Calexico, San Gabriel, San Diego, Orange-wood, Mesa Grande, Escondido, La Sierra, San Fernando, Los Angeles, Loma Linda, and Newbury Park, participated in the activities on November 2, 3, and 4. Two more academies, Hawaiian Mission and Glendale participated on November 11th and students from local public schools also joined us on the 11th and the 12th.

The days started early, with recruitment staff decorating the campus, utilizing balloons and signs to direct the visitors throughout their stay. Students began arriving around 8am and were served a continental breakfast while they registered and waited for the morning program to begin.

La Sierra's Vocal Octet was the opener for each morning's program in Matheson Chapel. A favorite of La Sierra's, Milford, aka. Doug Mace, youth pastor of Loma Linda University church and a graduate student here at

LSU, followed with a spirited performance. Milford attempted to bring humor to the day's activities with his cheezy come-ons and vocal serenades in his presentation of "A New Social Scene."

Next on the agenda was a presentation by David Dudley on how to decide on a career. Students were given materials and instructions in order to complete an Interest Inventory booklet. This booklet allows students to discover which careers would best suite their interests.

At this point, students were divided into four groups. Each group attended presentations on Student Life/Residence Halls, University Studies (CORE), Honors, SIFE, Undergraduate Research, and a Department/Major Expo.

When the tours and presentations were complete, visitors were invited to visit one of the departments in which they were interested. Each department prepared a presentation to help the visitors become more familiar with the department in which they were interested.

As students returned from the various departments, they were served pizza, salad, brownies and soda, before they continued on to the following program. This

program was on "La Sierra Online," including information on the web, MICOL, Information Resources, Learning Centers and Career Placement. This ended the serious stuff and the rest was literally fun and games.

The visitors were given a bag of twelve beans to use as tickets for playing carnival games, including bowling, ring toss, darts and ski ball. The prizes were recruitment's version of LSU dollars to be used afterwards at an auction. Auctioned items included various LSU paraphernalia, tennis balls, coloring books with crayons, and, best of all, scholarships to be used in the next school year at LSU. These items went for as much as two million LSU dollars; easy to spend when it's not real!

The day concluded with an ice cream feed and a T-shirt give away. As quickly as they had arrived, the visiting students vanished and the recruitment staff was left to clean up. University Experience, while presenting a challenge to the recruiting team, was an excellent exposure for the University to high school juniors and seniors. We hope your ideas and feedback will lend to an even more effective and fun University Experience in the coming years.

BY KIM ODLE
Social Vice President

This past Thursday, November 12, 1998 two of SALSU departments combined forces to present Broom Ball. Our SALSU Perspectives editors, Carl Jonard & Rick Marson and myself (social v.p.) teamed up and made the event happen. The event was from 10:00pm-12:00am at Ice Town. Broom Ball was in honor of the new edition of Perspectives coming out. Even though the event was short noticed it was still a success. Broom Ball was also the first event that started off the second La Sierra Live weekend. Broom Ball is a lot like hockey, with a few differences. You wear shoes, use a broom instead of a hockey stick. Also, there is two balls instead of a puck. This game is played on ice like hockey. All night different people went on and off the ice pairing up with different teams. There were no injuries!!! However, there were a few soar muscles among the people that were there the next day. Broom Ball was not the only thing that was happening Thursday night, there was also free food. Yes, free food! The food was from In-n-Out Burgers. The students enjoyed the gilled cheese burgers, some even ate multiple burgers. The night was a great success and Perspectives were signed.

If anyone has not picked up their Perspectives, go to Student Life to get one.



Dean Guerro enjoying a moment on the ice...

Criterion Criterion

SBM moves forward in Business Accreditation Program

BY HENRY E. FELDER
Dean of School of Business
and Management

When I came to La Sierra University and the School of Business and Management in 1995, I was given a general mandate to improve the business program and to get it accredited. I am pleased to report that the SBM has moved aggressively forward and is now poised to achieve recognition of the excellence of its business program by becoming accredited. This is a status report on the SBM.

Following an analysis of the program and extensive conversations with students, faculty, Advisory Board members, alumni and other interested parties, I wrote a 36-page plan for accreditation, which was submitted in March 1996 to the SBM faculty, the Administration of LSU and the Board of Trustees. The key finding was that the SBM program did not meet accreditation standards for either of the two business accrediting bodies.

Among the deficiencies were: 1) lack of doctoral faculty, 2) a curriculum that did not meet the qualitative or quantitative requirements for

and 3) a large number of concentrations that could not be supported by existing faculty resources. At that time, only 38 percent of the full-time faculty held recognized doctoral degrees, there were two inconsistent programs leading to the same Bachelor of Art degree, and there were nine concentrations for the Bachelor of Science degree. The March 1996 accreditation plan clearly stated that it would be costly to achieve the accreditation wanted. However, there was to be no new funding to support accreditation.

Today, we can rejoice that there have been significant and substantive improvements in the faculty, curriculum, teaching and research in the SBM. For the first time, this academic year, there is only one path to the Bachelor of Arts degree, and it has been strengthened to 76 units. This core degree has more required courses in finance, entrepreneurship, and international economics and business. Instead of 9 overlapping concentrations, there are now just 4, and they build on the existing 76-unit core degree. All full time faculty have doctorates in the areas in which they teach. We are

also employing better trained and more experienced adjunct faculty. Eleven of the 12 adjunct faculty who will be teaching in the SBM core programs this year have doctorates in their teaching fields and four are tenured professors in the California State University system. Overall, student evaluations of faculty are better than they have been in several years. Contrary to what some believe, this is an exceptional faculty as indicated by student evaluations, training, and experience.

On September 28, 1998, Dr. Roy Moore of the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (the accrediting body to which we will apply for accreditation), wrote to me, with a copy to President Geraty, that our "A program has made great progress." He wrote the letter after the SBM had submitted a Preliminary Visit Questionnaire that detailed the major aspects of our program, and after he had made a one-day visit to the campus. We were encouraged to write a self-study for accreditation based on what we are doing during this 1998-99 academic year. If present plans continue on

schedule, and if we are able to secure a full time Marketing professor, the LSU SBM will receive a three-day, full accreditation visit in February or March 2000, and we will be accredited by June 2000.

The current status of the SBM program has come about through a series of changes over time in much of the way that we do business. As faculty have left (and they left SBM for a wide array of reasons including becoming the president of an HMO, returning to their home country to teach, the shutdown of the Department of Office Management, taking a job at Southern Adventist University, and so on), they have systematically been replaced with faculty who have the experience and doctoral training in business to help improve the program and move it towards accreditation.

In numerous faculty meetings, the faculty and I have worked together to improve the curriculum, to improve teaching methods, and to improve customer relations with all SBM students. We have prepared for these changes by carefully looking at student evaluations, talk-

ing to a diverse group of students, and seeking to craft a program in the best interest of all students. We concluded that it was essential that students participate in their own education at a higher level. We also decided to make more extensive use of Internet resources to support a learning environment. The results, so far, are very encouraging. For example, 12 students in the senior capstone class made poster presentations for the first time, and, under faculty guidance, graduate students have published in the refereed proceedings of several conferences.

Tremendous challenges remain and we will respond earnestly to them. As Dean of SBM at La Sierra University, I care deeply about the quality of the program and the education received by the SBM students. The SBM is on track to becoming accredited. However, accreditation is not enough if students believe that their education is not what they need for their careers. I welcome honest dialogue about the program and will seek appropriate means to make the program the success each of us wants it to be.



Responses to the last SBM article

BY APRIL AITKEN
staff writer

Since the release of the last edition of the Criterion, I have had many responses to my article about the School of Business and Management at La Sierra. As a result there are a few items I would like to address:

I decided to share the results of a focus group that I helped with last year. My article reflected the opinions of that group. They are not necessarily mine and it was not my intent to "attack" any individuals.

I did not create the headline, in fact I strongly oppose it. I wanted something that didn't sound as harsh. My article was a synopsis and too short to reveal the entirety of the research project. If anyone would like a copy, please contact me.

I do understand that there are two, or three, or more sides to ev-

ery story. But this was not an investigative reporting piece. It was an opinion article. My article discussed the opinions of the students founded in our research focus group.

I am really excited (and a bit surprised) about the responses I have gotten to this article. People are obviously emotional and concerned about these issues. I have received many positive and some nasty comments, but they all have been strong and sincere. I was tired of listening to students complaining and not doing anything. Now the issues are on the table and we are talking. We are all on the same side in seeking resolution. What was stagnant is now dynamic. What was dying has come back to life. It is encouraging to see that there are so many who feel strong enough to prompt change for a more cohesive and successful School of Business and Management.

Business Program improving every year

BY GRACE SRISAWAT
staff writer

I am a senior accounting student at SBM and I have seen many changes over the past four years. These changes include the computer lab opening in my Sophomore year. The accounting department has expanded from one individual teaching the majority of the classes to having two full-time, well-qualified professors. Dr. Bruce Ikawa, Ph.D., CPA who specializes in financial accounting and Dr. Robert Beshara, Ph.D., CMA who specializes in managerial accounting. The other classes such as Auditing, Tax, and Government and NonProfit are taught by contract teachers.

In addition, this year's 'Meet the Firms Night' was the best it has been in past years with over 50 companies present. These changes have taken place under the leadership of Dean Felder. I have found him to be fair, consistent, and far sighted. He is

deeply committed to the SBM. When I run into Dean Felder in the hall he always greets me and asks me how my classes are going. Although I have not had any concerns to share with the Dean, he has always made it clear that if I ever had any problems his door is always open.

A recent example of the Dean's willingness to meet the students' needs took place at the beginning of this quarter. I was among a group of students that needed Government and NonProfit. However the class was canceled through an oversight. In response Dean Felder reinstated the class and hired a contract teacher. Dean Felder took the time to listen to us and then worked out the arrangement to have the class taught this quarter.

While the SBM has problems, these are minor when compared to the positive changes. Teachers have left SBM. My understanding is that they left not because of problems they encountered at the SBM. They were offered jobs that paid triple their salary. However, the bright side

of this is their replacements have increased the school's diversity. This is particularly beneficial because we have more international students now than we did four years ago. The variety of students at LSU is one of our school's strength. Having professors from a variety of cultural backgrounds strengthens our university even more.

Some students claim that SBM is going downhill because of the Dean and the professors. Perhaps the responsibility needs to be broadened to include us, the business students. We do pay \$20,000 a year for the privilege of going to class. However, I have noticed that students come unprepared. This deprives everyone in the classroom of meaningful and stimulating discussions. It also means that of necessity the teachers must go over elementary material and sometimes are not left with enough time to progress to what is academically stimulating. If we as students do our part, our professors will be better able to do theirs.

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From the Religious Vice President...

My Daily Prayer

BY LINDSAY DAILY
Religious Vice President

Every morning my alarm begins to blare at 6:30. My response is to quickly hit snooze roll over and begin telling myself that I AM going to get up. After about 10 minutes of snoozing, I proceed to drag myself out of bed, get ready and head over to the flag pole five minutes late. On many days, I find myself asking, 'Why am I running through Gladwyn parking lot this early in the morning?' It seems like a lot of hassle, but somehow those fifteen minutes of prayer have changed my days this year. Missing out on that extra sleep hasn't killed me yet, and I don't think it will either.

I have found that there is nothing like walking across campus just as the sun is rising while everything is peaceful (and freezing cold) to remind me of what an awesome savior we have. Experiencing these mornings has helped me to experience God in a way I never realized I

could. This is one way I have found that brings me to the throne of God.

My challenge to you is to take the time to experience God in your own life. Find out what you can do to foster that constant relationship with Jesus. Maybe you would be blessed by joining us at the flag pole in the morning. Maybe it is a small group of your friends that you study the Bible with that fulfills you. Maybe you are not a morning person so you do your devotion at night.

God loves to hear from us, he listens to our prayers. He has answered so many of my prayers for this campus. Many of the answers were different than what I expected or desired but with all of those requests I knew I could relax because I had given those burdens to him. I want to see a revival within the students on this campus. I want the faculty and community around us to see who is in your hearts. I believe that the way to spark this fire is to begin by having Jesus' name on your lips each day.

What is your Mission?

BY AMY GOTTSCHALL
SM Director

What's so great about being a Student Missionary (SM)? Why did THIRTY-THREE La Sierra University students decide to spend this year away from school? It's about service.

Students from any academic background can apply to be an SM. There are calls available for students to serve as youth pastors, maintenance workers, assistant deans, and hospital assistants. Some teach English as a Second Language, some are responsible for teaching up to 10 subjects to their elementary students. SMs work in orphanages, while others are full-time teachers. Others work as engineers for Adventist World Radio, and still more work in remote parts of the world with Adventist Frontier Missions. La Sierra University currently has 33 SMs in Africa, Finland, Japan, Korea, the Marshall Islands, Norway, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Russia, and the Ukraine.

Those working as Student Missionaries refer to the Chaplain's Office at La Sierra as "Home Base." This signifies the fact that the

Chaplain's Office is very much involved in preparing, educating, and supporting our SMs as we send them out into the "playing field" of the world. The mission of Home Base is threefold. We seek to 1) integrate service with education by sponsoring community service and social activities that encourage student involvement, 2) increase interest in committing time to missions by informing our campus of mission opportunities here in the U.S. and around the world, and 3) inspire students to aim for a lifetime of service, realizing that one's commitment to missions does not have to end upon graduation from LSU.

Being an SM has changed my life forever. My year as an 8th grade teacher in the Marshall Islands was full of surprises and challenges. It was a very important year in making me what I am today. I feel so much stronger now, knowing that in my times of weakness the Lord gave me courage to reach my goals.

If you choose to be an SM, remember that no task is too big: the Lord will guide you, if you commit your year entirely to him. You will return home with more self-assurance because you have met

these challenges with courage. I think it would be amazing if we have met these challenges with courage. I think it would be amazing if I think it would be amazing if we had a mass exodus from this school, in which many students gave a year of their lives to serve the Lord as a Student Missionary to His world, whether that be here in southern California, or in far-off Africa.

So step out of your comfort zone and think of others! After all, you will be meeting God's challenge to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you," - Matthew 28:19-20. If you are interested in serving as a Student Missionary, please visit us at "Home Base." This year's staff includes: Amy Gottschall, Ben Guerrero, Assistant Director, Kristie Scheult, President, S.M.I.L.E. Club, Kathy DeLima, Head of Fundraising and Support, Lilian Han, Advisor, and Jodi Cahill Sponsor.

For more information, please call 785-2081 or email gottam@hotmail.com. Also, you can email Jody Cahill, Sponsor, at jcahill@lasierra.edu.

Book Review: Is Jesus a Democrat or a Republican?

BY STEVE DAILY
LSU Chaplain

What's black and brown and looks good on a politician? A Doverman Pincher of course! As I noted in the last Criterion cynicism about politics seems to be at an all time high in the wake of President Clinton's embarrassing forced disclosures. But I also argued that we cannot afford to let hope die as Christians when it comes to the future of our country. On that note I want to share my enthusiasm for a book, but much more, for the author of this book who has influenced me for Christ more than any other single human being.

The book is entitled, *Is Jesus a Republican or a Democrat?* It is a series of essays on a number of hot political issues written from a Christian and controversial perspective. Some of the topics include: Christians and Gay-Bashing, dealing with illegal aliens, abortion, welfare, Christians and Gay-Bashing, dealing with illegal aliens, abortion, welfare, environmentalism, gun control, public education, feminism, smoking, and the Christian

right. The author, Tony Campolo takes a Christ-centered and Biblical position on each of these issues, but not always one that is in harmony with traditional Adventism. He argues that Republicans have gone overboard on the side of individualism, failing to take responsibility for helping the needy. And that Democrats have erred on the side of collectivism, usurping the responsibility of the poor and making them dependent to the point of victimization. However, it is the author himself who has truly impressed me. Campolo is an academic, a sociologist from Eastern University, who also happens to be a powerful Baptist preacher.

But more importantly, he is the most effective social activist for the Kingdom of God that I have ever seen.

Tony operates major inner city programs for minorities every summer run by college students (including some of our own) in Philadelphia, Camden and Chicago. He has founded, funded, and continues to operate orphanages for needy children in Haiti and other third world countries. He is active in Evangelicals for Social Ac-

tion, the most life affirming and Biblically consistent political organization of which I am aware. And he has led movements to change the policies of major corporations throughout the world which have oppressed the poor and exploited the powerless. In short, Tony is a man who understands that the cross of Christ always points in two directions. Like Jesus, we must have a personal, powerful, and intimate vertical relationship with God grounded in prayer, the Word and listening to the Holy Spirit. But we also must have an active horizontal relationship with Christ through our fellow human beings in need. If we don't actively care for the poor, widow, orphan and stranger - we don't really care about Jesus (Matthew 25:40).

As never before I think this country is hungry for a new kind of leadership that comes from the grassroots and outside of the political

establishment (the recent election of Jesse "the body" Ventura, the former wrestler, as Governor of Minnesota underlines this point). The problem is finding an outsider who could actually have enough influence to

break the stranglehold of the national political establishment. A couple years ago I had a lengthy conversation with Tony Campolo about his newly formed political movement that is committed to returning political decision making back to local communities. I was so impressed with his views that I encouraged him to run for president, but he just laughed the suggestion off. Recently, I had another conversation with Tony along these same lines, and begged him to test the waters just to see how much interest there might be out there in drafting him as a candidate for the year 2,000. Presently there are more than 100 university chaplain's checking with their respective constituencies to see what the reaction might be to a Campolo candidacy. If you have an opinion on this issue please call or contact our office and let us hear it.

I believe that Tony would make an ideal candidate for a number of reasons:

- 1) His deep and powerful Christian commitment
- 2) His impeccable moral character
- 3) His remarkable humanitarian accomplishments both

inside and outside the U.S.

- 4) His tremendous knowledge of politics as a sociologist and political observer
- 5) His incredible gifts as a public speaker
- 6) His well known reputation based on more than 25 books and 20+ videos
- 7) His prophetic insight and courage that seem needed at this time

With our traditional views on the separation between church and state it is easy for us as Adventists to assume that the country is going down the tubes, so why bother with politics. And if we are going to get enthusiastic about a candidate, many might fear supporting a committed Christian who is not an Adventist. There is always the danger of "Sunday laws" lurking in our psyches.

However, I don't find this to be a very helpful, or hopeful attitude. Tony has proven to be a man totally sold out to the Kingdom of God, whether or not God is calling him to be a Daniel or Joseph in our nation right now I don't know. But if there is to be a grassroots movement in support of his candidacy it will have to come from convicted Christians who care.

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Editorial

Sitting on my black chair and writing upon the glass table top, I look away from the paper deciding upon what to write.

There is so much to say, but how do I know if what I say interests you?

I know for sure that the business article on the Opinion page was read by the majority. It should be taken into consideration that the purpose of controversial articles are not intended to offend anyone, but to inform the people of LSU the viewpoints of their colleagues. Unfortunately, I heard from my friends these comments made, and I am disappointed that none of these comments were addressed to me.

I would be pleased to hear any criticisms (as long as your name is included), either positive or negative from my readers. I look forward to hearing your opinions and being able to make the paper fit your needs.

I believe the comments and help of LSU students, faculty and staff are crucial in the development of the paper.

Hopefully, the criticisms will be in a professional and helpful manner. It is important to note that this paper is nothing without your help. The work of my writers is what fills these pages and it's the management of my editors that help deliver the paper in an attractive manner.

Opinions are always welcomed, so please stop by the SALSU offices and contribute.

Mona Karimpour

Is Al Gore Fit to Be Our Next President?

PRO...

BY GEOFFREY JUTZY
Opinion Editor

He wanted to be the youngest United States President in history. He is an expert on environmental issues and arms control.

Did you even know that we have a vice president? Yeah, his name is Gore, Al Gore, and I think he is doing a pretty good job in the position that he is in. It is true that his leading man is in a bit of hot water, and Gore is supporting him too, but put yourself in his shoes. Your boss is one of the most powerful people in the free world, and he picked you to be his campaign partner. I know I would be right there by his side too. Not only does he get to sit in on some pretty cool meetings, but he gets a pretty comfortable salary to boot.

Yes, this man, Al Gore is our vice president, but have you ever thought that he could be our president some day? His ambitiousness has gotten him where he is today. Gore went from a degree in government to serving as a reporter in Vietnam. When he returned from Vietnam, he worked as a reporter through the night while attending divinity school at Vanderbilt University. His job as a journalist also sparked an interest in the criminal justice system, and he later went back and enrolled in Vanderbilt's law school. It was during this second period at Vanderbilt that he heard his local congressman would not be running again, and he withdrew from school to start his career as a politician.

From campaigning to spending sleepless nights writing his book "Earth in Balance," which addresses our earth's critical state of self destruction, it was said by

many of his colleagues that he was one of the hardest working and brightest in their ranks. Unfortunately he has had some bad luck with his partnerships in government. When Mayor Edward Koch of New York was supporting his run for the 1988

Democratic party ticket Gore received death threats from the black community because of Koch's opposition to Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Now he has even bigger problems. He is the Vice to a president that is being dragged through the mud daily, and even possibly facing impeachment. Unfortunately Gore is again stuck in a situation that was not created by him, but one that he has to deal with.

It is Gore's job to support Bill Clinton. Because Gore is supposed to be the president's partner, he has had to drop some of his ideals and take on the Clinton's for better or worse. I think if we gave Gore a shot at his own leadership of the country he would really do a great job. It is about time we get a smart, well rounded person in office who knows what it's like to work and get the job done. I think Al Gore is good enough and smart enough to run this country well. Should he choose to run, don't count out Al Gore in the 2000 elections.

CON...

BY EVA ERHARD
staff writer

So, how do you feel about Al Gore? I posed this to my parents over dinner.



"Vice President Gore? He's okay, but doesn't do anything. Vice presidents never do anything," quipped my mother. "Isn't he very into environ-

mental issues?" questioned my father, and the conversation on Al Gore ended there, maybe because of lack of interest or lack of information.

The next day, I interrupted one of my friend's monologues about the evils of physics to declare, "Al Gore for President in 2000!" The response was less than enthusiastic: "What? No way, he is so boring. I never hear anything about him. Hey, but how about Clinton and Monica?"

It seems the vice president of the United States of America is not a hot topic. Make it a vice president who is likened to a robot and the interest level is even less. If he is the vice president to a man involved in a sex scandal, just about nobody finds it worthwhile to take time on him.

It is important, though, to examine Al Gore now, as it is very possible he will attempt to succeed Bill Clinton as president in

2000. It is unfair to define Al Gore entirely by his lack of charisma and inflection of voice. What is more important is how he thinks and what he values.

No doubt, Gore has a mindset that will allow him to carry on the ideology Clinton has endeavored to establish in government. Some may think it is irrelevant to look at Clinton when trying to gain insight on Gore, but it is not. It is currently Al Gore's job to support Clinton, his ideals, and (to a certain extent) make those ideals his own. Surely by understanding the way Clinton runs the country, one can taste a bit of what is to follow in Gore, should he gain the presidency.

From a very young age, both Clinton and Gore decided on political careers. They molded themselves into what they felt were perfect politicians (if perfect and politician is a combination that can be achieved). By doing so, Gore seems to lack simple, clear-cut definitions of what is right and what is wrong. The lack of distinction between the two poles is evident in Clinton's presidency (note the definitions of "sexual intercourse" and "smoking" pot). This is not to say that Al Gore will fall into similar disgrace as Clinton. His ambiguity lies more in issues than in character.

Gore does not come across as a strong figure because it is hard to know where he stands. In effort to please everyone, Gore does not stand firmly on one side or the other. If there is one thing that might benefit the United States, it is a president who has clear standards and beliefs. Al Gore for president? Let us hope there is a better choice. A man like Al Gore, who continuously stands on comfortable, middle ground, can only do a mediocre job.

ROVING REPORTER

"What do you think of the Thanksgiving Holiday?"



"It's really hard to decide what to waste my stomach space on."
-Connie Galambos
junior
Communications



"It's a great way to gain weight."
-Moses Chamb
sophomore
Business Finance



"My favorite part of Thanksgiving is the sparkling cider."
-Angelika Ashburn
freshman
Pre-nursing



"If God had wanted us to eat broccoli on Thanksgiving, he wouldn't have made turkeys."
-Ari Salgueiro
Senior Graphic
Design

Willie's Thumb



WILLIE PRICE
staff writer

Top 10 Video List

If you don't have the dough to get out to catch the latest movies, you can still be well entertained courtesy of Blockbuster or some other video store. Here are some picks for an evening with friend. The list is in entirely random order. If you happen to disagree with any of my choices, feel free to email me and express your various opinions. Write willpric@lasierra.edu.

1. Boomerang

Love, comedy, drama, a feel good movie with personality. You can't miss with this one. Somewhere, sometime, you have heard someone quoting it.

2. Dead Poet's Society

Moved me to tears twice. That's gotta mean something.

3. Pulp Fiction

No list of anything is complete without it. I didn't know movies could be this good!

4. The Breakfast Club

You shoulda seen this when you were in high school for optimum viewing

pleasure. But it's still as funny and touching as ever.

5. Jagged Edge

The suspense movie that will make your heart jump out of your chest. What can I say? Glenn Close scares the hell out of me in any movie!

6. Do The Right Thing

Artsy movie with a bite. Spike Lee's masterpiece on race and violence.

7. Friday

The pure comedy of the bunch. You'll be rolling.

8. Alien

Modern graphics ain't got nothin over on this timeless classic. One of the best sci-fi movies ever made.

9. Eve's Bayou

For the more artistically inclined. Exquisite storytelling. Hold on though. Some eerie stuff inside this box.

10. As Good As It Gets

Quirky and funny romantic comedy. I know it just came out, so it's barely at video status. But if the other nine aren't your type, rent this one. You won't regret it.

Need community service hours?

BY CONNIE GALAMBOS
staff writer

Community Service Learning impacts the lives of students and people in the community.

"Students at La Sierra University have always served others," explained CS Coordinator Lisa Davis. In the past few years Administration made an official commitment to take community service to another level. Beginning with students enrolled under the 1996-1997 academic bulletin, 15 hours of service must be performed for each year of residency at LSU. This comes to an average total of 60 hours by the date of graduation. Students involved show enthusiasm at the results:

Shawn Paris, Design & Construction of AIDS quilt; House Painting "Community Service has helped me to realize that if we want a better world with less poverty, disease, and suffering, then WE need to jump in and get active."

Bruce Resiwain, Springmist Home - Senior Services "It feels good when I actually give up some of my time to serve these old people; it feels like I've done something right as a Christian."

Christine Nguyen, Nhuong Tu Vo Medical Office "I gained the experience of how to deal with patients by being aware of their needs and responding to them."

Michelle Tatum, La Sierra Elementary "This experience made a difference in my life by forcing me to be creative, to think

on my toes, and learning another way of relating to these kids."

Many students may have attended the October 1st Community Service Learning Fair and networked with Community Agencies. The Community Service Learning office networks full-time. Here are some current positions available in the community:

- *Mentors for kids with SED (Severe Emotional Distress)
- *Tutors for all grade levels & subjects with the Arlanza Project, the Urban League, and local schools
- *Public Relations & Pre-law interns with the Office of the Public
- *Guardian San Bernadino Forest Clean-up Volunteers Event
- *Participants with the Loma Linda University Children
- *Community education & outreach assistants with Inland Aids Project
- *Oral history interns for the Mission Inn Foundation
- *Recreation Coordinators for the City of Riverside

Remember - these are just a few local possibilities for service. Students should begin planning now to help the community and meet graduation requirements.

For more information on these or other service options, contact Community Service Learning ASAP—to find a program that works best for you, in spite of scheduling and transportation concerns. Please contact Lisa Davis, Coordinator, at extension 2527, or Connie Galambos, Student Coordinator, at ext. 2281.

Are you taking this Quiz?

BY CARL JONARD
staff writer

Take this quiz to find out!

1. Right now, you are looking at:
 - a) the above question
 - b) this answer
 - c) another answer
 - d) a herd of rabid moose
2. You are:
 - a) about to take this quiz
 - b) taking this quiz
 - c) done taking this quiz
 - d) Newt Gingrich
3. Your best friend Trish calls you up and says the 'rents are out of town, so she's throwing the party event of the year— tonight! Trouble is, you've got a majorly important history final tomorrow, and you don't know Father Abraham from Abraham Lincoln. You tell her:
 - a) "Sorry, gotta study. Say hi to all the hotties for me!"
 - b) "Well, maybe I can come for a little while, but I gotta leave early to study."
 - c) "Left arm! Right arm! Left foot! Right foot!"
 - d) "Say, that reminds me of the fact that I am taking this quiz!"

4. bricklayer : aluminum :: tree : _____
- a) plumber
 - b) vice-president
 - c) this quiz
 - d) Waukeegan, Illinois

5. You are presented with a list of totally unrelated things. You choose:
- a) Mr. Bubble
 - b) Russian "babushka" dolls
 - c) the exciting field of forklift maintenance
 - d) No

6. I forgot to mention:
- e) this quiz
- Now let's add up your scores!

If you answered: "b" to question 2, you are taking this quiz.

SIFE Announces Student Board of Directors

BY HEATHER MILLER
SIFE Fellow

The La Sierra University SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) team announces its new student board of directors for the 1998-99 school year. The board includes Anita Kuipers, a junior marketing major and international student from Germany; April Aitken, a senior marketing major and veteran SIFE member; David Lenart, a senior marketing major also a former SIFE member, and an international student from Germany; David Wilkinson, a senior business administration, and finance and risk management major, and former SIFE member; Ellen dos Santos, a junior marketing major and international student from Brazil; Jennifer Johns, a senior psychology personality-clinical major and former SIFE student; Jess Howard, a sophomore business administration major; Jeff Marx, a senior business major; Jonathan Wilson, a sophomore computer science, business administration,

voice, and clarinet major; Mark Schatzschneider, a sophomore business administration major, and former SIFE member; and Monte Bridges, a senior history major. Our co-executive directors are Geovanny Vielman, a senior international management administration, marketing, and French major; and Julene Duerksen, a junior communications/public relations major, and Rick Gurney, a senior business administration major. In addition, Ari Salgueiro, a senior graphic design major, is redesigning our new SIFE website.

Each of the student directors is responsible for various projects throughout the year. They will be organizing and lead-

ing out in the projects, recruiting students from on campus to participate with them, and keeping track of data to measure the effective-

ness of each project.

"Although we are just starting up again," says Julene Duerksen, "I am so excited about the possibilities and options open to us this year. Participating in SIFE gives me the opportunity to go beyond my comfort zone and make a difference in the world around me."

This year we also have a new SIFE faculty fellow - that's me! I've been a fan and supporter of SIFE since it started on our campus seven years ago. I believe SIFE has incredible promise this year. We also have two

associate SIFE fellows and faculty advisors: Johnny Thomas, who founded the LSU SIFE chapter in the fall of 1991 and served as its faculty fellow from 1991-1997, leading the team to four national championships; and Mel Campbell, who has advised the team for several years on project curriculum and evaluation from an educational standpoint.

Please watch for INFO announcements, posters, emails, and future Criterion articles about the projects, and get in contact with us. We'd love to add you to our SIFE students email list. Just send me an email at this address and ask me to add your name: hmiller@lasierra.edu. Or call me at x2225.

"SIFE is one of those organizations that allows us, the students, to show 'corporate America' how good we really are," says Geovanny Vielman. "I plan to give my 115 percent to this and make sure we bring the gold home, again! This is our time. As the saying goes, carpe diem!"



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■OPINION (Pages 4&5): A letter of apology from MICOL

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■FOCUS (Page 8): To find the best places to shop, eat, and visit.

Christmas Banquet tickets are on sale in the Commons from noon to 1 p.m. this Tues.-Thurs. They are also available at the SALSU office. The Banquet will be this Thurs. Dec. 3, from 8-10 p.m. at the Riverside Spaghetti Factory. Tickets are \$10 per person.

The annual Headstart Christmas Party will be held on Friday Dec. 4, from 12-3 p.m. Sign-ups for big sisters and brother will be held outside chapel on Tues. Call x2527 for more info.

C.A.B.L. and SALSU bring you "Food for Thought" during finals week, Dec. 7-10. Come and get FREE bagels and juice on the mall from 7-9 a.m.



A New Program offers Pre-Professional Advisement

BY MONA KARIMPOUR
Editor-in-Chief

The new pre-professional program headquartered in Dr. Roy Kryger's office (Palmer Hall Room 232) and Deborah Dunn's office (Administration Room 203) has currently begun advising students interested in pre-med, pre-dental, and even pre-law. This program developed over the last several months, when Dr. Adeny Schmidt, Vice President for Academic Administration, presented the idea that these students would be best served by a few faculty advisors knowledgeable in these programs.

This program is headed by Kryger, the Pre-professional advisement coordinator, and Dunn, the Administrative Associate. Two faculty associates will be involved in the overall program, as well. These are Dr. Bradford Martin, a Biology professor, and another yet to be named.

According to Kryger, the programs purpose is to help increase the likelihood students will be accepted to professional school of choice by offering information, advising and giving suggestions for career plans. This pro-

gram has been established to help advise students in their pre-professional programs separate from their major. In doing so, the program will also help the students organize their file for the recommendation committee.

Students in their junior year of pre-med or pre-dental should plan to begin the recommendation process at the start of winter quarter. This packet can be acquired through Ms. Dunn. Students involved in the pre-professional programs will need to receive a minimum of three recommendation letters from faculty, administration, or staff. Once the letters are written, the student will get interviewed by a faculty member on this committee. The interviewer will write a cover letter, attach it to the other recommendation letters and send it to the students school of choice.

Two courses, two units each, designed to familiarize students with the educational programs and professional practice will be offered. These are the Introduction to Dentistry offered winter quarter, and Introduction to Medicine, offered spring quarter.

Students can make an appointment at the convenience of both

For more information, contact:

Deborah Dunn (ddunn@lasierra.edu):
785-2490
Room 203 in the Administration Building

Kryger(rkryger@lasierra.edu): 785-2532
or 653-7725
Room 232 in Palmer Hall

Martin(bmartin@lasierra.edu):
785-2393
Room 203 in Palmer Hall

advisor and advisee any time throughout the year. Kryger and Martin would like to see appointments set up through the campus network, i.e. via e-mail or a web page. However, walk-ins are welcomed.

The goal of this program is to set up volunteer opportunities by winter quarter, through hospitals and other places, for the students.

Also, by the spring quarter, Kryger is looking into developing a pre-medical and pre-dental handbook, which would include the available dental and medical schools. In addition, the specific requirements of these schools and information about the strategies and procedures in the application process would be included.

Raising funds for a better church and a smoother head

BY ARI SALGUEIRO
staff writer

In an effort to renovate this 75 year old structure, La Sierra University Church is embarking on a \$450,000 capital campaign. SALSU President, Felipe Viemann, announced in chapel this morning that he is challenging the students of LSU to pitch in money for this project.

This project has several different facets which include painting both the exterior and interior of the church, as well as putting in new carpet and pews to the main sanctuary portion of the building. Also, the media capability of the church is being renovated to have a better visibility for those that opt to seat themselves in the side transepts.

The South Eastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Pacific Union Conference, and La Sierra University are among the group of institutions that have set

money aside to assist in this project.

The rest of the money is being solicited from members of the church through offerings and gifts.

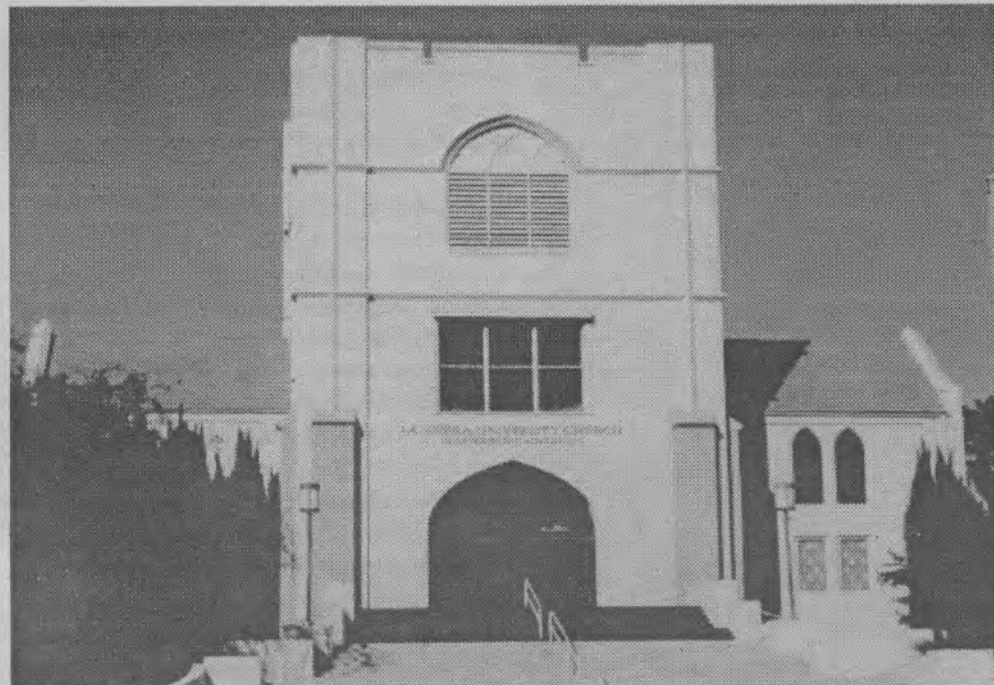
This past Sabbath morning Pastor Sam Leonor challenged the Xodus Collegiate group to raise \$1,000 between now and spring

"We have challenged Dr. Geraty, president of our university, to shave his beard if the amount of \$10,000 is reached..."

break. The challenge was accompanied with these words: "If you raise \$1,000 between now and spring break, I will have you shave my head!" By the time the group was leaving at 10:30 a.m. Leonor al-

ready had \$200 pledged.

In response to this positive attribution, Viemann decided to keep this going at LSU. The money raised would be gathered in a three step approach: Viemann's head would be shaven upon the students reaching the first \$1,000 mark. Should the students reach \$5,000 the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Lennard Jorgensen, would offer his head to be shaven. Viemann then took it one step further, "We have challenged Dr. Geraty, president of our university, to shave his beard if the amount of \$10,000 is reached. Will he accept this challenge?" The student community would have until the week of winter finals to reach their goal. While it sounds like a lot of money, the reality is that with over a 1,000 students enrolled on campus it breaks down to giving up a showing of a dollar movie per student to get Felipe's hair, a student priced movie ticket at Ontario Mills for Dr. Jorgensen's silver mane, and several hours of skating at our local Ice Town (for two people) to get possibly Dr. Geraty. All of this within the span of 10 weeks.



La Sierra University Church will be starting renovations

Criterion Criterion

**CD Review:
Burlap to
Cashmere**

BY CRAIG BEESON
staff writer

Any of you who think that Christian music is of sub-quality to that of other music needs to check out *Burlap to Cashmere*.

They are an acoustic group with six members that just blew my socks away. They are such incredible musicians that can be respected by any musician. With a strong world music influence, they play music that varies from slow and beautiful to fast and rhythmic. Sometimes fast and furious but always beautiful, Burlap's Flamenco guitar style adds flavor to their music. Their heavy reliance on percussion adds a demension different from many other groups.

I had an opportunity to hear them at a band competition. They were not one of the competitors but came as a performer. Every other musician there was entranced and made comments like "I'm giving up guitar" and "Wow". It was an incredible concert. Their message is easily understood and felt through this style of music. The music asks hard questions as well as provides hope like "Eileen's Song".

So any of you who want to be touched by music that is harmony driven, listen to *Burlap to Cashmere*.

Blaming God Isn't the Answer

BY BEN GUERRERO
Executive Vice President

"You are a liar!", "I hate You!", "Where are You when I need You?!"

Have you ever used these phrases, or others like them, when talking to God? I have.

Throughout Life's journey we all have experienced periods of emotional pain: disappointment, hopelessness depression, low self-esteem, anger, fear, anxiety...

When I began to read the Bible and accept Jesus as my Savior, my Friend and Companion, I thought I wouldn't experience temptation, pain or hardship anymore. I thought my life would be perfect and every good thing would just happen. You and I know "what" really happens.

Have you ever seen the Jackie Chan film "Operation Condor"? Near the beginning of the movie, Chan rolls down a huge hill, tucked safely in the center of this massive, plastic, see-through

Book Review: God Wants you to be Rich?

BY STEVE DAILY
LSU Chaplain

A student friend whom I like and admire a great deal, recently gave me a copy of Paul Zane Pilzer's national bestseller entitled, *God Wants You To Be Rich*, and asked me to give him my opinion. So during this brief but joyful season between the blessings of Thanksgiving and the abundance of Christmas, let us consider the question: Does God want you to be rich?

Like most books I take the time to read through completely, this one has some very interesting and informative points to make. For example, Pilzer skillfully demonstrates that traditional views concerning the scarcity of resources, which have led most people to assume the inevitability of poverty, are invalid. He shows how technology has revolutionized our understanding of economics, and that we are now living in a culture where "95 percent of our economy is involved in producing new and innovative products and services that did not exist fifty years ago" (p. 18).

He goes on to point out that things are changing so dramatically in our society that past fears about scarcity of resources are being transformed into visions of unprecedented resources with each new breakthrough. The personal computer industry has blossomed into a \$150

billion business in only 15 years, compared to the U.S. auto industry which has taken nearly a full century to generate the same amount of business (p. 21). And with these personal computers we now have access to resources worldwide which have turned yesterday's fantasies into today's realities.

Pilzer also provides an impressive critique of our current public educational system and its failure to adjust to the technological revolution we've experienced (p. 221). He exposes the rationale behind the media's obsession with negativity and pessimism (p. 40). And he provides helpful insights into the historical and current predictions of economic doomsayers who have capitalized on promoting the notion of scarcity by feeding people's fears (p. 36).

In addition to this, he offers some creative suggestions for overhauling the tax system, and addressing the drain of organized crime (p. 202). But in spite of these strengths, the book also has some serious weaknesses from my perspective.

First, Pilzer claims to base his economic philosophy on theology. He argues that God promised Abraham and all his descendants unlimited wealth and blessings and that it is mistaken theology and erroneous economics to believe that God does not want us all to be rich (p. 17). But basing an entire philosophy on a single Biblical story is

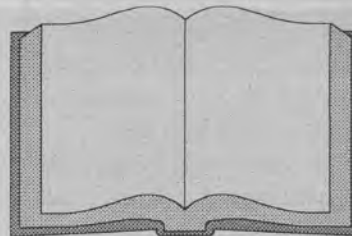
neither safe nor sound. It would be similar to insisting that God requires all of us to sell everything we have and give it to the poor based on the story of the Rich Young Ruler (a story that Pilzer briefly mentions but misinterprets - p. 17). Jesus, through His own example and words made it very clear that it is not wrong to be poor. He used the word poor 15 times in the Gospels, and the vast majority of these references were positive. On the other hand, he used the word rich 19 times and the word money seven times, and these references were generally negative. What Pilzer fails to recognize is that 95 percent of us who live in America are already rich by the standards of this world and that God holds us accountable for how we use our wealth with regard to the poor.

Secondly, Pilzer falsely assumes that it is a belief in scarcity that is responsible for the huge and increasing gap that exists between the rich and the poor (p. 16). But this is not true. Everyone on earth could embrace his view of abundance immediately and that still would not solve the growing gap between rich and poor. Why, because the plentitude of resources is not our problem. It is the pervasiveness of sin that is our problem. Sin is what causes

the wealthy to misuse and abuse God's gifts - to choose power and control over the unselfish sharing of their resources. And sin is not a concept that Pilzer ever addresses.

Finally, Pilzer makes the common mistake of projecting his own agenda on to God. He is part of the positive thinking, self-help industry. But the health-wealth, prosperity gospel is not the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God has a big tool box, and Scripture clearly teaches us that God can use both the wealthy and the poor to accomplish His/Her purposes on earth. But to imply that the poor are poor because they misunderstand the will of God is to make the same mistake that the Sadducees made in Christ's day. Jesus attacked this mentality then (Luke 16) and taught in direct contrast to it that the poor are specially blessed by God (Luke 6:20).

The same is still true today, and in the next issue of the Criterion, we'll look at a book that takes an opposite view from Pilzer.



Attend GO'99 to learn more about student missions

BY GINA MEEKMA
Administrative Assistant at
Andrews University

What is GO all about?
GO is about young people rising to the challenge of Christ's Great Commission. It is about inspiring a new generation with the challenge of an unreachd world. GO '99 is an *International Young Adult Missions Conference*, with five days of inspiring **speakers**, fascinating **stories**, enlightening **seminars**, powerful **music**, Christian **fellowship**, and more! Guest speakers include Bart Campolo, Byard Parks, Marilyn Laszlo, and Bruce Bauer.

Who should attend GO?
If you are young or young-at-heart and have a *desire to learn more* about short-term missions, student missions, career missions, U.S. missions, mission organizations, current issues in missions, etc., *then GO is*

for you. You don't have to be a former missionary or a professional in the field- a desire to do God's will for your life is all it takes!

When and where is GO?
GO '99 will be held on the Andrews University campus, Tuesday, **December 29** through Sabbath, **January 2**.

How do I sign up?
For more information and to register for the conference, call (800) 937-4236 or (616) 471-2522; fax (616) 471-6252; e-mail GO99@juno.com or iwm@andrews.edu; or visit the web site at www.tagnet.org/GO99.html. **Credit cards accepted.**

WARNING:
This event is potentially beneficial to your spiritual health and may change your life!

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Editorial

Just recently a friend of mine told me something about walking that I never knew. This friend told me that walking is really just a controlled fall. I never knew this. I thought I was so well versed in this subject as I have been doing it for about 23 years or so. Since I have been imparted this information I have been imagining, "what if they just didn't take that next step? PLOP! Right on their face!"

I don't claim to know a lot, but when I learn things I must stop and challenge everything that I think I know. It makes me think about how much I really don't know about things.

I would like to challenge you to get out of your comfort zone and diversify yourself. It really is a lot of fun. It can be something as simple as changing your routine (if you like wearing blue pants on Tuesday, go nuts—wear brown!). It could be something like getting to know that weirdo with the bow tie that sits in the second row of class. He might be more interesting than you think, and most likely he doesn't mind making new friends.

One more thing that makes life interesting is challenging your own morals, standards and beliefs. I am not suggesting that you give up these things, just to figure out why you believe them. This is a great way to get to know yourself, and really strengthen your beliefs. So try stepping out just once. You may like it.

Start slowly. Ponder the walking phenomena. It's just a start on a long process of making you a much stronger person. So if you see me intently watching you walk and break into a fit of giggles, I am not really laughing at you. I am just trying to imagine you not taking that next step...PLOP!

Geoffrey Jutzy
Opinion Editor

Students Need More Time

BY CONNIE GALAMBOS
staff writer

My regular study hours don't begin until at least 10 p.m. Mainly, I save research projects and term papers for my night owl personality--when the college student survival skills from CORE 101 truly work. I pack my bag with study paraphernalia and hike up to the library. If my timing is impeccable, I arrive just in time to see crash bars slam into place on the doors. I change course and take an extra few steps towards the computer labs. First, I trudge to the School of Business & Management. Ironically, they open only during "business hours." Next, I try MICOL.



At MICOL, I settle for a neglected MAC instead of a PC due to their popular demand. I check my email and delete Roger Rustad's twenty daily forwards. Finally, I open EBSCO's browser and Microsoft Word. As I type in my first search for information, the room goes black and I am escorted out by MICOLAS in white labcoats. Am I insane? NO! This campus must be! At 10 and 11 p.m., our major services on campus disappear! At these hours, most other comparable institutions thrive with activity from dorms to computer labs, from fitness centers to libraries.

I approach this topic not from the well worn \$18,000-a-year-and-THIS-is-what-I-work-40-hours-per-week-to-receive argument.

Nor am I complaining that the campus night classes do not end often until exactly ten p.m., barely allowing me a chance to see the library and MICOL lights before they are extinguished for the evening. It does, however, concern me that computer services do not exist in the dormitories (Honors Dorm excluded), and that our only library closes when the cafeteria puts away its last casserole!

Should it not be one of LSU's highest priorities, budget a n d otherwise, to provide the convenient student services we need to accomplish our academic goals?

Many students dedicate themselves financially to an education and forgo a computer and/or a car. How then do they type out their late-night reports, or access Internet resources? How can they, and why should they, have to take the bus to UCR's library for those last few citations? In my opinion, they cannot, and they should not have to. LSU, please realize that providing student services will only be successful for marketing and retention if these services are well in tune with the student needs!

Letter of Apology: Inconvenience of MICOL hours during Thanksgiving break

Dear LSU students:

It has come to my attention that some of you were seriously inconvenienced by the MICOL hours during Thanksgiving break. Because I made the decision to close MICOL during Thanksgiving break, I feel the need to explain the reasoning behind this decision, apologize for the inconvenience it caused, and inform you of what steps I'm taking to prevent unpleasant experiences such as this in the future.

Back in August of this year, I was informed that most students would be doing community service, and there would be no classes during Thanksgiving break. Given that MICOL is traditionally closed during community service days and Thanksgiving break, and that MICOL is in serious need of saving operational funds for student wages, I thought it would be appropriate to close MICOL during Thanksgiving break.

A month later (Sept. '98), I posted hours of operation on schedule sheets and the MICOL web site. As the Thanksgiving break approached, signs were posted on Thursday, Nov.19 to inform people of our hours. Those who did know of our hours planned around the break hours, and were less frustrated. I am aware that there are people who have expressed anger and voiced their frustrations because they were not able to get work done during the break.

I received a call from my

boss sometime after 5:30 p.m. on Monday Nov.23, saying that the Executive Committee had voted that MICOL is to remain open until noon of Wednesday Nov.25. Neither my boss, his boss, or myself, were aware that the Executive Committee had made this decision. By then it was too late to open MICOL for Monday, and it became very difficult to put together a team to keep the lab open because many of my student staff had gone out of state for Thanksgiving break.

After arranging for the lab to be opened on Tuesday and Wednesday, I made corrections to our web site and signs posted at Amb's Hall, sent e-mail messages to Public Relations about our changes in operational hours, and contacted the University front desk about our new hours. I also contacted a student who was previously informed of our break hours, that we were open on Tuesday Nov.24 and Wednesday Nov.25.

In the future, holiday schedule changes will be posted in INFO sheets. I am also working closely with the V. P. for Academic Affairs and the Executive Committee to avoid future miscommunications. To all the angry and frustrated people who are reading this letter, please feel free to talk to or e-mail me, and express your thoughts about how I can improve our service to you.

Denny Lin
MICOL Coordinator

ROVING REPORTER: "What was the worst Christmas present you received?"



"A flashlight." - Jennifer Anderson, Freshman: Pre-Nursing



"A box of kleenex." - Trisha Banquerigo, Sophomore: Psychology



"I got a giant green plant." - Edgar Quispe, Junior: Business Marketing and Graphic Design



"A snap-together craft set." - Soneel Mathaudhu, Senior: Communications



"I got these Richard Simmons wanna-be boxer shorts. Returned to sender." - Brian Grey, Senior: Business

Should LSU Dorms be offered as Co-Ed?

BY KIMBERLY MAYS
staff writer

On most college campuses men and women are sharing the same living quarters. They call them co-ed dorms. They are taught to live together and to respect each others' spaces. Co-ed dorms allow a setting where stereotypes and misconceptions about the opposite sex can be eliminated.

Unfortunately, few who attend our private school will never be able to experience this. As it stands, the only people living in co-ed conditions are the honors students. Being separated in living conditions makes it harder to socialize with the opposite sex because it makes students struggle harder to find something in common.

Generally, what happens is that boys hang out with boys, and girls mostly hang out with girls. Co-ed dorms could help solve this problem.

Selecting one building on campus to be the co-ed dorm would give those who prefer to live in co-ed dorms a chance to do so. In suggesting co-ed dorms I am not suggesting male and female students to live in the same rooms, merely the same building.

Sierra Towers would seem to be the best candidate, using every other floor for the opposite sex.

A series of questions were given to over 20 various LSU students. When asked if they have ever lived in a co-ed dorm, 43 percent said "yes". Some stated that they had made many friends, met people from diverse groups and enjoyed being near the company of the opposite sex. Those who had never lived in co-ed conditions said they would like to experience something new and not be secluded from the opposite sex. The survey information confirmed that it is hard to socialize with the opposite sex when confined to only certain areas. Some may say the school's policy is due to the school's religious affiliation. Dr. Steve Daily, LSU Campus Chaplain, and Dr. Lawrence Geraty, LSU President, were asked if this was the case. Daily replied it was not directly the reason but there was probably a connection, Geraty plainly stated "no", explaining it had more to do with, "A sound educational policy, affirmed by religious people." If this is the case, then why are the honor students able to reside in the same building? If it is a matter of a policy affirmed by religious people, then what makes them differ-

ent from the rest? The fact that they are in the honors program does not mean they should get special treatment. We pay just as much to come here.

Fifty nine percent of the students surveyed saw Honors Dorms as unfair, calling it favoritism, stating, "All students should be treated the same."



Sierra Towers as a co-ed dormitory would give the students a chance to be treated equally. Forty three percent of the surveyed students agreed that different

floors would be the best answer.

In the years Daily and Geraty have been here, never once have co-ed dorms been considered for non-honors students. One fear is that the amount of sexual harassment would increase.

This could be avoided if everyone was aware of the rules. Resident assistants could keep an eye out, making sure the doors are always open when mixed sex meetings occur. If a student fails to abide by the rules first give a warning. If a problem occurs again, then take away the privilege and make him/her move into the same sex dorms.

It might seem that if religion is not the reason, then the school board alumni or the parents have something to do with the absence of co-ed dorms.

This is not the case either. According to Geraty, this issue has never been discussed in board meetings since the last five years.

When asked about the chance of establishing co-ed dorms, Geraty said he sees no positive aspect of co-ed dorms.

The issue is more than co-ed dorms though, it is about being trusted to do the right thing and making use of all the morals we have been taught since the time we were old enough to attend Sabbath school.

We come to college to grow, not only in intellect but in every aspect of life.

A co-ed dorm is a good idea. It would illuminate many social phobias causing more interaction between the sexes.

A co-ed dorm could make a difference in how we relate to each other if only given a chance. In the real world men and women are not separated, we are made to work and to live together. We need to learn how to handle these responsibilities. Being secluded from each other will make it harder to adapt to the outside world. More people would be inclined to stay on campus if they were given the same kind of freedom they have at home. I know I would.

American Presidents have a history of cheating

■ DNA tests confirm that Thomas Jefferson had a child with his slave, Sally Hemings.

BY RICHARD DENISTON
staff writer

Suppose by now you have undoubtedly heard of the latest presidential scandal involving highly inappropriate behavior. It appears that the president had an affair with one of his servants, actually fathering several children with her. Great care has been made to cover up this affair, especially in light of the illegitimate children involved and the fact that the president's mistress was a black woman. In case you are ready to cram yourself on to the last few seats of the "Let's Hang Bill Clinton" bandwagon, be advised that the president I am referring to is not Clinton, but in fact, Thomas Jefferson himself. Jefferson, founding father, author of *The Declaration of Independence*. The same Thomas Jefferson was also, I'm

afraid to say, a philanderer and a womanizer of impeachable (at least in our present congress) proportions.

Rumors have survived for nearly 200 years regarding Jefferson's relationship with at least one of his slaves (he owned over 200). Now DNA tests have confirmed that at least one grave site in rural Virginia holds the remains of a person parented by Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings, a slave of Jefferson's. Some historians claim all of Hemings children were fathered by our third president.

To those of us still in shock over the implications that this type of immoral behavior (from one our nation's great historical figures, no less) means to our present debate on private presidential conduct, this news is both enlightening and thought provoking. Let's not even debate the fact that Jefferson owned humans and considered them property. His adulterous relationship with a subordinate while

in office, a relationship that produced children, no less, forces us to either separate the public accomplishments of our leaders from their private disgraces, or to revise history and brand this man Jefferson, "a national disgrace," a term used to describe President Clinton during the recent impeachment debates.

Suppose we decided to deal with President Jefferson in the same manner as so many feel we should treat our Clinton. How would we remove Jefferson from his exalted place in American history? Dynamite his bust from Mt. Rushmore? Recall all nickels from circulation? White-out his name from the Declaration of Independence? Of course, these were only personal shortcomings as a slave owner and adulterer. If we forgive them, we must do same for the personal pitfalls that nearly all US presidents have had, whether publicly known or not.

Let's face it, the current obsession with removing Bill Clinton from office has little to do with his stupid affair with a White House intern. It has everything to do with a conservative political agenda that has failed miserably during the last two presidential elections and most recently with '98 election.

"But he lied to us" conservatives cry.

"He attempted to obstruct justice," they scream.

It's true that he lied to the American people. Yet he lied about a personal affair. The crime he committed, if any, was against his wife, and may God help them both. As for obstructing justice, what place does the judicial system have in the bedroom of two consenting adults?

A good person to answer this question, I think, would be Thomas Jefferson. At least we are sure that Clinton's accomplice was a consenting adult.

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DEAR DOUBLE TALK:



I'm writing to know if girls do really go for guys who have a car. If so, what kind of car would you suggest? If not, why can't I get a date?

-All dressed up, but no one to go with and no way to get there.

Dear Dressed Up — ♀

First of all, let's get one thing straight. You must never, ever generalize about women. Assume all women like cars, chocolate, or Brad Pitt, and sooner or later, one of us is going to be very offended.

Second of all, you're in college now. Do not use the word "girl" unless you're talking about your 12 year old niece. How have you survived this far?

Now that I've gotten that off my chest, let's move on. I'll admit, some women do like must be comfortable. Seats with escaping springs are not acceptable. Try not to let too much of your stuff pile up on the floor. Leg room is a plus.

Speaking of leg room, you should keep in mind what kind of women you are attracted to. If you like especially tall women, don't get a Miata. This is assuming that you want her to actually get into your car.

If you want to just catch her attention while you're driving by, then be flashy. Get a Ferrari, or a Porsche. Paint it red or black. Play Jay-Z or Monifah at a deafening volume.

If this all fails to get you a date, well... I hate to break it to you, but it's probably you. Voleuse

♂ Dear Carless Boy,

If you're looking for a date and can't find one, first, check out your personal hygiene. If you don't suffer catatonia from your own stench, read on.

Since the dawn of time, women have loved cars. The fact that autos haven't existed since man first walked the earth is of little importance. Let me explain: One day Grenda, a young cave girl, decided that she needed a new granite comforter and a brontosaurus-skull punch bowl. Tragically, the granitequarry and brontosaurus furniture outlet were a whole 4 kilo-pterodactyls apart. She was just about to embark on her shopping excursion when she noticed what a broad, flat back her husband Lothar had.

Inspired by the three brain cells that natural selection had blessed her with (two were standard), she hopped on his back, sallied forth, and returned with a 200lb. comforter, a 100lb. punch bowl, and a corpse for a husband.

Since then, women have wanted their men to be able to take them places. While the means of transportation has varied from mules to leer jets, the concept remains the same. Women just don't want to spend that much time on their own feet. Thus, investing in a car (or a mule, I suppose) would be a great place to start if you want to break into the dating scene. However, if a car sounds a bit expensive right now, let me suggest a cheaper alternative—the art of foot massage. Loki

Send your questions for DoubleTalk to the Criterion office C/O Features Editor or by e-mail to jennngeli@lasierra.edu

Brain Assists French Marketing Group with Grocery Ideas



BY HEATHER MILLER
SIFE Faculty Fellow



LSU SIFE is joining forces with a French collegiate marketing group for a project to assist one of their clients in the grocery business. "Marketing Méditerranée" is a student club at the Institut Supérieur d'Etudes Financières et d'Ingénierie, or ISEFI, a business school in Marseilles with programs in finance, management, accounting and marketing.

The project is a SIFE Rent-A-Brain activity and involves comparing marketing strategies of American grocery stores with those of French grocery stores. LSU SIFE students do field research (visiting different grocery stores) and note what items are selected for special promotions, including how different items are marketed with seasonal changes (i.e. turkey or pumpkin pie specials at Thanksgiving, etc.). The French group is also very interested in how the American stores use customer service cards, such as a Vons

Card or a Lucky Card, to promote "brand loyalty" to a specific store. SIFE does periodic market samples to collect data and emails its findings to Marketing

is supported by the Marseilles Chamber of Commerce, which recommends businesses to the team. Marketing Méditerranée has been operating for 26 years and focuses on doing market research for businesses and helping get new businesses set up. They are expanding into international marketing. They also help organize regional, national and international events such as "Cap Creation," which is a forum for setting up a new business; and "Nouveaux Virtuoses," which is a recital of young pianists. Their team has about 30 members, including a seven-member student board of directors.

"A lot of the data we are collecting is common knowledge to us," says April Aitken, senior business administration / marketing major, "but it's a new concept in France. They've never seen it before."

April spent a month at ISEFI this past summer and was the one to set up the joint project. LSU SIFE plans on joining the French group for other projects in the future.



April Aitken with members of "Marketing Méditerranée".

Méditerranée, along with what the savings and/or benefits are to the customers. The French group then decides what marketing value these practices might have in their market and makes recommendations to their client.

Marketing Méditerranée functions similarly to Students In Free Enterprise in that they belong to a national organization in France and compete annually against other schools in that country. Marketing Méditerranée at ISEFI won the French national championship in 1998. They attribute their success partially to the fact that their club

Top Ten Answers to Questions About DoubleTalk

by Feature Editor Andrea Geli

10. No, I am not either Loki or Voleuse.
9. Yes, they are two different people (note the signs).
8. Yes, the writers have agreed to reveal their true identities in the year's final issue.
7. Isn't it obvious? Loki=lowkey, Voleuse= well, if you don't know what V.O.L.E.U.S.E. stands for, I don't either.
6. No, Loki wrote more in the first DoubleTalk because, like a typical guy, it takes him a lot of words to say not much of anything (and I hadn't given him a guideline on length yet and I needed the filler because another article flaked). The responses will now be of generally equal length.
5. They get paid \$5 a column.
4. The column is supposed to be satirical—please do not look for complete religious or historical accuracy.
3. No, the Criterion is not responsible for any damages incurred as a result of following Loki or Voleuse's advice.
2. Yes, they are English majors. Who else do I ever see?
and the number one answer to questions about DT:
1. No, the writers are not dating each other, as far as I know. (If you guys are, stop it, right now!)

Are You Lonesome?

BY PATTY DOUGLASS
Counseling Center

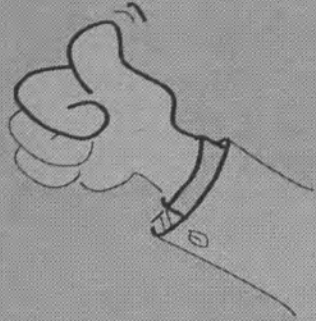
The lyrics of yesterday's hits will forever haunt my memory. In 1966 John Lennon and Paul McCartney wrote *Eleanor Rigby*, a song which asked: "All the lonely people, Where do they all belong? Ah, look at all the lonely people!"

There are lonely people all around. If you look past the shyness, the stuck-up persona, the shroud of smiles and laughter, you can find the lonely people inside. Take time to reach out to them. If you feel alone, counseling can help.

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Willie's Thumb



BY WILLIE PRICE
staff writer

Pleasantville Isn't That Pleasant

Once upon a time, there was a movie director named Gary Ross. He wrote, co-produced and directed a movie called *Pleasantville*. He took the audience back to the fifties with a plot that was quite simple, yet artistically and insightfully plays upon the theme of discovery.

In his anti-romantic tale, the characters all begin to discover that life is not as pleasant as they thought it was. David Wagner (Toby Maguire) and his twin sister Jennifer (Reese Witherspoon), are arguing one night over the remote control, and become magically transported into the television itself, caught in the show "Pleasantville".

They bring their '90's attitudes and philosophies to these pasty, repressed '50's television show characters.

Pandora's proverbial box is opened when these people begin to get in touch with their natural urges to have sex, become angry and create art. These have all been sublimated until Jennifer and David arrive.

Joan Allen does a magnificent job as the sexually repressed mother of Jennifer and David, who become the smiling Bud and Mary Sue. Jeff Daniels slobes around as the diner owner discovers an unexpected talent.

As each character begins to come alive inside they also are transformed from silver-screen grinders to people in full color and passion. This sets the town in an uproar when the black and white characters attempt to oppress those of color.

The movie offers spicy dialogue and comic epiphanies which leave us '90's dwellers feeling a little superior to the two-dimensional characters of this naive town. Will David and Jennifer decide to stay in Pleasantville or come back to the real world? Me? I think I'll take a little of both.

LSU Students Can Register on the Web!

BY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
(with help from Feature Editor Andrea Geli)

Now don't be frightened. It is possible, even for the computer wary. All you have to do is follow these simple step by step directions.

Step 1) Breathe deeply. It's important to think positive thoughts. Sit down in the chair in front of the computer.

Step 2) Click on Netscape or Internet Explorer. This should open on the La Sierra homepage if you are using campus computers. If not, type <http://www.lasierra.edu/registrar>. On campus users click noflash, then Current Student and then Registrar.

Step 3) Pat yourself on the back if you were able to understand and execute the above instruction. If something went wrong, check to make sure the colon is in the right place. Incidentally, "click" means you push the button on the mouse.

Step 4) Click on Registration. Please read through the instructions on this page carefully. After you are done click the GO REGISTER button near the bottom of the page.

Step 5) You didn't read carefully enough, but it's too late now. Resolve to be a better person next time.

Step 6) You are now on the Student Information page. Note all the deadlines, then scroll down to the bottom on the page and click the REGISTER ME button.

Step 7) OK, what's the first deadline date? See, once again you didn't read carefully enough. Resolve again.

Step 8) If you are using the Internet Explorer browser click on *secure page* before logging in. This is so you will be able to print. Note: Netscape users cannot print. Login: Enter user ID number and 6-digit Web PIN (received from Registrar's Office) click on login, re-enter your PIN, and click once more on login.

Step 9) If your PIN number is seven digits, it is too long, no matter what that Bible professor told you about seven being the perfect number. If you forgot your PIN number, you get to pay Records a personal visit.

Step 10) Click on REGISTRATION MENU, then click on ADD/DROP CLASSES.

Step 11) Tell your friend who wants to check e-mail "Super quick" to buzz off.

Step 12) Select upcoming term and click on SUBMIT TERM, then enter your 5-digit Registration PIN (the one on the Personal Information Form given to you by your advisor)

Step 13) Yes, you have to see your advisor to get that number (unless you're a graduate student). That's actually the point of all this. Advisors get lonely if students don't go see them.

Step 14) Enter the CRN numbers of the classes on your Course Request form, click on the SUBMIT CHANGES button, then click on Student Schedule by Day and Time and/or Student Detail Schedule to view your schedule. If you have variable unit courses click on CHANGE CLASS OPTIONS to select approved number of units.

Step 15) Resist the impulse to see what your schedule would look like if you tried to take all your CORE classes in one quarter.

Step 16) Carefully check your registration. Verify all courses, sections, days and times.

Step 17) Recall all the times that you bitterly complained that Records messed your schedule up. You have no one but yourself to blame now. Check it again.

Step 18) Financial arrangements must be made with the Office of Student Accounts within 10 days from the day of registration until Dec. 18. Failure to clear finances will result in the deletion of reserved classes.

Step 19) No, seriously, all your hard work will be in vain unless you clear finance. So get to Financial Aid, get your loan papers in, bug your parents about signing those papers, write out that check, do whatever you have to do. But make sure you clear. Otherwise your classes will go into the cyber black hole forever. Then you will have to stand in line the old fashioned way.



Do You Smell Like Christmas Spirit?

BY CARL JONARD
staff writer

Take this quiz to find out!

1. You own _____ Christmas album(s):

- a) 1-5
- b) 6 or more
- c) Hanson's
- d) Marilyn Manson's

2. You put your Christmas lights up:

- a) around mid-December
- b) around August
- c) around 1987
- d) Make me.

3. When you see the letters "X-Mas," you think:

- a) warm, merry thoughts involving gingerbread and perhaps plums
- b) angry, bitter thoughts concerning crass commercialization and declining signage sizing
- c) "More X? No comprendo."
- d) "Finally, an X-Files spinoff for moms like me!"

4. You know the name of:

- a) that fat dude with the beard
- b) all seven reindeer
- c) all of Larry King's ex-wives
- d) the entire cast and crew of "A Very Brady Christmas"

5. Your favorite yuletide activity is:

- a) roasting chestnuts by the fire
- b) What's a yule?
- c) No, seriously, what the heck is a "yule?"
- d) And how exactly does one go about tiding these yules, anyway?

6. If you could be any animal, you would be:

- a) a reindeer b) a Grinch
- c) a Furby
- d) Is there any relationship between tidings of yule and tidings of joy? 'Cause I think maybe some kind of analogy could really be

helpful here.

7. Shut up about the yule already! Now, your favorite Christmas movie is:

- a) Yuley the Yuleman
- b) Yule-O the Yule-Nosed Yule-Yule
- c) It's A Yuley Yule Yule
- d) Yule Yule Yule Yule Yule

THAT does it. This quiz is OVER, buster!! I hope you're happy. Add up your scores and go to your room! I mean NOW!!!

- 1) a:1 b:3 c:-5 d:-38
- 2) a:1 b:3 c:8 d:-2
- 3) a:5 b:1 c:0 d:0
- 4) a:1/2 b:4 c:-6 d:9
- 5) a:10 b:1 c:0 d:-5 6) a:5 b:-10 c:3 d:-50
- 7) a:-100 b:-300 c:-800 d:-6,700

If your score was:

-59 or higher: Here's a quick quiz-I call it, "Are You A Big Fat Liar?" (HINT: The answer is "yes.")

-296.5 to -58.5: Wow! You reek of Christmas cheer! "Yule" have fun this X-Mas! Ha! Ha!

-893 to -296: If someone hung mistletoe over your head, you'd probably spray it with herbicide. You're the kind of person who runs around town puncturing inflatable Santas with well-sharpened candy canes and hurling yellow snowballs through Hallmark window displays. You have a deep-seated hatred for all things red and green. The slightest hint of cinnamon makes you go psycho. Peppermint, you go postal. Licorice, you like. Well, you like the black kind. Red vines, you have some issues with. Necco wafers, eh, you're pretty neutral about Necco wafers. Gumdrops, though, ooh, gumdrops are the worst. Where was I? Oh, believe me, I know the type.

-6,801 to -892.5: Um, you're not too "Christmas-y" either.

Christmas in Southern California

Places to Go

Inland Empire

Loma Linda University Children's Hospital

11234 Anderson Street in Loma Linda
December 8 - January 1, 1999
The hospital lobby will be transformed into an Alpine village by the Art Institute of Los Angeles, Ed Ferrante's Bakery and the Girl Scout Brownie Troup 994. The public is invited to visit and enjoy live music from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. each evening.

Mission Inn

Off Mission Inn Blvd/ University Ave on the 91. Enjoy the beauty of this historic location, with festive holiday decorations.

Los Angeles

Hollywood

The mansions on Sunset Blvd, are breathtaking during the Christmas season. Be sure to check out the nearby castle as well.

Las Posadas

Olvera Street

Be sure to visit to experience Christmas with a cultural flavor. The Christmas processional is a must see event.

San Diego

Christmas on the Prado

Balboa Park

December 4-5

Balboa Park will be festively decorated and the museums will offer special holiday exhibits. Admission is free.

Orange County

The Block

in Orange near Lewis St.

The Block is an 800,000 square-foot open air mall that offers everything you could desire in one location, from restaurants and boutiques to night clubs and theaters.

Holiday Hours

Cafeteria

The cafeteria will be open from December 13-19 and December 27-January 2 for lunch only (12:15-12:45)

Library

Finals Week

The Library will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and 8 a.m. to 6 pm on Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday.

Winter Break

The library will close on December 24-25, December 31, and January 1. Otherwise, the hours will be, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9a.m. to 12 noon on Friday.

Bookstore

The bookstore will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday. It will close on December 24, 25, 31, and January 1.

Administration

Administration will have regular hours, but will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

Fitness Center

The hours are not yet available. Call x 2514 to find out.

Places to Shop

www.cashop.com

It's convenient for all males who dread the holiday crowds. You'll find all the holiday items you need without even entering a mall.

Cabazon: off of Field Dr. on the 215

This outlet has the Gap, J.Crew, Armani Exchange, Guess, Nike, Gucci and many other stores for your shopping needs.

Fashion Island: off of McArthur Blvd. on the 405

Here you'll find Bloomingdale's and Nieman Marcus. Be sure to check out the trees and decorations on McArthur Blvd.

Ontario Mills: off the 10 at Haven

Off 5th, Mossimo, Guess and many other outlet stores are here.

South Coast Plaza: off of Bristol St. on the 405

Macy's, Sak's 5th Ave., Nordstrom, Robinson's May and Sears, all in one location.

Sawdust Festival: Laguna Beach

Winter Fantasy

December 5-6, and 12-13

Admission is \$4

If your looking for out of the ordinary, artsy gifts, this is the place to go. Enjoy the spirit of Christmas in this wonderfully decorated setting, and get your holiday shopping done all at the same time.

Galleria at Tyler: Tyler off the 91

Last, but not least, there's always our local mall for those of you who are too lazy to look any further.

Places to Dine



\$5-10

(all this Christmas shopping has you on a tight budget)

Lebanese Food: Sunnin in Westwood

Italian Food: Cafe Roma in Beverly Hills

\$10-20

(you still have a little money to spare)

Moroccan Food: Marrakesh in Newport off PCH and 13003 Ventura Blvd. (818-788-6354)

Persian Food: Shaharazad in Westwood or Caspian Rest. in Irvine off Culver Dr. on 5

Indian Food: Gaylord India at 50N. La Cienega Blvd. (310-652-3838)

Japanese Food: Fuji in Rowland Heights

Thai Food: Rama Garden on Redlands Blvd. in Redlands. (909)798-7747

\$20-30

(when you really want to impress someone)

French Food: L'Orangerie on La Cienega Blvd.(310-652-9770)

Spanish Food: La Floridita in LA

Gourmet American Food: Joe Greensleeves on Orange St. in Redlands. (909)792-6969

Chinese Food: Mr. Chow on 344N.Camden Dr. (310-278-9911)

DECEMBER

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Tuesday Tunes: Come and experience the Brazilian beat, "BRS" plays the Eagles Nest tonight from 8-10 p.m.

Don't forget your dollars for the capital campaign. You can donate after chapel at the front exit with SALSU officers or drop off your donation at the Chaplain's office during the school week.

Blood drive will be held on January 27, in the Student Center. Donate blood and save a life.

Regularly scheduled chapel announcements can now be found in the Criterion. SALSU web page at www.lasierra.edu/salsu, and info sheet.

To put Valentine announcements in the *Criterion*, e-mail monakari@lasierra.edu by Feb. 1.

Nina Khrushcheva explains Russian Crisis

BY BONNIE CARTER
staff writer

In an evening of anecdote and insight, at a lecture that President Geraty termed "Continental drift right here at LSU," visiting author and Russian authority Nina Khrushcheva discussed the factors that led up to the current crisis and the various cultural aspects that hinder her homeland's advances toward economic stability. The visit, sponsored jointly by the History and Psychology departments drew quite a crowd to the Cactus Room at 7 p.m.

Almost 80 people packed the room, bringing in extra chairs and nibbling on the provided pre-lecture cookies. Many students came prepared with thoughtful questions that visibly impressed Khrushcheva. Erick Ramirez, a sophomore music student, raised his hand and asked how we can expect the series of economic and political crises to affect Russia's normally high volume and quality of cultural exportation; dance, music, and art. Khrushcheva responded that the current troubles may actually augment Russian cultural achievements for, while Russian culture is currently being redefined, hard times have always inspired Russian art.

Russia as a country is bankrupt, and has been since 1988. Foreign aid has dissolved because it appears the Russian government is unable or unwilling to collect any taxes; to start helping themselves. Khrushcheva posed

three possible reasons for this situation. The first and most influential reason is political: the Russian people don't trust the government, and the government doesn't trust the people. After the bankruptcy of 1988, the fired governmental officials ran off with all the money they could put their hands to.

"The people expect to be cheated, so the government cheats them. It is a vicious circle," says Khrushcheva.

The second reason might be economic: despite a history of industrialization, the Russian economy is basically a barter system. Workers from a factory that makes nails, will be paid in nails.

The third reason was that the Russian government lacked the ability to implement any law

on taxes, because different rules apply for different groups of people. There is no common overarching law in Russia, and no common currency. Khrushcheva touched on how, traditionally, a country that has gone bankrupt would cease to exist; swallowed up into another country, conquered or assimilated. That doesn't happen in the twentieth century, however, leaving Russian in an uncharted limbo.

It turns out, the issue of "discombobulation" between the Russian populace and its leaders is an historical tradition. The Czar known as Ivan the Terrible would torture and kill his people with his own hands, and then cry in confession that "the Czar of France is lucky, because he has good people to rule. I have



LSU President Geraty and Nina Khrushcheva

trash of people to deal with, so I am forced to kill them." The historical conflict between populace and leaders continues today.

One of Khrushcheva's anecdotes illustrated this point: He (Yeltsin) goes by motorcade in the morning, when everyone is rushing to work and they end up late. But, no one works in Russia anyway, because when they do, they don't get paid."

Learning about the current state of Russian affairs was fascinating. The Russian situation is quite unique; they want to utilize the technological advances of this century, but they find it in conflict with the basic spirituality of the Russian culture. "Russians don't want to be like Americans, they value

what they have." said Khrushcheva, to the evident surprise of some of her audience. "Russia doesn't want to lose its soul," and technology somehow threatens their spirituality.

Nina Khrushcheva was born in Russia and graduated from Moscow State University with a degree in Russian Literature. She came to the U.S. to complete her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature at Princeton, and has worked at the prestigious Institute for Advanced Studies. She is an author and editor and regularly contributes articles to the *LA Times* and other newspapers internationally. Khrushcheva is the granddaughter of former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, who was in power during the Eisenhower years and the infamous Cuban Missile Crisis.

The 20 minute speech, delivered in a mixed Russian and New Yorker accent, with the hour of questions following, raised and clarified many issues and provided many insights into the Russian culture. As President Geraty so aptly put it, "this evening brought two cultures closer together in understanding. It is an example of Continental drift, right here at LSU."

Chapel Behavior is Confronted

BY EVAN GRAHAM
staff writer

Administrators, faculty, and students, embarrassed that a chapel speaker had to stop during her presentation to quiet down noisy students in the balcony, have pledged to, among other things, prevent further disruption of chapel programs by students.

Limiting the time allotted to SALSU announcements during chapel, encouraging more student and faculty involvement in chapel planning, varying the program itself, and requiring faculty to attend chapels are some of the suggestions given.

But that's not all. They also expect students to behave themselves during chapel, a program which has always been a campus controversy.

According to Kimo Smith, the chapel planning committee chair, "It is not too much to ask our students--required attendance or not--to exercise common human respect and courtesy" toward chapel speakers.

"Although we hope to turn things around by positive means, we are prepared to consider more stringent disciplinary action if that is what it must take to avoid another Carolyn Coons situation," he says.

Coons was the speaker at the first chapel of winter quarter who hushed some noisy students during her speech.

Smith does admit that requiring only students to attend chapel creates a dilemma. "We (the chapel committee) acknowledge the fact that we hold a double standard by requiring students to

be present when we do not require that of ourselves," he said.

Dr. Geraty has also "pledged to do all in his power to make this a truly campus-wide weekly event at which all of the campus community--students faculty, administration, and staff--are present," according to Smith.

But some students are not convinced that the administration can just expect better behavior from them. "I think being noisy in chapel is what is to be expected of students who are forced to be there and don't want to be," according to Korianne Haas, a psychology major who is currently a sophomore.

However, Smith asserts that chapel is simply part of the Christian university experience, and that students should not disrespect it or those who speak

at it.

"We are unashamed of the fact that we require one hour of worship per week" as compared to the stricter policies required at other universities, Kimo Smith says. "We are, after all, a Christian university, and this is one of the ways we publicly acknowledge our commitment to bringing Jesus Christ to our students."

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S.M.I.L.E. Club is making a difference for Missionaries

BY KIMBERLY IZVERNARI
staff writer

Another holiday season has passed and things are beginning to return to normal. La Sierra students are slowly easing back into academia. The excitement of Christmas and the New Year dies down into a hum of everyday life. But, nestled between the walls of La Sierra Hall shines the light of a program still bursting with enthusiasm for plans and activities focused to serve La Sierra University's faculty and students. The place is the Chaplain's office, the name, Home Base.

La Sierra University student missionary program began in the early 1930's, but it seemed to advance with little progress. As of last year the efforts and visionaries of students, faculty, and staff determined for its success have revitalized this program, that the Conference once considered to be dead. The commitment of students and faculty spearheading Home Base is amazing and exciting. They have provided a wealth of ideas and opportunities focused on the importance of service and missionary work. Their encouragement is genuine and their excitement contagious. Home Base is so

named because this staff believes the most important mission work goes on at home. Just as in a baseball game, the players begin and end at home, so no matter what base they are standing on home is their goal.

One of the great accomplishments that has developed out of this philosophy is the S.M.I.L.E. club. Student Missionaries Involved in Loving Everyone, even the name makes you smile. This club encourages students to be a missionary wherever they are. A smile is something everyone needs, it is easy to give, and easily accepted. The greatest task of any missionary is to pay attention to the small things of life. These often make the biggest impact. The officers of the S.M.I.L.E club have numerous local outreach programs for students to become involved in. These include short-term mission trips, volunteering at the LSU

soup kitchen, outreach to local churches and schools, and just helping people in and around the community when opportunities arise. Talking to an officer or visiting their web site off of the LSU

the holidays pass so does the giving spirit. But, people are in need all year long not just around Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many of us need to get our 15 hours of community service in every year and this program has provided us with a diverse spectrum to accomplish this.

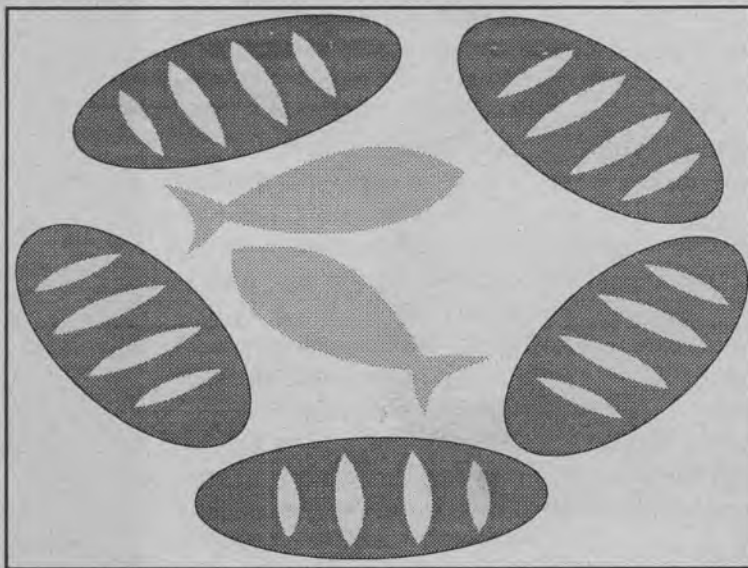
But, this program was not founded to force people to be dogooders. First of all people should be

involved who do not need to fill the requirement, and this includes teachers as well. Second, this benefits the person doing the service more than anyone else. Few things are foolproof, especially when it comes to happiness and contentment, but the number one thing people say when they return from a mission trip whether for a year or for a day is that it changes their perspective

on life. You find that instead of focusing on yourself, "what I want is what I want, when I want it," your time is filled by concerns for improving someone else's life. Nothing fills your heart with happiness more than taking your mind off of what you don't have and what you want to focus on the needs of other people. What was once spent worrying about what you need turns into what you can do without and finding that without it you can accomplish more.

The Chaplain's office believes that what makes missions great is the people, everyone is a capable missionary. Every person has their own special way of reaching someone else. Because of different experiences and ideas we all have gifts to share, everyone fits. Make the most of the resources these programs have made available for you.

At a Senior Citizen's convention held last summer the aged population were worrying about the direction of the youth at LSU, when a little lady piped up in a cheerful voice "What about Student Missions?" The room was filled with a chorus of approval, "Yes student missions!" and the room was filled with smiles. What are you looking for? What are you worrying about? What about student missions?



home page can give you more complete information about their activities.

Everyone involved with the student missions program is excited about the success that has lighted the path this far, and hopes to carry it to greater heights. Last week being student missions week, provides an excellent opportunity to get involved yourself. It seems when

Book Review on Noah Miller: What's the Line in 1999?

BY STEVE DAILY
LSU Chaplain

When you can't trust the experts, who do you trust? Whether its the economy, the politics of impeachment, the Y2K problem, or just about any other challenge facing us at the end of this millennium, the "experts" seem to be at odds. In the last issue of the *Criterion* I reviewed a national bestseller by Paul Zane Pilzer, entitled, *God Wants You to be Rich*. This expert on the economy and resource management insists that we are entering an era of unprecedented prosperity, that our technological breakthroughs have generated unlimited resources and that the future holds global wealth for all who will embrace it. His view of the future could not be more "bullish" or optimistic. By contrast, Gene Edwards, in his new book, *Economic Doomsday*, quotes numerous other experts who argue that 1999 will usher in the greatest depression America has ever seen. He insists that only those who stockpile food and other survivalist necessities will be

in a position to weather what is coming.

Ten pages of his book (105-115) are devoted to simply quoting experts such as members of congress, senators, economists, professors, bank presidents, editors, authors and others who are extremely pessimistic about the year 2000. Let me just share a few of these quotes. "We're no longer at the point of asking whether or not there will be any power disruptions, but we are now forced to ask how severe the disruptions will be." (Senator Chris Dodd -Committee on the year 2000) "If I don't see major changes by the middle of June [1999], I'll sadly be raising the odds of a severe global recession from 70% to closer to 100%." (Dr. Ed Yardeni -chief economist for Deutsche Morgan Grenfell) "The problem is far worse than even most of the pessimists believe." (Peter Keen - editor *Computer World*) "We are facing the greatest financial crisis in seventy years." (Barry Eichengreen -Professor of Economics UC Berkley) These are the kind of statements that get your attention

even if you're not an alarmist. But those who are prone to believe the worst are already taking major precautions.

Dennis Edwards (unrelated to Gene) is just one of many who have taken this pessimistic scenario seriously and invested in a survival kit for the new millennium. This \$17,000 package includes a propane generator, water tank, greenhouse, stored food and live rabbits and chickens. Dennis has never considered himself a survivalist, but like so many others being scared by the predictions of doom he is also looking to purchase various weapons to protect his survival resources from jealous neighbors. The most pessimistic predictions by these experts include major and pro-longed power black-outs throughout the nation that will force American society to regress to pre-nineteenth century conditions. In other words, no phones, radio, TV, electricity or other communication and creature comforts to which we've become accustomed. And while such a doomsday scenario certainly seems extreme, I believe there is a

restless uneasiness that many of us feel inside which says, "we have no guarantee that 'business as usual' will proceed into the next millennium."

There is a pervasive insecurity that infects American society today that is clearly related to our recent past and our immanent future. The spiritual grounding, common faith and core values that we generally shared as a nation before the 1960s have eroded significantly in the last few decades. The pluralism and relativism which have replaced our previous moral consensus and religious heritage, leave most Americans without a guiding philosophy, foundation or focus. This insecurity is compounded by an uncertain future in which many Americans either fear or view the coming millennium in an apocalyptic context. It was recently reported on the news that independent national surveys confirm that 15% of Americans now believe that the world will end on or during the year 2,000. And a significantly higher percentage believe that it is likely that history as we know it

will come to an end within five years of the millennium.

These influences hardly make for stability in a culture that has socially and morally become increasingly unstable over the last four decades. This is why the best resolution we can make in this new year is to know our God better than ever before and to hang out with others to are seeking to know God better as their first priority. When I think of doomsayers, I automatically refer back to Noah who predicted a worldwide flood for 120 years, and William Miller who ultimately predicted the end of the world on October 22, 1844. One of these guys was right and the other was wrong. I can't set the odds or the betting line for a disaster in the year 2000, but the odds are 100% that whatever we face in the new millennium, will best be faced with a powerful faith in God (Mark 10:30).



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Introducing: The Spy Who Fed Me

■ Agents Homefry and Escargot are working to make Riverside a safer place for those who love to eat.

This new column comes to you because we see a desperate need for a restaurant review targeted to you, the college student. This means you will find in our feature a variety of locations, prices, foods and atmospheres.

Get to know your spies. There are two of us and (as we all know) females tend to be the picky eaters of our species. We come from two very different, but somehow similar backgrounds, equaling a complex and perfect woman when combined.

Agent Homefry made her home here at LSU, because, like most others, she was looking to develop and perfect a God complex. She is a typical red-blooded American, who craves down home cooking.

Agent Escargo has a taste for European flair, consequently she's tres cique. Searching to expand her horizons from country to country, she flies by the seat of her pants when it comes to food and business.

Looking for a new and creative place to go out to eat? This col-

umn will be the place to look through to find the best and worst "holes in the wall" of Riverside. Our rating will be based from one to five stars. ***** means excellent food and service, while * means you should watch out because who knows what will walk off your plate.

We will give a price rating as well. \$\$\$\$=take out your credit card. \$\$\$=about 20 dollars per person. \$\$=10 dollars spent per person. \$=below 10 dollars needed to go here.

This week we have reviewed Thai Star BBQ, an authentic Thai cuisine restaurant. It is located three to five minutes from LSU. You simply take the 91 West and exit on McKinley South. They are on the right hand side at the corner of McKinley and Magnolia, 3848 McKinley Street, #M. Open daily from 11a.m. to 10 p.m.

The price rating is a \$\$, but the portions are large enough for two to share. They have lunch specials that only cost around five dollars. We give extra kudos to



Thai Star BBQ because they give a 10% discount to all LSU students with a valid university ID. Specialties of the house include a BBQ honey sauce that should accompany every dish. You have to request it, though. Their Thai iced coffee and tea drinks are an absolute must. Only one warning for the nouveau customer: all the starred dishes are *mu* SPICY!

The decor and atmosphere shows the hominess of this fam-

ily owned restaurant. It's a perfect place for a study date or whenever students get urges for Thai home cooking in only 10 minutes.

Overall, we give Thai Star BBQ ****. On behalf of all true foodlovers, this is Agent Homefry, and Agent Escargo wishing you happy eating.

For comments, or to have your culinary questions answered, be sure to e-mail us at: spythatfedme@hotmail.com



WILLIE'S THUMB



BY WILLIE PRICE
staff writer

Movie-goer, Heal Thyself

Plot. Character. Dialogue. Ahh, who needs it? It is time to put all that jargon aside and talk about an extremely touching movie. Patch Adams may not receive many favorable reviews.

The dialogue is cheesy... downright horrible. Although

based on a true story, the character is not believable, and to the average person, would be obnoxious. Nothing comes to mind when I think about how this movie ranks in the areas of cinematography, music, or editing. The acting stinks most of the time.

It's a blockbuster with a soft heart, a lisp, and a low I.Q. It reeks of sentimentality.

But in this awkward package lives a movie with an incredibly inspiring message.

"Patch" Adams is an older man who has experienced a revitalizing epiphany in an insane asylum. He realizes that life has value in connecting with others on a basic human level. By forgetting his own problems, the once suicidal man begins to see others' problems and give them help.

He takes his contagiously

happy attitude back to medical school. However, his stingy, closed-minded mentors do not catch his disease.

Interspersed with this conflict is a romance between Patch and a fellow med student. She wants no part of Patch's idealistic style of reaching the patients with humor. The patients and the audience take kindly to this humor. However, it is more of a challenge for Patch to win the heart of this focused female.

The humor in the movie is what makes it worthwhile. Robin Williams does a grand job at one of the things he does best-making any and every situation bubble with laughter. Physical and verbal comedy abound in Patch Adams.

Robin Williams also manages well a deep and tear-jerking theme. Many places were reminiscent of Dead Poet's Society and Awakenings. The amount of inspiration this movie provides is overwhelming.

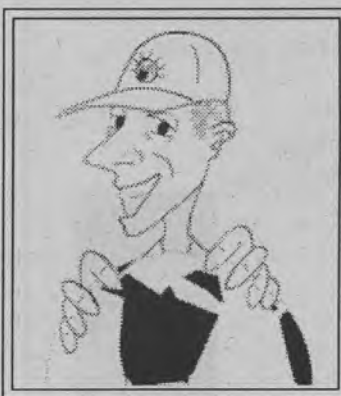
No matter what your profession, you cannot help but be reborn after a movie like this. You'll see your life and job in a whole new way.

Patch Adams truly does touch our humanity. Next time you're in the mood for a movie, consider having a Patch Adams check-up instead.

At left: Robin Williams stars in Patch Adams. The movie is rated PG-13 and is currently playing in local theaters.



RICK'S WORLD



Hi there, and welcome to the first Rick's world of the entire school year! While I prepared what I was going to write for this momentous article I realized something startling. I forgot to write an article for the end of last year! So here's...

THE 1997/1998 YEAR END SPECIAL!

BY RICK MARSON
staff writer

Well folks, another year has come and gone, and many of us are a year older and wiser. It has been a year of memories. I'll never forget standing in the mall with all the faculty, staff and students to get that giant picture taken and then the disappointment to find that I was only a hardly recognizable speck in the picture. I remember not going to Youth to Youth and then listening to how fun it had been. I remember running for Perspectives editor with my running mate Carl Jonard. I remember staying up half the night worrying about what to say, coming up with all sorts of ideas, trying them, deciding they were lame, and then coming up with something an hour before the election. I remember when the ranch was in trouble, we where

all trying to save it, and when it came down to the deadline we were just a thousand dollars short, so Fonzie rode the killer bull to win the prize money and save the ranch. I remember the many, many, many chapels and assemblies. I remember when Samantha accidentally brought Rembrandt to the present and then used him to save the day just when Mr. Tate was once again ready to fire Darrin. I remember when those aliens arrived that we communicated with them using a giant keyboard, and they left those cocoons in the swimming pool at the old folks home, but then Chewbacca stopped their evil plans to steal the universe with the help of MacGyver, the A-Team, the Smurfs, and the original cast of M.A.S.H.. But most of all I remember watching a lot of television.

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Editorial: Today how many hours are falling...

*into the well, into the net, into time;
they go slowly but never stopped to rest,
they keep on falling, swarming together
at first like fish,
then like falling bottles or stones.
There below the hours come to agree with the days,
with the months,
with blurred memories,
with uninhabited nights,
clothes, women, trains,
provinces,
and time collects,
hour upon hour
dissolves in silence,
crumbles and falls
into the acid of all ruins,
into the black water
of the inverted night.*

-Pablo Neruda

Only 19 days after the new year, many of my friends have started fulfilling their new year's resolutions. However, only one day after Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday, who is most remembered for the phrase 'I had a dream', I can only think of how quickly time passes by. Are we actually fulfilling each of our own dreams, and are the actions we are even taking on the same wavelength Dr. King Jr. had envisioned for us?

A few days ago in one of my classes, amongst a heated debate, I realized that a large majority of the students in that class had fallen into the path of survival that this society has forced us upon. An opinion one student expressed was that we should compensated for the amount of

education one attains. Therefore, this means that if I get an M.D., I should be paid more than my 11th grade Philosophy teacher who introduced me to Socrates and taught me the meaning of Ethics. It even means that I would have a higher value in society than Mother Theresa did because she did not attain the same degree of education I hope to attain.

I find that ridiculous. An education should be attained for self-satisfaction, not because one is awaiting something monetary in return. A hundred years ago, people would do anything to get their hands on intellectual information. However, society seems to have pressured many of us to thinking only of material possessions. I know, because I have to fight the impulse myself.

I have only one question to ask of you. How meaningful are our short-lived lives worth if the only future visions we have are of the things we can get, instead of the difference we can make? This is the life I am trying to achieve, and I hope that you will take time to reconsider the true reasons for achieving your goals.

Mona Karimpour,
Editor-in-Chief



Jordan rides off Into the Bittersweet Sunset

■ Michael Jordan's retirement, as of January 14, 1999, was well calculated.

BY ADRIAN MICLEA
staff writer

Who pressed the mute button? The shouts, screams, and hollers grow strangely dim and slip unnoticed past the ears of the crowd. Rows of wide-eyed John and Jane Smiths carefully rise to attention, eyes intent upon the flying man in red. With tongue in cheek, so to speak, the ethereal man glides

through the thick air and with wicked ease guides the basketball into the hollow of the net. ...whoosh...

The sound is restored again, cheers, whistles, buzzer and all. Our hero jogs back to half-court and gives five to Scottie Pippen. His smile

signals in thanks to the ecstatic crowd. I think this is why most of us like Michael Jordan.

But as of January 14, 1999 Michael Jordan is retired from the NBA. Rumor has it that he plans to do some golfing. Maybe he will coach a professional basketball team. And there's also that one-hundredth percent chance that he may return. Perhaps he will once again grace

the Bulls jersey and once again dazzle fans young and old alike...

Alright, time for a reality check! Let me just quickly ask the five thousand dollar question: Who cares? Really, what does it matter to the rest of us Joe and Zoe Averagesons that Michael Jordan will no longer play professional basketball? Good question, huh?

The answer is what you make of it. It all comes down to what

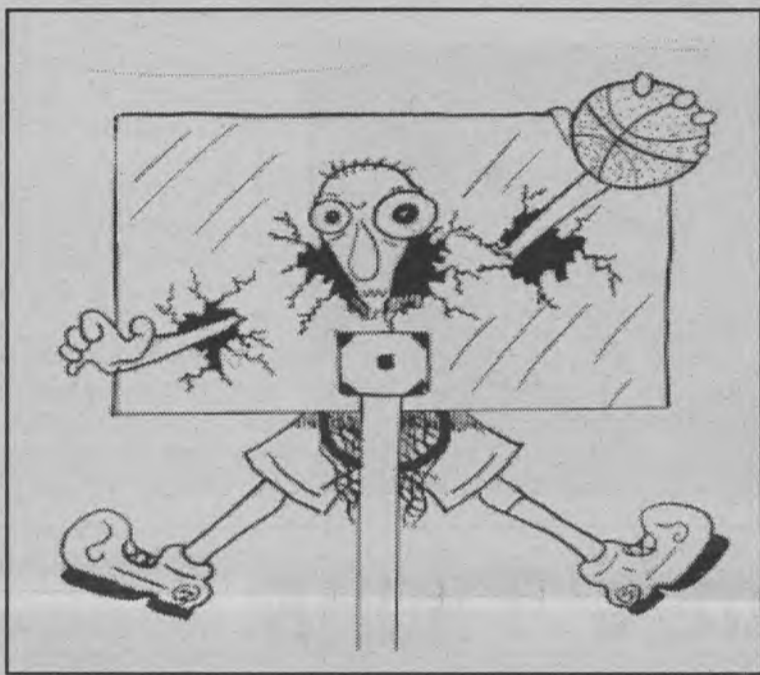
Mike" someday, to realize our dreams, live them out with all our heart, and emerge unscathed by the pitfalls of success (greed, envy, pride, etc).

The "image" of Michael Jordan, not necessarily the person, has convinced many young minds that it is possible to do just that. That's why he's so commercially successful. The Jordan type of humble success is a popular theme. People will pay large sums of money to be able

to identify with it. They will wear it, watch it, and even spray it on in the form of a cologne. (The irony is so thick, you could cut it with a knife.) In the end, the humble success theme turns out to be a very expensive and costly one.

There's no blaming Jordan for leaving like he did, riding off into the sunset

when his basketball game was at its best. As the LA Times notes, Jordan finished his career as regular season MVP, playoff MVP, and all star game MVP. A poignant, all-American ending perhaps. Or maybe he knew better than to try forever to live up to the icon we have created for him. Icons never quit, they never feign, and can never grow tired or old.



ROVING REPORTER: "How Much did Operation Desert Fox Cost?"



"\$1 Billion" - Carl Christman, Sophomore: Communication



"Don't Care." - Reggie Narozniak, Freshman: Excercise Science



"I don't even know what Operation Desert Fox is." - Orlando Vazquez, Freshman: Physical Therapy



"Cost a lot of lives." - Baher Maximos, Senior: Chemistry



"\$460 Million" - Irene Ciovica, Senior: Pre-Med

The estimated cost of Operation Desert Fox was more than \$450 Million.

Source: US News & World Report, 1/11/99

Reply: A New View on the Co-ed Dorms

BY EVA PASCAL
staff writer

It seems as if students at La Sierra University complain nearly as much about not having co-ed dorms than they do about cafeteria food. In the last issue a student gave some fair arguments as to why La Sierra should have co-ed dorms. Is it as relevant as some may think?

One of the most important things that co-ed dorms can do is to de-mystify the opposite sex. We must get away from romanticizing and often sexualizing those who live so far up or down the hill. We have to learn to have friends--and good ones at that--outside our gender categories, and increasing interaction between genders can help.

La Sierra does have a co-ed dorm, South Hall, limited students in the Honors Program. That is, if one's understanding of co-ed dorms entails living together in the same building and not visiting in rooms. South Hall does not allow visiting in each other's room. To limit co-ed dorms

to some students and not to others is not to suggest that students are not treated fairly. It is not a question of equality. All students are not the same, and whether one is in the Honors' Program is one way to distinguish students, although it may not be the best way to do so. We want dorms where students are--for lack of a better word--hounded by deans and RA's.

There is no need to worry as much as we do about co-ed dorms. The establishment of co-ed dorms does not necessarily mean gender stereotypes and social phobias will lessen. It will work itself out in about 50, perhaps 75 years down the line.

The issue goes much deeper. There some major factors that play into the decision to not have co-ed dorms. One is that we come from a generally very conservative Christian tradition in terms of gender interactions, and also a community and society that holds many horrendous ideas about gender relations. All of us have a personal and social responsibility to change gender relations. That responsibility does not lie on whether all students have the opportunity to participate in the co-ed experience.

LSU Hills Take Over Fitness Center

BY CONNIE GALAMBOS
staff writer

For the first few minutes of each Language of Art and Art History class, the VAC rooms echo with an obscene breathiness. Students appear flushed and excited, hearts beating heavily and legs burning...the power of art must leave them weak and speechless...or are they just slothfully out of shape, unable to climb the LSU hill without a couple of pit stops?

I remember my first few quarters here at LSU, back when I complained moderately about the 30 degree angle on which the campus sprawls out. Soon though, I was hired at MICOL, took an SBM class, and actually began studying at the library once in awhile. The impromptu circuit training became more routine, and I cut the trip from Alumni Pavillion to VAC down to a couple of minutes. More importantly, I started working out, and feeling that wonderful

muscle burn nearly every day.

I hear way too many students panting heavily en route from building to building - need I remind everyone that our familiar hill is much more forgiving than the average stair-stepping machine? I've noticed how empty the fitness center often is, even after the onslaught of New Year's resolutions to work off the Turkey stuffing now stuffs us. Have those fitness goals already been forgotten? Or were they never made?

Thank goodness for that beautiful hill which supports L.S.U. if not for it's extrusiveness, some legs on this campus might be better placed in ossuaries (bone boxes - ask Dr. Geraty for more information if you are interested). I truly beg of you all to exercise your body now, not just during swimsuit-panic season or when your physical comes back stamped with the red-flag "danger" on it. Strive for the workout which satisfies your body and energizes your soul! (And if not, may I recommend Lifetime Fitness?)



Do you know how many steps there are in this stairway?

While Baghdad Cries; America Cheers!

■ Operation Desert Fox doesn't seem to serve its true purpose

BY FADI NAHAB
staff writer

A relative of mine was on a US domestic flight just arriving at his destination when the pilot announced that the US had begun firing Cruise missiles on Baghdad, Iraq. The passengers immediately broke out into applause and cheered as the co-pilot finished the news story.

Before we applaud and cheer with these people why don't we take a minute to think about what we could gain from bombarding Baghdad with Cruise missiles and look at the consequences of these attacks. Last December 16, Saddam Hussein, Iraq's longtime dictator, defied his previous agreement with the United Nations to provide unfettered access to sites believed to contain weap-

ons of mass destruction, biological and chemical weapons. Not being the first time Hussein defied UN agreements, the US and Britain decided to take military action known as Operation Desert Fox.

With a barrage of Cruise missiles, what could the US and Britain hope to attack? Early on US officials made it clear that they had bombed only those targets with low risks of civilian casualties. This being the case, missiles were not aimed at

sites believed to contain biological or chemical agents for fear that vapors released from the sites could kill many innocent lives. Further, because Hussein and his security are known to stay in residential areas during attacks, missiles could not target Hussein and others important to him. Then what did the missiles attack?

US officials say that the attacks resulted in the bombing of "unique" pieces of equipment

necessary for Iraq's missile program and the killing of several individuals in the upper structure of Iraqi leadership. Military officials reported that "smart" weapons "severely damaged" 85% of targets and that it will take Iraq two years to recover from the bombing. Along with the damage report, US military reports estimated that those killed in the attacks ranged from 600 to 2,000 people.

Today, Saddam Hussein remains the same dictatorial leader of Iraq he was before Operation Desert Fox. The UN-imposed trade embargo which has plagued the Iraqi people since 1990 continues to leave medical necessities scarce and food prices soaring; and if that's not enough, up to 2,000 more people are dead. Do we have any reasons to be applauding and cheering?

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Dear Double Talk:



A GUY IN MY CALCULUS CLASS IS STARTING TO FLIRT WITH ME BIG TIME EVEN THOUGH HE KNOWS I ALREADY HAVE A BOYFRIEND. SHOULD I TELL MY BOYFRIEND ABOUT IT--MAYBE HE COULD STOP THE FLIRT OR WOULD IT JUST MAKE HIM JEALOUS?--CONFUSED

♀ Dear Confused,

To those of us who are single, this is not a problem. But I guess I could use my imagination and help you out.

Okay, some guy in Calculus is flirting with you. So what? You don't have to respond to him. Ignore him. It should be easy, as long as you keep your loving boyfriend in mind. Most guys will get the picture.

Some are more persistent, thinking that "boyfriends are just obstacles to get around." If the flirt continues to pester you, tell him to leave you alone. Wave a restraining order around.

On the other hand, how does this guy know you have a boyfriend? Did he just see the two of you together, or is he your good friend? If he's a friend, you've got some serious problems. You've just stepped into an episode of "Melrose Place" or maybe "Sister, Sister."

Now that I think of it, the trouble always starts when the boyfriend is in the dark. Soon enough, he finds out, and then chaos ensues. Tell your boyfriend.

You don't have to make a big deal out of it. You could mention it casually, just in passing. Or, you could make it a joke, kind of like "aren't you lucky you got to me first." But above all, make sure he feels secure. If he even thinks that you're interested in the guy, his head will spin around in circles before he explodes.

Of course, you could always dump your boyfriend and date the Calculus guy.

Voleuse

♂ Dear Confused in Calculus,

First off, it has been my experience that calculus is boring. (I prefer quantum physics myself).

In fact, this particular subject excels so monumentally in the boredom department that this guy's flirting may be nothing more than a valid attempt at avoiding flat brain waves.

As you probably already know, flat brain waves are generally not conducive to academic success not to mention that they often imply death has made a rather rude visit. He's trying to survive.

Don't take it too seriously. He would probably flirt with a mop if he thought it would give him a reaction.

If you insist that you are just too enchanting to NOT flirt with, we need to dig a little deeper. Ask yourself these questions.

What would I gain by telling my boyfriend? Do I really want this guy to stop flirting with me? Is Loki just messing with my mind? (That last question is probably the one you should spend the most time with.)

The point is, if your relationship with your boyfriend is even remotely healthy, he shouldn't throw a tantrum just because some guy finds you more stimulating than fractals.

This brings me to my last point. Would your boyfriend have a valid reason to be jealous? After all, it takes two to flirt-one to flirt and the other to be around to flirt with. My solution? Drop calculus.

It's boring anyway.

Loki

Send your questions to chrilaw@lasierra.edu

When the going gets tough...

BY LENAABELLA
staff writer

Q. What was it like growing up in L.A.?

A. It wasn't hard, but I don't want to live in L.A. anymore because some people there don't want to go up higher. They just want to stay where they are. So I just want to get away from that environment to a better one.

Q. It must mean a lot to you, then, to get out of L.A. and come here.

A. Right. My mom didn't have enough money to send me to private school from elementary through college, but I always wanted to go. So I just went to public school from elementary through high school and came to public school for college.

Q. Have you had any unique experiences in your life?

A. Well, I have eight brothers and sisters and I didn't grow up with them, which was hard. I guess you could say it was because of social and economic circumstances.

I'm the only one out of the three oldest who has really done something. My oldest brother is 21, he graduated from high school, but he's not going to college.

And my younger sister, the only one I lived with, she's 18 and she has a baby. It's like everybody's looking up at me, I'm under pressure, because I'm



Name: Lakeshia Germany
Age: 19
Year: Freshman
Major: Physical Therapy
Hometown: Los Angeles
High School: Downtown Business Magnet

the only one in college.

Q. But it must make you feel good to know you've accomplished something.

A. Yes, but sometimes it's stressful.

Q. How have your experiences changed you?

A. I think they have made me stronger. They made me depend more on God, instead of on everybody else. I tend to always believe that I have to hold on to God, because people are going to let me down. So, in that area, my experiences have made me more spiritual.

Q. Were there any specific times in your life when you felt God really helped you out?

A. When I would go through trials and feel like no one was there God was really the only one I could count on. There was a time, around high school graduation, when I didn't think I would graduate and God really gave me strength and helped me go on.

Q. Obviously it's working very well for you. Any parting thoughts?

A. I think that instead of saying, "Well, this runs in my family, so I'm just going to stick to it," you have to try your best to beat the odds and do what you want to do.

Follow your dreams. And always try to keep God in your heart and mind.

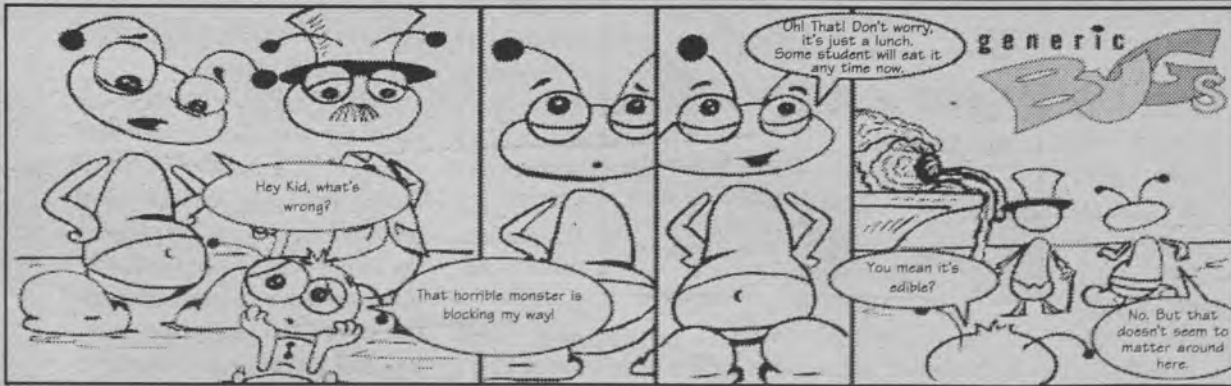
THINGS TO AVOID IN A MEDICAL SCHOOL INTERVIEW

COMPILED BY ROGER E. RUSTAD, JR.

1. Say, "Can we hurry this up? I'm gonna miss the Simpsons."
2. Interrupt the interviewer repeatedly and insist on being addressed as "doctor."
3. Ask, "Do chicks dig doctors?"
4. Blame your low MCAT score on "El Nino."
5. Reply, "That's a tough question. But can I take the physical challenge instead?"
6. Staple money to secondary application form before turning it in.
7. Compliment the interviewer's toupee.
8. Wink, point to your wallet, and say, "I have entirely too much (ahem) money in here."
9. Ask when the interviewer's daughter turns 18.
10. Ask if being a doctor allows you to prescribe yourself drugs.

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Fight Stress and Try to Think Less

BY CHRISTINE LAW
Feature Editor

If your brother is getting married to someone he just met online, you just flunked your Physics exam, and you just discovered that you swapped a sympathy card with a wedding card you sent through the mail-you might be feeling a little stressed.

Here's a few tips from Charlene Chow-Pak, a health educator from what is probably one of the fastest-paced and therefore potentially stressful parts of the world-Hong Kong.

Of course, they may not think their environment is stressful. Chow-Pak says that some situations are stressful for some, and not for others. "The important thing is how you respond. If the person thinks of it in the worst situ-

ation it only gets worse."

Negative and distorted thinking actually produces free radical damage to cells and causes cancer. So she advises an exercise that uses the imagination to battle negative thinking. "Imagine that stressful situation and think



about how you can handle it."

A healthy and balanced diet also helps to conquer stress. Antioxidants from vegetables, and Vitamin-B complexes found in grains

and cereals, actually help neurotransmission. A lack of these proper nutrients result in anxiety, depression, and muscular weakness. The fast rise and drop in blood sugar when you eat candy may cause weakness or headaches. Too much sugar also weakens our white blood cells from fighting disease. And if when we are too sick to go to school or work, makeup work piles up and we get even more stressed!

But ultimately, you may wish to whip out a copy of Calvin and Hobbes or read Ari Salgueiro's comic strip since laughter is one of the best releases for stress. Chow-Pak also recommends asking God for help. "After I pray, even though I don't want to pray, I feel much better..."

SIFE Bowling Challenge Always Means Fun

BY HEATHER MILLER
SIFE Faculty Fellow

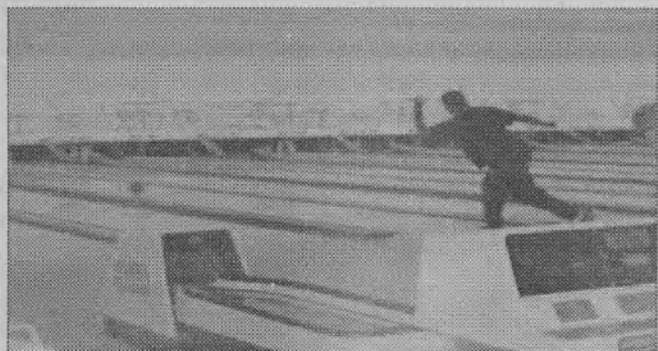
As of Friday, SIFE joined partnership with SALSU in issuing a challenge to our student body and the student bodies of our Riverside collegiate population (Cal Baptist University, U.C. Riverside, and Riverside Community College). The challenge is to find tutors/ mentors willing to assist students in homework and studying, and to show them that it can be fun and worthwhile. Afterwards as a reward for the extra effort, AMF bowling lanes (the host of the program, located on Indiana and Magnolia)

is offering a free game of bowling for the student and tutor, on a daily basis. Helping younger students to find the fun in learning is what it is all about.

In order to get participation from the greatest amount of college students, AMF is offering a night of Extreme Rock and Bowl to whichever college or university commits the highest percentage of students to the program. Get ready to bowl because, SIFE will be knocking on your door!

SIFE Visits Malaysia

The Penang Adventist Hospital Commissary (bakery), in Penang, Malaysia received a visit from SIFE over the Christmas holidays. LSU SIFE member Rob Mohr was there to help them prepare the opening of a new branch of the bakery. A junior business finance major, Rob was able to assist the



bakery's new manager, Miss Lim Choei Eng, arrive at a workable budget and save a considerable amount of money. The new bakery, located in Kuala Lumpur, 120 miles southeast of Penang, is scheduled to open within the next few months. SIFE via Rob plans to continue to consult with the bakery through email and telephone between now and then. Good Luck in Kuala Lumpur!

Thanks!

SIFE would like to send a special thanks to the 1998-99

Business Advisory Board, which first met on January 7. Business leaders from the community who have committed themselves to helping LSU SIFE succeed this year include: Esther Velez Andrew, retired educator; Dom Betro, president and CEO of Family Services Association of Western Riverside County;

Debbi Huffman Guthrie, owner and CEO of the Roy O. Huffman Roof Co.; David Kasischke, LSU SIFE alumnus; Constance Rossum, business professor at Azusa Pacific

University; Cindy Roth, CFO of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; Ted Stream, attorney with Sream and Stream, Wendel Tucker, principal of Arizona Intermediate School; and Al Jones, of UBS printing group.

We appreciate these dedicated individuals and their support. Many other SIFE projects are going on Winter quarter. If you would like to be involved (community service hours available), please call the SIFE office at x2255, or talk to any SIFE student director.

So, Just How Dumb Are You Anyway?

BY CARL JONARD
staff writer

1. Herbert C. Hoover was:
 - a) the vacuum cleaner in "The Brave Little Toaster."
 - b) the 31st President of the United States.
 - c) the Love Bug's full name.
 - d) I like Triscuits!
 2. The square root of zero is:
 - a) a 1966 soundtrack by Elliot Kaplan.
 - b) Any number divided by itself = 1, so it's one.
 - c) a 1964 comedy starring Michael Egan, Jimmy Gavin, and Leslie Davis.
 - d) $0 \times 0 = 0$, so it's zero.
- Okay, enough of the easy stuff. It's time for...THE LIGHTNING ROUND!!! I'll give you the answers; you give me the questions. You have 3 seconds. Ready, set, GO!**
3. A secret underground commune in South Dakota stockpiled with tobacco products and all those old supermarket horsie rides.
 4. As much wood as a woodchuck would chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood.
 5. You don't have one.
 6. That doesn't make you any more or less of a man.
 7. Of course, certain activities may be a little difficult for you.

Yay!! Now it's time for THE THUNDER ROUND! All the questions have the same answer, you just have to figure what it is!

8. Trenton _____ is a sucky baseball team.
9. Wichita _____ is a sucky hockey team.
10. Minnesota _____ is a sucky soccer team.
11. Brits call toities _____ -mugs.
12. This is called the _____ Round.

Now let's add up your scores! You get one "Dummy" point for every incorrect answer, and one "Nerdy" point for every correct answer.

- 1) WRONG! He was President Lou Herbert Hoover.
- 2) If you thought (a) or (c) were incorrect, you were wrong.
- 3) Where have all the cowboys gone?
- 4) What is a "cord" of wood?
- 5) Why can't I make my robot car talk to me like Knight Rider could?
- 6) How many roads must a man walk down before you will call him a man?
- 7) I am considering skiing. If I crash and break both of my arms, will that affect my ability to floss?

8-12) "Thunder." One answer, one point. Ha ha!

If you got more "Dummies" than "Nerdys," pull my thumb.

If you don't know the punchline to the preceding joke, award yourself 3 more "Dummies."

The punchline is: "Gee, you're dumb."

If you thought that punchline was funny, award yourself 6 more "Dummies."

Now, if you still got more "Nerdys" than "Dummies," pull my finger. There was no reason for that, I just thought it would be fun.

If your number of "Nerdys" is equal to your number of "Dummies," congratulations! You win! You're just as nerdy as you are dumb! Now pull my finger again.

Focus on The Impeachment Hearing

The "Trial of the Century" Tries the American Public's Patience

RICHARD DENISTON
staff writer

It's already been called the trial of the century (sorry O.J.) This last week the U.S. Senate began to listening to arguments made by selected republican house members who claim that William Jefferson Clinton is unfit to continue on as president of the United States because of his attempts to conceal an illicit affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Invoking their rarely used powers of impeachment after an embittered and fiercely contested bipartisan debate, the house recently impeached the president and will now have to convince two-thirds of the senate that his actions constitute "high crimes and misdemeanors"

against the United States.

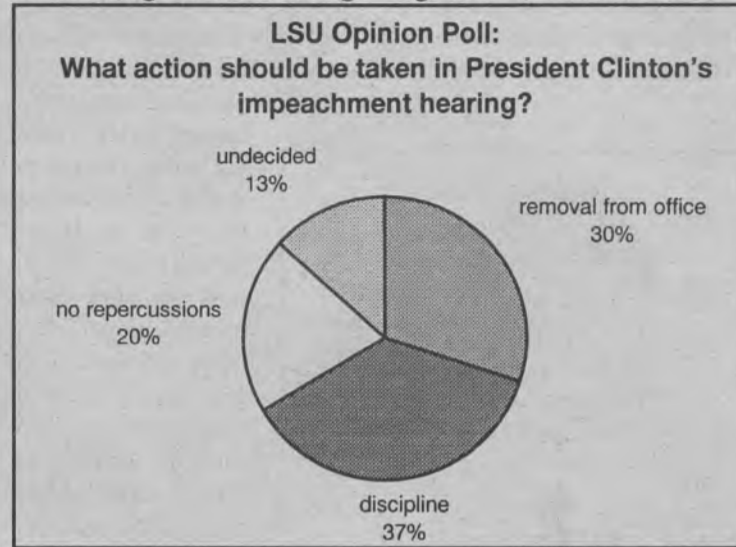
The political pundits and full time Washington observers have clearly defined motives as to why or why not this president deserves to be ousted. But millions of everyday Americans who are more or less casually observing this spectacle, find this scene is very disturbing.

Recent polls indicate that support for the president and the first lady are at or near all time record highs (Time Magazine, Jan. 4). We Americans know all we have to know about Bill and Monica, Monica and Linda, and Bill's embarrassing attempts to hide his private shortcomings. We know it, and overwhelmingly (according to polls) it is not important enough to enact the sacred inclusion to the constitution known as impeachment. Did he perjure

himself? This isn't clear, since Clinton has not had a trial or a conviction on even one count of perjury. Many legal experts readily admit that even though his testimony in the Paula Jones case was both vague and misleading.

It was no where near the legal definitions of perjury.

It is a shame that the "trial of the century" will be remembered more for mean spirited bipartisanship, than for anything close to a high crime or misdemeanor.



La Sierra Professor shares insights on the Impeachment Proceedings

LINN TONSTAD
staff writer

As the impeachment trial continues in Washington, America's pundits wait with baited breath for the results, meanwhile debating endlessly the political significance of what is going on. Bill Clinton is undergoing a trial that will determine his political future (if any) and his place in the history books. If nothing else, he will be remembered for having been only the second president (Andrew Johnson was the first) who has undergone this ordeal.

To gain a better perspective on what is going on, we talked to La Sierra's own Rennie Schoepflin, professor of history.

LT: What interests you about the impeachment trial in Washington? Do you think it is significant for the future of American politics?

RS: What interests me is not the technical politics but the issues

that are influencing the political process. As often happens in America, issues of morality, sexuality, and appropriate intimate behavior have not been, left to the individuals involved. Americans inevitably connect individual morality with responsible public morality. The rest of the world generally finds this bizarre and inexplicable. The response of the American public to these issues tells us something about ourselves and reminds us of how we have changed. We have separated morality and public performance in business and economics. We don't seem to care, even if the leader in question is as promiscuous as a billygoat. We are encouraged to cut corners, but politicians are, or rather were, expected to be as righteous as Jesus. But, the American public seems to have accepted the split between the public and private spheres. The elected officials are not in tune with public opinion on this issue. They seem to be lagging behind the times.

LT: What do you think the historical roots of this attitude conflating the public and the private might be?

RS: The attitudes do not surprise me as a historian. They are apparently contradictory, but the contradiction is at the heart of the New England Puritan way of life. Not to put too sharp a point on it, while the Puritan was stealing Indian land and raping timber no one cared. Brother Y, sleeping with his neighbor's wife, ends up in the stocks. Admittedly, humans cannot easily separate private and public. But everyone assumes varying roles and behaviors in various settings. The morals and mores of society are contextualized--in fact, it is hard to imagine it any other way. The American public has recognized the split in regard to the Clinton affair. Although they condemn the personal ethics of this sleazy and promiscuous sexual behavior of the president by an overwhelming majority, an equally overwhelming majority does not be-

lieve it detracts from his ability to be an effective presidential leader.

LT: Why, then, are we in the midst of a trial before the US Senate of a president charged with articles of impeachment by the US House of Representatives?

RS: The answer is simply: the majority of the House doesn't share the view of the majority of the American public that Clinton's sleazy behavior does n't significantly affect his leadership abilities and he has not committed "high crimes and misdemeanors."

Americans have resolved the longstanding tension between public and private in ways that the elected leaders of the House, pressured by partisan politics, have not been able to. In this we may be witnessing precisely what the Founding Fathers and Mothers feared: the sacrifice of the common wealth in the name of factionalism and party politics.

SPORTS

Tough Start for Lady Eagles

BONNIE CARTER
staff writer

The LSU Eagles women's basketball team have been playing well above last year's level this season, despite a series of surprising setbacks. The team, under a new and enthusiastic coach, was looking forward to a successful season that would set their program on the road to becoming one of the top in the area over the next few years.

They have the talent, they have the heart, but these hardworking athletes have been met with a series of injuries that have limited their performance this year. This has been particularly tough on the team's first goal—teamwork.

Coach Michael Watson has high hopes that the quality of game should improve even more in the second half of the season as the team continues to congeal. Eight members of the team are new this year. Even so, it was meeting her new teammates and learning about their individual quirks that three year varsity player Carrie Lewis cited as her favorite memory of the season so far. A senior exercise science major, she has been very impressed by her teammates. "This year's team has a lot of potential," she says, "and heart. Everyone has come with something to offer."

Despite the almost daily changing roster of healthy players, rival coaches have commented on how much the team is looking stronger and playing better than they did last year. This is particularly encouraging to the new coach. "They have made real progress from the first game to the last," says Watson. "So far, we have been making real progress [as a team], but injuries hurt." Watson is proud of how the girls have kept up their enthusiasm for the game.

JANUARY

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	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	18 Chapel 11 a.m. Last day to withdraw with no record on transcript Women's BBall vs. Christian Heritage 7:30 p.m. LSU Tuesday Tunes 8-10 p.m. EN	19 Residence halls open house 6-8 and 8-10 p.m. Genesis series: Dan Smith, evening 7-8 p.m. Rendezvous 10 p.m.	20 La Sierra LIVE SALSU Game Show Night Women's BBall Walla Walla College Tournament, WWC Men's BBall vs. Chapman, 7:30 p.m. LSU	21 La Sierra LIVE: Patty Cabrera Concert Board of Trustees Retreat Women's BBall WWC Tournament	22 La Sierra LIVE Xodus 24:7 9:30 am SVC Worship Service 10:45 am LSUC SALSU S.O.S. Board of Trustees Retreat WWC Tournament
24 Board of Trustees Retreat	25 Praxis Series 7:30a.m. CLL Suite CC	26 Chapel 11 a.m. Women's BBall vs. Life Bible College 7:30 p.m. LSU Residence Halls Issues Men: 10 p.m. MEI Women: 6 p.m. ANG Tuesday Tunes 8-10 p.m. EN	27 Genesis Series: Dan Smith, 7-8 p.m. Rendezvous 10 p.m.	28 Assembly 11 a.m. AQMD luncheon 12 noon CR Women's BBall at Claremont 8:30 p.m. Men's BBall vs. Southwestern College 7:30 p.m. LSU	29 CPR for the Soul 7:30 p.m.	30 Xodus 24:7 9:30 am SVC Worship Service 10:45 am LSUC SALSU S.O.S. Men's BBall vs. Master's College 7:30 p.m. Santa Clarita

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Don't forget your dollars for the capital campaign. You can donate after chapel at the front exit with SALSU officers or drop off your donation at the Chaplain's office during the school week.

Applications for Undergraduate LSU Scholarships are available at Financial Aid, Recruitment, Library, Financial Administration, Student Accounts, Residence Halls, and Academic Deans Offices. Numerous scholarships up to \$5000 will be presented at the Awards Assembly on May 27. Deadline for applications to be turned in is March 19 at noon. For details call Financial Aid at x2175.

Unfortunate Turnout for Donating Blood

BY EVANGRAHAM
staff writer

An unusual bad turnout of donors plagued the regular quarterly blood drive sponsored by CABL last month.

Only 25 people gave blood on Wednesday, Jan. 27 1999 in the Student Center, according to Avimaria Davis, the CABL director. This is especially unfortunate, Davis says, because a blood shortage is currently affecting both Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

"Learn to save lives," Davis implores her fellow students after witnessing the poor turnout. "Stop being so selfish. The life you save may be your own."

Davis did give some reasons for the low turnout,

however. She said that a lot of people were sick due to the weather. Some were scared as well, suffering from bruises and

to donate blood.

Davis says that students and faculty can still give blood, however. The number to call for

more information is 800-879-4484. Davis also strongly encourages her fellow students to donate blood at the next blood drive, scheduled for May.

Davis, a senior psychology major, thanks Kim Odle, Annie Francois, and Student Center workers who helped out during the blood drive, as well as all the

students and faculty who gave blood, including faithful donor, Dr. Geraty.

For donor/SALSU President Felipe Viemann, it is his "duty" to give blood. Being a former Marine, the religious-studies junior cites the military's constant need for blood and his willingness to provide it. "Giving blood is a proactive way for a university to demonstrate its presence in a community," he says.



Felipe Viemann, SALSU President, donates blood

Call for more information on donating blood at 1-800-879-4484 or write to the Blood Bank to:
Hilary Pruitt at 384 Orange Show Rd.
P.O. Box 5729
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School of Religion Addresses Current Situation of SDA Church President

BY FELIPE VIELMANN
SALSU President

On Thursday, January 29th, the La Sierra University Campus held assemblies by Schools. Those that attended the School of Religion assembly were invited to participate in a discussion that was moderated by the dean of the School, Dr. John Jones, and brought in the knowledge of several professors within the department, amongst them Dr. Warren Trenchard, Dr. V. Bailey Guillespie, and Dr. Fritz Guy. The discussion involved the lawsuit which has been filed in a Superior Court in Sacramento, California, in which the General Conference Corporation, the Inter-American Division, certain General Conference employees, and others have been named as defendants.

Dr. Trenchard, professor of New Testament studies provided students and staff in attendance with up to date information as regarding to the alleged charges which have been made of the SDA Church President, Elder Robert F Folkenberg, as well as the recommendations of the Ad Hoc committee that was put together to address this issue and its effects to the SDA Church in a global context. "The plaintiff is James Moore, a business entrepreneur in California who was convicted of

felony grand theft in 1989, and who served time in prison." Although "the General Conference Corporation has had no dealings with Mr. Moore," they do admit that "the Inter-American Division had some dealings with him in the 1980's,

but terminated all relationships with him by written agreement in 1989." This as reported by Ray Dabrowski in an information release of the General Conference dated January 12, 1999. Within this same information

release, it was stated that amongst the "General Conference employees names are President Robert S. Folkenberg and Walter Carson, an associate in the Office of General Counsel." Dr. Trenchard spoke about the Ad Hoc Committee (AHC) that was formed to address this issue and decide what further action

the General Conference should take. The AHC includes a pastor, educators, lay members, officers of four world divisions of the church, and church leaders from the world headquarters office. They were appointed by the Administrative Committee on



Robert F. Folkenberg, SDA Church President

January 13. As of yesterday morning, the committee has recommended that "the matter must be referred to the Executive Committee because it is the only body which, between General Conference sessions, can deal with decisions affecting General Conference elected leadership.

The vote to refer came after the Ad Hoc Group summarized the issues and concerns revealed after reviewing all the relevant documents. The group said that the matters that emerged "reveal a pattern of widespread personal activities" of the president which give rise to concerns. The ethical concerns included conflicts of interest, inappropriate business associations, and misuse of the office of the presidency for business advantages. The group also expressed concern about the potential impact on the world Church as well as the president's reluctance to accept the advice of colleagues. The Ad Hoc Group concluded that there was no misuse of church funds." All of this as reported by the Adventist News Network (ANN).

Dr. Guillespie dealt with how the faith of members of the SDA church should not be moved as to the doctrines and central tenets of the church on the basis of a mistake committed by one man. Dr. Guy provided his wealth of wisdom by distinguishing between Church, with a capital "c" and church with a lower case "c". "Church involves concepts while "church means fellowship and an opportunity for bonding. As of yesterday, Elder Folkenberg has taken a temporary leave of absence and this issue awaits resolution through the Executive Committee which will meet beginning on March 1.

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Letter from a Student Missionary

BY TYSONCHUNG
Student Missionary

Greetings Jodi,
How are things developing at homebase. I've read some of the past Criterion papers recently this school year, sent by the alumni center. Sounds like the missions office is keeping quite busy. In anycase, here is an article I'm sending into AFM for their magazine.

I should be returning home at the end of May sometime. So many things are happening between now and then, I'm sure the time is about to fly by. Next month I'm conducting a leadership training course for all of the church leaders in Kampti, Loropeni, and Tantou. Hopefully, this training session will provide them with skills to main-

tain a healthy and organized church body, as the Ungluabs, and the church planting project in this area is about finished. The ungluabs have been here for a total of 5-6 years. Now we're phasing out.

AFM however, will be sending new family groups to start planting among Muslim areas along the border of Burkina and Niger, as well as potential sites within Niger. Do you have any motivated Christians with a burden to dedicate a years worth of time for spreading the word of God to the unreached? Perhaps I can swing by the office around the beginning of June and share all that we've done.

I also have a prayer request. An old church member of ours, Foreserana (spelled phonetically), is quite old, and I've come to know her as grandma (as she has a grandmothers personality),

which the family has adopted over the years. She may of had a stroke of some kind. She is highly incapacitated, and left without any proper care. She has lived a long life, and has a rather incredible immune system. Unfortunately, when the old get real sick, unable to care for themselves, commonly they are left alone, only to await death. At this point we are praying that God would not allow her to suffer any longer and provide her with a merciful death. The family and I have taken it upon ourselves to do as much as possible to keep her clean, and comfortable, unfortunately, the environmental conditions do very little to help. So I ask that you pray for God to guide us in dealing with grandma. Many thanks.

Yours in Christ,
Tyson

An Insight on Africa: "Land of the Upright People"

BY TYSONCHUNG
Student Missionary

During the next couple of months, we student missionaries will be thinking about either returning home, or continuing to serve for another year. Either way, experiences of cultural encounters, faced challenges, and holiday memories are reviewed, cherishing the unforgettable and savoring what time is left.

My mental images of Africa before arriving included lions, elephants, and multitudes of roaming animals. Reality soon became apparent a couple days after touchdown, that Burkina Faso is more known for its people, not wildlife. Previously known as, "The Land of the Upright People", Burkina Faso is a country where greetings are carried out ceremonially with just about everyone you meet.

What a paradox to find such a friendly welcome from individuals living in a hardened land. With numerous diseases infringing upon the impoverished nationals, and the uncertainty of whether or not this years crops will yield enough, strife has become a thread woven into the

daily fabric of life. Yet, even among the endemic deaths experienced throughout the land, Shakespeare himself would be hard pressed to portray the human spirit that thrives among the local tribal groups. With the majority being represented by uneducated and illiteracy (about 95%), answers to life's misfortunes are often directed towards spiritualists or ditildar (Lobiri word for diviner), of the village. Thus, religious belief (majority being Animist) has become a key variable among tribal practices such as initiation ceremonies, fetish sacrifices to appease Thangba (Lobiri for God), and especially in burying the dead.

When someone dies long barreled guns are shot into the air resounding the inevitable fate that has befallen another mortal. (Rom. 6:23) Relatives in distant villages make a days journey to pay respects, all the while wailing aloud as they approach the site of mourning. The dramatization involved in Lobi funerals reflects the dramatic climax of a tragic opera, one that only Puccini could express in an energetic musical score. Just as the animistic cannons sound across the land, the call to death;

Christ's trumpets will soon sound across the earth, the call to eternal life. (Zech. 9: 14-17)

Among the shrouds of mystery, misfortune, and death there shines forth a light of hope. (Rom. 15:13) Over the past several months, I've come to know a group of Adventist Christians among the Lobi's who have developed a great passion and love for Christ. Having accepted the gift of life offered freely to them through Christ, defies all beliefs taught by the fetish diviner. A fire has been started in the bush of southern Burkina, only to spread and deliver the light of God's word to those who yearn for unconditional love. With our previous baptism in three villages (Tantou, Loropeni, Kampti), Christ now has to date more than seven tyre-born followers to carry the light of God's word into the remote of all remote locations here in this little corner of Burkina. (Isaiah 6:8)

So as I return home from Burkina Faso, I no longer hear the bombastic sounds of those death calls, but look towards heaven to await the sounding of the trumpets. Then I know that I will visit again those friends I've made in West Africa.

Adventist Young Adults to Convene at General Conference for conneXions 99

BY JACK STENGER
guest writer

More than 800 people will converge upon Silver Spring, Md., in April for the largest Adventist young-adult convention ever to be held in the General Conference headquarters.

The group -- a collection of thought-leaders, visionaries and activists -- will meet April 14 to 17 for conneXions99. Participants will network, strengthen existing ministries, formulate new ministries, worship God and meet with North American Adventist Church leaders.

The conference comes on the heels of "eXcite98," a young adult conference held Aug. 6 to 8 at La Sierra University in Riverside California. More than 1,000 attended in Riverside, Calif., and momentum was established for another young adult gathering, said Shasta Burr, a conneXions99 coordinator. "Our generation shouldn't fall into the trap of complaining about the church. Rather, we want to come together and give our talents and dreams to make this church even stronger."

Coordinators say that conneXions99 is for young adults, age 20 to 35, who are or want to be involved in any form of Christian ministry. Like eXcite '98, it is expected that college-age Adventists will attend the event, but coordinators say a particular effort is being made to reach out to young Adventist professionals because "sometimes we can graduate from college and then wonder where our place is in the church," Burr said.

A critical feature for the event is its grass-roots organization. Committee members are all young adult Adventists. But support for this movement has been signaled through the formation of an advisory board. Members include Dick Duerksen, Director of Spiritual Development for

Florida Hospital; Alfred McClure, NAD president; Dwight Nelson, NET '98 speaker and Pioneer Memorial Church senior pastor; John Nixon, Oakwood College Chaplain; Linda Pennick, Pacific Union Women's Ministries Director; Jose Rojas, NAD Youth Director; Sergio Torres, Florida Conference Associate Director & Urban Youth Ministries Director; Cindy Tutsch, Washington Conference Youth and Young Adult Director; Ron Whitehead, Center for Youth Evangelism Director; Charles Scriven, Columbia Union College President; and Brad and Kandung Thorp, Adventist Global Communication Network Director.

Featured activities at conneXions99 include inspiring commentary from young leaders, ministry "brainstorming" sessions, and dialogue with North American Division (NAD) Church leaders. A conference goal is to raise \$250,000, that will be directed toward several of the most compelling ministry ideas of young adults.

The conneXions99 mission statement reads: "Young adults connecting, collaborating and creating a new generation of ministries to finish the job God gave us." The goal is to build enthusiasm among participants, who will then return to local churches with a shared vision for ministry.

The limited confines of the General Conference Auditorium means registration for conneXions99 is limited to 800 people. Registration can be done through the web @ www.conneXions99.com or by calling 1(800)SDA-PLUS.

"The time has come for young adults to take God and the Great Commission seriously," says Johnny Bennett, 29, an independent ministry coordinator from Loma Linda, Ca. "We plan on coming together, getting inspired by each other, and then making the church we love better."

Poem: The Other Guy's Shoes

BY JODI CAHILL
Assistant Chaplain

We do not agree the man said to me
As he stood there with rage in his eyes
His face filled with pain when he shouted again
"But of course that's not a surprise.
Your color is white and I'm black as the night
And it's clear we can never agree
Our paths aren't the same and you don't know my pain
You've never been treated like me."

I stared with surprise as I looked in his eyes
And I showed him the depths of my soul.
He let out a sigh as I started to cry
For we both had a heart with a hole.
I paused for a while till I mustered a smile
For his face had a quizzical gaze:
I said, "All my life has been loaded with strife,
And I often get caught in the maze.
The color of pain is always the same
Though the hue of the bearer

may vary
Should you think this not true, I will prove it to you
See the canvas of scars that I carry?
Those people out there, they all say they care
When you need them, they cannot be found.
And my pain is as real as the pain that you feel
Though our differences seem to abound,
Our color of skin may be different my friend
But the blood in our veins is pure red;

Five millimeters in just under our skin
We're the same from our toes to our head.
This does not negate the anger and hate
And the suffering your people have known;
But we live on this planet and we take it for granted,
Instead we must make it a home.
For you are my brother, we share the same mother
And your father is my father too.
From these two we came so we share the same name;
I'm human and you're human

too.
We each carry loads as we travel life's roads
And both of us struggles each day
I worry, you see, over what troubles me,
Your worries I leave you to say.
Let's celebrate life and the end to our strife,
If we did this and then shared the news
They might all understand that to live in this land
We must walk in the other guy's shoes."

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WILLIE'S THUMB



Foreign Film Pick:
Life is Beautiful is playing locally (with subtitles) at the CinemaStar in Riverside

BY WILLIE PRICE
staff writer

Life is Beautiful is Beautiful

Many have called him the next Charlie Chaplin. His crazy humor and silly antics have certainly earned him that title. Robert Benigni, who co-wrote, directed, produced, and starred in *Life Is Beautiful*, makes the screen come alive with life and humor.

Set in Fascist Italy, the movie tells the story of an ingeniously funny Jewish man, Guido, who romances a beautiful young woman right off her feet. Literally stealing her away from her fiance at the engagement party, he wins her heart and the two settle down to have a nice life together.

Dora has a son named Giosue—who is only four years old when they are shipped off to a concentration camp.

Guido, with his talented wit, tailored just to the enjoyment of his four year old son, manages to convince his child that the camp is all a game.

Through creativity and the pure resiliency of spirit, Guido manages to protect his son from the realization of the horrors of the Nazi camp.

Giorgio, as Giosue, does a magnificent job of playing an innocent, yet thoughtful and curious young boy. His face on the screen speaks of all that is right with the human race.

Nicoletta Braschi plays Dora, the spirited, adventurous woman who, although she is not Jewish, chooses to accompany her husband and son to the camp.

This film is unlike any other. It manages to find the romance, innocence, and humor amid the terrors of a Nazi concentration camp, without slighting the brutal reality of the situation.

This is for anyone who is able to appreciate the strength of the human spirit in times of greatest need.



The stars of *Life is Beautiful*, Roberto Benigni and Nicoletta Braschi, in a scene from the Italian film.



From left, the LSU Octet: Aimee Saesim, Jonathan Bangloy, Ame Damayo, Joey Aguilar, Joy Villanueva, Abraham DeGuzman, Lilybeth Evardome, Randy Bills, Rachel Obery. Front: William Chunestudy.

Octet Releases Limited CD

BY ANDREA GELI
Entertainment Editor

I'm Gonna Sing is the title of the new compact disc by the La Sierra University Vocal Octet, in only its second recording venture since the group's formation that began 10 years ago.

The CD was released for sale just two weeks ago and has already sold more than half of its limited run of one thousand copies. *Witness*, the Octet's first CD, sold over six thousand copies.

"The songs on this disc, as compared to the first, are lush—more sedate, perhaps, but also more difficult musically," says William Chunestudy, the group's director and founder. He was especially impressed by the 1998-99 members because they had only three weeks to learn and rehearse the songs before being recorded by Dan Blessinger at

the Martinsound Studios in Alhambra.

Chunestudy believes the group's purpose is to serve as a Christian witness and as a positive representation of La Sierra University.

"Musically, the abilities of the current Octet members are the highest caliber yet," he attests.

Chunestudy is committed to keeping the Octet a student group, which means having to replace members as they graduate from LSU. At the end of this year, he will lose both of the current altos. However, Chunestudy claims that La Sierra is so replete with vocal talent that: "If I had the time to run it, I could start a second Octet today."

The Octet alumni now number about 45 and a reunion concert is planned for Alumni Weekend in March. Former Octet members are thanked in the CD's liner notes.

Though half of the current

Octet group are music majors, Chunestudy notes that most of the time, Octet members are actually non-music majors.

Besides vocal skills, all Octet participants must be able to juggle their academic responsibilities with the performance demands of the group. Chunestudy also looks for: "A willingness to work within an ensemble to create a unified sound."

It is this unique sound that is an intrinsic part of the group's evolution. Chunestudy states that he believes that there are choral uses of voice that are as yet untapped. He is interested now in pushing beyond the traditional boundaries of choral groups, perhaps having the Octet tackle music pieces originally written for instruments.

The group's new compact disc can be purchased at Room 220 in the Administration Building.

The Spy Who Fed Me -- at Antone's

Agent Escargo and Agent Homefry, on their missions to find the little-known-about restaurants of Riverside, have come across a small piece of Europe right here in our city.

Following a lead, the agents arrived at a restaurant named *Antone's*. From the outside the building looked deceptively like a residence. However, the packed parking lot and streets were promising signs.

Upon entering the restaurant, the agents were greeted by smiling employees and the faces of very happy customers.

The atmosphere had a very European ambiance and the aromas wafting from the kitchen were tantalizing.

The menu consisted of sandwiches and pizzas.

Unfortunately, the establishment caters primarily to meat eaters. *Antone's* is particularly famous for their homemade bread. Agents Escargo and Homefry's mouths watered just at the sight of it.

When we investigated the customer's behavior, we noticed that all were completely enjoying themselves and devouring the food before them. We were not exempt from this ourselves.

As the agents inquired more about *Antone's* we discovered that, in traditional European style, *Antone's* closes its doors for the entire month of August.

Quoting one customer, she said "Everyone goes into withdrawals when they close; their bread is addictive."

So how do you get to this place? Well, from the La Sierra campus,

take the 91 East to Central Ave, and turn left. Then, turn right onto Brockton, not Magnolia!

Immediately after the turn, the first street on the left is Sunnyside. *Antone's* sits on the corner of Sunnyside and Brockton.

Warning: if you have passed the Circle K store, you have gone too far!

The meal, as far as price is concerned, was in the \$ (10 and under) per person range.

The food, service, and atmosphere of the entire place receives ***** from the two agents.

Agent Escargo and Agent Homefry, also have a simple etiquette reminder to add for those who dine out: Remember, there is such thing as a bite that is too big!



Your fearless agents—Escargot and Homefry—scope out *Antone's*

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Editorial

Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Andrew Jackson, and Ben Franklin all have their faces printed on it. The crinkling sound of this object brings these men alive and creates a sinful craving of exposal and want of them more everyday. Yes, as you have probably guessed, money is what reminds us of these past presidents everyday.

Distributed to the people of the United States, this green piece of paper has served as a means of currency amongst us. The value given to it depends on the amount we have assigned to it, ranging from one dollar to hundreds of dollars.

However, it seems absurd that we would give a lifeless and valueless substance such authority. This piece of paper has the authority to make us homeless, or even destitute of the daily food needed by our bodies.

This light-weight object, that man has valued for over 100 years, has the authority to destroy our lives if we were to be deprived of it. However, if too much of this crispy green paper is supplied, it also has the capability to sinfully destroy us and create beastly qualities of greed, selfishness, and other immoral attitudes.

How ironic that we have created and given such high esteem to this simple object, which has the ability to destroy us one day.

Mona Karimpour,
Editor-in-Chief



LSU School Spirit on the Rise

■ Making a difference in the school and your life

BY WENDY WALTERS
staff writer

La Sierra University is known and prided for its diversity, its connection to Loma Linda University, and progressive Adventism. But how much school spirit do students and faculty have? School spirit stems from having something to brag to the world about—a sense that students and faculty have accomplished something valuable, which makes the university something special to be a part of. La Sierra University has progressed in the past few years to make the campus a place where students can find common interests in people and activities, and feel proud that they are a part of the university they attend.

Spirit is developed from pride of different activities sponsored by the university through SALSU, clubs, and faculty. SALSU brings many activities on Thursday nights which are FREE to attend and provide free food. These activities include going out to movie theaters, ice skating rinks, playing broom ball, bowling, roller skating, and many other activities. The recent ice skating night two Thursdays ago brought about 250 people down to the ice skating rink to have a blast—feel a part of the school community and hang out with friends. Since the students are paying for these events via our SALSU fees in tuition, they should bring their friends and have the school pay for fun.

LSU also has many active clubs which not only offer a chance to meet with people at this school

that have similar interests, but which also participate in the community to make a difference. Community service—although negatively viewed as a requirement, still is a chance for the community to notice LSU and see that we are making a difference. And when the outside community recognizes our university, pride and spirit grows. I challenge students to participate in the clubs to make a difference in the community and in the world—especially with Community Service Day approaching on Feb.



7. Join clubs such as Amnesty International and the Earth Awareness Club to spread awareness and change the world. The Student Association for Gender Equality wants to help make LSU students open-minded to differences in gender relations and stereotypical roles. There are many ethnic clubs, mission trips, and department clubs. An example of the pride and respect clubs can bring to LSU is our SIFE team which won the international championship four years in a row and makes LSU a recognizable name. Check out the SALSU homepage at www.lasierra.edu/salsu/ so you

can find out about which clubs there are and who to contact to get involved. Students at LSU have various feelings about spirit on campus. Those who feel we do not have school spirit consist of commuter students, as well as those who are not informed of the events that go on. Students need to be

aware of the events such as when the athletics department has games. It is difficult to know what is going on campus. The five different schools have limited contact with each other and there is no central place where people can find out what is going on with other departments. A suggestion-

in addition to the SALSU website, some bulletin boards need to be set up in a few locations. These few places can be developed into gathering spots with benches and plants for people to discover events and feel welcomed to explore the campus.

School spirit can also be increased with a sense of pride in our campus itself. Do people actually enjoy being on campus for the sense of beauty it brings? While nothing can be done about

the present architecture, the new science building has the opportunity to bring respect and beauty to the campus. Encourage those who plan the Path of the Just to make it an even more pleasant campus. Graduating classes should remember the pride a beautiful campus gives, and like the class of '98 give a fountain (which is in the process of development).

Lastly, community is found in places people congregate and relax. Food has always been important in relaxing atmospheres. And our cafeteria should be a place for people to experience this. Improvements have been made in the cafeteria. The carpet and décor was changed last year. They provide food samples for students to give their inputs of what else should be served. These are all great starts. But if the cafeteria would make something that all students were proud of—fresh bread or cookies frequently, students might have something to look forward to enjoy.

School spirit is on the rise. Once people are aware of what is going on—the social activities, how they can be involved in the community, what the faculty has participated in—and when they try to be active in making sure the campus is made to suit them via landscape and cafeteria, then our school will have even more spirit. Look for the spirit. Look for ways to be involved and how to have spirit. If we want spirit—we can have spirit. Let's be proud of the school that will be our alma mater. We want to be proud of the school that gave us new vision of the world.

ROVING REPORTER: "If you could be an animal, what would you be?"



"A wolf" -Jaime Castaneda, Senior: History



"A she-tigress." -Cara Loveless, Sophomore: Music/Pre-Nursing



"A black bear." -Shawn Paris, Junior: Religion Studies



"I want to be a free bird so I can fly away from here." -Cassandra Spenser, Sophomore: Business/Marketing



"A soaring hawk." -Jennifer Dayov, Junior: Bio/Pre-Med

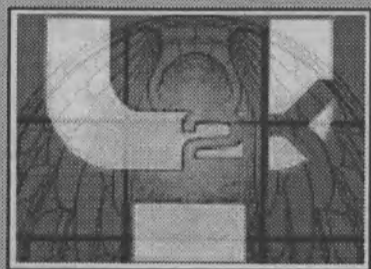
Where Will You Be Living This Time Next Year without your Computer?

BY JENNIFER RENAUD
staff writer

Perhaps you will be living in the hills, safe in the commune you've joined because they have food, water, and other necessities that they are willing to share as the fateful millennium approaches. Or maybe you will be hitchhiking from the car that has run out of gas and cannot be refilled because your ATM card no longer works. Or maybe you will be frantically running around your dorm room, apartment, or house, scrounging for any change you can find to buy candles since the electricity is off and your bank has closed due to computer freezes that occurred at 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2000. My computer seems to gasp even now, as I type in the fateful Y2K.

Some believe our fine country will fall into disarray upon its entrance to the new millennium, some predict the world economy will not recover, and some just laugh at all the silliness. I admit being a member of the latter category until... I saw a neon orange sticker, on a computer, at a well-known hospital in the area, that said Y2K REJECTED. And then there's the articles in popular magazines, web sites

(www.year2000.com, www.gte.com/year2000, www.righitime.com, www.leonardsloan.com/about/y2k/index.htm, or www.y2k.gov), and GTE even sent information to their customers discussing the is-



sue. So basically, I've stopped laughing!

It is an issue real and relevant to you, because it will touch your life anywhere that a computer currently does: as a student - your records, accounts, and transcripts are computerized (LSU is Y2K ready), as a consumer - stores are computer dependent for ordering stock, selling to customers, keeping accounts current, etc. as a patient - hospitals are computer influenced in maintaining their records, accounts, some even have equipment that is computerized, and as a citizen of this country - government agencies such as Social Security, Medicare, Welfare, SSI, are driven by computers as

well. Banks, utility companies, law enforcement, maybe even traffic lights... is there any part of civilization that the bleeps and bings of computers don't touch?

So how does it make you feel to be dependent on a system that really may freak out when the ball drops in Time Square? You wouldn't be able to buy or sell, all modern conveniences could be interrupted, and neighbor will invariably turn upon neighbor to beg, borrow, or steal what they need to survive.

Does this sound vaguely familiar to any of you Adventists? Add to it; knowledge increasing exponentially in every field and discipline (cloning, medical procedures, information super highway, etc.) the lack of natural affection in families (increase in divorce rates, infanticide, etc.), and the pope's interest in a Sunday Law.

I must admit that the Signs of The Times stuff I have heard throughout my Adventist upbringing, is sounding less and less surreal and more and more possible. So now I, the once disinterested generation X'er, have a response: BRING IT ON!!! Let Wallstreet crumble, let them keep my money, and let the Lord come! Because I will not participate in the paranoia that Y2K invites.

Are we a Cash-less School?

BY CARL CHRISTMAN
staff writer

Having grown up in the Adventist church, I have been told of Ellen G. White's prophecies about the end of the time. She speaks about the cash-less society, that will aid in the torment of those who chose to worship on Saturday. Mrs. White makes it clear that this is inevitable, and that we can do nothing to stop it; however, she tells us that we should attempt to avoid such a system.

Upon arriving on campus at La Sierra University for registration, I was shocked by the evident implementation of these proph-

"This school is not resisting, but staying at the forefront of these apocalyptic prophecies"

esies. I first went to the Student Aid Office to fill out paperwork for my grants and loans and was asked to sign a statement allowing the school to receive the money electronically from the various governments agencies and banking institutions. After completing registration, I was given a student ID card with a magnetic strip on the back. I was told that this card was to be used to charge food at the cafeteria as well as grant me various other services.

In the few months that I have attended La Sierra University, I have not paid for anything in cash. Furthermore, on one occasion when trying to pay a bill in cash, I was requested to pay by check for their convenience. Although this cash-less society, which Ellen G. White speaks about is inevitable, I had always assumed that the Adventist church, and it's institutions, would resist. La Sierra University's submersion into the world of credit and electronic transfers shows that this school is not resisting, but staying at the forefront of these apocalyptic prophecies. I feel as though I am carrying the mark of the beast in my wallet.

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How can you say "No" to self-sacrifice?

BY CONNIE GALAMBOS
staff writer

Did I mention I'm taking 25 units, working forty hours each week at four different jobs, editing a small book, conducting personal research, planning a six-month trip abroad, and trying to maintain a four-year long-distance romantic relationship? No, I didn't. I didn't mention it to anyone before this abrupt proclamation. But even more absurd, I didn't say no to writing this Criterion article — although at three a.m. as I compose, my mind curses the editors and my body swears to defy attempts at typing.

Please humor me by pondering a lesson I struggle with daily: the fact that every individual's personal welfare should always be valued higher than any opportunities, any politics, any projects, any classes or any personal favors. Being raised a traditional Christian female, this conceptual indulgence of self-interest feels

foreign, almost sinful. As many of you may know, the Seventh-day Adventist environment naturally claims subservience as the most noble, and therefore most valued character. From my first lessons onward, the ambiguous mission of life seemed to always place needs of others above myself, which (sometimes unfortunately) I've incorporated in a truly charitable fashion.

But after a recent week of nights with only two-hour naps, I'm beginning to realize how much less I will be giving back to the world after my imminent nervous breakdown consumes me. Stress, suppressed resentment, and ignorance of personal needs or desires should not be the Christian's, much less anyone's, expected and accepted lot in life! Although my religious philosophies fluctuate intermittently, (I may rebut this tomorrow, after that nap), I remember enough of Kindergarten memory verses to appreciate God's everlasting Golden Rule: loving my neighbor as myself. I know she meant it, or somebody did. And honestly, my neighbors in South

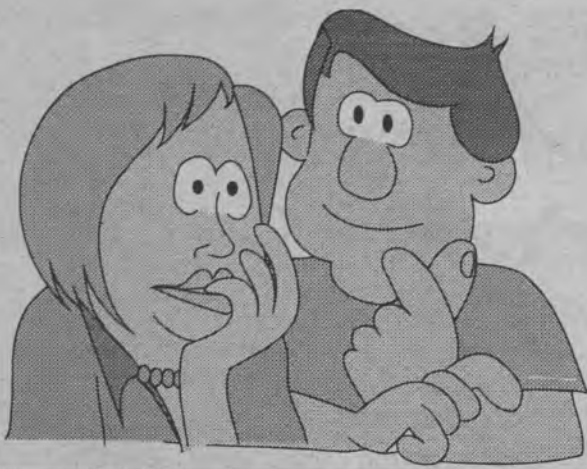
Hall would DESPISE being treated the self-sacrificial way I operate. In fact, I've begun to despise it myself!

This Golden Rule I believe is the closest to absolute truth I will ever glimpse in my mortal life. Loving others does not necessitate striving for martyrdom, though helping others may at times require self-denial. It is the continual denial of self which can prove poisonous to all though, gradually disintegrating the very core of being you and I demand to survive, and others may be quick to exploit.

As the days and quarters continue consuming our lives, remember from me only that saying "no" sometimes may save your life; the irreplaceable life spirit you bring to all you encounter. And if you don't live in reference to my new platitude of self-respect and prioritization, you can't very well count on your neighbors to, can you?

Anyway, maybe I'll write more again next week. I have to reconsider now that "no" opens up a new option for me...

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Dear Double Talk:

"I'VE GOT A DATE WITH A CHIC THAT MY G'S WARN ME IS RATHER FEMINIST. SHOULD I STILL OPEN THE DOOR FOR HER, AND PAY FOR HER MEAL? OR WOULD I MAKE A BETTER IMPRESSION BY ALLOWING HER TO DO IT HERSELF?" --V.R.MYSTIFIED

MORE IS BETTER...

A Portrait on Love

BY SHELLEY GRIFFIN
guest writer



*Miss Jocelyn Rose Griffin
(our sunbeam from God)
Birthday: 2 October 1998
Friends: Ernie and Bert
Hobbies: bouncing, babbling*

Once a year we dedicate a day to the blurry eyed, tonguetied phenomenon of love. The way we choose to demonstrate this love, however, is up for grabs. There's the usual blight of red roses, chocolates, and Hallmark sentiments. For die-hard romantics, there's candlelight, a secluded table at a charming restaurant, and ardent proposals of marriage. As terrific as it feels to receive this affection, it seems to me that with age, love becomes a tad exclusive. Kids aren't exclusive. They give goofy Valentine cards to everyone they have ever met.

Love is about quantity, not quality. It doesn't matter if it's expensive, or if they got the same thing last year. There is no such thing as too much candy, too many parties, or too many friends.

Complications spring up when we pole vault out of adolescence into the hormone popping teenage years. No longer is it fashionable to be everybody's Valentine. This would only acknowledge to the world that in reality, you are nobody's Valentine.

Maybe you have been one of the lucky ones who have always had the best and most perfect Valentine anyone could ask for. I know from experience though, that the majority of us spend Valentine's Day much as

we spend every other day, without a flash of magic or a solitary shot from Cupid's arrow. We are not loved. The day came, it passed. No one took the time to notice or appreciate us for just being us. This is where I think kids have something on us. I bet most six year olds don't go to bed after the ebb and flow of Valentine's Day feeling blue or unwanted. They know who loves them. And really, when you're six, who's not to love? There is a whole arsenal of possible lovers—mom and dad, brothers and sisters, grandparents, neighbors, friends, pets. The best part is, they know they're loved every day, not just Valentine's Day. Don't get me wrong, I'm all for romance. As far as I'm concerned, the more days

dedicated to love the better. But spread it around a little.

There's a fistful of people who you love, that love you back. Tell them. Tell them on Valentine's Day, and the rest of the year make sure they don't forget it. My mom and dad have lived an odd half century. They have been each others Valentine for a long time now. My mom called a few Friday nights back to say hello. She and dad were headed to Strawberry mountain for a sunset and some roasted hot dogs. A snatch of romance on an ordinary Friday night.

With the birth of our daughter a scant four months ago, romance for my husband and I has been creative and somewhat unexpected to say the least. Romance is watching our daughter take her first backward steps in her walker. Romance is squeezing the three of us into a bathtub not big enough for one. Romance is friends who (willingly?) offer to babysit. Love can hit you from all different directions if you allow for it. So let people know. Let them know on Valentine's Day how much you care for them. Let them know on plain old weekdays. Kids are not dumb—more is better to have!

♀ Dear V.R.,

First of all...your "G's"? Come on. Second of all...feminist can mean so many things. Don't believe that they're all unshaven, Lorena Bobbitt fans. Feminist could just mean she's a woman and proud of it.

Treat her like a lady, not a chick (or a girl, or a honey, or whatever). Chivalry is a good thing. It looks bad if a guy just sits back and lets his date pay for the meal. Just take the check and smile. Chances are she won't fight you for it. If she is offended, just explain to her that you wanted to be a gentleman.

Of course, that could get you in trouble, too. Tell her that your parents brought you up to behave like this. Tell her that you read Don Quixote and it changed your life. Then, you're a product of an unfair society, instead of Playboy's subscriber-of-the-month.

And remember, you should always, always open the door. Not just for your date, or for women in general, but for everybody. It's just good manners.

But then again, why are you asking me? You're the one who got the date, you should have a general idea of what she's like. How did your friends know that she's a feminist? You could call some of her friends and ask her how she'll respond.

Or, you could live dangerously and find out first hand. Just go on the date and figure things out yourself.

Be a man!

Voleuse

♂ Dear Mystified,

There are few things in this world that bring me more joy than poking fun at savage feminists. (Note the word "savage. I have nothing against well-adjusted feminists.) Unless of course it would be exploiting the ignorant. Prepare to be exploited.

First off, a feminist is NEVER a "chic." Calling her that on your first date is a failsafe way to completely obliterate any chances at a second date. That being said, we can move on to your question.

The answer is no, you should definitely NOT open any doors or pay for a thing. Being rude turns feminists on. But if you really want to impress your feminist, you need to go the extra mile. If a door is open, close it so she can open it herself.

You can also let her do her own driving. In fact, why not take two separate cars? And if you really want to blow your feminist's mind, don't even show up for the date. It will show her how much you respect her independence. For your second date, don't even ask her out.

Now that we've had our fun mocking you, let's make a little analogy. Say you have a date with a non-Adventist. This woman really wants to impress you, so she shows up with a few Wheat Thins and thermos of grape juice.

Would you be ready to pick out curtains? Your answer had better be along the lines of, "No, Loki. That would be stupid!" Exactly.

Loki

Send your questions to chrilaw@lasierra.edu

Due to questionable content, Generic Bugs has been temporarily cancelled. However a committee has been organized to solve the problem.

The cartoon will resume as soon as a decision has been reached by the committee.

Hey! Grab a Snickers.

GENERIC BUGS

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Is this the end of the world?

■ *The effects Y2K can have on your life in the near future...*

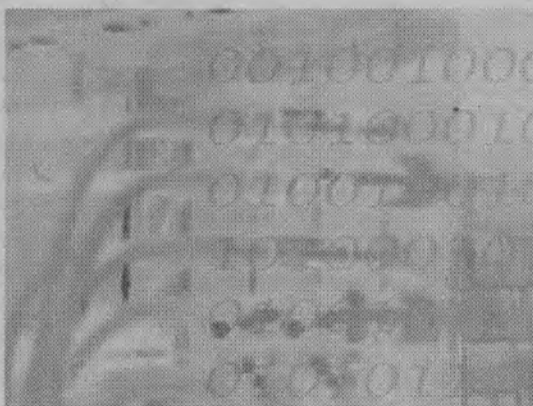
BY TODD WINDEMUTH
guest writer

Is the Year 2000 going to change our lives dramatically or is it just paranoid speculation by a few shortsighted quick-buck artists seeking hysteria to sell their products? Will financial markets and world governments topple? Or will we slip into 2000 with no effect to our daily lives? No one is quite sure what will happen, but chances are neither scenario will be played out to the extent some are warning. Both industry observers and computer experts tend to think there will be minor interruption in services but do not foresee a global financial meltdown. The year 2000 is one event we know is coming, and preparing for it early can lessen any potential impact.

The Y2K bug effects all electronic instrumentation utilizing two digit dates instead of the full four digit dates. Essentially the digits 00 could refer to 1900 or 2000. Electronic equipment only using 2 digit dates will not know how to interpret the date correctly and will assume that the date is 1900. This error has the capability to shut down equipment or change desired outcomes leading to failures and inaccuracies. Fixing the problem itself is not that diffi-

cult but assessing the scope of the problem and allocating the resources necessary to fix the problem is. Most problems will occur with legacy systems used by large corporations who have invested heavily in internally developed software. These systems were developed using the 2 digit date years to save on memory space.

In order to fix the problem, each line of code must be



processed to find all occurrences of date calculations. In many cases this can be billions of lines of code taking years of human resource hours. Other problems can be more difficult to find because their code is not accessible. Their programs are burned into chips and embedded into electronic devices. These embedded chips are used in everything from toasters to airplanes. Determining which chips might be affected is difficult since it is sometimes not clear if the chip uses dates in its calculations.

How might the Y2K bug affect you and what can you do

about it? If you own a personal computer, you want to make sure that it is Year 2000 compliant. You can usually do this by contacting the manufacturer or the company where you purchased the computer. You will also need to make sure that the software you run on your computer has proper 'patches'. These 'patches,' usually available on the Internet, will ensure your software is aware of the date change.

You may also want to check your electronic gear as well. Much of the electronics manufactured in the last 3 years will be Year 2000 compliant, but it is good to check with the manufacturer just in case. So what if you don't update your equipment? At worst it doesn't work. However, chances of an item not working will be rare but possible. Most likely you'll just have the wrong date and will not be able to enter the proper date.

No matter what happens on January 1, 2000 being prepared is a good idea. Educate yourself on what might happen, and what you'll need to do. Pay attention to the reality of the situation, not the hype. After all, R.E.M. may have a point, "It's the end of the world as we know it — and I feel fine."

Where Do Babies Come From?

Ask your mother.

BY CARL JONARD
staff writer

Well, there's not much room for a quiz in this issue, so I think I'll just dig up some random filler. Ah, perfect. Here are some excerpts from a recent assignment of mine; a helpful brochure entitled "Phones Are Not For Eating."

HOW TELL A PHONE FROM A BANANA

1. Bananas are generally yellow, black, green, brown or red. If the object in your hand is not one of these colors, it could be a non-banana.
2. Squeeze the object in your hand. What do you feel? If your hand is clean and not slimy, check the surrounding area. If it is also clean, chances are, that wasn't a banana.
3. Put the object to your ear. Do you hear a high-pitched electronic tone? Wait. Now do you hear a blaring, repetitive "air raid siren"-like noise? Now put the object down. Do you still hear the noise? If so, run for cover. If not, it maybe a phone (or a small air raid siren).
4. If all else fails, compare the shape of the object to the samples included in this brochure. If it matches neither shape, contact AT&T for further brochures, including "Your Shoe Is Not A Phone," "Rocks Are Not A Flotation Device," & "Phones Are Not To Be Taken Internally."

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

"I sliced a banana and put it on my cereal, but shards of plastic and metal kept getting caught in my throat. Do I need to let my milk thicken to cover all the sharp edges?"
Actually, it sounds like you were eating your telephone receiver. Look for a soft fruit-type object (check your phone cradle) and try again.
"My phone has little square buttons where the dial should be. What is the deal?"
Your dial has not grown in yet. Put your phone in a dark place, in a brown paper bag, and it will ripen in 2-3 weeks.
"Why do you have a banana in your ear?"
I'm sorry, I didn't catch that. I have a banana in my ear. Could you repeat the question?
"Why do you have a banana in your ear?"
That is a phone.
"Why do you have a phone in your ear?"
Sorry, I have a banana in my ear. What did you say?
"Why do you have a phone in your ear?"
Hang on, my banana's ringing.

Wanted: Volunteers to Teach Business Basics

SIFE VALENTINE'S DAY PROJECT

By HEATHER MILLER
SIFE Faculty Fellow

SIFE is in search of all LSU Valentine volunteers who would like to help classroom kids learn the basics of business.

The project is divided between elementary and high school classes. For the elementary levels, fifth and sixth graders will create a Valentine product, such as a card, picture frame or other craft, and will market their product to their family and friends.

The Valentine volunteers will use a SIFE curriculum to teach the children about various aspects of starting a business.

Lessons will include sales, marketing, advertising, and accounting. The highlight will be helping the children make their

product. Each classroom should end up with a profit. They may donate a portion of it to a charity of their choice, and use the remainder to purchase something for their classroom; others may choose to have an ice cream feed. It's their profit and their choice.

The high school will be selling fresh Valentine roses. In this project, LSU Valentine volunteers will teach a SIFE curriculum, and lead class representatives on a very early morning trip to the "flower market" in Los Angeles where the students will purchase roses according orders they have taken in advance.

Both projects will teach the young entrepreneurs the basics of starting their own business, as well as provide a product of value to their customers. And, of course, all the Valentines will have a great

deal of fun in the process! This project must be completed between Feb. 4 and 12.

SIFE has scores of other projects that need volunteers. So get your hall, or just a bunch of your friends together and see what a great time you'll have impacting someone else. Students who give at least five hours of service to SIFE projects will earn a free "Erny & Bean" t-shirt. And remember, nearly all SIFE projects can also count for community service hours!

For more information about SIFE projects, call x2255, drop by Calkins Hall 206. Or, visit our Web site www.lasierra.edu/sifenet



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Focus on African American History Month

B.S.A. Celebrates their Culture

BY YONIMTHOMBENI
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The month of February of seems to bring a certain sense of tension as we celebrate, acknowledge and remember the history of African Americans. Embedded in African-American history are the stories of struggles, of triumphs, of disappointments and of celebrations. This month is not a time simply to reflect on injustices nor is it a time to rekindle the smoking remnants of hate that burn in the soul of this nation. Instead of feeling uncomfortable at this time, we at the Black Student Association invite you to join us this month as we commemorate an indispensable part of our history as

Americans. You may feel like it is difficult for you to identify or connect with African American issues. Rather than simply prompt you to learn some information on the topic or understand complex aspects of African American history, we would like to bring to you the music, worship, dance, and cuisine of a people who have struggled to find a viable niche and culture in an often less than nurturing environment. Join us at our Soul Church on the 13th of February and celebrate with us at our chapel program as well. The world is far from being free of bigotry, prejudice, racism, and oppression, but we hope you will join our celebration of progress and culture, finding a way to make it your own.

Dream Deferred

-Langston Hughes
(1902-1967)

*What happens to a dream deferred?
Does it dry up
Like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore—
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over—
like a syrupy sweet?
Maybe it just sags like a heavy load.
Or does it explode?*

What is the true meaning of Black History month?

BY THERESA TAYLOR
staff writer

Ah, February! At this time of the year you can find those tell-tale harbingers of the month's arrival. Elementary classrooms across the nation have posted on the walls those cute cut-out hearts for Valentine's Day, the classic silhouetted heads of Presidents Washington and Lincoln, reminding us of yet another three-day weekend. On these walls there are also posters featuring people like Jesse Owens, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr. You know the one that display stately portraits of notable African-Americans with captions like, "Did you know

that Madame C.J. Walker invented the first hair-straightening device?" Oh yeah, it's Black History Month, too. "Who cares who invented the curling iron or whatever?" "I'm not Black." "I'm not a woman." "What does that have to do with my life?" Have you every asked yourself any of these questions? Why do we celebrate Black History Month? It seems the same questions can be asked of why we study history at all? Perhaps the past has more relevance than we may think. Around the time that colonialism was on the rise, Africans were abducted, shipped to the Americas and sold as slaves. They were stripped of their African

culture and were forced to toil as subservient people. Even after the period of legal slavery, Blacks remained a subclass. Americans who knew the truth of human rights organized to fight discrimination. Of course, not all Black people share the same background, but similar stories have been repeated elsewhere and for others in this country besides Blacks. Not all of the miserable things that Blacks and others fought for have been completely eradicated. Everyone can adopt the heritage of equality and overcome that is highlighted in February. I invite you to participate to foster awareness and to carry the spirit of Black History month with you all year.

SPORTS Lady Eagles rises with Kristen Willey

BY MICHAEL WATSON
Lady Eagles BB Coach

Playing against Life Bible on Tuesday January 26, Kristen Willey seems to be trying to make up for lost time. "The first half of the season has been rough for her," says Coach Michael Watson, "But I think she is starting to get the hang of it." She sure seems like it. In the first game of the Walla Walla Tournament last week she hit four 3-pointers in the second half of a 64-62 loss to Eastern Oregon and finished with a season high 29. Along with Jonelle Carbajal, Willey made the All-Tournament team in helping the Lady Eagles defeat Southwestern College in the second game 70-45. Upon returning home she is showing that she has finally found her stroke, hitting on 8 of 16 three pointers for a new career high 32 points in a 71-42 win against Life Bible.

"I'm proud to say that those eight three-pointers were in the flow of our offense," says Coach Mike. "Our offense is designed for us to score 70 to 80 points a game when it is run right."

In the three wins this year the Lady Eagles have hit the 70-point mark twice and have hit 60 at least six other games. With nine games left on the schedule the Lady Eagles have a chance to reach another early season goal set by their confident coach.

"At the beginning of the season we didn't start off strong because we didn't have time to play together," says Coach Mike. "Our goal is to make it through the first half of the season with minor injuries, and finish the season winning 10 of our last 12."

They are on track with Masters College the toughest challenge for the Lady Eagles.

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Faculty Recital 7:30 p.m. HMA		1 Chapel 11 a.m. Men's BBall vs. Life Bible College 7:30 p.m. LSU Tuesday Tunes 8-10 p.m. EN	2 Passport to Leadership 5:30 p.m. MEI Genesis series: Dan Smith Rendezvous 10 p.m.	3 Small Vocal Ensemble Clinic Women's BBall vs. Claremont 7:30 p.m. LSU	4 Small Vocal Ensemble Clinic Men's BBall vs. Indian Bible College 2:30 p.m. LSU CPR for the Soul 7:30 p.m.	5 Xodus 24:7 9:30 am SVC Worship Service 10:45 SALSU S.O.S. Small Vocal Ensemble Clinic, Concert 4 p.m. LSUC Women's BBall vs. Caltech 7:30 p.m. LSU
	7 Black Emphasis Week LSAT 8:30a.m. CLL Suite CC Residence Halls Winter Blessings 10 p.m. ANG	8 Black Emphasis Week Chapel 11 a.m. LSUC Women's BBall 7:30 p.m. Santa Clarita Men's BBall 7:30 p.m. LSU Residence Halls Winter Blessings 8-10 p.m. MEI Tuesday Tunes 8-10 p.m. EN	9 Black Emphasis Week Genesis Series: Dan Smith Residence Halls Winter Blessings Rendezvous 10 p.m.	10 Black Emphasis Week Assembly 11 a.m. AP SAA Valentine's Sale DC Women's BBall vs. Whittier 7:30 p.m. LSU Men's BBall at Chapman 7:30 p.m.	11 Black Emphasis Week	12 Xodus 24:7 9:30 am SVC Worship Service 10:45 am LSUC SALSU S.O.S. Men's BBall vs. Master's College 7:30 p.m. LSU

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Valentine's Banquet held at Disneyland

BY KIMODLE
Social Vice President

DISNEYLAND...Hotel. Well, I hope that got your attention. This Thursday is the Valentine's Banquet. The Banquet will be held at the Disneyland Pacific Hotel at 8pm till 11pm. While there enjoy fine dining provided by the Disneyland Hotel. Also take advantage of beautiful and pleasant atmosphere of the Hotel. During the first part of the evening we will be serenaded by a few of our fellow La Sierra students. The rest of the evening will consist of moviewatching and a blast from the past-swing dancing! The tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for faculty. To buy a ticket and for additional information see a SALSU member or contact SALSU by e-mailing salsu@lasierra.edu or calling at x2005 or x2156. Come have fun, relax, and enjoy this years Valentine's Banquet.

How the "Day of Love" Began

BY RICHARD DENISTON
staff writer

Hello young lovers where ever you are! With Valentine's just a few short days away, I thought it might be an appropriate time for a quiz to prepare us for the historical insight that might come in handy as we all try to impress our sweethearts on our "love knowledge."

T/F St. Valentine, the patron Saint of France, was a 14th century who played match maker to European royalty.

T/F In Rome a hill named Valentine was a place frequented by young lovers for privacy.

T/F The first Valentines were sent by Roman soldiers to females of conquered lands.

Answers: 1, 2, and 3 are all False! If you got 2 and 3 correct, you are a Super Cupid! If you got 0-1 correct, you're a Stupid Cupid!

If you didn't do well on the Valentine's quiz, don't fret. For most people the origins of Valentine's day only go back as far as those little doilies and heart shaped cards we got in second grade. But history, tells us quite a different tale.

Depending on the ancient legend you happen to prescribe to, Valentine was either a Roman

priest who refused to obey an edict from the Emperor that forbid marriage ceremonies during time of war, or he was an early Christian, who while being held in a Roman prison, cured the daughter of the jailer of a life threatening illness. Valentine was put to death by the Romans. His farewell message to his family and friends though, lives on long after he did as he signed his farewell. "...from your Valentine."

As for February 14th being the day, legend again states that on this day ancient Rome celebrated the coming of spring with a festival on one of the hills of Rome called interestingly enough Palentine hill. Palentine—Valentine, is it just me or is this play on words a little more than coincidental.

The best part of this festival had young Roman hunks clad in sheepskin thongs (whether this be sandals or briefs isn't clear, but go with what ever image works best for you) run through the streets of Rome while young maidens attempted to "lash the sacred thongs." This activity, it was believed would make the young maidens more fertile.

Of course when Christianity was declared in Rome some years later, all of this fun, er,

foolishness, was put to end by the church. However, the Valentine's Day tradition stuck as a day for lovers to express their mutual admiration for each other.

In medieval times, the names of English maidens and respectable bachelors were drawn from a box in pairs. The pair would then become Valentine's for the year. On his sleeve, the bachelor would wear the name of his lovely for the duration of the year. Perhaps this is where they get the phrase, "Wearing his heart on his sleeve."

The first official Valentine card dates back to the 15th century where a French Duke, held prisoner in the Tower of London, sent love poems to his mistress annually on Valentine's Day.

Flowers as Valentine's gifts were first sent in the 17th century, as daughter of Henry IV held a Valentine's party in which each young maiden in attendance received a bouquet from the young man chosen as her Valentine.

So this year, whether you choose to write love sick poems to your secret admirer or decide to run through the streets clad only in a sheepskin thong, remember that it all began thousands of years ago with a priest named Valentine and young Romans smitten with the eternal flame of Amore.

Ten More Minutes to Love?

BY JULENE DUERKSON
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Only the slight click on the keyboard filtered through the room. The librarian sat behind her glass door cheerfully chatting on the phone. A mechanical hum seemed to come from somewhere far off, and sporadic giggling wafted from downstairs. Forty-five more pages to read, and 32 more minutes. Of course, skimming is always the key when it comes to this sort of situation. People walked through the

revolving door making it bang onto the metal hinge. Looking up from my reading our eyes met. He was tall, probably over six feet. A baseball cap covered his head, but left room for large brown eyes, a friendly smile, and an inviting face.

As he set his things on the table in front of me, I shifted slightly to allow room for this newcomer. He walked briskly to the newspaper stand and pulled a selection. I noticed his jeans: clean, shirt: new, shoes: used. He turned and walked my way again. This time I allowed my

eyes to rest in his direction just a little bit longer. Sitting opposite me he held the newspaper up for a careful scrutiny of his stocks and bonds, or football statistics for all I knew. I waited. I breathed slowly and looked up sporadically from my reading. Seventeen more pages, twenty-one more minutes.

Skimming was working. He folded the paper and hoisted his bag to his shoulder. Picking up the stack of papers he had left on my table he got up to go. He smiled. Sixteen more pages and another lonely Valentine's Day.



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Should you choose between Religion and Love?

BY JENNIFER OLIVERIO
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Boy meets girl. They talk, exchange phone numbers, and eagerly await for the other to call. Finally, after a week of debating, one does call and the beginning of a love blossoms. However, soon into the relationship they discover a startling difference that can change their relationship entirely: they come from different religious backgrounds.

"Oh, what shall we do?" they both cry out. She was raised that inter-religious dating can affect her spiritual life and he was raised along similar lines. But their love is strong and beautiful and real.

How can they say good-bye after all the memories they built together?

Is it fair to end a potentially lasting relationship on the basis that the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 6:14, "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers?" Why can't two people who truly love each other and are happy together stay together despite their religious differences?

"Dear Abby," a popular columnist whose advice column is heard throughout the United States, received a letter last November from a person who wondered why inter-religious dating is "forbidden" by her church. She explained that her family is upset over her decision to date a man who is from another religion and she does not know what to do. In her reply, Abby printed a letter from a woman who explained that her marriage has lasted over 40 years despite the fact she is Jewish and he is Catholic. She explained in her letter that before they married, they agreed that their religious beliefs must be respected from each other. She went on to say that they loved each other so much they decided to accept each other for who they are and for what they believed in. And so far, the woman said, her marriage is wonderful. Her children were not pressured to be either religion; rather, they chose for themselves the religion they wanted to be.

Being placed in this situation myself, I opted to stay with him, although my family opposed the idea. I sincerely believed that the religion factor would not affect me because my love for him was strong. But I was wrong. My family was deeply affected by my decision. They questioned my sincerity for Adventism, they were afraid I would convert to Catholicism, and they treated him differently than my sisters' boyfriends. I could see my relationship with my family slowly deteriorating with every passing day. But before I could completely ruin my emotional ties I had with my family, we broke off our relationship, partly because of the effect our religious differences had on my family, on him, and on me. At that moment, my family was more important to salvage than my relationship with him. I still loved him, but I was not willing to sacrifice my family.

Relationships are very tricky, very fragile, very precious. When it is right, the love two people share can burst through any room and bring with it a kaleidoscope of color. But when it is wrong, that love can spit out a fire that was burning brightly. If two people are committed in their love, are willing to look above the differences they have, and are open to discover the richness each person brings with his/her religious beliefs yet strong in his/her own faith, then I believe they should continue what they have. If not, I suggest they seriously ponder and discuss the importance of their religion in their lives, in the lives of their family, and in their relationship. And if it shows that their religious differences do affect their relationship, then it should end before their emotional bond can grow stronger.

I believe two people with different religions can be together, but they must realize that their religion can cause conflicts. However, if they are willing to walk hand-in-hand through these problems, knowing their love for each other is strong and the affects of their decision will not effect their relationship, they will reap the rewards of happiness.



Once Upon a Time at La Sierra University

BY JENNIFER RENAUD
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Assume an indulging Valentine's Day spirit as I share my favorite love story with you. Once upon a time, in the not too distant past... there was a school with a big tower of men that overlooked the Riverside valley and boasted night scenes with big moons and bright stars. In that day scenes were much as they are now; students accessorized with backpacks, classes that doubled as meeting places, and study groups that stimulated affection as well as intellect.

I first met him outside the cafeteria on the sidewalk between it and the mall. Days later, I sat at a table in the cafe and he turned to me to apologize for having his back to me as he spoke to someone at the other end of the table. Turning his back to me again, we didn't talk another time until he saw me in the South Hall lobby studying with some other people. He stopped by to talk while I studied, and when he left, I knew I wanted to go out with him.

For some reason, I didn't want to be the one to ask him out on our first date, so I gave one of my friends in the lobby two dimes and asked him to call and set up a double date. The funny thing is, I've never been shy and I would much rather ask someone interesting out than sit around waiting for them to call. But this was different. He made me feel shy. Our double date never really happened.

As the four of us were walking out to Towers' parking lot, the other couple decided that they didn't want to go. He and I looked at each other and kept on walking. We went to a movie that night; *Hero* with Dustin Hoffman, and started talking... a conversation that moved to the beach and then watched the sun rise the next morning. We got back to school around 8:00a.m. and went our separate ways knowing that we were dating.

At Christmas, (the beach conversation was in Oct.) he flew me to New York to meet his family and see where he lived and grew up. We spent our first New Year in Times Square watching the ball

drop and feeling the surge of masses of happy humans greeting the future. We did Manhattan; museums and galleries, running through falling snow to taxis, and fighting crowds to get a glimpse of THE Christmas tree.

That year was his fifth (double major) and my sophomore. We spent it always somewhere between scholastics and play; studying together in such romantic places as Sierra Tower's chapel, empty South Hall classrooms, the library group study areas, coffee shops, and then ending with midnight Del Taco runs.

He asked me to marry him only a month after our first date. On bended knee in the South Hall lobby where he had first imposed shyness on an otherwise bold girl, he said; "I want you to be my wife." I laughed at him and reminded him that he had no idea what it meant to be married. (He swears, to this day, that it wasn't a proposal, that I just thought it was.)

Boy, did I pay for that laughter! It took him five years and two children later, to really propose to me.

Well, I've probably reached the end of my indulgent license, so let me just give you the "happily ever after" part.

We did get married... in a medieval castle in SCOTLAND, on a snowy New Year's Eve. We love each other so much, have a marriage built on God and shared S.D.A. upbringings, and we still want to name a child after La Sierra for the role that it played in bringing the two of us together and offering a place both safe and stimulating enough to spark romance.

Warning: Please do not try this sort of love story on your own! Call on God to write or produce it for you, then use every ounce of your intellect and critical thinking skills (usually learned in higher education) to discern the scum from The ONE. And if you are alone this Valentine's Day, celebrate love by fine tuning the qualities and profile that make Prince Charming, or Venus, for you and remind yourself why it's better to be alone than with the wrong one... another article, another story, another time.

I Love You

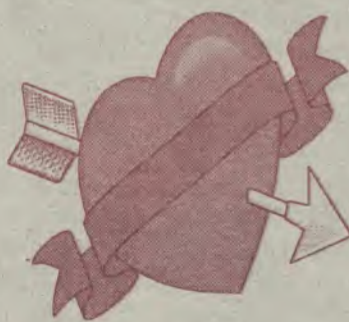
I love you not for what I want you to be But for what you are

I loved you then For what you were I love you now for what you have become

I miss you And not only you

I miss what I am When I am with you...

~Leonard Nimoy



"Maybe My heart told your heart"

by Ashley

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Maybe My heart told your heart



it had a parking place outside



or that we both like taking walks



and doing things at night



What's the true meaning of Valentine's Day?

Two different points of view on the topic of love

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The soft music playing in the background, a beautiful bouquet of flowers in hand, candles on the table, and one very special person. Everything is perfect, just like in a movie. Heart pounding, waiting for the words that will sweep you off your feet and into the clouds. "I love Chinese take out!" No, that is not what everyone wants to here. "I love you" is the classic inscription cards contain and secretly what the heart wants to hear. Unfortunately, many souls get sold into bondage to untrue love just because they are expected to say, "I love you" and they don't really feel it.

So is Valentine's Day as romantic as everyone professes it to be? Well, on one hand, dedicating the 14th of February to pay homage to the one thing that drives the world crazy and makes it sane at the same time is not such a bad idea. Then on the other hand, what is so romantic about a prefabricated profession of love. The pink hearts, red roses, mushy cards and sickly sweet candies? The television commercials reminding men to show how much they love her with a diamond? How many fools have fallen into that trap.

Everywhere there are signs, telling the consumer, "This is what you should buy if you really want to be romantic!" Please, romance is only found in the heart of a person truly in love. The moments that are free from cliché phrases and actions are what makes love romantic. Spontaneity is the ability to pick up at any moment and do something without taking hours to decide where to go, where eat, where to sit and most of all what to say. Romance is all about being spontaneous, doing things because it means something personally and has nothing to do with the world outside. It is between two people inspired by two people. Valentine's Day sucks the romance out of romance, leaving just a pretty pink and red shell of generic creativity.

If Valentine's is supposed to be such a wonderful day,

why are so many people unhappy? Doubt not that sappy movie rentals and Ben and Jerry's sales go up during this holiday's hours. Not everyone has a Valentine's. These people, labeled by society as unfortunate, are more than often left alone or gather in groups with fellow unfortunates. How can this day be a dedication to love when so many people are left feeling loveless.

Any day that makes people feel as miserable as Valentine's seems to do is no holiday of love. Just think of being alone on Valentine's Day as a blessing because while other people are having to smile at forced confessions of love, the lonely get to stay home and dream about what they think is romantic and maybe out there, someone else is thinking the same thing. Romance is expecting nothing from love but rather giving all you have in its name.

There was a time, not too long ago, when the mention of Valentine's Day made me snort in disgust and rant bitterly against any day that encourages name calling that includes some form of the word, Sweetheart, sweetie, sweetie-pie, honey, and honey-bunny. They all become too common in the vocabulary of couples around the time of Valentine's. It is easy to feel bitter and attempt to act hard and above all that lovey dovey giddiness. I suggest that there is something good in the day that encourages sappiness between couples, because there is so much more that Valentine's Day is about, though less blatant. To respond negatively to Valentine's Day is to react to the frills society has placed on it. We must strip Valentine's Day to its basic meaning. In doing this, we find only natural to respond positively to a day that cel-

brates one of the most complex, yet valuable, emotions we have. Love.

One of the greatest misconceptions about Valentine's Day is that it is limited to those couples who share a romantic type of relationship. On the contrary, this day is not only about boyfriend/girlfriend affairs, but also (and perhaps more so) about the expression of appreciation and love to family and friends, male and female alike. There is nothing exclusive about who is allowed to celebrate February 14, unless one decides to make it that way. Though it is most common that a boy and girl share time and gifts on Valentine's Day, to think this is the only kind of event that should occur neglects the very people who we most often take for granted. Valentine's Day is a reminder of the preciousness of love and offers an opportunity to show that appreciation to those you normally do not share it with. It is a day set aside for taking note of those you care for and those who care for you.

This is not to say that everyone should make plans with their parents and forget their significant other on Valentine's Day. The negativity that revolves around Valentine's Day is not based on what it stands for or suggests. This day, taken simply as a day on which to recognize those you love or even just appreciate, is clearly worthwhile. The problem lies in the definition society places on the day and the fact that we chose to accept and act under that commercialized definition. We must get past the onslaught of pink and red satin hearts, bouquets of gaudy flowers, and piles of fuzzy, stuffed creatures. Looking past the symbols, commercialism, and preconceived notions of what Valentine's is about, it is not hard to see that a day about love has something quite nice about it.



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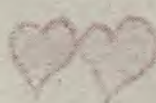
Maybe our hearts
have the same
favorite colors



and found each
other that way



Or maybe it was
because they both
like sunshine best



and always fell
the summer to stay.



Maybe your heart
sent my heart a
Secret Message



Valentine's Day Messages of Love, Amor, Amore,

Ch-ch-choe: Todas las ninas Koreanas no pueden amarte como nosotros!

Connie, Gaby, and Mac

South Hall boys: Be yourselves, not each other! Love always, Gaby, Connie, and Mac.

Eugene: Happy V-day. Love, Gaby, Gaby (Connie), and Gaby (Mac).

Josh: You're funny (you-know what)! Gaby, Connie, and Mac.

Roach-boy: We love you - FOREVER! Gaby, Mac, and Connie

Happies: Happy Happy Happy. Gaby, Connie, and Mac

Kristy Marson: We love you more than Renee! Gaby, Connie, and Mac

Gaby: Van Buren! Happy President's day! SMOOCH! Love, Connie

Mac: You're a giant in my heart. Love, Connie



dear leilani, emily, debbie, dave, kristian, erick, jarrad, john, leisa, rowena, lorie, joan, neddi, mindy, sam, tara, mike, grace, val, cheryl, jan, nikki, and duane, thanks for being the best friends i could have. i hope y'all have a great

valentine's day! love yah!
jenn

To Brian Grey,
Hey sweetie, Happy Valentine's Day!!!
Thanks for being the best big bro any girl could Ask for!
Love ya,
Julie

Salvador
I love you so much
Thank you for being mine
Sweetie

To Sandra Pena (our 7th roommate),
On this holiday, we are hoping Cupid works hard for you, as well as us.
Happy Valentine's Day, we love you so much!
XOXO, Raquel, Sandy, Dex, Tara, and Julie

To my Roomies!
Happy Valentine's Day. May Cupid help where he is needed...
Hope you all have a wonderful weekend!
I love you gus!
Best Friends Forever,
Julie

Tara, Keren, Julie, Dex and Raquel:
I want to send a great big hug your way on this special day!
I thank God for sending me such a wonderful blessing!
I LUV you guys so much!!!
Thanks for being the best friends anyone could have and the most understanding roomates.
LOVE
Sandy

Disha, girl, hay otros hombres en California, ok?
Necesitas el sabor de todos los chicos de Los Angeles.
Hasta luego mi amor de Inglaterra.
Tulips

To Felipe,
I thank God that I was able to stay at LSU, and that I took photography instead of ceramics.
Otherwise I wouldn't be able to ask, "Would you be my Valentine?"
XXXOOO, Shannon

To Chris Merklin
I love you!
I love you!
I love you!
You are my love
From: Yoli



Lakeshia,
Thanks for your hospitality during my injury, it was greatly appreciated.
Thank you and God Bless.
Love ya much,
Avi

Donavan,
Thanks for all that you have done for me throughout my ordeal.
Love ya much,
Avi

Soneela,
Hey, I wanted to tell you how much you are appreciated and loved.
Love ya much,
Avi

The Poly Crew,
I want to thank everyone for all your love, help, and laughter. You've really helped me cope.
Thank you all!
Love ya much,
Avi

To my mami chula, I'm so glad you came back to me. Don't ever go back to Gabriel, mi muneca.
Te quiero.
Besitos,
Tulips

Anuschka, no more broken fingers, ok, boz? Eat a canoli with me instead, but only if I get to lick all of the chocolate. De luv.
Miss December

Po-po, so who's it gonna be? That goated, Russian frog o el otro? Decisions...por que no

podemos tener todo? Oh well... you know what to do inside your heart...
VA por vida.
Po-po

Special Agent 008:
This is not a mission but a lifelong endeavor: find love. Who knows if the feeling is real, maybe it is a mission impossible, but the fun is in the trying...
Sometimes
Special Agent 009

To The Most Tender-hearted Man I Know:
Thank you for changing my life and making me who I am today. You know who you are. I love you.
Tiffany Irving

To: Angie Sturt
From: Aaron Matlock
My Precious Love,
I want you to know that my heart yearns for you daily, and that every time I see you it feels like the first time. You are so breathtaking! God has done many miraculous things, but when he placed you into my life that became the greatest miracle ever.
I love you with all my heart, Angie. You will be my Valentine for eternity. Happy Valentine's Day, my precious love!

Patti Poblete,
I hope you get this and I want you to know that you mean the world to me. Thank you for being my sister. It's nice to know somebody cares. Happy Valentine's Day.
Always,
Choiso:

Josh Ashworth
"Let My People Go"
From: Ikabob Duffy

Christopher Merklin.
My Love, Friend, and everything that gives me meaning. I love you. Every morning when I wake up all I can think about is you, till I fall asleep and dream of you. I love you. Now and always,
Yours forever,
Your princess

Grant Sample:
It is really nice to have you as my friend. It's nice to have a friend who is crazy and funny. Have a happy Valentine's Day. Love ya,
Yoli

To Sara Santana:
I'm always thinking of you. Te quiero!
S.B.

To: Kimmy Roy
Hope you and Rob have a nice Valentine's Day. 21! Vegas.
Love,
Emmy

To: Keishun
You are my babe forever. We have been through a lot, but four years later we're still together. Happy Valentine's Day.
Love,
Emmy

To: Brian Villamor
Brian, I love you very much. I hope we can stay best of friends forever. Happy Valentine's Day.
Love,
Maricela L.



MY Parents and NooNoo:
Thanks for all your support. You have kept me going through all my hardships in life.
Merci baray hamechi...
Mona

that said: I've been waiting for you... let's go.
LOVE



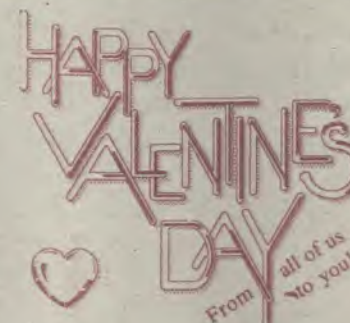
or maybe when it comes to things like this



there aren't reasons...



hearts just know.



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Hob, Eskh, Aloha..from La Sierra University students

To: *Claude Fernandez*
I love you, Buddy! I will always be your sis! Happy Valentine's Day.
Love,
Maricela L.

Dear *Ricky Escobar*,
Happy Valentines Day!
Thanks for being such a great best friend. Te quiero mucho y espero que nuestra amistad



crezca.
Con mucho carino,
Sandee

Dear *Carrie Castrejon*,
Happy Valentine's Day!
I hope that our friendship will grow I love you with all my heart. May God bless you and protect you.
Much love,
Sandee

Jay Soria
Your sweet smile
Makes me happy
You're really sweet
And your hugs make my day
Please be my Valentine.
Luv, *your anonymous valentine.*

My Dear Aaron,
(The words will never change)
If I had a single flower for everytime I think about you I could walk forever in my garden. Always and forever,
Angie

Hey--*Eric Link*,
Cute butt, oh, I mean bug! Happy Valentine's Day!
Cricket-lover

To: *God the Father and Son Jesus Christ:*

True love comes from you. Thank you very much for the following things that you have been faithful to provide me throughout these years.

- 1) To enter a Christian university.
 - 2) Access to knowledge on health, wealth and spiritual things.
 - 3) A job that provides seed for sowing.
 - 4) Health
 - 5) Freedom
 - 6) Protection of family members and relatives
 - 7) Friends and acquaintances that have been helpful
- Love you very much,
Karen

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Tu as tres especial. Je t'aime Beaucoup.
Tu ne oblies pas!
Raspy Man

To *My Dearest Tiger*,
It would be so fine,
if you could be mine.
This world would be so cold, if you I could not hold.
I thank God for your heart, from you I will never part. I Love You!
Always,
Your Sweetheart

Liebe Terry,
Du bist nach wie vor meine Prinzessin! Alles liebe zu Valentin, Dein Dich liebender
Jan

Kristy,
When I try to put the things that make you you into words, thousands of feeble adjectives and metaphors scurry off to hide in darkened corners, awed by the light of your beauty. No word in any language can begin to describe you, and the love we share is beyond expression. You have a bottomless well of compassion and generosity that I can't begin to fathom. No matter what the situation, you make it stronger, better, more real for me. You give my life a joy and meaning like nothing else ever has. You are my best friend, and I will always love you.
—*Like a Boxsh of Chocolates.*

Luisa,
Thanks for driving my car when I was on crutches. I very much appreciate your help.
Love Ya' Always,
Avi

Nevious,
Thanks so much for Tuesday, feb. 2. You were a God sent and I want to let you know that I appreciate it very much and I hope to see and talk to you later.
Always,
Avimaria

Desiree,
Thanks for having patience with me when I called for Campus Safety to come and pick me up and I didn't know where I wanted to go.
Love Ya' Always,
Avi

Jennifer Tyner,
Thanks for all your help and understanding.
Always,
Avimaria

Dean Curtis,
Thank you for driving me to the hospital and for staying and listening to me moan all night.
Love Always,
Avi

I would like to thank everyone who helped me during my accident at Icetown. I know it is hard to thank everyone individually, but I hope this expresses my appreciation.
Love Always,
Avimaria

John Carter,
Still together and blissful after all this time. Happy six month anniversary, husband.
Bonnie Carter

To the *OTHELLO* cast:
Not all the great love stories have happy endings. You guys are doing an incredible job.
--*your director*

To my favorite annual *Passholder-*
Merry Valentine's Day
Love,
Rick

To all you wild and whacky *SALSU* people:
Thank you for making this such a memorable, enjoyable and livable school year. you have all made my life so very easy with your sweet love, tender compassion, and overextending responsibility. here's to tradition and legacy!
Felipe

Geo:
You're awesome! your passion engulfs a multitude and shines through it all.
I love ya kid!
Pipe

Here's a great big hug to all of you that believe.
Through God, ALL things are possible. May the spirit continue and may the Spirit move us to give it all to Jesus. Here's to sharing God's love with those around us.
Felipe Vielmann

SALSU, Editors, writers, and faculty:
Thank you for all your help in contributions, staying up late night hours, and talent to keep this paper interesting for our readers.
Mona Karimpour

Meriam, habibti:
You are my "Nour el Ain." May God Bless You and grant true all your wishes. You truly deserve the best, in everything!
Mona

Amisha (Garfield):
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! You were born on the day of LOVE!!
Mona (Odie)

Shannon:
"Twere but words to be said or acts to be committed . . . ne'er a life's moment would encompass. Here is to sunsets in boxes that can all but contain them . . . and yes, I will gladly be your valentine! c'est moi,
your funny valentine



To my *Cooks:*

... Sanu ik pul chain na aye, Sajana teri bina.
Dil kamla dob dob javay sajana teri bina..."
You are always in my thoughts and have lit a special place in my heart...
Your Cookie

To All My Friends,
Over the past year I've learned many lessons. Most importantly, I've realized that you must let those around you know that you care. Remember, friendships are forever. Thanks for being there for me through thick and thin. Soneel, you'll always stay in our hearts.
I love you guys,
Meriam

Mona,
You're the best friend anybody could ask for. I wish you joy, happiness and God's blessings in your life. "Friends, like flowers, give pleasure just by being there." Mona, Intee zahra!
Your Friend,
Meriam

To my *biscuit*,
Thanks for making me realize that dreams aren't only for times of sleep.
Your baby



Happy Valentine's Day from the Criterion Staff

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Faculty Reminisce Over Their Own Love Stories



I saw her first when she was 10. I felt nothing, after all she was a girl. I saw her again when she was an academy freshman and I was a sophomore. Still nothing. Then, my junior year, I kissed her under the mistletoe at a Christmas party. Wow! Juli and I will celebrate 30 years this June. --William Chunestudy

One of my first dates with my wife, Roxie, was a skiing date in Colorado. Neither of us were great skiers. She was standing on a slope and I was helping with her binders. I was somewhat clumsy and unfortunately she was standing with her back to the downhill slope. As I wrestled with the binders, I inadvertently must have given the skis a shove, because she was soon skiing downhill and backwards. Fortunately, no major injuries ensued and the fact that she chose to overlook and forgive must have been what caused me to fall in love. --Norman Powell

I met my wife, Clara, after travelling from Nashville, Tennessee to Huntsville, Alabama for three hours in a car without air conditioning. I looked bad and probably smelled worse. This was my second year at Oakwood College following a summer selling books. When I walked into the financial office, she was bending over a file cabinet. She turned, smiled and said, 'Hello, Mr. Felder.' Shocked and stunned that so glorious a person would know my name, I stammered hello. It turns out that she knew my sister and saw the family resemblance. We went on our first date two weeks later. One month after meeting her, I announced to her that we would be married some day (she thought I was crazy). We met on September 8, 1961, we were married August 23, 1964 and have been "dating" and married ever since. --Henry Felder

My husband, Dick, and I have been married for 35 years! I attended a boarding academy all four years; Dick attended in the 10th grade and then returned again for the second semester of his senior year. I was working in the Registrar's Office at that time and was there on a Sunday to register him and help arrange for his classes. He was wearing this

neat orange corduroy shirt! We became close friends that semester and began seriously dating that summer! --Judy Schmid

We both played in the college band our freshman year. Most of that year all I really noticed was that she was a 5 foot tall woman who was shorter than the string bass she played. Then our band was invited to play in Disneyland. Before our concert, I was standing by the Carnation Pavilion listening to big band jazz when suddenly I noticed this little string bass player standing beside me. WOW! I really SAW her for the first time! I guess she also saw the real me through the wild and crazy image I projected because from that moment on we have been inseparable. --Gary Bradley, married to spouse Janet 37 years

My wife's name is Gillian and we have been married 37 years. We have two children and two grandchildren with another on the way. I fell in love with Gillian when I was eleven years old (we were both living in Lebanon) but since she is two years older than I am she didn't succumb to my charms until I was twenty (so patience was her first gift to me!). I asked her to marry me at the end of a Christmas party we put

on for poor children in the neighborhood of Newbold College in England where we were both in school at the time. I told her she had done such a great job with those kids; 'How would you like to take care of mine?' --Lawrence Geraty

In the Spring of 1963, I was secretary to the youth director of the Southern California Conference. He was recruiting students to work at Camp Cedar Falls, and one of the applicants from Pacific Union College was Edwin A. Karlow. When I came to that application, I read it carefully more than once, checked all of the vital information, and then happily concluded that Ed was the older son of the Karlow family I knew at the Hollywood Church though I had never seen him there. I decided I wanted to meet him, so my first question when I arrived at camp that summer was 'Who is Ed Karlow?'

When Ed returned to PUC at the end of the summer, we knew we were very interested in each other. We wrote letters and talked on the telephone most of the school year and enjoyed seeing each other during vacations. He proposed at the end of the school year, and we were married on September 8, 1964. -- Marilyn Karlow

Husband's name: Matthew Tyner
Years Married: 3

Description: I have a very interesting story about how we actually got together. I don't know if that would be something your interested in. But the moment I knew he was the only one for me was when he was about to break up with me!

Here is the story in a nutshell. I fell "head over heels" for Matt the day after Valentine's Day 1995. Previously, I had not been a raving fan of Valentine's Day. And, the first Valentine's Matt and I shared, we didn't even spend it together. This made him a bit mad. So, the day after, he took me to a coffee house and told me that either I shape up or this relationship was over. I had never had someone break up with me before, and I couldn't believe he was about to do this. But it was at that moment I realized I really loved this man and I better shape up and treat him better. And, I can honestly say, it was the BEST decision I EVER made. He is the best! ---Jennifer Tyner

Faculty and Staff Messages continued on page 8...



ANDREA GELI
Entertainment Editor

For Him:
Food--hate to be blunt, but the stomach/heart connection has proved true for years. If he has a weakness for Italian, Claimjumper's, or super-hot Thai, go ahead, indulge him. If you really love him... Learn his favorite recipe and cook for him.

For Her:
Scented Candles--Girls love stuff that says "Moonlight

Madness", smells like honeysuckle and vanilla, and lights everything up in a soft glow. If you really love her... Go antiquing at the flea market and get her a candelabra.

For Him:
Car gadget--don't ask me why, but men so love their vehicles, it's pretty much: "If you have done it unto my car, you have done it unto me." So buy that dash cover, double injected turbocharged windshield fluid, Euro chrome polish, whatever. Baby his car, baby him. If you really love him... Handwash the car and wax it to a shine with a chamois.

For Her:
Impress her by bringing out the animal side. Not yours, of course, but most females have a soft side for little furry creatures, horses and even elephants. Take her on a carriage ride if she's elegant, horsebackriding if she's more

daring, to a petting zoo if she likes them to be smaller than her, to the city zoo if she doesn't like to touch them. If you really love her... Buy her that duckling, canary, fish, ferret, hamster, hedgehog, kitten, or rabbit that she thinks is so adorable and help her take care of it.

For Him:
Go high-tech. Get him the 32 megabytes of RAM he's been lusting after; that 1200x1200 photo scanner, that high-fidelity stereophonic voice recognition sound blaster, whatever gets him doing those whiney puppy noises when you visit Comp USA. If you really love him... Give him time to play with his new toy before he takes you out that night.

For Her:
Go on a shopping trip with her best girlfriend to find her a fabulous outfit that the both of

you are sure she will love. If you really love her... Wrap the outfit up with something worth wearing it to--concert tickets, the opera, ballet, something really nice.

For Him:
Is he a sports nut? Tickets to his team's big game will score major points for you. If you really love him... Pretend any insane behavior he displays as he tries to encourage his team along to victory is perfectly normal and not the least bit embarrassing to you.

For Her:
There's a reason that she keeps humming that group's songs over and over. Buy her tickets to their concert. If you really love her... Don't grumble or make a big deal of it when she screams out "lead singer, I love you!"

For Him:
Learn to play Nintendo.

Gifts for Your Valentine

If you really love him... Let him win when he's having a bad day.

For Her:
Learn to dance whatever she most wants you to--salsa, swing, disco, hip-hop, whatever. If you really love her... Learn to dip her. There's really nothing more romantic than a well-executed dip.

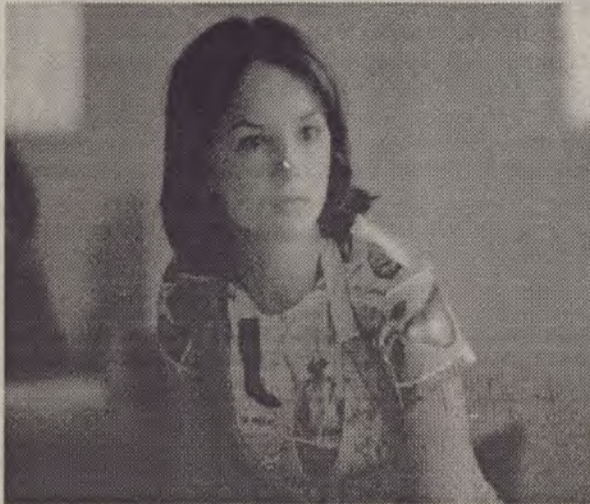
Good luck gift giving this Valentine's! Be original, be colorful, but most importantly, be thoughtful!



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She's Not Quite All That

A Willie's Thumb Valentine Special



WILLIE PRICE
staff writer

I doubt that George Bernard Shaw foresaw his play becoming a comedy of teenage romance and revenge. However, *Pygmalion*, (later transformed into *My Fair Lady*) has become a fitting plot for socially ambi-

Freddie Prinze Jr., starts to develop feelings for Laney. He is a happy-go-lucky, smart kid who reflects all of his friends' values and actions.

He begins to change, however, as he meets Laney and is impressed by her depth of thought. The romantic connection between the two is thwarted when

Zack, the school ultra-hunk, decides to befriend her in order to win a bet.

Needless to say, this predictable plot thickens when Zack, played by

Zack's ex-girlfriend and ex-best friend get in the way.

The movie is definitely oriented more towards teens. Yet there are many funny scenes and some origi-

tious and malicious teens, fighting their way to the top of the social ladder.

A fresh and exciting actress, Rachael Leigh Cook, emerges in this romantic flick to captivate the screen with her transformation from a wiggly art nerd into a top candidate for the prom queen. She plays Laney, a motherless teen who takes on the responsibility of the family in order to avoid facing her fears as a teen. She gets a chance to shed her nerdiness, though, when

nal and captivating narrative devices used by director Robert Iscove.

The prom night is enhanced with some great choreographed dancing.

You may not be 16 anymore, but take your valentine to see this romantic comedy. I can't quite bring myself to give it a thumbs up. But if you're in love this February, you and your significant other will have a grand time in the theatre, if you know what I mean.

Why Do Fools Fall In Manholes?

Read on to find out if this title is even remotely relevant!

CARL JONARD
staff writer

Valentine's Day. The very name conjures up images of lots of "valentines" of some sort, perhaps having something to do with some day or another. But what lies behind all these fanciful visions and romantic expectations? What is V-Day really all about? What drives us to exchange these overpriced little pieces of pink paper with horrible puns on them every February 14? Well, put your hands down, folks; these are rhetorical questions, 'cause I've got all the answers. And any I don't have, I'll make up. Actually, I'll make them all up. The point is... well, never mind the point. Just

keep reading.

Valentine's Day is about love, man. Love and candy. And flowers and stuff. But mostly the candy—I mean, the love. It's like the 60's, man. You've got love and flowers and, er, I guess they had candy in the 60's too. Like that old Beatles song, "Age Of Aquarius," says:

*VD is for everybody
Not just for a few
VD is for everybody
Even nice folks like you.*

It's at times like this that I think back and remember my greatest love, long gone now. No flame burns brighter than my memory of that sweet, sparkling root beer from the cafeteria soda dispenser. What were they thinking? They replaced it with Diet Sprite! We already have regular

Sprite! Who on earth would need two kinds of SPRITE? That root beer was the only decent thing to drink in there under ten bucks.

It was bad enough when they replaced the Ramblin' Root Beer with Barq's, but come on now, Diet Sprite? Why not just put water in a bottle and charge us a buck fifty for it?

Oh wait, that's right, they already did that. Ooh, hey, you know what we need? A diet water dispenser! Yeah, hey, let's take out the ice cream machine! Frikker frackum mrrmb!...I'm sorry, I didn't mean to ruin your happy little day. I'll just go sit here in the corner all alone with my bitterness and my Diet Sprite. Go have fun, really. No, really, I'll be fine... Lousy cheap romantic punks.



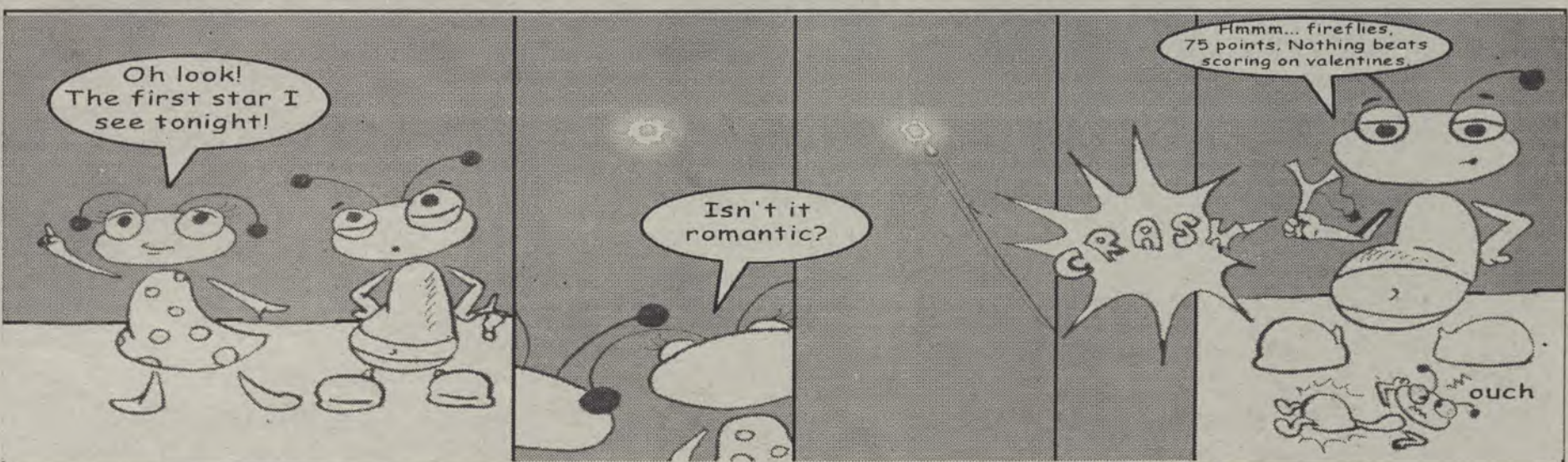
Love Sonnet

EVANGRAHAM
staff writer

A cursed life confined am I to stay,
Whilst in divine contempt
Jove doth make sure
That fast-chained to a rock,
I shall then lure
For all my darkened days his bird of prey?
Me fastened to that stone she doth survey
My helpless form there, writhing without cure,
She gouges out my heart for her insure,
Insatiably consumed, and then away:
And as shadows erebean doth fall,
My heart grows back so she may eat once more.
This frightful beast on whom the gods doth call,
Emblazened on her breast dread style: AMOR.
But then, transformed from brute to savior all,
With strength herculean my life restore.

Can I Give Something to You?

*Can I give something to you, that has not been held by anyone else
It's the thing that keeps me going, when I'm all by myself
Hidden deep in darkness, and drowned in fear.
Now I've tried to give to others, this thing that is mine
Hoping for an answer, or maybe even a sign
But for some reason, no one can handle with tenderness
And with this something, I will accept nothing less
What I want to give to you, was once cold and black
And for a while, I thought, it could only be like that
So I gave it to no one, just its surrounding parts
Just making my pain greater, and to the core, cutting sharp
Couldn't let others see, what I could possibly be
That meant giving all, of that, which was me
So I hid something, like a treasure in the deep
Exposing half myself, and at the same time making me weak
I was scared, so scared, within all of my depth
Scared to take the risk, and go to a place, I hadn't been yet
Tired of being a player, who was thoroughly incomplete
A player who had won all his games, and never went down to defeat
But I had to leave a life, that seemed destined to fail
For no one knew my unheard cry, and my silent yells
It hurts me to know, I had to keep it chained within
Others thought that I had given it, but it was just pretend
Cuz I gave it that meant, giving the deepest part of my soul
And a man like me, could never risk losing control
But I can't go on like this, never opening up
Because the thought of being alone, tears my insides up
Even though there is a risk, it's time I give this thing to you
And these butterflies are killing, cuz I don't know what you'll do
But all pride must be put aside, and moved out of the way
No one has ever received this gift, until this very day
It's not a priceless sculpture or a famous work of art
But it is just as fragile, because the thing I give, is my heart
So please be very gentle, cuz I've given you all that I am
And if you accept it, it will be forever in your hands.*





Faculty Reminisce Over Their Own Love Stories

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What a scary thought it was for me to realize I soon was going to make one of the most significant decisions in my life. I was getting ready to go to Collonges, France, for the upcoming year. Don and I had started dating just that summer, but since I was going to be gone, we had spent quite a lot of time together. Well, it was about mid-August and we had taken a drive through the hills around the PUC area, and had stopped for a picnic lunch in this one nice little grassy spot. Don started talking about "when you get back" and could we be "engaged to be engaged"? It actually hit me like a load of bricks, and the first thought in my mind was, "I'm too young to die!" Not that marrying the man I was falling in love with was like death; but that I could see my whole lifeput in place by this one specific piece.

Well, the story turns out good. He actually officially proposed to me long distance from PUC to France about three weeks after I got to France (and I accepted!). I

had a great year learning French and writing letters, and I got to buy my wedding dress in Paris. We got married at Christmas the following year. It's now 17 years and two children later and one thing is for certain: life has not been predictable, but I married a man who is willing to dream and work for what we want to make of our lives, and, as Robert Frost says, that has made all the difference.

---xoxox Heather Miller

I first dated my wife Erlys 30 years ago on Valentine's Day weekend. We will be celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary this coming August. I first noticed her while playing basketball intermurals at Rio Lindo Academy in northern California. She turned a hot shooting season into a real cold spell as I was increasingly distracted by her presence, but it was well worth it. One bad season of basketball for a lifetime with a wonderful woman.

--- Steve

Editorial

I hope you enjoy this special issue. Have a good Valentine's Day weekend and enjoy this day of love with your family, friends, or significant other.

*Life without Love is like:
A tree without blossom and fruit. And Love without Beauty is like:
Flowers without scent and fruits without seeds...
Life, Love, and Beauty are 3 persons in one, who cannot be seperated or changed.*

-Khalil Gibran

Mona Karimpour,
Editor-in-Chief



ROVING REPORTER: "What would your dream date do for you on Valentine's day?"



"Actually go out with me." -David Wong, Sophomore: Computer Information Systems



"He will surprise me with a check for one million dollars and I will love him forever, -Neomai Taione, Junior: Business



"Surprise me with dinner on the beach during the sunset." -Desiree Camera, Senior: Elementary Education



"Take me to Hawaii and don't care if I flirt with other girls." -Dale Wilkinson, Sophomore: Engineering



"Say I Love You." -Disha Chandratraya, Transfer: Biology

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SALSU Positions Described

Deadlines to apply for next year's SALSU position is Thursday, February 18, 1999. Pick up your applications from the Student Life. Recommendations are needed.

Don't forget your dollars for the capital campaign. You can donate after chapel at the front exit with SALSU officers or drop off your donation at the Chaplain's office during the school week.

San Bernardino Art Association's Inland Exhibition XXXV at the San Bernardino County Museum is calling for entries for the May 19 through June 26, 1999 exhibit. Entry forms are available at the San Bernardino Art Association. Call 909-885-2816. Deadlines for slides are due March 1, 1999.

Spirit Week will be February 22, 1999 through February 26, 1999. Be involved with school spirit!!

University Responds to Campus Tragedy

■ "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Jeremy."

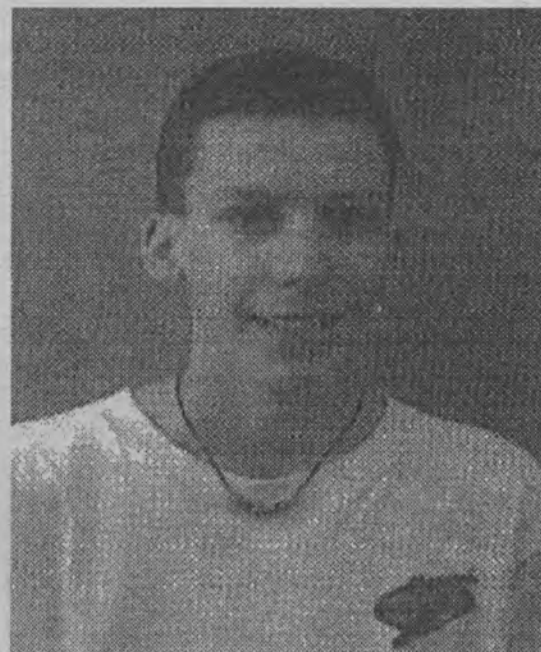
--Lennard Jorgensen, Vice President for Student Life

The campus continues to respond to the tragic death of Jeremy Brodeur. The crisis team has already met with several hundred students, especially in the residence halls.

The counseling center, chaplain's office, residential life, and various other entities have been busy providing their services to students.

On Tuesday, February 16, additional responses are planned on campus. These include an intervention at Chapel time (11 a.m.) at the church; and a presentation at the Cactus room at 12 noon; and a memorial service at Mattheson Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

During the day on Tuesday, an intervention team will be present on campus all day at various venues.



Jeremy Brodeur

La Sierra Loses Sophomore Student

Tragedy hit the La Sierra campus, Tuesday, February 9th, when sophomore Jeremy Brodeur died. Brodeur, a computer science, had attended L.S.U. for the past two years. He had been a resident of Sierra Towers and an active member of the Chess Club. Brodeur is remembered by one student as "a quiet student, but one who could really play chess well."

Lawrence Geraty, L.S.U. president, spoke about the loss of Jeremy at the student assembly on Thursday. The family has expressed great appreciation to those who knew and befriended him. They stated that his L.S.U. experience seems to have been "generally a positive one." In spite of the tremendous grief and pain at this very sorrowful time, the family

has conveyed deep appreciation for the strong support they have received. The counseling center has run crisis meetings since last Tuesday and has emphasized to students that their services are readily available to anyone who wishes to talk about this campus loss.

The Counseling Center's extension number is x2011.

L.S.U. Announces New Scholarship Program to Acknowledge and Promote Excellence

BY ANGELA ROSICH
Public Relations

La Sierra University President Lawrence T. Geraty recently unveiled a new program to attract greater numbers of academically successful high school and transfer students to La Sierra. In addition, the new program offers incentives to encourage students to remain at La Sierra University through completion of their undergraduate degrees.

"We are acknowledging students for the solid results they have achieved prior to coming to La Sierra, and as importantly, we are encouraging the completion of their undergraduate degree programs with us," said Geraty.

Titled "The La Sierra Commitment to Excellence Program," President Geraty said participation starts with eligible members of the Class of 2003 (Fall 1999 entering freshman and Fall 2000 transfer sophomores). The program will be open only to students who have a university GPA of 3.0 or better.

Specifically, The Commitment of Excellence Program is a "loan to scholarship" program which

varies in value, depending upon academic performance, from \$500 to \$4,000 per academic year during the students' junior and senior years.

Fall 1999 freshman who complete six full-time quarters of regular tuition, on-campus courses at La Sierra, and meet the prescribed GPA requirements,

administration, noted that beginning in the Fall of 2000, transfer sophomore students who complete three full-time quarters of regular tuition, on-campus courses, and meet GPA requirements, will receive from \$500 to \$1,500 in loans in their junior year. As seniors, they will receive from \$1,000 to \$2,000 in

history.

Students who receive the loans and who leave the university before completing their four-year baccalaureate degree programs will not have their loans amortized and will need to repay their loans to La Sierra in the same manner as is done with other loan programs at the university.

Tom Smith, vice president for enrollment services, explained that the new Commitment to Excellence Program is designed to complement already existing academic merit scholarship programs offered to entering freshman and transfer students. "We hope that students, parents and counselors recognize the university's earnest attempts to recognize student



Pick up the application in the Administration Building

will receive from \$1,000 to \$3,000 in loans during their junior year to study. As seniors, they will receive \$2,000 to \$4,000 in loans.

Upon successfully graduating from La Sierra, the students' loans will become Commitment to Excellence Scholarships and such they will not require repayment.

In addition, Alejo Pizarro, vice president for financial

loans. Upon successful graduation from La Sierra, the loans will become Commitment to Excellence Scholarships and not require repayment.

The new Commitment to Excellence Program is being funded by La Sierra endowment funds and was approved by the University's Board of Trustees on January 24. It is unprecedented in the University's 75 year

achievement and the value of students spending their full-time of undergraduate study at La Sierra. We want La Sierra students to succeed and to take full advantage of the integrated study programs the university offers because we believe that our values-centered university studies program uniquely prepares students for successful 21st century careers."

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This Little Light...

BY ANDREA GELI
Entertainment Editor



The loss of any human life diminishes all of us," LSU President Lawrence Geraty said to the students in Assembly on Thursday, two days after the tragic and untimely death of sophomore Jeremy Brodner. All was silent in the church as Geraty walked to where a small candle was burning in front of the podium and snuffed out the flame. It was a symbol of the life lost, only a representation; but I wanted to snatch the candle away from him, or run down and re-light it. But I couldn't do what I most wanted to, bring Jeremy back. There was a terrible feeling of helplessness in the room.

The flag flies at half-mast now, another symbol of the sorrow on campus.

It doesn't matter if many students didn't know Jeremy personally; the fact is that just a few days ago, he was here

among us, going to the cafeteria, studying in the library, running late to class, just like any one of us.

Now he's gone. I'm sure many on campus have felt depressed and lonely. College life can be a pressure cooker at times. The thing to remember is that there are outlets for those feelings—and people to talk to. It may be a little scary at first, admitting that help is needed, yet the alternative is what is truly frightening.

We need to make communication easier, though. Don't just shrug off the campus crisis meetings as if you don't need them. Go and learn how to reach out to others and grow as an individual.

The campus community has suffered a wound; people need to come together for the healing. We won't forget Jeremy. There is always a scar left when one feels a hurt deeply.

Educational Ministry Positions Available

Wilbur Claus, GMM Director of Education, will be arriving at La Sierra University on February 16th and will be here until February 18th.

Approximately 130 AYS volunteers are needed, along with several AVS teachers who will also be graduating this year.

Contact the Chaplain's Office for more information at ext. 2081 or e-mail Jodi Cahill at <jcahill>.

Custom Christian Music CD's Now Available on Web

Check this new site at ALTXCD.com.

In Columbus, Ohio www.ALTXCD.com opened its "cyber-doors" for business, joining a growing number of World Wide Web sites offering custom compilation CDs. ALTXCD distinguishes itself by focusing on one of the fastest growing genres -- Christian alternative/contemporary music, thus the name Alt X CD (alternative Christian CD).

"Like other custom CD sites, we're starting at a grass-roots level, but in the Christian music industry," says James P. Bentley, president of Timothy's Charge Ministries, a non-profit publishing ministry that markets and operates ALTXCD. "We are excited to broaden the exposure for many of the independent labels and unsigned artists that are partnering with ALTXCD. Custom CDs are beneficial not only to consumers, but to labels and artists as well. These artists now have access to worldwide exposure as well as additional revenue."

ALTXCD.com licenses the recordings from the labels and artists that participate and pays royalties for each song placed on a custom CD. The company is continually adding labels and artists to their Web site. Thus far, ALTXCD.com has partnered with Audience, CMN, Diverse, Frozen Rope, Graydot/Bulletproof, Graveyard, Kalubone, Kingdom, Liquid Disc, Marathon, Red Moon, Rustproof, and Steedog, as well

as several unsigned artists. Artist roster includes Broomtree, Polarboy, Plaid, Send the Beggar, Jason Ingram Band and Moriah.

"We offer labels and unsigned artists a win-win opportunity. If an independent label or artist is producing high-quality music, there is no reason they shouldn't be heard by the public. That is our job at ALTXCD.com -- to promote the music and increase the exposure of the Christian artist.

"Even when a label does have major distribution, custom CDs are a great way to reach the untapped market of people who don't buy CDs because they don't want to risk \$15 or more for only one or two good songs," Bentley continues, citing a January 1997 survey conducted for the Recording Industry Association of America.

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, ALTXCD's mission is to positively influence today's youth.

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Take A Step Towards Understanding

BY DAVID CHOE
staff writer

I remember that chilly Saturday evening at Pine Springs Ranch. I was the Photography Director for the summer camp of 1996. Two weeks before summer camp ended, I was so disgusted at the way I was being treated at camp in that a few people had forced me into a position where I could not carry out my job description, that I was ready to quit. I had written out my letter of resignation on my laptop, but had not printed it out yet. I felt like I was being singled out to be the punching bag for those people. I did not hate everything about working out a summer camp though. I loved the friends, the campers, my job, and the nature. But those few people that made my life miserable, made my life miserable enough that I was ready to quit.

I thought that I would print my letter out, but I didn't. I do not know why, but I know something more important that happened that night. I put my total genuine trust in God for all things to turn out well, and in return I truly felt God in my life for the first time in my life. It was so easy! I felt for the first time how easy God's yoke was. I call this free grace because we can do absolutely nothing for God to give us the mercy of God. I carried this warm feeling from summer camp back to La Sierra University to start my second year here as a Biology major.

At La Sierra, I carried this warm feeling around for about a year, but slowly, I started going farther and farther from God until I came to a point early 1998 where I

virtually had no use for God in my life because I felt empty inside without that warm feeling of God. I felt that I had to find that lost feeling, so my spiritual goal from then on should be to find that warm feeling.

Last quarter in one of my religion classes, I was assigned to read *Steps to Christ* by Ellen White. My parents in the past had told me all about Ellen White and her do's and don'ts of how an Adventist was suppose to act. My parents would tell me that I couldn't go to the movies (even to see *The Little Mermaid*), I couldn't play on Sabbath, I couldn't swim on Sabbath, I couldn't put gas in my car on Sabbath, I couldn't go to my high school Prom, and a whole host of other stuff because Ellen White would say so.

Ellen White was to me a list of fun things I couldn't do, so when I was made to read *Steps to Christ*, I was wary about reading it.

But as I got to read *Steps to Christ*, I found out that Ellen White actually knew what she was saying. She had very relevant stuff in the book that actually could make sense in my life. White says, "Do not wait to feel that you are made whole, but say, 'No believe it: it is so, not because I feel it, but because God has promised.'" This sentence was so influential in my life because God was just saying it straight to my face, that I know that God is true so why do I need anything else. I do not need to be hung up in trying to feel God. Just truly believe, God says. That sentence was all I needed.

That sentence was all I needed, but there is more to *Steps to*

Christ than that one line that helped me. I know that White writes a lot about free grace that I think is the most important thing we need to realize to be free Christians. Paul, James, Peter, John in the Bible came up with the same idea White came up with, and that is to just have faith that Jesus is God. This belief is all there is to being a Christian.

I am writing this to just basically ask you to reconsider reading *Steps to Christ* and reconsider Ellen White. Don't be like me and make judgements about books or people that you have not studied yourself. Read it yourself and see.

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Criterion Criterion

WILLIE'S THUMB

BY WILLIE PRICE
staff writer

Pay and Sit at the Back

For people who don't see enough animals in movies, there are PBS specials.

For people who don't see enough violence in movies, there is *Payback*, the new revenge/action blockbuster starring Mel Gibson.

Gibson, who is normally cast as the good guy, tries his hand at portraying a callous bank robber who is swindled out of his \$70,000 by his partner and his wife.

I'm sure you feel for him already.

Especially if you see the way he and mercilessly kills and robs four men in a back alley.

Granted, they were bad guys too, so I guess all is fair in love and crime.

The characters are all bad to the bone, each one playing the tough guy to the best of his/her ability. Each one must be meaner than the other guy.

But the hero?

He is one of the meanest. He proves his tough guy image by

killing in cold blood, how many people?

I lost track.

Porter (played by Gibson) proves that he is not bluffing, when he threatens his enemies; that he is indeed a man of his word.

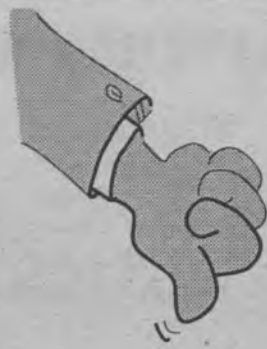
He triumphs truly as he blows up a car of four men who are stalking him, shoots one of the thug leaders in the chest, and shoots his one-time partner in the head because he didn't have a light.

"What use are you then?" the jaded Porter croaks.

As far as violence goes, I've seen worse, but not many.

Payback clips along at a nice pace and offers many one-liners and explosions.

It attempts to portray the psy-



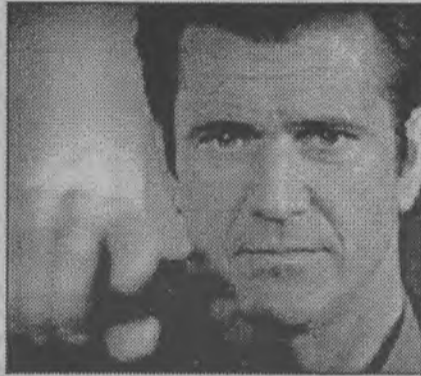
chology of a bank robber and his prostitute lover. There is a sense of redemption in the end.

But I can't really say that this movie succeeds as a character study. In fact, it falls flat on its face.

As Porter and his woman discuss their future at the end, they decide that maybe they are "shooting too high."

That is a fitting line.

But after what they and the movie-goer have been through, there would seem to be no where to go but up.



Payback, starring Mel Gibson, is rated R and playing at local theaters

The Spy Who Fed Me --at R.B.C

Agents Homefry and Escargot are determined to discover what's cooking at the Riverside Brewing Company



It was a cold, rainy night when the two hungry Agents slipped into the Riverside Brewery Co. Inside, the agents were met with smiling faces and a warm atmosphere.

Choosing the dining room over the pub, the agents sat down and cracked open the menus.

Agent Homefry was hard pressed to choose from the vast range of food; from sandwiches, salads, pizzas, and pastas.

Agent Escargot, following a lead, sought out the pasta dishes.

Meanwhile, Homefry decided on one of the many sandwiches the Brewery offered.

Both agents were rewarded for their survey by full stomachs and a feeling that the mission:

TO FIND ANOTHER GOOD RIVERSIDE RESTAURANT, was successful!!!

The Riverside Brewery's menu receives a round of applause for its wide variety of dishes. In other words, both meat-eating spies and veggie-eating spies will not have a problem making the Brewery a rendezvous spot.

The price was \$ (\$10 and under) per person, depending on one's taste buds that evening. The food was delicious, and Overall the mission statistics were *****.

Remember: When meeting another spy at a rendezvous, keep your eyes open and periodically check with the receptionist to see if the spy has arrived or not.

Shakespeare invades Hollywood

BY RICHARD DENISTON
staff writer

The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences has announced its annual list of nominees for this year's coveted Oscar presentations.

Of the five movies vying for the "gilded monument" (Sonnet 55) three, *Saving Private Ryan*, *The Thin Red Line* and *Life is Beautiful* are WWII tales. The two remaining films, set in Elizabethan London, are *Elizabeth* and *Shakespeare in Love*, a ribald romp through the pre-production antics of the first production of *Romeo and Juliet*. In the long history of the Oscar race, it is doubtful that film fans could find more "strange bedfellows" (*The Tempest*) than there two groups of films. With 13 and 11 nominations respectively, the two heavyweight contenders for best picture are *Shakespeare* and *Private Ryan*.

Saving Private Ryan has been the favorite to win since it debuted last year. Many feel that it is the best film of all time, documenting realistically the hardships of the "dogs of war" (*Julius Caesar*).

But the more recent release of *Shakespeare in Love*, coupled

by the fact that it has audiences "laughing in stitches" (*Twelfth Night*) could present a road block for *Private Ryan*.

In either case, one of these films--probably *Saving Private Ryan*--will experience "too much of a good thing" (*As You Like It*) and gather up most of the Oscars in "one fell swoop" (*Macbeth*) and receive most of the "pomp and circumstance" (*Othello*). Hopefully, the other great films nominated won't be denied at least one trip down the 'primrose path" (*Hamlet*) leading to the acceptance to the acceptance stand. If this happens, then obviously "something is definitely rotten in the State of Denmark" (*Hamlet*).

The Shakespeare references here are a clue to my opinion. He should be acknowledged by the Academy for the theatrical genius that he was. A Best Picture nod for *Shakespeare in Love* would bring the Bard's contributions to both the theater and movie genres into "full circle" (*King Lear*).

Most likely, Stephen Spielberg will win. Whoever triumphs, the recognition from peers is truly "the stuff that dreams are made of" (*The Tempest*).

RICK'S WORLD

It is known by some that LSU is a university, that's right, the word university is right there in the name. This implies that it is a place of learning, and that implies homework is inevitable. Homework is really schoolwork. They think they're being tricky by letting you take it home, but that just means that you get to work on it in an environment not conducive to learning. It can be a very stressful thing to try and actually work on homework, but not if you follow these helpful tips.



Rick's Guide to Homework

RICK MARSON
staff writer

The first thing you need to do is get familiar with your homework (but not TOO familiar). The point is not to get a better understanding of the homework, but to find out just how much you have so that you can accurately gripe about it.

Gripping is a very important part of the homework process, but it can be done incorrectly. The object of gripping is to release stress and gain sympathy. What good is it to get sympathy for the ten pages you thought you had to read if you really have to read 30? Exaggeration is ok, but you definitely don't want to get less sympathy than you deserve.

After discovering exactly how

much homework you have you may feel a little worn out, and why not?

You've already gotten a lot accomplished, you deserve a break. Watch a little TV, maybe find somebody to gripe to, you've earned it. After a couple of hours come back to your homework refreshed and ready to learn!

Leaf through your homework again. See if you actually learned anything the first time you looked at it.

Now it's time to work. Some people start with the homework that is due the soonest, but not me. Homework that isn't due for weeks and weeks is less stressful so I like to start with that.

Ready for another break? Me too. Just about anything is break material.

I enjoy self-improvement.

Learning can be fun when it's not school related. I wile away time trying to balance things on other things, seeing how long I can stand on my head while holding my breath, going through the trash on my floor, and seeing how long it takes to cut through a penny.

By now it's probably quite late, so it would probably be a good idea to get some sleep. Homework is much easier when you're not tired, so go to bed so you can be wide awake in the morning to turn in your homework.

Disclaimer: Not a significant source of nutrients, now with extra pizza flavor, inactive ingredients: aspartame, citric acid, flavor, sodium bicarbonate, and Tabulating aids, shake well, and yes, I am just writing stuff off the trash in my room.

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Editorial

That's what friends are really for...

The times of laughter and sorrow are always shared with our friends and family. It is these people that keep us running that extra mile when exercising at eight in the morning and laugh at us for making a ridiculous comment to that cute passerby in the hallway. It is these loved ones that listen to us and cry for us when we feel lonely because we have lost another, and it is these loved ones that show us the light at the end of our darkest tunnels.

It is these people that I love so much for being there for me. Only until now, after all these days, I realize that these friends have always loved me too. And that I have been there for them, have brightened their days and have helped them through their hardships.

I think it is in times of difficulties when we come to realize the true value of our friends and the important roles they serve in our lives. It is at the times when they are there for us, to dependent on them,

when we realize how much they really mean to us. It is when we feel like we have hit rock bottom and can't move on, that our friends lift us up with their strong hands and

tell us inviting words that we had denied ourselves in our times of pity and despair.

Do not be shy to share your feelings with your friends and to burden them with your problems, because some day you will

be there for them, listening to them crying and yelling, listening to their problems. Remember it is these hardships that make us stronger and awaken our eyes to value the important aspects of our lives. Never brush away the hand of a helping friend.

Mona Karimpour,
Editor-in-Chief



"A friend loves at all times."
-Proverbs 17:17

Twenty-one and Still not Legal?

BY AARON PRICE
staff writer

In the state of California, the age in which an individual becomes an adult is eighteen. My problem is that California considers anyone over 18 an adult, but La Sierra University considers the same individual unable to make rational decisions. The University feels that the proper age for an adult is 23. At that age, a La Sierra student is allowed to move off-campus without special consent from the school. I propose that any student over the age of twenty-one should be able to live where they want, without getting permission from the university.

There are those who would disagree with me. Some who support the school's right to require students under twenty three to live on campus say that, in order for the university to offer student housing it must require as many students as possible to live on campus.

A school official was asked to comment on the reason for the age policy. The official said, "The university requires students under age 23 to live in the residence halls for a purely economic reason of running the residence halls." When she was asked why the age 23 was chosen, she said, "Age 23 is an acceptable termination age for students."

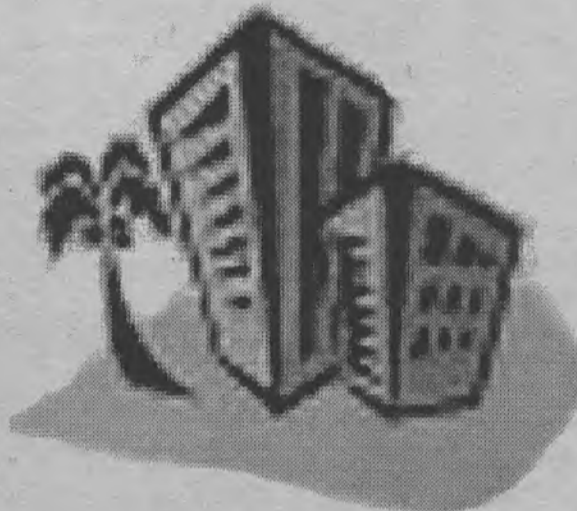
Most college students have graduated by the age of 23, therefore, this allows the university to charge the broadest base

possible to keep their residence halls open. The university feels that by the age of 23, most students have graduated and moved on with their lives. According to the fall of '98 list of age breakdowns, there are 878 out of the 1283 students that fall between the ages of 16-22. Unless these students have special permission or they live at home, they are required to live on campus. I believe that if a student is over 21 she/he should be allowed to live

Twenty La Sierra University students between the ages of 17-22 were surveyed about their views on the age requirements for this university. There were seven females and 13 males in this test group. Their answers were not that surprising. Eighteen of the 20 students surveyed said that the age for moving off-campus should be age 21. These students cited the same reason I have already listed. The whole nation can do what it wants to, within reason, when they turn 21.

As for the meal plan, most students would rather use it than lose it. Sure the students parents may be happy that their son or daughter is eating, but what happened to the student's right to a little freedom?

The best plan, as I see it, is that the university moves the age of independence from 23 to 21. It



gives L.S.U. enough students to run their facilities and it also gives those students who will graduate at 22 a possible year of freedom to look forward to.

College is supposed to be an institution that prepares its students for a career and for life. One of those steps should be the ability to live outside of this campus. Moving the age to 21 would allow more students to experience the freedoms and the restrictions of living on their own for at least a year.

ROVING REPORTER: "If the U.S. were to have a female president, what would you call, creatively, the first husband?"



"Second in Command"
-Mathew Jacobsen,
Freshman: History



"The First Wimp"
-Kirk Cabezas, Junior: International Business/Marketing



"Useless"
-Sabrina Elloway, Junior: Dental Hygiene



"The First Door Stop"
-Seth Klingsman, Senior: Business Administration



"The Butler"
-Bryan Caffreky, Visitor: Walla Walla College

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The Game of Flirting

BY EVA PASCAL
staff writer

Initially, when asked to write an article on flirting, I could not think of anything interesting to say. At first I thought, "Who the heck cares? What is there to be said?" Minutes later came a purely visceral response: Flirting is a concoction of superficial interactions existing merely to impress whoever; a flaunting of sensual intelligence... An obsession of the masses trickling down from Freud, Nietzsche, and other preoccupations with deep-set, animal instincts to copulate...

Another block in the heterosexual matrix... socialized compulsive heterosexuality... and so on.

Then it hit me that flirting is not limited to those who prefer the opposite sex. Right? Finally, when I thought instead of react, I came up with this: Flirting is a game; and a vastly over-rated one. It's a way of hiding and revealing, tantalizing and deceiving, showing off oneself. When we flirt, a lot of the time we're focusing most of all on pretty superficial things—on appearance, on movement, on style. How a person looks and moves and acts. But too often we stop short of actually connecting, because we're hung up on physical attractiveness and charm. When we flirt, we deliberately hold ourselves back. We deliberately conceal ourselves. We get used to relating to people in ways that

have more to do with making ourselves look interesting. In this sense, it is attractive, and positive responses from those we flirt with make flirting even more attractive.

The temptation is to focus on the intriguing, temporary social gains of this game. The problem is, that it isn't a great way to build close relationships, and can be a hindrance really. So, you get the person you're flirting with interested and intrigued. And? That gives virtually no room to develop intimate relationships.



The best way to make sure you bond with someone is to spend your time making real friends. I'm not talking about people you just hang out with. I have superficial conversations with (flirting

with, for instance). I'm talking about people you can trust, people you can share yourself with, people who really know you. When you've built up relationships with friends like that, you've laid a real foundation if you're looking for romantic love, based on more than initial excitement. And you'll have gone a long way toward establishing the kind of intimacy you presumably want to experience with a lover.

Honest communication with friends is a much better foundation for intimate relationships than the games we sometimes play when we flirt. In short: If you want true intimacy, flirting can be a distracting, menacing little game.

(My thanks to Gary Charter for his help with ideas and constructions here.)

How are Values Determined?

BY JENNIFER RENAUD
staff writer

I decided to work as an escort to help pay my way through college. Don't think it was a quick or impulsive decision, because it wasn't. I had to do research; finding an escort service to work for, figuring out how to work the midnight to five a.m. hours that were peak, and then how to fit sleep time in so I could still make it to my classes during the day.

Do you notice anything missing in my decision making process? Perhaps the small question of; how could I face myself in the mirror? What would my mother and father say if they knew? What would my future husband think? What would my future children think? These questions are the type that people who want to work as escorts avoid asking, because they are the ones that keep the soul alive.

Life is one big opportunity for us to define ourselves, to make choices that both solidify and portray that which we value. This is the only reason that we were allowed to continue past the apple incident, TO MAKE A CHOICE. Because you see, there really is only one choice to be made; value our place as children of God or value our position as children of sin. Every choice made in life places you in one position or the other, and every choice that you make solidifies either the sinful or the eternal. What we value is what we will choose, and what we choose decides our destiny. If we choose to indulge in things that caress the sinful part of us (___ fill in the blank with your own special

sin; lust, selfishness, dishonesty, impurity, greed, drunkenness, slothfulness—there's one for each of us), it will become what we value most. And remember, what we value determines our destiny.

To work as an escort is a screaming sign that there are no values deeper than that which money can buy. Or maybe there are, and the girl just wants to find her limit, find out what her values allow her to do before shriveling up and dying. So then, are values determined before the choice or by the choice?

And that my friend, depends perhaps on your personality, your wisdom, your upbringing, your education, your insight, your connection with the creator, all the things that go into making you the individual little creature that you are. A hint however, eating fruit that grants knowledge of good and evil gives you an intimate experience of sin. I think the thing that must make God the saddest is that we can't just be satisfied with perfect. Why can't we know happiness; sweet and pure as that one perfect sunset-kiss-sentence-song-food-picture-baby that you knew? Why do we demand the scream of evil to curl our happy guts right out of us in order to believe that "Things were sure great back then..."

THINK
Are the values you're living by the ones you really want for your life?

Does Freedom of Speech Need a Limit?

BY NATAN VIGNA
Opinion Editor

I remember a few years ago when the internet just came out and was novelty. It was a really good place to hang out and find really interesting stuff. Today it is full of junk and it takes you forever to find something if you are doing serious research. I know some of you can closely relate to this.

One of the biggest problems the World Wide Web faces, besides all the junk it already has, is the issue of free speech. I'm sure many of you remember a few years ago when the issue of pornography on the internet was a very popular one. Many claimed that the first amendment of the Constitution was going to be broken if the government censored pornography on the internet. Well, now we can start to see the results of our actions... the internet is becoming an "over the counter"

store for pornography. Just go to a search engine and see what comes up when you type "women," for instance.

So my question to you is, does free speech have limits? What do we do when in the claim of "free speech" others trespass our limits and start to make our lives uncomfortable as pornography is making on the Web?

Irving Kristol, a professor at New York University, wrote an excellent essay on this issue. In his essay,

published on *Current Issues & Enduring Questions*, he defined democracy as a "set of rules and procedures, whereby majority rules and minority rights are reconciled into a state of equilibrium." If that is the case in the United States, which it actually is, does that mean the majority agrees that because of free speech it is OK for pornography to be sold "over the counter" on the internet? (And yes, I know that some may argue

what we actually mean by pornography, what is considered legal in one place versus the other, etc.).

If it is OK to censor the advertising of tobacco to minors on TV, why is it not OK to censor pornography on the internet? One good reason, or may I say real reason, is that the internet is composed of thousands of computers from around the world, not just in the U.S. Therefore, it is almost impossible to create a law that can be implemented world-wide and that all countries would agree on.

Otherwise, is there any other good reason why the internet should not be censored?

As professor Kristol ended his essay, he said, "I will put it as bluntly as possible. If you care for the quality of life in our American democracy, then you have to be for censorship."



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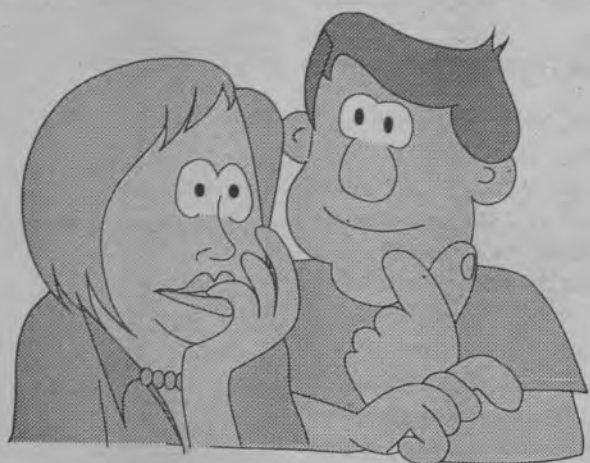
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Dear Double Talk:

"WHY DO I SEE SO MANY BEAUTIFUL WOMEN ON CAMPUS WITH DORKS?"—DR. MYOPIA

Dear Myopia,

♀ Did it ever occur to you that you're looking at things too closely?

You're trying too hard to see the beautiful women with dorks, when there are all sorts of guys out there who are just as happy with non-supermodel material. And even if they are in the majority (which I doubt), so what?

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder — at least, so I've been told. That, and personality is the most important thing in a man. A woman could look at the plainest guy on earth and think that he's on par with Tom Cruise (or Brad Pitt, for women with lesser standards).

A pretty face doesn't mean anything if the guy can't make you laugh. Unless, of course, you dislike laughing. And a great body doesn't mean anything if the guy doesn't remember your birthday. Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that looks are inconsequential. Looks are very important — they can tell you a lot about a person.

People tend to judge others by the way they look. And those judgements dictate how that person is treated. The person, in turn, will change their actions because of the way other people act. It's a psychological trap that no one can escape. Society sucks. And you know what the worst thing about it is? Looks always lead to labels. Don't judge a book by its cover, Myopia. Those "dorks" could be the most wonderful guys on campus.

Voleuse

Dear Doctor,

♂ To address your question, I think it would be wise to break it down into two parts: A) Why are there so many beautiful women on campus? and B) Why are these women with dorks?

Part A) While I am pleased that this column is finding its way to other college campuses, let me remind you that this advice column is chiefly for La Sierra students. If you were from around here you'd know that us La Sierra men typically find ourselves asking much different questions like, "Where are all the beautiful women?" Apparently the answer is, "Dr. Myopia's school."

Part B) The attractive woman has a freedom that most women don't. She can get any guy she wants. While the typical woman scrambles for a good-looking guy to validate her existence, the attractive woman has already tried most of the good-looking crowd and found them wanting.

Fortunately, unburdened by having to snare herself a hunk, she is free to venture into the realm the unpopular—namely the dorks, geeks and nerds. So, why are these women with dorks? Maybe because all us geeks and nerds were taken. These answers will most likely offend approximately 51% of the student body. Let me answer to that in three ways. 1) Loki writes for the other 49%. 2) The truth is, La Sierra has a severe shortage of beautiful women. Ladies, if this offends you, don't get mad, get makeovers. And finally, 3) anonymity is a beautiful thing.

Loki

Send your questions to chrilaw@lasierra.edu

Living in Brazil A Profile:

BY LENA ABELLA
staff writer



Name: Ellen Dos Santos
Age: 22
Year: Junior
Major: Marketing
Hometown: Curitiba, Brazil

Q. When did you move to the United States?

A. About three and a half years ago. I had taken about two quarters of college classes in Brazil, but then I decided to move here, so I had to start all over. I took six months of ESL classes and then started regular college classes here at La Sierra.

Q. Did you speak any English when you first came here?

A. I knew a little bit of grammar, but I didn't speak English well. We had to take it in school and I knew the basics—enough to come here and understand a little bit. But the thing is we don't practice speaking in Brazil, so I only knew how to write, and a little bit of grammar.

Q. Was it hard to adjust to life in America?

A. It was. It was pretty hard because, first of all, when I came here, I didn't know anyone—no family, no relatives. When I first came here, I was really homesick.

Q. Do your parents still live in Brazil?

A. Yes. I usually go to visit them once a year for Christmas. We only see each other for about three weeks. I went

home the first summer I was here, but after a month, I got really bored, so now I stay here in the summer. It's better because I keep myself busy. I can work, take summer school, and do internships.

the language and the culture. When I was little, I used to watch American movies about California and Los Angeles and I just loved it. I love the language the way it sounds and the respect people have here for the law. Also, I love a challenge, and coming here, learning the language, was definitely a challenge and forced me to face up to some fears.

Q. Sometimes when a person builds something up too much, they are disappointed by the reality of it. Were you disappointed by what you found here as opposed to what you were expecting?

A. I wasn't exactly disappointed, but I missed my friends a lot. In Brazil, I had lots of friends and we were really close. Here, I can't really say I have a best friend.

Somehow, I feel like it was easier to find it there. Here, it's easy to have lots of friends, but everyone is so busy with schoolwork that it's hard to form really close relationships with people. At first I missed that a lot, but as I got busier myself, with school and everything, I began to not miss it as much.

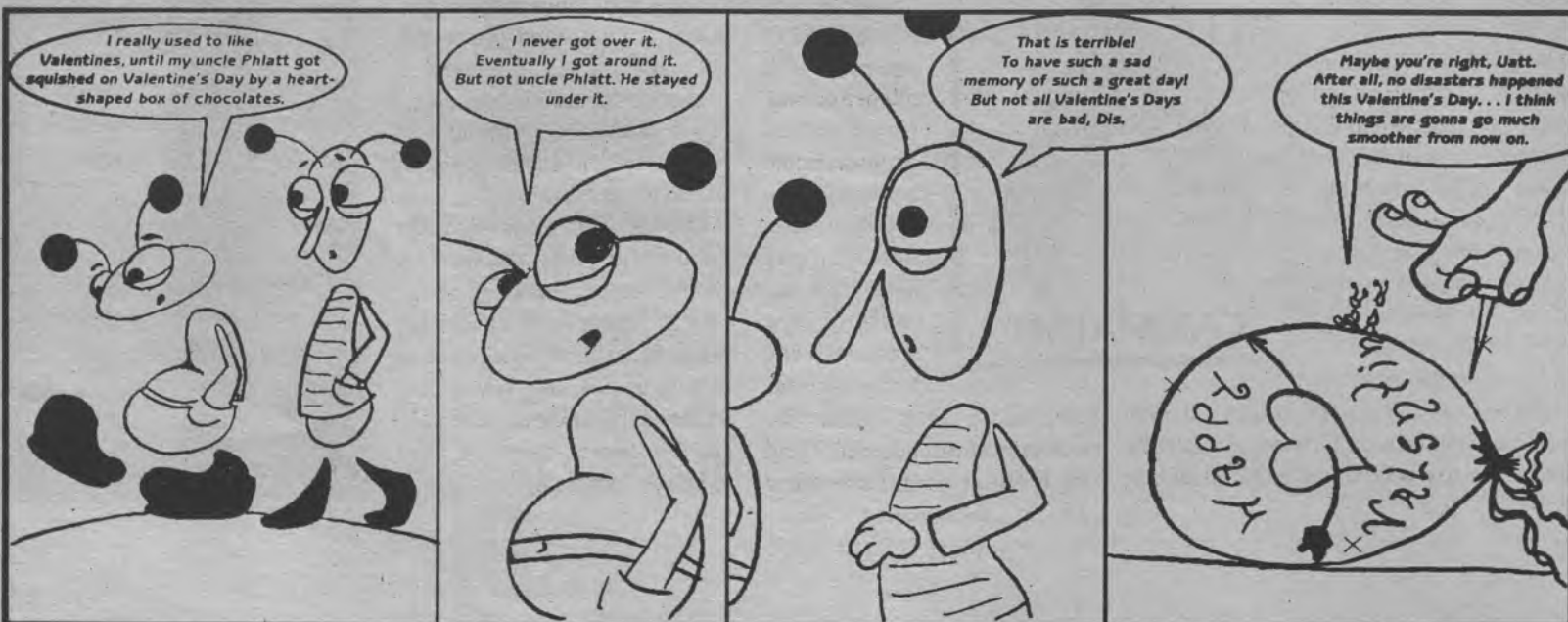
home the first summer I was here, but after a month, I got really bored, so now I stay here in the summer. It's better because I keep myself busy. I can work, take summer school, and do internships.

Q. When you graduate, are you going to stay here or go back home?

A. I think I'm going to stay here. If I can get an internship, that will probably lead to a good job. Here there are more job opportunities and the field of marketing and advertising is a lot bigger.

Q. What keeps you motivated?

A. It was my dream to come to the United States and learn



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What's it Like Living Inside that Club 4 R.E.A.L?

■ *What Angwin knows, and Towers only guesses at...*

BY MICHELLE PONGVARIN
guest writer

It's about midnight on a restless Thursday evening in Angwin Hall. After a long week of classes, all I could think about was the upcoming weekend. Unfortunately, another day of classes awaited me, and so did my homework.

"I guess it's time to finish my Chemistry homework," I think to myself. Just as I reach for my book bag, my roommate walks through the door and hollers, "Shell, Taco Bell Run!"

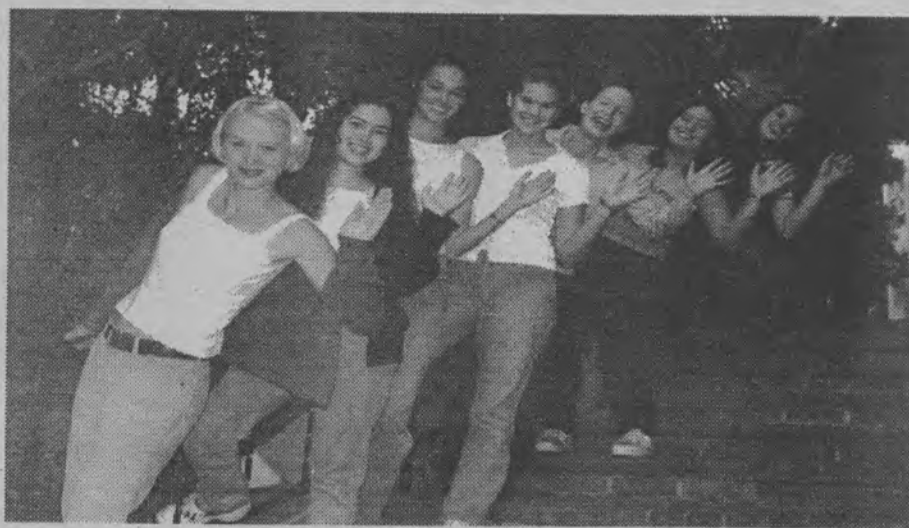
Our notorious "Taco Bell Runs" always took place when the cafeteria food just didn't smell appetizing, when we dreaded doing our homework, or when we felt like late-night munchies.

We actually devised several methods of evading our homework, such as going to Walmart late at night, or even to the dollar theater to stall for a few hours. Don't get me wrong, we surely

didn't have to leave campus to avoid our homework and have fun. We could have simply walked down the halls to visit our neighbors, or we could have gone to the ever-crowded T.V. Room to watch the latest episode of 90210 and E.R.

Although the residence halls are known for their effervescent social atmosphere, there is also an intimate aspect of Angwin Hall. It is a place for women to fellowship together. Luisa Garcia, one of this year's Residents Assistants, remembers spending a relaxing Sabbath morning by cooking breakfast in the Angwin Hall kitchen with eight other friends. Garcia is also actively involved in a praise band that Dean Curtis founded this year.

Lori Henry, another R.A., says that she has become better friends with people that she wouldn't have even known if she didn't live in the dorm. "There are so many people here that it is hard to get bored," says Henry. Living in Angwin Hall also im-



Club 4 R.E.A.L. officers: Denise Heller, Danielle Vdomrat, Juli Dunham, Karri Hill, Carrie Lewis, Jeni Lowe, Carrie Lewis, Jeni Lowe, Cara Loveless

pacted Melissa Hokama, who now lives off-campus. Hokama reports that she learned a great deal about people by living in the residence hall. "When I lived in the dorm, I felt like I was living in a small community." Hokama also misses waking up five minutes before eight o'clock and running to her first class. "Living in the dorm was also very convenient," she says.

As the Angwin Hall Club 4 R.E.A.L. name indicates, the residence hall has definitely enriched many lives on this campus. When academics and the difficulty of college life become unbearable, the residence hall becomes a haven for many women. With its rich diversity, one can find social, spiritual, and emotional comfort in Angwin Hall.



Club Residents Enriched with Angwin Life

Hope Blooms with the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days

RIVERSIDE--The American Cancer Society's DAFFODIL DAYS is here, and local volunteers are selling daffodils, the first flower of spring, to spread the hope of a world free of cancer.

The Riverside Unit of the American Cancer Society is offering presales of these bright yellow blossoms and beautiful coordinating vases and merchandise from now through February 26th, with flowers available for pick-up or delivery during the week of March 15th. Individuals may purchase flowers for themselves, family, friends, co-workers, or even anonymously for cancer patients through the "Gift of Hope." Local businesses can spread the joy of spring through their support of Daffodil Days by notifying employees about the campaign or by purchasing daffodils for their staff or clients.

A bunch of ten daffodils is \$10, or a bunch of ten daffodils in a stunning cobalt blue glass vase

is \$15. A limited supply of Daffodil t-shirts and polo shirts are available for \$15 each. Orders of ten bunches or more to one location will be delivered free of charge.

Good things come in bunches, with proceeds from the bouquets benefitting the Society's life-saving programs of public education, advocacy and free services for cancer patients and their families. Seventy-four cents of every dollar raised goes directly to cancer research, patient services, and education programs. The society is the oldest nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer for ourselves and our children.

For more information about DAFFODIL DAYS or the American Cancer Society programs and services, call the American Cancer Society, Riverside Unit at (909) 683-6415.

America is a Silent Money Machine

■ "Everything You Need to Know about Wills and Trust - In Plain English"

By HEATHER MILLER
SIFE Faculty Fellow

What kinds of tricks have the rich learned that you and I can also take advantage of to accumulate wealth?

One of the avenues many of them use is Trusts. While most people think that having a Trust is only for the aged and/or the very wealthy, nearly every adult should consider what a Trust can do for them. Anyone who is married, has children who has acquired any real property or any significant assets (such as an automobile, a home, etc.), should have a Trust. It will be essential if you want to designate to whom you'll pass your assets.

Otherwise, the fate of your estate is left to government, and that means major taxation. As Paul Damazo says, you don't have to be a millionaire to incur a hefty

estate tax when you die; you just have to be dead! In addition, it can provide an avenue for creating even more wealth.

"But wait," you say. "I'm still a college student. Why would I need to even THINK about that?" Even if you haven't yet acquired your wealth, if you ever do expect to acquire any amount of wealth in your lifetime, you should start now to educate yourself about the topic.

It will help you to have sound financial principles in mind when your ship does come in. And certainly, many of us think about our own parents, and wonder how they will be able to afford retirement, let alone amass wealth.

SIFE is co-hosting a seminar on Saturday, February 20, 1999 with Good NewsRadio (KSGN) that will feature financial planner Jerry Smith, chairman of The Covenant Group. Smith's topic

for that evening will be "Everything You Need to Know About Wills and Trusts - In Plain English." This seminar is a follow-up to the recent.

Wealth Creation and Preservation Seminar series given by Paul Damazo, but with a more practical, hands-on approach. The seminar will be Saturday, February 20 from 7-9 p.m. in the La Sierra University Church and will cost just \$5.00 per person to attend.

We invite you to come, bring your friends, bring your parents, and start to learn some of the principles that will help you provide for your future and the future of your family.

A second seminar is planned for Saturday, March 27, 1999. Jerry Smith's, chairman of The Covenant Group, topic that night will be titled "How to Begin an Investment Program With as Little as \$25 a Month."



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Focus on SALSU

What does it take to be a SALSU officer?

President

Our current president, Felipe Viemann warns that being President of SALSU is not an easy task. You will never satisfy even half of the student population. Learning how to become a part of the Administration team, while difficult, is something that can be done. It takes your energy and drains it three times faster than you can recuperate. Negative? At times, but the life lessons you learn will never be seen in any of your classes. It will make you a stronger human, student, leader, career person when you walk out of this institution. Looking to make a change and a difference? Take the challenge, SALSU is looking for a few good leaders.

Executive Vice President

OK, so you're good with people, but you don't want all the pressures that go along with the title of president. This office might be the one to run for. Executive V.P. deals with student issues and Senate.

Financial Vice President

If the thought of money turns you on, maybe you should pursue this position. The Financial Vice President has the responsibility of working out the budget. He/She needs to make sure the funds are there to finance SALSU events and programs. Sorry, you don't get to keep the cash that comes through your office.

Social Vice President

Are you a bubbly social gem? Put your people skills to work and plan next year's social events. The Social Vice President organizes all of the social functions sponsored by SALSU, from banquets to skate nights. It is a great deal of responsibility but it's a lot of fun.

Religious Vice President

Religious V.P. isn't just limited to

religion majors! This position needs someone creative and enthusiastic. Religious vice president organizes events like the student week of prayer, S.O.S., and various retreats.

CABL Director

Health nuts, here's the perfect opportunity for you to assert your ideas in La Sierra's health message. CABL director organizes campus wide events such as the blood drives and bagel breakfasts you see on campus.

Public Relations

Are computers your thing? Informing the student body about activities and events isn't the only thing you do. PR is in charge of the SALSU web page as well.

Secretary

You've got really nice handwriting...J/K. This position is perfect if you have strong organizational skills--but remember it's an appointed position.

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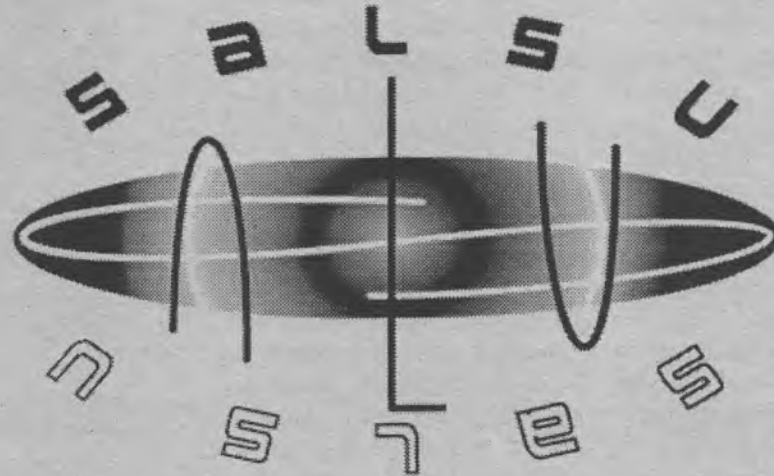
You've had the pleasure of reading this high quality publication every two weeks. It couldn't possibly get any better, but you'd like to try your hand at it just the same. The Criterion editor needs to have fine English skills, knowledge of Page Maker, layouts, and work well under pressure. He or she would also need to be able to hire page editors, help them with story ideas, and have some knowledge with payroll.

Perspectives

If creativity is your forte, then this is for you. The entire student body anticipates the release of this publication (which must be sent to press early in the year).

Senators at Large

A liaison between the students and SALSU.



CAREER NIGHT '99

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Katrin Wiese Makes a Funhouse out of Traditional Gender Roles

BY GABRIELA MARTINEZ
staff writer

The artwork of Katrin Wiese is on display through March 11 at the Roy and Frances Brandstater Gallery. Wiese's art, made up of paintings, constructions, prints and collages create a colorful carnival of toys, expression and experiences.

Wiese focuses on the experiences of women. She takes the everyday and manipulates it to create surreal, folkly artwork with an expressionist twist. Her figures are fragmented, angular and often bare the face of Wiese herself. The women featured in Wiese's artwork are long-faced and wide-eyed. Her women are knowing, experienced and aged. Laugh lines encircle their mouths and bags lie under their eyes.

Wiese's women have lives, and it is these lives which she chronicles in her artwork. Traditional women's roles are mashed up in this exhibit with the roles women ideally should have, and rarely attain.

"The Shroud of the Corporate Hermaphrodite" is a piece from a larger group of paintings focusing on a woman who's goal is to be hired for the last tenured faculty position at a Southern California University. Realizing

that the only way she will get the position is if she is a man, she disguises herself and slowly "goes insane", say her friends. She paints like crazy, illustrating visions she has of famous women artists and eventually claiming that she will be the first "female tenured Yale faculty member with a solo show at the Whitney". She is committed to a mental institution shortly afterward by her friends who ask,



"Who ever heard of a tenured female Yale faculty member with a solo show at the Whitney?"

"Playskool", a cart with pegs hammered into it allows the viewer to play with stereotypical girls' roles. Wiese has replaced the plain pegs with pegs that have doll's heads stuck on them. The little mermaid: a mute fishgirl who gives up her voice to seduce a man is accompanied by two other friends. A typical looking domestic-type doll and a punk-Barbie, completely

transformed with shorn hair, a nose ring and cigarette--Ani di Franco Barbie-- passively wait with the mermaid, smiling at us from their perches. The participant can choose whether to gaze at the piece or to pound them into the wood--two sweet girls and one deviant--all three stereotypes girls are faced with everyday. The point is, it really doesn't matter who you choose to hammer on the head, they are

becomes one of the "dreaded martyr(s) for art".

Her interactive, colorful and seemingly playful artwork begins to play with the viewer and makes one question these seemingly exaggerated roles and ask "is this really an exaggeration?"

Her artwork confronts us with the the real live inequality we see everyday. She caricatures it, makes it look ridiculous but at the same time reminds us that THIS IS REAL.

Wiese shows us the reality of our world through her seemingly unreal one. Through bright colors, beads, glass, games and innocent looking toys, she catches our attention and time and draws us into her world. In Wiese's world, waitresses become saints, Eve walks the serpent on a

leash, Manet's "Dejeuner sur l'herbe" involves naked men and clothed women instead of the other way around, and "The Devil You Know" just may turn out to be you.

Wiese's artwork is on display at the Roy and Frances Brandstater Gallery until March 11, 1999. A reception for the artist is scheduled March 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. Gallery hours are MTH 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, 2-5 p.m. For more info., contact the Brandstater Gallery at x2959.

SALSU Cabinet of '99-2000 Announced

BY BENGUERRERO
Executive Vice President

This past Thursday's assembly was dedicated to electing next year's SALSU cabinet. The elections, under the direction of Felipe Veilman, SALSU's current President, ran smoothly and finished ten minutes earlier this year. Each candidate was given two minutes in which they could share their thoughts on the positions for which they were campaigning. The current SALSU officers asked each candidate pointed questions that gave the student body a clearer idea about the goals and plans that each one had.

On Thursday afternoon the SALSU officers counted the ballots, a total of 515, in the SALSU office from 2:00 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. and the results are indicated

below:
President: Kim Odle, Vice President: Sanjo Adeoye, Religious V. P.: Somer Penington, CABL Director: James Barajas, Resource Manager: Meriam Makary, Criterion Editor: Ari Salgueiro, Perspectives Editors: Carl Jonard and Rick Marson.

There are also two positions left open. These positions are Social Vice President and the Public Relations Officer. Social Vice President would be in charge of planning social events and organizes other social functions. The Public Relations Officer would be in charge of informing the student body about activities and creating the SALSU web page.

Congratulations to the SALSU cabinet elect of the 1999-2000 school year! You are in our prayers as you prepare to serve next year's student body and make a great contribution to this campus.

Election of New Seventh-Day Adventist World Church President

Two broadcasts on Adventist Communication Network (ACN) and Adventist Global Communication Network (AGCN) will introduce the new president to the denomination during the first week of March. The regular "First Wednesday" program for March will be uplinked live from the World Church Headquarters Auditorium on March 3 at 7:30 p.m. (Eastern). A special live worship uplink on Friday evening, March 5, at 7 p.m. (Eastern) will feature a devotional message by the new president.

"First Wednesday" is a regular monthly feature of the ACN satellite service, sharing news and information about the world church. A portion of the March 3 program will provide an interview with the new president. The program also will present live interviews with world church

leaders, focusing on the mission of the church internationally.

The Friday night satellite uplink will feature a special commissioning service for the new president and his sermon. This uplink will be broadcast again on Saturday morning, March 6, at 11 a.m. (Eastern) as the "Adventist Worship Hour" program that day on ACN.

The Committee also will consider other matters during the first week of March, including the formation of a new union in the Africa-Indian Ocean Division; presentation of the Hope 2000 resource for the church in connection with the beginning of a new millennium; new initiatives for Global Mission; and other routine business. This special meeting will replace the Spring Meeting of the Executive Committee that had been scheduled for late March and early April of this year.

Criterion Criterion

Shake It Off and Step Up Do Ants Matter to Him?

BY PAMELA GALLINO
guest writer

A parable is told of a farmer who owned an old mule. The mule fell into the farmer's well. The farmer heard the mule 'braying' - or - whatever mules do when they fall into wells. After carefully assessing the situation, the farmer sympathized with the mule, but decided that neither the mule nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he called his neighbors together and told them what had happened... and enlisted them to help haul dirt to bury the old mule in the well and put him out of his misery.

Initially, the old mule was hysterical! But as the farmer and his neighbors continued shovelling and the dirt hit his back... a thought struck him. It suddenly dawned on him that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on his back... HE SHOULD SHAKE IT OFF AND STEP UP! This he did, blow after blow.

"Shake it off and step up... shake it off and step up... shake it off and step up!" he repeated to encourage himself. No matter how painful the blows, or distressing the situation seemed the old mule fought "panic" and just kept right on SHAKING IT OFF AND STEPPING UP!

You're right! It wasn't long before the old mule, battered and exhausted, STEPPED TRIUMPHANTLY OVER THE WALL OF THAT WELL! What seemed like it would bury him, actually blessed him... all because of the manner in which he handled his adversity.

Remember that FORGIVE-

NESS—FAITH—PRAYER—PRAISE and HOPE... all are excellent ways to "SHAKE IT OFF AND STEP UP" out of the wells in which we find ourselves!

What did you get from this story? I got a couple things .

1) The first being, that the farmer should decide that the mule was not worth saving. Sure, the mule was old but to think that the farmer could just throw him on the scrap heap like that. How often do we throw people away..... thinking they are 'old', 'past it' and 'good for nothing'? What gives us the right to think that we are better than the next person? Jesus came to save me and no-one else. Did He? No - He came to save EVERYONE.

2) And the second would be the fact that even a mule has a mind of his own... to shake it off and step up. It goes to show that the mule had more sense than the farmer. He wasn't about to give up. No matter his circumstance, he had a life worth living.

When you are faced with difficult situations and it seems that those around you are only hurting you even more, remember this story. SHAKE IT OFF AND STEP UP. Show those around you that you are strong, by the Grace of God. It won't be easy, but as the poem above says, 'For God is our encouragement'.

Just stop and think for a moment, of a person who may need your encouragement and support. Maybe they are struggling to get out of their well, trying to do better but getting nowhere because others keep throwing them back. When you have thought of someone... don't keep thinking, but do something about it.

SUBMITTED BY MARANTHA NOPHSKER
guest writer

Brenda was a young woman that wanted to learn to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death she went with a group and they faced this tremendous cliff of rock...practically perpendicular. In spite of her fear, she put on the gear and she took a hold of the rope and she started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, whoever was holding the rope up at the top of the cliff made a mistake and snapped the rope against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens.

You know how tiny contact lenses are and how almost impossible to find. Well, here she is on a rock ledge, with who knows how many hundreds of feet behind and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked, hoping that she would be able to find that contact lens. Here she was, very far from home. Her sight was now blurry. She was very upset by the fact that she wouldn't be anywhere near a place where she could get a new contact lens. And she prayed that the Lord would help her to find it.

Well, her last hope was that perhaps when she got to the top of the cliff one of the girls that was up there on the top might be able to find her contact lens in the corner of her eye. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye. There was no contact lens to be found. She sat down with the rest of the party, waiting

for the rest of them to come up the face of the cliff.

She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every single stone and leaf that's on those mountains and You know exactly where my contact lens is."

Finally, the time came to go down. They walked down the trail to the bottom. Just as they got there, there was a new party of rock climbers coming along. As one of them started up the face of the cliff, she shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?" Well, that would be startling enough, wouldn't it?

She had found the contact lens! But you know why she saw it? An ant was carrying that contact lens so that it was moving slowly

across the face of the rock. What does that tell you about the God of the universe? Is He in charge of the tiniest things? Do ants matter to Him? Of course they do. He made them. He designed them.

Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him this incredible story, he drew a picture of that ant lugging that contact lens (as you see in the comics with a balloon with words in it over his head) with the words: "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You." If God is in charge of the ants, don't you think He cares about you and me?"

A Note of Wisdom

Remember to take time to care for those you love.

Call Upon My Name

BY ANONYMOUS

The boy walked along the ocean shore... trying not to stray. He looked up to his Father, saying "Dad, I want to play." His Father looked towards him, love showing in his eyes. "Do what you want, my son... but do not leave my side." "I would never leave you daddy, I love you far too much. But the boy took one step, away from his father's touch.

Walking through the surf, the waves tickled his toe. "If I take one more step..." he thought "Father will never know." His father then called out to him, "Son, remain true." But the boy thought with delight... "Hey, I don't need you." Despite the feeling of sadness, his Father held his tongue. Sometimes lessons need to be learned... even when so young.

The boy stepped out a little further... the water covered his waist. His Father spoke with urgency... and called to him with haste. "My Son come back to me," he said, "The day is almost done." "Not yet, Dad," the boy replied, "I'm having too much fun!" But the Boy did not have his father's sight... he could not yet tell... The Tide was coming in fast... There would be no time to yell.

"Father!" he tried to scream, as the water covered his head. "I need you now daddy!" was what the boy said. And in a single instant his father was by his side. "I thought you left me daddy... I thought you went to hide." The Father looked down at his son... a tear streaming down his cheek. The Boy looked up at his father, while the tears fell to his feet.

"I could never leave you son... my love will never change." "I was only waiting for you, to call upon my name."

LET GO! Learning to Trust God at ALL Times

SUBMITTED BY NATAN VIGNA
Opinion Editor

A man named Jack was walking along a steep cliff one day when he accidentally got too close to the edge and fell. On the way down he grabbed a branch, which temporarily stopped his fall. He looked down and to his horror saw that the canyon fell straight down for more than a thousand feet. He couldn't hang onto the branch forever, and there was no way for him to climb up the steep wall of the cliff. So Jack began yelling for help, hoping that someone passing by would hear him and lower a rope or something.

"HELP! HELP! Is anyone up there? HELP!"

He yelled for hours, but no one heard him. He was about to give up when he heard a voice.

"Jack, Jack. Can you hear me?"

"Yes, yes! I can hear you. I'm down here!"

"I can see you, Jack. Are you all right?"

"Yes, but . . . Who are you, and where are you?"

"I am the Lord, Jack. I'm everywhere."

"The Lord? You mean, GOD?"

"That's Me."

"God, please help me! I promise if You'll get me down from here, I'll stop sinning. I'll be a really good person. I'll serve You for the rest of my life."

"Easy on the promises, Jack. Let's just get you down from there; then we can talk. Now, here's what I want you to do. Listen carefully."

"I'll do anything, Lord. Just tell me what to do."

"Okay. Let go of the branch."

"WHAT?"

"I said, let go of the branch... Just trust Me. Let go."

There was a long silence. Finally Jack yelled,

"HELP! HELP! IS ANYONE ELSE UP THERE?"

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hey - I'm talking to you. That story was meant for YOU. It was, wasn't it? For you I mean. Maybe it was, maybe it wasn't... but I think we can all learn something from it. Think about it. What is this story saying to YOU? Not to the next person - but to YOU.

Have you ever felt like Jack? We say that we want to know the will of God, but when we find out what it is, we can't handle it. It sounds too scary, too difficult. We decide to look elsewhere. When God says, "Let go of the things that stand between you and Me, and trust Me with your life," it sounds pretty scary. But when we let go, we find freedom and safety in His hands."

Is it your job? Your girlfriend or boyfriend? Your parents? The night-clubs? The parties? The 'I'll do it MY way attitude'? The

nice car? The BIG house? The money? The drugs? The alcohol?

THAT IS KEEPING YOU AWAY FROM GOD?

What is it? Take a look - a long hard look, until you find out. Maybe you know exactly what it is. The question is, "What are you going to do about it?" Right now, make a promise to yourself, to God - asking him to help you to become even better acquainted with Him.



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The young star of *Children of Heaven* in a scene from the film. The movie can be seen at the Edwards Theater across from South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa.

WILLIE'S THUMB OSCAR SPECIAL



Vote for your Best Picture pick through e-mail!

Guest Review: *Children of Heaven*

BY FADINAHAB
staff writer

Children of Heaven, nominated for an Oscar in the foreign film category, tells the story of a young boy and his sister and the events surrounding their poverty. The story takes place in Tehran, Iran and focuses on the simple things in our lives that mean so much to the poor. The little boy, Ali, loses his sister's recently repaired shoes and convinces his sister not to tell their dad. Together the two have a plan: Ali's sister, Zahra, will wear Ali's sneakers to school. As soon as school gets out each day, Zahra runs home and gives Ali his shoes back so he can run to school.

The storyline contains several paradoxes: When Ali and his dad visit the rich section of Tehran

Ali befriends the son of a wealthy family. While this rich kid has all the toys, he has nobody to play them with. Ali, on the other hand, has kids constantly asking him to play but he cannot because he has to work and help his mother.

In another paradox, Ali participates in a children's citywide race where he wants to win the third-place prize of sneakers to give to his sister. To his dismay, Ali comes in first.

The movie contains many simple but profound themes that leave you aware of the simple things in life (i.e. shoes, pencils, etc).

There are a couple important things to know about the movie: the characters speak in Farsi and the film contains English subtitles. It is the first Iranian film ever to be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Film.

BY WILLIEPRICE
staff writer

Again as the sun begins to shine and the hormones begin to race, it is time for the Oscars. Spring is in the air. I don't know if you can feel it, but I have been lately. This year there is a great line up of movies for the Oscars. All five nominations for Best Movie are great films. Here is the line up:

- Saving Private Ryan*
- The Thin Red Line*
- Life Is Beautiful*
- Shakespeare In Love*
- Elizabeth*



My prediction is that *Saving Private Ryan* will take the cake this year. Spielberg directed it, Tom Hanks is in it, and it gives us a sense of purpose for this infinitely ugly thing we call war, but it doesn't glamorize it. On the contrary, *Ryan* does one of the most remarkable jobs I have ever seen at portaying the horrific reality of war. Its unrelenting graphic look at the war will leave you speechless at the terrors and

tragedies of battle. It will also leave you dumbfounded at how such a realistic movie could be made. Spielberg uses all kinds of techniques that leave us with no doubt that he is a virtuoso movie craftsman.

The Thin Red Line, in my opinion, is a much better movie, artistically. However, while focusing in on the plethora of individual psyches and how they are affected by war, it drags a little and lacks purpose. The characters make up for this though, with their hypnotic performances.

Life is Beautiful would be my pick. It portrays Italy during World War II when the Nazi Regime takes over and makes life a nightmare for a tightly knit Jewish family. This excellent film uniquely weaves together the elements of romantic comedy and sullen hopeless tragedy with artful taste and brilliance. It does this all without having the nihilistic, existential feel of a tragicomedy.

Shakespeare In Love may be a surprise though. This

ingenious look at the life of William Shakespeare will no doubt be on the movie list of Shakespeare classes all over the country next year. If you get all the allusions in this eloquently romantic and tragic film, you will be doing better than I. But the film has a mesmerizing effect that will certainly weigh heavily on the judges this year.

Elizabeth should by no means be overlooked. For cinematography and editing, this film will surely no soon be forgotten even if it walks away empty-handed. It has a much more dramatic feel to it than *Shakespeare In Love*. You can feel the doom rumbling in the distance the whole way through. It will definitely provide insights into English history as well as the history of religion.

All that said, I want to hear your input. **Right here at La Sierra we will be having our own Oscars. E-mail me at willpric@lasierra.edu to cast your vote for Best Movie. I'll announce the winner next issue.**

Othello-Shakespeare's Tragedy comes to LSU



The English Department presents its latest play, beginning March 4 at 7p.m. in Matheson Chapel

BY ANDREA GELI
Entertainment Editor

He wasn't planning to audition, he just thought he'd stop by and perhaps tease those who were trying out. But somehow Jonathan Wilson wound up reading for scenes and eventually landing the largest role in William Shakespeare's *Othello*, that of the villain, Iago.

Now Wilson is unsure of how the hours of rehearsing the role will affect him. "I hope I don't become a murdering psychopath," he jokes.

Wilson plays the nemesis of the show's title character, Othello, played by another newcomer, Donovan Childs. It was

Donavan's friend, Doug Brown, that encouraged him to go out for what is considered one of the toughest parts Shakespeare ever wrote.

In contrast to her two leading men, Liesa Hequibal, who plays Desdemona, is a veteran of previous LSU productions, *Tartuffe* and *As You Like It*.

However, both those shows were comedies, while *Othello* is one of Shakespeare's most emotional tragedies.

If, as a currently popular movie suggests, Shakespeare was motivated by his first true love when he wrote *Romeo and Juliet*, we can only imagine what he was

going through when he wrote this play.

Renard Doneskey, the show's advisor, points out how modern *Othello's* themes are. "It's because many of the issues are timeless: jealousy, betrayal, gender mistrust, racism, militarism, and domestic violence."

He also notes, "Iago is bad from the beginning; what makes the play gripping is watching the character of Othello in his downward spiral."

Othello's story, and his relationship with Desdemona, his wife, would seem to be a classic study in what *not* to do in a relationship. Though the noble general deeply loves her, he is too easily distrustful of her, and this eventually has terribly destructive consequences.

Brooke Hess, the show's costume designer, was in charge of creating the play's famous handkerchief, which is at the center of Iago's evil plot.

She also hunted thrift stores and costume shops to find clothing to help evoke the 1940's setting of the play.

Many members of the cast have been in other LSU drama presentations.

These include Carl Jonard as Cassio, Kristy Marson as Bianca, Ari Salgueiro as Brabantio and Lodovico, and Michelle Pongvarin as Emilia (under-

study).

Others are debuting on the LSU acting stage: Ramon "Roach" Romero as Roderigo, Denise Heller as Desdemona (understudy), Juli Jutzy as Emilia, and Felipe Viemann as Montano.

The role of the Duke is played by Jan Holden, an LSU alumnus who also worked as assistant director.

Patti Poblete stage managed the production, while Somer Penington choreographed the swing dance scene, which will include other LSU students participating as extras for that one part.

All performances will take place in Matheson Chapel.

The show is scheduled to be

performed on March 4, at 7p.m., March 5 at 1:30 p.m., March 6 at 7p.m. and March 7 at 5p.m.

For reservations and information, call (909) 785-2241.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the English and Communication Office in South Hall during office hours or at the door of Matheson starting an hour before show time.

The cost is \$5.00 for general admission, \$2.50 for LSU students with ID, while academy students with identification pay \$1.00.

The show has festival seating only, so audience members who want a good seat for performances should arrive at the play early.

No saving of seats is allowed.



Ramon "Roach" Romero plays Roderigo

ROVING REPORTER:

What is the One thing you would change about the opposite sex?



"Their jealousy"
Deysc Bravo,
Freshman: English
Major



"Their brains"
Luis Grados Jr.,
Sophomore: Phys.Ed.



"I'd make them more attentive"
Kristie Seheult, Sophomore:
English



"The obsession about themselves"
Jennifer Johns,
Senior: Phyc/
Business



"I wouldn't change a thing --they're perfect!"
Mark Harris, Senior: Bio/
Chemistry

Give Your Commitment to Life

BY JENNIFER RENAUD
staff writer

"Suicide leaves behind a legacy of..." speak now and finish this quote, because you have been touched by the legacy of suicide. You may not have expressed such agonizing confusion, before the ninth of February, as you now know. We have all received the message that one among us couldn't go on, but it is the "because" that we will never know. There is no time left to fill in the blank, to ask the question, to reach out and grab the hand that may or may not have been extended to us.

I hate unfinished conversations, and to me even sadder is the unfinished life. But for you and I... we have life. Let me say that again... please read it out loud now. WE HAVE LIFE! Say it again. Say it over and over and over again. Stick your head out of the window as you drive anonymously down the freeway and yell it into the wind, loud and hard until your throat burns. Run naked in a field and scream it up through the darkness, until the moon blinks and the coyotes howl back at you.

That's right, find life and claim it with all the passion in your soul.

Or if you feel passionless right now, then imagine what life would feel like if it was on fire, and just act on a belief, that you have of that life-fire. Do whatever you must to stay alive, because you have known the legacy of being robbed of life.

La Sierra University invested in the legacy of life by launching a healing and intervention campaign that was immediate and thorough. They did not try to cover or deny the wound that was inflicted upon all of us by suicide, they spoke it aloud. Dr. Jorgensen, president of Student Life said, "We deliberately used the word suicide so that healing could begin."

We were met in our sadness, anger and guilt, by faculty advisers, at the dorms that same night, by crisis teams on campus throughout the week, and we're still being given debriefings on the mourning process. The Counseling Center has educated us about signs that can mean people (our friends and fellow students) may be "at risk" for suicide. They've also provided guidance to all of us wanting to talk. There was an intervention held in chapel by Dr. Shari Skidmore, and we were given tools to begin the process of closure. This tragedy

has been addressed by our school. Now we must address it... within ourselves.

Suha Huffaker, MFCC, of LSU's Counseling Center, says the worst thing that could happen is "... for it to be forgotten and ignored. Secrets support denial, increase shame and isolation, and then the benefit of knowing the options will be lost." So speak. You are part of the legacy of suicide, and you are not alone. Huffaker advises that "healing occurs better in the open because you can band together and heal together." Let us move closer to each other. Let us become a tight circle, banded together, in a COMMITMENT TO LIFE.

Life shall be our goal. Let us be known, not by this suicide, but by the great pulse of life that it started in us, in our community of friendship, and on our university campus. We remembered him on campus, in a memorial service a week after his death. Let that not be the only memorial that we build. Stand up and live La Sierra University, as a memorial to Jeremy Brodeur, claim this day of life and vow never to give up on any life fire we can fan or spark in ourselves and in each other.

School + Lack of Free Time = No Hobbies

How can your responsibilities at school affect your free time?

BY EVA ERHARD
staff writer

My favorite kind of people are those who, with expressions of distress and postures of defeat, raise their hands to the sky and cry out, "I am just so bored!" More and more frequently I come upon those who have time in their hands but no direction on how to use it. Out of laziness or lack of creativity (or perhaps a combination of the two) stems this feeling of exasperatingly empty time we label as boredom. Does this mean that those who call themselves bored indirectly tag themselves as sloth-like in the same breath? That may be a bit harsh, but I have yet to find a better skulker than one who is just so bored. This is not to say that skulkers don't have a kind of charm, but I must make a suggestion to those who are so lucky as to be oppressed by the weight of idle time: when you find that you are dissatisfied with the occupation of your time, take up a hobby.

I say the word "hobby" and tasks such as model car assemblage, coin, stamp, and insect collecting, and bird-watching most likely come to mind, but this is a mistake in the conditioned definition of the

word. A hobby is merely a pastime. It need not be something as formal or noble as the hobbies aforementioned. Hobbies are activities that, aside from expelling tedium from people's lives, have some notable side effects. First, hobbies provide a kind of escape from the rigors of required duties while still allowing the individual to be produc-



ive. Though pastimes such as reading, writing, music, sports, building, and collecting do not directly influence the goal of a good grade, which is the preoccupation of most college students, those who do these things undoubtedly reap benefits. Sec-

ond, hobbies give a person the chance to devote themselves to something he or she enjoys. Everyone has things they like doing, and often times it is laziness or the supposed lack of time that they allow to stand between them and those activities. Though hobbies are not serious, life-changing endeavors, they still offer individuals the chance to commit to something they take pleasure in without constant thought of success or failure. Perhaps it is the light-hearted nature of hobbies that makes them so important.

There is no excuse for boredom. For one to claim he or she feels bored is the same as that person asserting that he or she lacks a source of entertainment within his or her self. And that is a lie. As long as a people have some degree of imagination, they have the ability to amuse themselves no matter where they are or what tangible toys are at their access. Surely there are enough ways to fill time that everyone should never encounter a moment of ennui. If one finds themselves bored and without motivation to find an activity to pass the time, I suggest the easiest and most accessible hobby of all: thinking.

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Dear Double Talk:



"THIS IS MY FIRST QUARTER HERE AT LSU AND I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY. THE QUARTER IS ALMOST OVER AND I STILL HAVEN'T REALLY MADE ANY FRIENDS. I'M VERY LONELY AND AKWARD HERE. IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE ALREADY HAS THEIR OWN GROUP OF FRIENDS. I AM FAIRLY SHY WHEN IT COMES TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE. GOT ANY SUGGESTIONS? THANKS."



Dear Lonely,

Ooh, I understand how you feel. I've been accused of being anti-social myself. I've got these ideas that my classes and my job are more important than going to parties. Crazy, I know. For several weeks I battered at despondency as I saw my high school friends less and less (but I love you guys anyway).

Of course, talking to my classmates and co-workers didn't cross my mind. But these LSU people turned out to be pretty friendly. I couldn't walk a few steps without getting a nod and a smile from someone who I sat across from in class. People from my CORE class always said 'Hi' if they ran into me. And the guys at my office always insisted on asking how my day was going.

When it comes right down to it, it's easy to make friends. Just smile when you see a familiar face, and ask how that person's doing. Grumble to the person next to you about the teacher when a ten-page paper is announced. And feel free to make jokes about the food as you wander through the cafeteria at breakfast.

Just get someone's attention. Stand right in front of them, grin, and try to start a conversation. Cliques are overrated - they're not nearly as prevalent as people think they are.

And if you do run into a glass wall, look around. There are a lot of people just as lonely as you are.

Voleuse

Send your questions to chrilaw@lasierra.edu

VERY LONELY

Dear Very Lonely,

I feel your pain, buddy. In fact, this is only my second quarter here and let me tell you, it isn't easy to slip right in with the LSU herd because 60% of La Sierra's student body commutes.

That means that right around 8:00am, nearly 1000 students thunder onto campus, sleep through their classes, graze on cafe food, and thunder away again around 4:00pm. Personally, I think the National Geographic Society could air a PBS special on the migratory patterns here at LSU. This strange yet beautiful ritual of the 60% unfortunately leaves a meager 800 students on campus on a consistent basis.

So, what can you do to meet them? My personal strategy was to lurk in the bushes late at night where I would set rabbit snares in hopes of forcing a conversation. Sadly, the best fruits of my labor were some remarkably one-sided debates concerning cruelty to animals with a few irate bunnies. My strategy didn't work, but your pitiful "I'm lonely" Double Talk sob story isn't going to either. So, we're both going to have to swallow our shyness and talk to people. It will be scary at first, but remember, they're more afraid of you than you are of them.

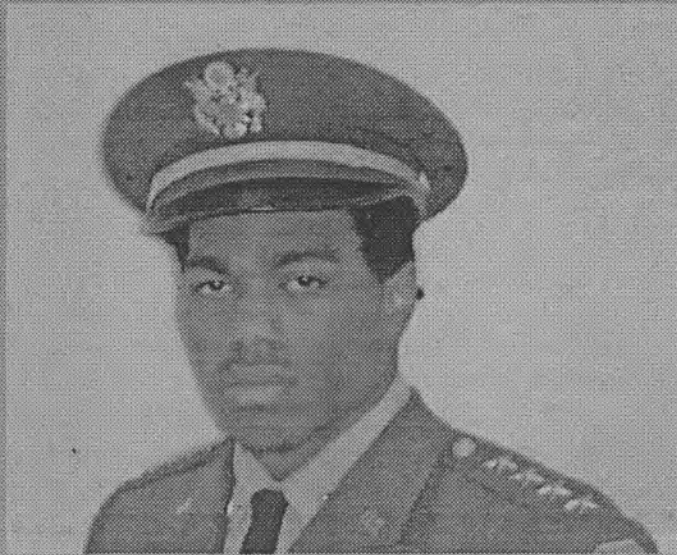
Believe me, I've tried saying "Hi" a couple of times and I could have gotten the same reaction by pulling a loaded .45. However, if you've already tried this stuff, I know of a great little college on a mountain...

Loki

Othello Breaks a Door oops, I meant a leg...

Name: Donovan Childs
Age: 18
Major: Communications
Year: Freshman
Hometown: Antioch, CA
Claim to Fame: Plays Othello in the LSU production, coming in March...

BY LENA ABELLA
staff writer



Q. When did you first get into acting?

A. In high school. I used to do chapel skits for people's birthdays everyday.

Q. Why do you like acting?

A. Because it's fun. You get to be someone you're not.

Q. How did you find out about Othello?

A. I was talking to someone about trying to get into Pieces of 8, the drama group on campus, but he didn't know when I could get in. He told me that if I wanted to do something right away, I could try out for Othello, the play they were putting on Winter quarter. He said, "Just go down there and do a reading for the director." So I did.

Q. What made you want to be in it?

A. Well, I just wanted to do some type of acting, and they were talking about Othello, and I thought, "Oh, that's pretty cool."

Q. What's it like working with the director and the ensemble cast?

A. The director is really cool. She has a lot of new ideas on how to do the play. She's the one who came up with the idea of putting it in the 1940s instead of back when it was supposed to be. The cast is cool, too. Most of the time, we kid around when we're not up onstage. There were a couple of times when

people got kind of frustrated, but not too often.

Q. Do have any memorable moments from practice?

A. In one of the very early practices, there was this one part where I was supposed to shove Iago into the wall. The director was telling me "Go ahead and shove him push him hard. The door will stay closed because it's locked." So the first time I do it, I shove him, and the door breaks open and he flies right through the door. I'm like, "Oh man! You said that wouldn't happen!" After that, we couldn't do the scene for like five minutes because every time we got to that point, we'd start laughing all over again.



GENERIC BUGS
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How Often Do You Frequent Starbucks or Espresso 2 a Tea?

■ *An Inside Look at the Coffee Culture You May Already Be a Part of...*

BY JULIAN MIRANDA
guest writer



Coffee Drinkers Rejoice! Fellow coffee drinkers, do not fear. After all the negative publicity we've experienced, we now have a little more to be proud of concerning the coffee front. Brace yourselves now: Coffee has its own culture!

Members of this social group come from a plethora of categories. They are blue-collar workers, white-collar workers, students, retirees, artists, musicians, construction workers, computer experts, etc.

It's 10:00 p.m. After a long day of school, Cara Loveless and Jenny Shipley are finally released from Opera scenes, where they have each been learning a part in Mozart's *Così fan tutte*. Loveless has been employed during her off-school times at Espresso 2 a Tea, a small coffee franchise with two locations in Palm Springs, California. Shipley has had the experience of working at Starbucks Coffee.

Both Cara Loveless and Shipley are "baristas"—those lovely people that prepare the most exquisite coffee drinks: in effect, coffee bartenders. Making their way home, they share their insights on coffee culture. Coffee culture can be separated into categories. "There's the morning, afternoon, and evening crowds," says Shipley.

The morning crowd usually consists of those people that are in a rush on their way to work, expecting to have their "usual" coffee drink already under way as they enter the establishment. A barista is usually very careful with the morning crowd, for he/she prefers not to face the wrath of a disgruntled morning crowd. In the late morning come a few stragglers here and there, and a few of the morning crowd will come back for a pit stop. Later, the afternooners arrive, grabbing a leisurely cup of coffee or other favorite drink.

According to Shipley, these people "are the retirees as well as the people that get off early." They sit in their favorite location, perhaps quietly reading a book or playing a game of chess, often just plain conversing.

After the supper hour, during the mid-to-late evening, the evening coffee culturites emerge. These individuals are out on dates with their significant others, meeting friends to discuss their day, coming to hear live music at their favorite coffee establishment, or just getting out of the house for the sake of getting out.

As with any culture, the introduction of new members does not come without a price. Surprisingly, it is not the new coffee establishment patrons, but the new coffee establishment employees that are given a "trial-by fire." As Loveless puts it, "it doesn't matter if your boss sees you doing a good job. What's important is whether the customer approves of you or not... They're very territorial."

Indeed, coffee culturites are very picky about their baristas. Some will even ask for a specific barista by name." You must prove yourself," agrees Shipley.

In a sense, coffee culturites view their coffee establishments as sacred. People can come to any coffee establishment and leave the pressures of home and work. Shipley expresses that "Starbucks trains its employees to project that Starbucks is 'the third place.'" Whether at Starbucks or Espresso 2 a Tea, each shares different aspects of the coffee culture.

With the overabundance of coffee establishments across the continent, each employs its own scheme providing an atmosphere worthy of coffee culture. Starbucks employs a commercial strategy, each of its franchises having the same atmosphere. "The point is to show consistency. Each Starbucks has to have the same décor..."

A person going to Starbucks in Seattle should feel right at home going to Starbucks in Boston," states Shipley. "We even play only Starbucks corporately approved music." Other coffee establishments apply a different approach, like Espresso 2 a Tea. "We changed our artwork every week," explains Loveless. "The décor was artsy and modern... We usually geared our music to

the crowd." Refreshingly different from the commercial motif, Espresso 2 a Tea definitely offers a coffee culturite's dream.

Common among all cultures, a sense of camaraderie exists between members. Coffee brings people from different cultures together as they socialize with each other as coffee culturites. The clientele is "very diverse," says Loveless. "It was really neat to see people from all different kinds of backgrounds intermingle with each other... When I would go on my break, I could walk up to anyone and be welcomed into the conversation taking place."

Summing up the essence of coffee culture, the vote is unanimous. "It's definitely a common ground," states Shipley. Nodding in agreement, Loveless adds her final words, like the La Sierra University slogan: "through diversity, unity." It's 10:45 p.m. Sounds like a good time for coffee.



SIFE Begins Welfare-to-Work Project

■ *Donate your time to aid in the child care arena*

BY HEATHER MILLER
SIFE faculty

Fellow Business economics and child care are two parts of a unique project LSU SIFE is currently involved in with Family Services of Western Riverside County.

In an unusual partnership between SIFE and Family Services, the "Child care Capacity Building" project takes the need for increased child care capacity in Riverside County and links it to the need to help current welfare recipients become gainfully employed. The project is developed as a part of the Riverside County Office of Education's recent grant award of some \$900,000 to increase child care capacity in Riverside County.

The SIFE and Family Services partnership specifically focuses on the welfare-to-work aspect. Over the next 18 months this unique project will provide four groups of participants a two-part course taking three months each in (a) learning to be a child

care provider, and (b) running a successful home-based business. During the three-month sessions, LSU SIFE will cover several key components for successful business operations.

These will include accounting, advertising, writing a business plan, networking and support, and improving business communication. Since the project is funded through the Riverside County Office of Education's grant, SIFE will be able to bring in experts to offer the best and

most up-to-date information on the home-based business front. In addition, SIFE will be looking for LSU students to help coordinate the project.

For more information, please call x2255, or e-mail Geovanny Vielmann at <geovviel@lasierra.edu> or Heather Miller at <hmiller@lasierra.edu>.

This is an opportunity to really make a difference for the hundreds of children who will benefit down the road.



LSU Reaches Out

BY CONNIE GALAMBOS
staff writer

A small band of La Sierra University students rolled out of bed early—not for breakfast, or a good workout, but to help others in need last month. Twenty participants divided into three student organized community service projects: a beach cleanup and barbecue at Balsa Chica Preserve, a donation drive for the local battered women's shelter, and a letter-writing campaign for prisoners of conscience. The activities began at nine a.m. sharp, and for some extended into an all-day project.

The beach cleanup began when a park naturalist gave a tour of the beach, followed by intense weeding and garbage plucking. The commute was about an hour each way, but Earth Awareness club president Wendy Walters claimed, "Our timing was perfect! The rain didn't catch us until it was time to go home already."

SAGE and Social Work Clubs, drove around Sierra Vista to pick up donations from local homes. "I can't believe the amount of quality gifts we

collected," commented SALSU Vice-President Ben Guerrero. Soon the assigned storage closet overflowed with Hefty bags full of clothes, toys, books, and household goods. Donations are still flowing in, including bushels of candy, and brand-new stuffed animals.

In the Stahl Center, Amnesty International volunteers handwrote numerous letters to send world-wide. Although handwritten letters take longer than form letter signing, governmental officials "definitely take them more seriously," said AILSU president Emelly Ross.

These activities were planned by a new LSU organization, The Community Service Learning Student Committee. Current members include Julene Duerkeson, Avimaria Davis, Kim Odle, Kristie Seheult, Gabriela Martinez, Wendy Walters, Emelly Ross, Connie Galambos. And membership is constantly growing! "Soon we hope to include representatives from more campus clubs, to represent the greatest amount of LSU student interests," explained Julene Duerkeson. "We learned so much from this experience."

Focus on Counseling Submitted by David Dudley

Handling Depression

The most common type of depression is what is referred to as "feeling blue" or "being in a bad mood." These feelings are usually brief in duration and have minimal or slight effect on normal, everyday activities. However, being depressed for a short time is not the same as chronic depression that lasts for weeks or months: no matter how hard a person tries to talk him/herself into feeling better, it just doesn't work. It is in cases such as these that the objective eye of a good friend can be the saving grace.

Depression (chronic) is not an indication of a personal weakness or character flaw. It is a physical disability just like ulcers, heart disease, or broken bones, all of which require professional intervention: About 1

in 12 people will experience depression sometime in their life. When treated effectively, almost everyone can be helped. They can feel good again and live normal lives.

When these symptoms persist and become intense, feelings of hopelessness and sometimes suicide can set in. Ask your friend what is wrong and show by your patience that you won't be brushed off with a curt "Nothing, I'm fine." If you have any fears regarding suicidal inclinations, you should promptly alert a residence hall dean, a counselor, or other trained professional. Urge your friend to seek professional help and even offer to go with them. The cardinal rule is to take your fears and intuitions seriously and ACT on behalf of your friend.

Know the Symptoms of Depression

If you notice a friend with any of these symptoms persisting longer than two weeks, be aware that they may need your help. Contact the Counseling Center for assistance:

Do they express feelings of:

- Sadness or "emptiness"?
- Hopelessness, pessimism or guilt?
- Helplessness or worthlessness?

Do they seem:

- Unable to make decisions?
- Unable to concentrate or remember?
- To have lost interest or pleasure in ordinary activities - like sports or talking on the phone?
- To have more problems with school and family?

Do they complain of:

- Loss of energy and drive - seem "slowed" down?
- Trouble falling asleep, staying asleep, or getting up?
- Appetite problems - losing or gaining weight?
- Headaches, stomach aches or backaches?

Has their behavior changed suddenly that:

- They are restless or more irritable?
- They want to be alone most of the time? They have started cutting classes or dropped hobbies and activities?
- You think they may be drinking heavily or taking drugs?

Have they talked about:

- Death?
- Suicide - or have they attempted suicide?

Experiencing Post Traumatic Stress

When a traumatic event happens - like the suicide of a friend or classmate - people often go through days or weeks of experiencing different or stronger feelings than usual. These changes are normal - even if they seem unusual to the person. They may include some or all of the following:

A) Re-experiencing the relationship with the person.

- 1) In thoughts and mental pictures.
- 2) In dreams about the person
- 3) Feeling upset when being around things or experiences that remind us of the person.
- 4) Actually becoming physically distressed - like having a faster heart rate when being around things that remind us of the person.

B) Avoiding things and experiences that remind us of the person.

- 1) Avoiding thoughts of feelings about the person.
- 2) Avoiding talking about the person.
- 3) Avoiding activities, places or persons connected with the person.
- 4) Not able to recall or remember the relationship you had with the person.
- 5) Loss of interest in your own significant life activities.
- 6) Feeling detached or estranged from other people.
- 7) Experiencing your feelings "shutting down."
- 8) Feeling like your own future is threatened.

C) Symptoms of increased arousal:

- 1) Problems falling or staying asleep.
- 2) Unusual irritability or outbursts of anger.
- 3) Difficulty concentrating.
- 4) Over-sensitivity.
- 5) Edgy and jumpy.

All of the above experiences are normal when trauma and tragedy happen. Sharing them by talking with trusted friends, family, professors and counselors, along with the passing of time, usually help them decrease and disappear.

Finding Someone to Help

When you have a friend who is in a crisis situation, knowing whom to turn to or how to refer them can make all the difference.

Rule of Thumb:

Always seek professional assistance when you aren't sure what to do. The *Counseling Center* (909) 785-2011 might be a good place to begin since referrals from community resources are available upon request. Listed below are community agencies that can also help:

Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence

- Domestic Violence Crisis Line (909) 686-0829
- Rape Crisis Center (909) 686-7273

Sexually Transmitted Disease

- Camps Health Center (909) 785-2200
- Riverside Health Clinic (909) 358-6000

Pregnancy

- Campus Health Center (909) 785-2200
- Riverside Health Clinic (909) 385-6000

Depression/Suicide

(909) 686-HELP (24 hr.)

Alcohol/Substance Abuse

- Riverside County Drug Program (909) 275-2105

Miscellaneous

- LLU Behavioral Medicine 24 hour help line (800)752-5999

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Last Day to submit a S/U petition or with a "W" University Preview Days for North America	1 Chapel 11 a.m. Financial Aid: 99/00 Cal Grant & Graduate Fellowships Deadline 99/00 Priority Funding Deadline Advising and registration Tuesday Tunes 8-10 p.m. EN	2 Advising and registration Passport to leadership 5:30 p.m. MEI Genesis series: Dan Smith Rendezvous 10 p.m.	3 Advising and registration Board of Trustees Meeting Othello Opening Night 7 p.m. at Matheson Chapel	4 Advising and registration CPR for the Soul 7:30 p.m. Othello 1:30 p.m. at Matheson Chapel	5 Xodus 24:7 9:30 am SVC Worship Service 10:45 SALSU S.O.S. Othello 7p.m. Matheson Chapel
Othello, Closing Night, 5 p.m. Matheson Chapel	7 Advising and registration Reception for "New Work" Faculty Art Show 6-7:30 p.m. BG	8 Chapel 11 a.m. LSUC Advising and registration Tuesday Tunes 8-10 p.m. EN	9 Advising and registration SALSU delivers Rendezvous 10 p.m.	10 Alumni Homecoming Assembly 11 a.m. AP Alumni Golf Tournament Jurupa Hills Country Club Alumni Banquet, DC Advising and registration	11 Alumni Homecoming Advising and registration Summer quarter student teaching application deadline CPR for the Soul 7:30 p.m. Alumni Vespers 7:30 p.m. HMA	12 Xodus 24:7 9:30 am SVC Worship Service 10:45 am LSUC SALSU S.O.S. KSGN Open House 2-5p.m. 41st Annual Concerto Program 8 p.m. HMA

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KENT HANSEN WRITING AWARD

Submissions for the Kent A. Hansen Christian Writing Award are now being accepted. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$300.00. Deadline: April 23, 1999. For more information contact the English Department at x2241 or Amy Esposito at x2306. You must be a currently enrolled LSU student to enter.

QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE!

The Blood Drive is May 3 10-3pm in the Student Center. Please contact Avi X2005 or email avimdavi@lasierra.edu for an appointment. Remember "the life you save just might be yours". Also, please support the Juvenile Diabetes Walk-a-thon on May 8 from 8-10am. You will need sponsors to donate \$\$\$\$ so they can be involved and you can get as much money as possible. There will be an informative meeting about the Walk-a-thon today at 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Loma Linda University is proud to present Christian music artist Sandi Patty in concert on Friday, April 30 in the Loma Linda University Church Sanctuary at 7:30 pm. Tickets are on sale now at area Christian bookstores. General Admission: \$10.00 Preferred Seating: \$13. Call (909) 558-4510 for more information.

ATTENTION SENIORS: Seniors, if you would like to take part in the minority consecration at Kansas Avenue, this year, please contact Theresa Taylor. thertayl@lasierra.edu. X 2588 Angwin Hall

Language Proficiency Requirement is Reduced

BY LOURDES E. MORALES-GUDMUNDSSON
Chair of Department of Modern Languages

University Studies Policy Committee has voted to reduce the minimum second language proficiency by one level for both Track I and Track II students. This change will be retroactive to the 1996-97 academic bulletin. Second language proficiency levels are now:

Honors: LEVEL THREE
Track I: LEVEL THREE
Track II: LEVEL TWO

Starting in the fall of the 1999-2000 school year, the beginning level of all LSU foreign language courses will consist of three quarters while leaving the university-wide foreign language requirement for most students at four quarters.

This change will bring La Sierra University's foreign language program in line with comparable language programs in colleges and universities of the area and throughout the nation. Beginning as well as intermediate college language courses are normally either two semesters or three quarters. The two-quarter time frame was making it difficult to bring students to the level of proficiency that is expected of beginning college students in the University Studies program.

With the new arrangement, students may now opt to take their fourth quarter in any one of the many summer abroad programs sponsored by La Sierra University or in the on-campus summer program, beginning the summer of 2000. The fifth quarter (on-campus or abroad) will also be available to students in certain disciplines or for those who choose to take it as an elective.

LSU Students Debut Annual Student Art Show at the Brandstater Gallery

BY EVANGRAHAM
staff writer

The first piece I notice as I stroll into the Brandstater Gallery is the untitled work of Josh Harwood, an art/anthropology junior, whose take on Andy Warhol's "obsessive repetition" seems to take apart pictures of the artist, his friend, Warhol himself and a

model (to keep my female readers happy, I won't say who she is).

"This piece sort of asks the question, what are we after you remove all our outer parts?" according to art senior Gaby Martinez, who strongly believes that visitors should conjure up their own meanings to artworks.

Martinez's own works in the show are somewhat united by a brown hue. Her work "Trampoline" (which visitors, apparently, are free to jump on, since Martinez did so herself and let me do the same) shows how people (including the form painted on the trampoline) can "bounce back" from pain, she

says.

These and other student works are now on exhibit in the gallery until May 6. The gallery's collection consists of over 200 works from about 70 students, Martinez says. Besides painting, photography and sculptures are featured, as well as drawings, prints, ceramics, digital art, batik and handmade books.

One such book by graphic-design sophomore Rodney Saenz shows abstract text and shapes painted onto glass "pages" on a wood "binding", when, viewed from the front, form an image of the artist and the words, "This is not me"--a take



These works are on exhibit until Thursday, May 6, 1999



BY LINDSAY DAILY
Religious Vice President

This year our spring week of prayer was put on by the Youth Net eXtream Team. The team is made up of five member from various Adventist Colleges across the country; the members Bernita

Wednesday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m., Laura Whidden gave her story about fighting with anorexia.

Thursday, April 15 at 11:00 a.m., a drama "The Untouchables" was performed. Also, Cory Wethelin gave his Spring Break story.



The Youth Net team on the road.

Smith, Brian Yager, Laura Whidden, Cory Withelin, Bryan Fowler. Every day they have blessed us with a variety of Praise Songs, some familiar some not so familiar.

The speakers have been as follows:

Monday, April 12 at 9:00a.m., Bernita Smith gave us her life story about her love with a married man.

Tuesday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m., Brian Yager gave us his personal life story in regards to the two extremes of being a good and bad pastor's child and fluctuation between the two, until he found God's grace.

Friday, April 16 at 8:00 a.m., Laura Whidden enlightened us with her discussion with meeting Jesus.

The team has been on the road since June 5, 1998. They are sponsored by the NAD (North American Division of the SDA Church). They continually travel the country ministering to young people year-round. This ministry is scheduled to continue for the next several years; however, it is the hope of all of those involved that this ministry will live-on for years and years to come.

****If you are interested in joining the Youth Net team call 1 800 YOUTH2U and ask for Tom Goddard.****

on Renee Magritte's "Ceci n'est pas une pipe" ("This is not a pipe").

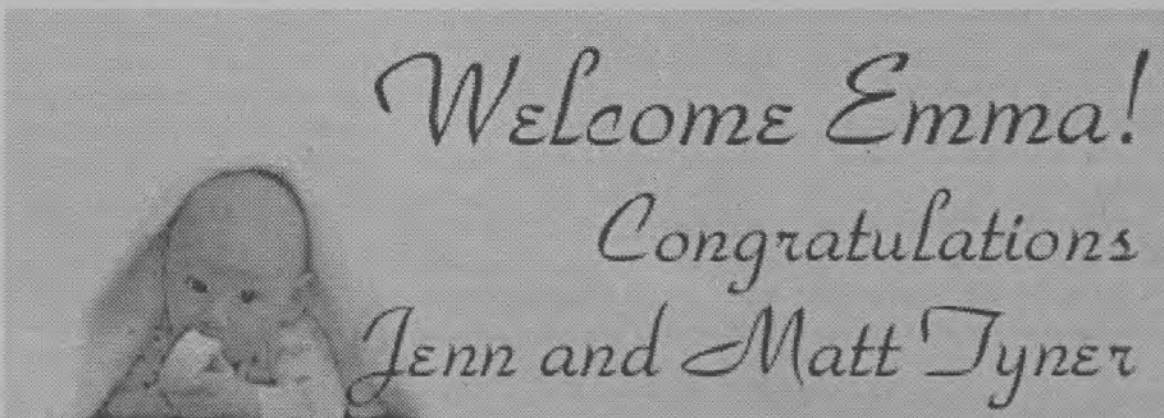
Biology junior Kar-Yee Yung's batik pieces touch on the issues of virtue and happiness and serenity. Batik is a complicated process of dying fabric with the help of wax. Her "Virtue" piece resembles a medieval-age banner.

University webmaster Ron Forbes comments on the piece by Kristi Harlan, "South American Girl," an vividly-colored up-front portrait of a

young girl. "It shows the innocence of children," he says. "And the closeness shows how children are so in-your-face."

Other pieces of interest include graphic-design junior Rick Marson's linocut "Tread on Me" and business and graphic-design junior Edgar Quispe's "Woman 1" and "Woman 2."

So if the readers are ever bored one afternoon, they should trek on up to the Brandstater Gallery and behold what masterpieces their peers have created.



Take the Time to Travel

BY FADINAHAB
staff writer

Over Spring Break I had the opportunity of joining Dr. Teel's study tour group on a trip to Peru. No matter how much you read about a country there's nothing like experiencing it for yourself.

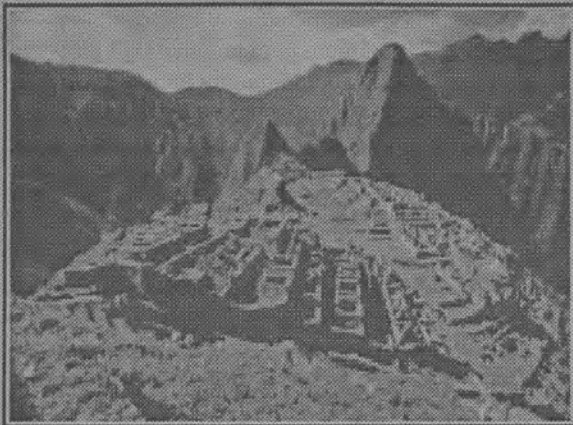
Seeing the Andean cities and countryside, communicating with the native people (in broken Spanish), and roaming through the Amazon Forest were only a few

of the unique and exciting experiences on the trip.

Travelling to another country has many benefits. What you've never visited before initiates curiosity and this curiosity motivates you to learn about the country's people, including their history, arts, government, diet, and sports. Travelling also leads

you to personally encounter religious and philosophical questions that help you expand your worldview. Further, it helps you realize just how much we take for granted here.

As you know, travelling does require money. Planning ahead is the key to this obstacle. Talk to the people around you and you'll



Machu Picchu

find that most will either help sponsor your educational trip or will help you get into contact with others who can help.

I urge you to take every opportunity you have to travel around the world because, as you will find out one of these days, the experience of travelling is worth it.

Prayers Can't Be Answered Unless They Are Prayed

BY PAMELA GALLINO
guest writer

Life without purpose is barren indeed

There can't be a harvest unless you plant seed

There can't be attainment unless there's a goal

And man's but a robot unless there's a soul

If we send no ships out, no ships will come in,

And unless there's a contest, nobody can win.

For games can't be won unless they are played,

And prayers can't be answered unless they are prayed.

So whatever is wrong with your life today

You'll find a solution if you kneel down and pray

Not just for pleasure, enjoyment and health,

Not just for honors and prestige and wealth

But pray for a purpose to make life worth living

And pray for the joy of unselfish giving

For great is your gladness and rich your reward,

When you make your life's purpose the choice of the Lord.

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert like island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agreed that they had no other recourse but to pray to God.

However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island. The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren.

After a week, the first man was lonely and he decided to pray for a wife. The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the land. On the other side of the island, the second man had nothing.

Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes, and more food. The next day like magic, all of these were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing. Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship docked at his side on the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered.

As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from heaven booming: "why are you

leaving your companion on the island?"

"My blessings are mine alone, since I was the one who prayed them," the first man answered. "His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything."

"You are mistaken!" the voice rebuked him. "He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings."

"Tell me," the first man asked the voice, "what did he pray for that I should owe him anything?"

"He prayed that all your prayers be answered."

Whenever I stop for a moment and think about how selfish I can sometimes be - I am never amazed, but rather disgusted with myself.

Are you like the first man, always putting other people first, praying for them and wishing for them the best, or maybe you are like the second man..... thinking only of yourself. You are probably a mix of both, but probably by far like the second man. We often say, "well, that's human nature". But, is it?

Let us remember someone in our prayers right now. Think of some who is having a hard time. Someone who you have been studying with and needs direction from God. Maybe, you can think of a homeless person you know, a drunk or maybe your child, a loved one.

Just stop for a moment and pray for that person. Intercessory prayer works - it really does. Let us lift each other up to the Lord who hears our prayers and will answer them

Are Adventists Really a Cult?

BY STEVE DAILY
LSU Chaplain

Dale Ratzlaff, in his recent book, *The Cultic Doctrine of Seventh-day Adventism*, argues that Adventism is indeed guilty of teaching doctrine that is cultic in nature and must repent of this sin if the church is to be salvageable. He specifically analyzes our doctrine of the investigative Judgment and finds it to be unbiblical and counterproductive. The other two targets that he spends the most time nailing are the churches' remnant theology and its belief in the authority or prophetic guidance of Ellen White. Ratzlaff concludes that Ellen White was not a true prophet or messenger from God and that Adventism is not the remnant church it claims to be. These are certainly not new criticisms, though Ratzlaff does present a significant amount of new material to support them. His book is being used as a resource by Christians who are again raising questions about whether Adventists genuinely belong in mainstream Christianity or not. But more disturbing to me, than any criticism that Ratzlaff makes, is the growing perception in the Christian church at large and the public in general that Adventists are either on the margins of Christianity or that we are a cult.

Why is this the case?

Roger Dudley points out, that on February 28, 1993 approximately 60-70 percent of the general population in North America had never heard of a Seventh-day Adventist before and that the majority of those who had, had a distorted perception of who we were. On this day, the ATF raid on the Branch Davidian Compound and Seventh-day Adventist name was thrust into front page news as the cult that was under siege in Waco, Texas. Though this information presented by the media was inaccurate, it's dissemination painted a picture which defined the SDA Church as a cult, a view that is still engrained in the minds of millions who through this event were provided their first exposure to the denomination. Talk about bad PR. George Barna tells us that less than 6% of the American people give Adventists a positive approval rating, and that we rank below the Mormons in this regard.

Today, across America and around the globe, mainstream religious organizations are implementing Anti-Cult Awareness and education programs to prepare their congregations for evangelization efforts by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Net 98 flyers were met with massive anti-cult (Adventist) education efforts as will be all future evangelization

programs. The reality facing the Seventh-day Adventist Church today, is that we will never be able to present an institutionalized evangelistic program without massive efforts to help the population base avoid the so-called mind control, thought reform or brainwashing techniques allegedly used by the SDA Church. One resource to help people supposedly entrapped by the Seventh-day Adventist Church is an organization named reFOCUS (<http://www.nwrain.net/~refocus>).

Two significant Anti-Seventh-day Adventist/Sabbatarian resources on the net include:

1. Sabbath Keepers Refuted Website: <http://www.bible.ca/7-main.htm>
2. Ellen White Website: <http://www.ellenwhite.org/Webmaster.DirkAnderson>.

My point is that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is facing a global movement, to shut down its capacity to present the fundamental message entrusted into it's hands. The damage is widespread, and in many ways irreversible. Ratzlaff's book is the least of our worries. My question is, can we rise to this challenge and present a Christ-centered Adventism to the world or not?



Kosovo Relief Agencies

BY BRIAN BISSEL

Hi everyone,

Many of you have heard about the Kosovo crisis that's happening these days. Many thousands of people are freezing and hungry and very sick as they are running away from Kosovo. Below is a story from some Christian missionaries in Albania telling how bad it is.

There are many agencies that are helping. ADRA is one agency that I support and is currently helping people in more than 140 countries.

There are desperately needing help. If you can send money now, it will help save many lives. You can look at many things they are doing at their internet site: <http://www.adra.org/> To give money by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, etc.), go to:

<http://www.adra.org/Donation.html>

Here are a few other international

relief agencies that are also helping in this crisis. I'm sure there are many ways to help, not just money.

American Red Cross, <http://www.redcross.org>

Baptist World Aid, <http://www.bwanet.org>

CARE, <http://www.care.org>

Christian Children's Fund, <http://christianschildrensfund.org>

Direct Relief International, <http://directrelief.org>

Doctors Of The World, <http://www.doctorsoftheworld.org>

Doctors Without Borders, <http://www.dwb.org>

International Aid, <http://www.internationalaid.org>

Save The Children, <http://www.savethechildren.org>

U.S. Committee For Unicef, <http://www.unicefusa.org>

World Concern, <http://www.worldconcern.org>

World Food Program, <http://www.wfp.org>

World Relief, <http://www.wr.org>



Attention: This is officially known as the "Entertainment" section, not the

SUPER BIG FUN PAGE

Regular or Extra Worms?

- ARISALGUEIRO
Photo/Graphics Editor

Sooner or later, every college student is introduced to a very important part of college culture: The "Cafeteria Food Jokes and Complaints" Department. It seems to be as embedded into university life as cold pizza and all-nighters. Everyone also knows what the deal is with the cafeteria: use it or lose it.

Two years ago, I lived in a little island south of Florida that most people know as Cuba. You see, Cuba is a very interesting place. We get a little book every year that says how much food you can buy in any particular month. Use it or lose it. Except that you can't use it, cause there's no food. A regular señora going to the market for food would probably go through the following adventure:

She gets up at three in the morning and walks 10 miles to the market. There are already people there who have been standing in line since the Carter administration. She asks for the last person in line. She's given directions to another province,

where the line ends. Two days later she manages to get to the counter. All she wants is a loaf of bread. There's no bread, of course. The baker hasn't been to work in a week and the other baker has been on lunch break for two hours, even though everyone knows he can't possibly be eating anything. Finally someone appears who can make some bread, except that there there's no flour. She decides then that she she'll buy the four grains of rice allowed by the regulation card. She's in luck; there's rice. But since she's in a civilized world, she's given a choice: regular or extra-worms? She walks back home with her treasure, just to find that she won't be able to cook the rice because the water, electricity and probably the oxygen supply have been out for weeks. But that's OK, because she lives in a civilized world and worms cook fairly fast in the sun.



Smile, It Gets Worse

So next time you go to the cafeteria and think that the food really sucks, tell them to put in some extra worms, cause you never know when the water will go out and luckily for you, you're in Riverside, where there's always plenty of sun.

respond, so don't delay; start buying me those tickets today.

Free Star Wars Tickets!

CARL JONARD
Entertainment Editor

That's right! In order to celebrate our new revamped Entertainment page, the Criterion is having an incredible new contest to get free tickets to an exclusive May 16 sneak preview premiere of Star Wars: Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace! Here's how it works: just call the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation at (310) 201-5033 and make a minimum donation of \$500.00 per ticket. When you receive your premiere tickets, simply send them by campus mail to: Carl Jonard's Free Star Wars Tickets Contest, South Hall #204. Whoever sends me the most tickets to this exclusive premiere will win an all-expenses-paid round of miniature golf at the luxurious Castle Amusement Park resort, courtesy SALSU's Cheap Date Night. Winners will have their pictures prominently featured on the Entertainment page, and will also win a guaranteed spot in the glamorous 1999 - 2000 Perspectives! Recognition will also be given to the very first person to



Am I So Out Of Touch?

In other news, South Hall is apparently under some sort of Waco-like siege by invisible federal troops, or possibly mischievous gremlin-like creatures wielding locksmithing tools. Residents of Room 204 were awakened this morning by an insanely loud pounding noise which was later ascertained to be coming from the roof. The cause is, as of yet, unknown.

Related incidents include the recent discovery by several Southhallians that the locks to their rooms have been changed without notice or replacement keys, and the as-yet-unexplained disappearance of the bathroom stalls on the men's side approximately one week ago. Residents were at once relieved and perplexed to discover yesterday that the stalls had been put up once again. Relieved, because they no longer had to perform their natural duties in the open air; perplexed, because the stalls now consist of several sheets of plywood and some shower curtains. More on these events as they unfold.

RAMONE "ROACH" ROMERO
staff writer

Feminism has made remarkable progress in vehemently promoting the gender-neutrality of God, sometimes even going so far as to suggest the possibility that God may be an omnipotent female presence--a Heavenly Mother--either out of sincere belief or out of intention to break traditional chauvinistic paradigms. Whatever the motivation may be, Feminism often goes to great pains and efforts to correct the slightest suggestion of masculinity in God. I have often wondered: "Why does Feminism not bother to correct the traditional masculine perception of Satan?"

By and large, the feminist movement has gnawed away at many traditional negative stereotypes of women, but don't you think it's imperative for women to liberate themselves from bondage to the oppressing yoke of positive perceptions, too?

If God is female or gender-neutral, then I'll wager that God must be pleased with Feminism's progress in exposing The Holy Gender (or at least putting the question up on the soap box). But what if Satan is a woman?

How would she feel? Wouldn't she feel left out of the progress of Feminism? She might think that Feminism doesn't care about her as much as it cares about God!

Doesn't Evil deserve gender consideration, too? Or is gender correctness satisfied



Roach Motel

with the traditional masculinity of the Devil?

Perhaps Feminism is weary of associating femininity with anything negative. After all, aren't there enough traditional references to women as temptresses and seductresses? Women are rightly tired of bearing such ignorant and biased negative labels. Oh, but there's a greater offense here, one that goes unnoticed by Feminists who merely wish to erase negative labels! (This oversight on the part of Feminism constitutes an unconscious heretical breach which undermines the noble motivations of the movement.) For these views present women as tools of the Devil! This is oppression, ladies! Aren't you in-

sulted by people referring to you as mere instruments of Evil? Aren't you tired of being labeled as the apprentice-servants of an evil MALE deity? Don't you have the right to be evil yourselves?

So why not refer to the Devil as a woman? (For the sake of Feminism!) And incidentally, don't you think that "The Mother of Lies" works better than "The Father of Lies"? Indeed, doesn't it make more sense to say that sins and lies are bastard children born directly from the evil womb of Satan, instead of implying some indirect cosmic male fertilization? (Anyway, if Satan should turn out to be masculine after all, then at least we'll get a kick out of insulting his "manhood" by cross-dressing him.)

It is about time that Feminism ceased its premature satisfaction with striving to correct only Good, and expanded its horizons toward conquering Evil as well. Therefore, I shall hereafter refer to Satan as a "she," or as "La Diabla."

Men and Chauvinism cannot and must not monopolize Evil any longer! Yea, Feminism doth prick me onward! Sexism's Last Stand is the Satanic Gender, and to it I issue this challenge: "Get shee behind me!"

The Matrix: Alice Meets Bruce Lee

WILLIE PRICE
staff writer

Keanu Reeves is faced with a choice early on in this sci-fi thriller. He can take the blue pill and continue on with his life as he knows it. Or take the red pill and tumble into an acid-like world. Needless to say, he takes the red pill, and you will too if you see this philosophical sci-fi action drama.

The cast is not too stunning. Keanu Reeves plays Thomas Anderson, a computer hacker who becomes involved in find-

ing out what "The Matrix" is. Laurence Fishburn plays Morpheus, a rebel who liberates Anderson's mind, convinced that Anderson is going to be "the one" who will save the human race from the hands of machines. Carrie-Anne Moss also has a role as an impassioned and skillful rebel who winds up contributing to the salvation of the human race in a major way.

Amidst the excellent special effects and masterful cinematography is a complicated plot which draws upon the themes of modern culture as well as upon three

major world religions. This action sci-fi flick manages to involve a Christ figure, the Dalai Lama, and the concepts of Hinduism. All this is tightly packaged with an unremitting soundtrack which lets us know that in order to survive, the human race will need both a grasp

of martial arts and technology, as well as an awareness of one's ability for self-sacrifice and compassion.

The lousy acting may turn some off, but this movie appeals to so many people on so many levels.



Willie's Thumb

Criterion Writer "Disses" Boss, Finds Rabid Weasels in Pants

RICK MARSON
former staff writer

W it is a curse. You say a few funny things, put a few people down, and suddenly everyone wants you to be an important member (Perspectives Co-Editor) of a powerful school organization (SALSU). Then after a grueling election campaign against powerful opposition with Uranus as your only weapon, they want you to do more. "MC a chapel," they say. It was about the Criterion, how's that supposed to be funny? Pretty soon you crack from the continual hounding by

fans and beautiful women and they lock you up in a rubber room.

Just look at all the great wits of the past: Groucho Marx, Jim Carrey, Socrates, Ronald McDonald, Lawrence Geraty; all dead or crazy or president of La Sierra University. Gads! Even my very own Co-Editor of the Perspectives, Carl Jonard, has been sucked into the downwardly spiraling downward spiral and has become entertainment editor of the Criterion, an

EDITOR! That's like a writer for a newspaper selling out to become the editor; to "edit" the work of the people he once worked with and called friends. Actually that's exactly what it's like.



Rick's World

DISCLAIMER: The opinions expressed in this article are not those of the writer. I just didn't have any better ideas.

Cramped Space: Super Big Fun

Can you find all of these words? One of them has been done to get you started!



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Editorial

Just when you think that everything is going smoothly, someone has to change our lives. It is as if nothing in this world can ever be without fluctuations.

Look and see how funny it is that God introduces us to a wide variety of people. We serve a purpose in this world. We can either help others, or we can only help ourselves. Though both forms are needed, we must not become so self-involved with ourselves to forget others.

It is around 11:30 p.m., the night before the paper goes to print, and I am still sitting here in front of the computer. I can only think about these past few days hectic events. It seems funny that I still found time to befriend someone new and to share genuine memories with this person. Currently, listening to Tori Amos's CD *Little Earthquakes*, I can only think of how strange it now seems.

We never know the purpose for meeting certain people or experiencing a certain event. However, we can only surmise the true meaning and search for the important values we are supposed to gain.

After experiencing the stress of not having the printer work, it finally got fixed. My friend helped me through this day and also helped me finish the paper's last touches. I only hope that one day, I can also help this friend.

Who is that new FRIEND you can help?
M o n a Karimpour,
Editor-in-chief



The Shadow of Rape Ignorance in Apathy

BY JENNIFER RENAUD
staff writer

READER BEWARE: The journey you are about to take is an ugly one into the shadow of rape.

A fifteen-year-old has difficulty knowing the difference between being violated and having successfully seduced. I did, however, know the shame of having sex before I was married, so I ran away afterwards. I could not imagine facing my parents and my friends, and I didn't look in a mirror or acknowledge myself for the several weeks it took me to hitchhike home from San Diego.

I have thought it to be my fault for a very long time. Seeking excitement, I went with these people I hardly knew, to sneak off campus (boarding academy), and go dancing in Tijuana. We never made it to TJ, but by then I was so drunk I didn't know where we were. It was a motel somewhere, and there were six or seven or maybe eight people (only one other girl), in that room.

I was drunk. I was impulsive. And I had the hormones of a fifteen-year-old pumping through my body. I am positive that I enticed him. So how can I call it rape? It was just bad judgment, flirting with my friends' thirty-year-old brother, who had just, that day, gotten out of prison. But now, as I approach thirty myself, and look at fifteen-year-olds, I think I can safely say that he knew better. When I started

crying to be taken home, pushed him away, opened the motel door and yelled into the nowhere darkness, "Help, I don't want to be here; someone set me free" (even though I was drunkenly slurred and giggling), and when he had to drag me away from the door after intercepting my sprint toward it, and when he took me into the bathroom and on the porcelain of a motel bathtub "taught me how to _____", I know now, that HE KNEW BETTER.

And wouldn't it be nice if it ended there?

Splendid, I figured out that I was raped (even if only statutorily). So now I know why I became promiscuous, bulimic, and obsessed with curling up into a little ball in dark bathrooms, crying and cursing everyone who said they cared, but never came to get me. And maybe that explains why I felt sorrow in the marrow of my soul when I became a mother. And I'm sure that I now understand the cynical blackness through which I view all of humanity. But so what?

I was raped. I used to treasure it as evidence that I could survive anything, or as a reason for not fitting in, or to feed my ego (being able to seduce a thirty-year-old man and have him compliment me on sexual talents, was really something when the fifteen-year-old guy that I liked didn't even know I existed). And now? I walk with power. A lion in this 5'3" body, challenging anyone to violate me again.

The really sad thing though, is that I will never forget that man's name.

I have thought it to be my fault for a very long time

■ Your opinion does matter to others!

BY EVA ERHARD
staff writer

I have an opinion about technological advancements. I have an opinion about affirmative action. I have something to say about what books I like reading, what foods I enjoy tasting, and what young men I take pleasure in watching.

And then there is Kosovo. On this I am unconcerned: without a view. I am sure this springs from lack of information. I do not know what is going on in the Balkans. I can say that the United States is bombing this country,

people are losing their homes, and then I can easily go about my schooling and socializing business without much deeper thought into the matter. I do not know the details of what is occurring to thousands of people and I surely do not know the reasoning behind it. I have nothing upon which to base an opinion or an emotion. Up until I typed this article, I did not think about Kosovo or feel for the people in that distant land. Now that I have forced my thought, I know my previous apathy was wrong.

Every morning I woke up and retrieved *The Los Angeles Times* from the front porch. I flipped past the sections that contain updates on the Kosovo opera-

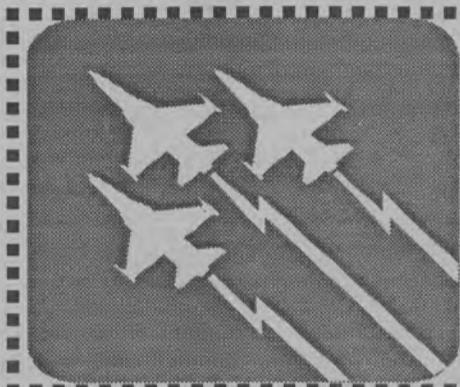
tion. I assumed I was too far behind in the story to get caught up, or there were too many sides of the situation that wouldn't allow me to understand anyway. Excuses. Instead, I would pull out the sports section and practiced grammar editing on Shaquille O'Neal's quotes. I have an opinion on that Laker's grammar.

Every night, my father watches MSNBC, where there is a plethora of information and opinions. He tries to understand

what is going on through other's voices. He knows that though it does not directly affect him, it matters—

it does affect other human beings. My father cannot blame his lack of understanding on too little information. At meals he prays for "those in Kosovo, Yugoslavia," and I wonder exactly who these people are and why we are praying for them.

I do not think the American people are provided with enough information to understand and have definite opinions about what happens to people on the other side of the world. Yet, this is no reason to completely set their situations aside. We do not need to have an opinion, but we do need to care. Care to read the newspaper. Bother to seek news that gives insight into other's conditions.



Currently, there are 700 allied planes in Kosovo and 300 more will be deployed shortly. Inform yourself!

ROVING REPORTER: "Do you know what Tirana is?"



"A type of Indian turbant" -Darren Gray, Freshman: Undecided



"It's a highly caffeinated drink from the island of Bora Bora" -Jessica Martinez, Junior: Social Work



"An ancient African term that describes a disease that affects the calves and makes them so strong that you can jump like a kangaroo" -Bryan Fowler, Visitor: Youth Net eXtreme



"A kind of dinosaur" -Laura Carlin, Freshman: Bio/Pre-Med



"It's a word!" - Heather VanDenventer, Junior: Liberal Studies

Tirana (or Tiranë) is the capital city of Albania

Source: Encyclopedia Britanica On-Line

Thrift Stores can Help Give Your Animals Students Survive Poverty Needed Puppy Love

BY MEENAL RAO
staff writer

Finishing up my sophomore year at LSU, I've found that the number one problem I'm always faced with is having no money! Living from paycheck to paycheck, the last thing I can do is make a trip to Tyler Mall to buy a new outfit, jeans alone would set me back \$40! If you find yourself in the same predicament, there is an alternative: thrift stores.

After about your third visit, you tend to forget about the smell of dust and old clothes, as you enter your local Salvation Army Thrift Store. You're more concerned about the good deal you'll walk out with. Where else can you get a whole outfit, including jeans, a nice shirt or sweater, and maybe even a jacket all for under \$10?

Thrift stores are setting a trend in fashion for college students nationwide. Avid thrifter, Senior Carrie Lewis says, "thrift stores are the best things for poor college students, but what's the point, it's all part of the matrix."

The first time I heard about thrift stores, I couldn't fathom the idea

of wearing clothes that once were owned by someone else, perhaps even a dead person. I was told time and time again: "Don't knock it, unless you've tried it." So I did, and for those that feel the same way I did, give it a shot. Everything is dry cleaned, and just to be on the safe side, wash it again at your house.

If you do have the money to go to Tyler Mall, by all means, shop till your heart's content. It's always great to have new clothes, but it's okay if you can't afford it. So the rest that are a bit tight with money, give thrift stores a chance. If you decide to go "thrifting," my advice — be patient. It can be a little difficult to find just the right thing, but don't give up because once you do, I guarantee you, it will be worth it.

The local thrift stores in the area are:

- *United Thrift Store*, 10683 Magnolia Ave., Riverside
- *Salvation Army*, 10020 Magnolia Ave., Riverside
- *Bargain Fair Thrift Store*, 5600 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside
- *Humane Society Thrift Store*, 3411 Arlington Ave., Riverside
- *Pack Rat Charleys*, 3327 Hammer Ave., Norco

BY JULIDUNHAM
staff writer

As the days, weeks, months, and now years pass by since I've lived at home, I am reminded of the hole what grows ever deeper in my heart. The dark pit was once filled with loving companionship of my pets. Ever since I can remember, animals have played an extraordinary role in my life. I cannot remember a time when my family didn't share its home with a jumbled assortment of animals. We've had frogs, lizards, dozens of goldfish from fairs, rabbits, horses, a bird, and more commonly, cats and dogs.

My lifetime of owning and caring for pets has greatly shaped who I am. I don't remember a time that I went away, ever for just the weekend, and didn't search for someone who would care for my



pets, and I would scramble at the last minute to distribute the appropriate phone numbers in case of an emergency. But, I have never thought, not even for a minute, that the sacrifices and changes of plans I have made for my loving friends outweighed their gift of companionship.

My senior year in high school we had to put my dog Sparky to sleep. I was completely crushed. Sparky had been what I considered my best friend since we brought him home the December after my sixth birthday. Although as I got older the role he played in my life shifted from sole companion to the dog that I tried to make time for, I still loved him very much. He had always been there, enthusiastically performing all the tricks I had taught him the obvious pride. My home and yard seemed empty without him.

The idea of getting another dog was far from a reality for me. There were only four short months until I would be leaving for college and I wasn't emotionally ready to replace Sparky.

Those weeks and months without a dog of my own were painfully lonely for me. I incomplete until one February day during my freshman year. I was headed to PetsMart planning only pick up rabbit food when I first saw her. An awkward half grown puppy was up for adoption. The poor mutt needed a home about as desperately as I needed another dog to love. I immediately fell in love and knew that I had to take her home. I called my parents, who were not exactly pleased at the thought of taking care of another pet, but gave in to my desperate request and agreed to let me bring her home.

Cameo, as my sister later named her, was a very shy and obviously abused pup. I remember her

scooting around the house in fear and darting for the safety of my bedroom whenever anything startled her. After many weeks she gradually began to come around. She became more so-

ciable with the family and in turn became my shadow whenever I was home. We went, and still go, everywhere dogs are allowed together. She has learned to trust me, and I would like to believe she looks forward to seeing me as much as I miss her when I'm not home. The joy and laughter she brings to my life is irreplaceable.

Because of school and dorm life, I don't spend much time at home with Cameo or my other animals anymore. It is this distance that has left an empty place in my heart. For all animals lovers, I'm sure you can relate. Life just isn't quite as sweet without the joy of animals. My dorm room has a cold appearance without a cat across the foot of my bed or the chirping of Petie, my bird, in his cage.

As we look toward April 29th, the international day of animals, I hope that we can all remember the love and companionship animals have provided for so many and respect the importance they have in our lives.

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The Dangers of E-mail Addiction

BY LENA ABELLA
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I sit on my bed, my math book open before me, my pencil poised, my calculator on. Yet my gaze drifts towards my desk, where my computer sits, practically begging me to use it. "Well, I could take a short little break - just for a few minutes..." I think as I bound to my desk. What is it that brings about this fervor? E-mail of course. In this computer-ruled era, it seems that everyone is using e-mail. But has it gone too far? E-mail can be extremely addicting and our society has long since fallen prey to its devices.

Free e-mail providers like Hotmail and Yahoo, as well as the more mainstream providers like AOL, have made e-mail accessible to nearly everyone. It has penetrated all facets of life - school, the workplace, relationships, even entertainment. As a freshman, I have already been required in several of my classes to e-mail a teacher, "just so we know you know how." Other teachers have taken to posting assignments or notifying students of schedule changes via e-mail.

At work, I find not only myself, but my co-workers as well checking our e-mail as soon as we get to the office. Instead of calling other departments to notify them

of activities or policies, we use e-mail. Hollywood has also caught on to the craze, with e-mail playing a large role in movies like "You've Got Mail" and "My Best Friend's Wedding."

Relationships are a part of life where e-mail probably plays the biggest role. There are already numerous stories of people who have met and fallen in love through online letters. Through e-mail, people are able to retain old friendships, develop new ones, even let their parents know they are still alive and well. My best friend is going to school in England, and I've found that the easiest, cheapest way to stay in touch with her is online.

I find myself checking my mail (on all 3 accounts) at least 3 or 4 times a day! - not that I get that much interesting mail. I just love checking and seeing those 3 words, "You have mail." And I know I'm not alone. I have the unique distinction of being the only one of my friends who has a computer, which means there are people knocking at my door at all hours of the day and night, meekly asking, "Can I check my e-mail?"

Although some say e-mail obsession has gone too far, I think it has no ill effects. The only thing it promotes is communication, which is a healthy, necessary part of life. And hey, it gives me an excuse not to do my math.

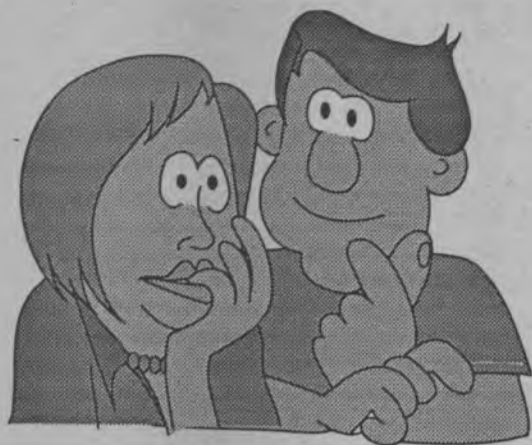
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Have you hugged your pet today?

April 29th

International Day of the Animal!

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Dear Double Talk:

MY SISTER IS ENGAGED TO SOMEONE I CAN'T STAND. SHE WON'T LISTEN TO ME BECAUSE SHE'S "IN LOVE" BUT TO BE HONEST, I THINK HE'S JUST A GOLD DIGGER THE WAY HE ALWAYS MAKES HER PICK UP THE CHECK WHENEVER THEY GO OUT. HE GIVES HER ENOUGH ATTENTION ALL RIGHT, BUT HE IGNORES THE REST OF US—AND ESPECIALLY MY DAD. I JUST CAN'T GET MY SISTER TO SEE THAT SHE'S MAKING A TERRIBLE MISTAKE IF SHE MARRIES HIM.

HARRIED AND HOPELESS



Dear HAH,

Of course your sister didn't listen to you. She's in love - don't expect her to listen to anybody. Couple-y people are legendary for their oblivious ways. You think ignoring familial advice is bad? Just wait.

Soon, your sister will forget how to conjugate verbs and multiply fractions. She'll be busy listening to the twittering birds that the infatuated always hear. Romance is for idiots. Ahem.

Sorry. I'm here to help you, really. I suggest talking to the rest of your family first. They might think he's the sweetest thing since Smarties (or M&M's, if you prefer). You might be the only one with the problem, and you might be wrong. After all, without a cackling confession from the fiancée, you don't have a leg to stand on. He might be forgetful. The dread feminists might be his concern. He could be a starving liberal arts major.

What do you know? So you might end up with a tiny lynch mob, or you might be left standing in the kitchen, peeling potatoes. But do you still think he's snatching your sister's Visa when she's not looking? Try confronting him yourself. It just might startle a confession right out of his money-grubbing heart. It's more likely he'll be surprised, and maybe a little angry.

Television aside, I don't believe gigolos are as prevalent as you assume. Chances are he's unaware of what he's doing. If all your protests are for naught, and the wedding commences, you still have a chance.

Speak then, or forever hold your peace.

Voleuse



Dear Married and Dopeless,

This fiancée is most strange. What kind of man never pays? Surely there can't be any other circumstances which prevent him from picking up the check. You would know if there were, since you are obviously chaperoning them on every date and outing they have, and are thus omniscient and immune to making errors. It is quite obvious that he is a moocher. Therefore he must die.

Your mission—should you choose to accept it—is to destroy whatever iotas of happiness they currently have, convince them that their undoing was *his* fault, and finally to flaunt your superior knowledge and powers of perception in their pathetic and foolish little faces.

So quickly exorcise any thoughts from your mind that would have you sit down and tell your sister how you feel. Forget asking her what SHE thinks or how SHE feels. There can be no rational thought or confrontation! Nay, time is of the essence!


It is your job to ensure that your sister receives a proper education; your sister must learn that simply being "in love" isn't enough. What the heck could she have been thinking, picking a boyfriend that YOU couldn't stand?!

I think you should talk to your dad, since you observe that he is similarly slighted by this nefarious fiancée. Together, you two can conspire to rescue your sister from this terrible infection called "love" long enough to show her that her own evil fiancée is neglecting all of YOUR needs.

Special Guest Zadig, because Loki has mysteriously disappeared...

Talking with Coach Haldeman

BY LENA ABELLA
staff writer



Q: What made you want to be a coach?

A: When I came out of academy, all the people I had great admiration for were involved in either coaching or teaching. So it was just kind of natural—I started coaching the summer after my senior year in high school and it has just continued since then.

Q: What do you enjoy most about teaching?

A: I think it's always a challenge in the sense that you have these things that you try to get people to participate in and do. That can be the frustrating part—when things don't go well and people don't do what they're supposed to. The fun part is when it all works and comes together and everyone does what they're supposed to do and looks really good doing it. Playing games and being competitive is always fun. You always play to win, but whether you win or lose—just going out there and competing is fun.

Q: Any favorite moments?

A: Well, last year one of our players hit a shot with one second to go on the clock that won a game for us. You have those kinds of things that happen throughout your life, where you make a great comeback or play really well and that's just really fun.

Q: What is the most rewarding part of your job?

A: I think it's when you take somebody that was just horrible at what they were trying to do, but over time they became more capable and they learned and they achieved success. It's not the games that

Joel Haldeman
Men's Basketball Coach, Intermurals and Athletic Director,
Health and Exercise Science Instructor,
Time at La Sierra: On and off since the 1980's

make it worthwhile, it's the people. Seeing someone who is uncoordinated, clumsy, and socially inept make progress and become confident, able to do things, and have fun.

Q: What advice do you have for LSU students?

A: I think the problem with students is they rarely get a chance to enjoy their college years. I think the most important thing is for students to slow down. They need to get involved in the whole broad spectrum of college life

Send your questions to chirilaw@lasierra.edu

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This newspaper is just getting stranger all the time.

Do say!

Like that story about rice with worms? That is disgusting!

Sure lol I mean, what kind of fool would ruin a perfectly good plate of delicious worms by dumping rice all over it?

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So You Want Me to Relax? Yeah right.

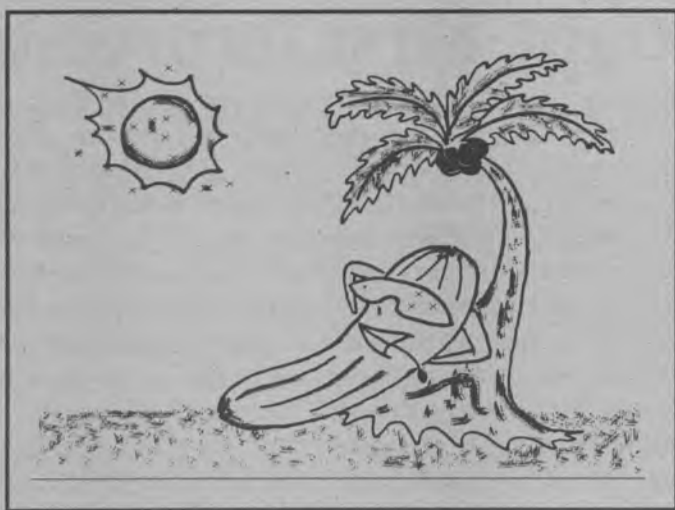
BY JULENE DUERKSEN
guest writer

A hhhh! I can't take it! The stress has gotten too great and I feel as if college has become my full time job. Unfortunately, I am unable to reap any monetary benefits from the hard work and long hours I put in.

My eyes twitch as my professor projects different pictures in front of the sleepy class. I then find myself slumped in front of an unfriendly computer monitor. For hours I type out papers. My mind is drained. I take a few minutes to run on the treadmill. Feeling like a mouse stuck in a wheel, I head back to the books. This is not a fulfilling job.

"What do you do to relax?" I asked a few people who should know. "If I had some extra time, I'd sleep!" said Carrie Lewis, Senior Physical Education major. Others had their own idea of relaxation: "Take a bubble bath," "Get a message," "Listen to relaxing music," "Watch a movie," "Go hiking in the mountains," "Exercise," "Yoga," "Read, but not for class," or "Just sit and stare out the window."

Most college students think relaxing is a joke. "Ha!" They laugh in my face, "What's that?" If you respond this way, then you too have been swept up and away in the stressful life of a stu-



dent.

I'd like to challenge you to look at your life and prioritize. There will always be stray minutes throughout your day that can be used to relax, refocus, and redefine yourself. Find those minutes, accumulate them, and use them to enhance your life. Studies show that college students not only overexert themselves, but rarely recognize the long-term effects this plays in their lives. You may wonder how to combat all-night study rambages, last-minute research papers, and everyday stress.

Here's a few suggestions. As you stand in line for Student Accounts, take deep and long breaths. Focus your mind on a relaxing topic far from the issue at hand. When you have writers block at 3 a.m. and the paper is

due at 9 a.m., sit back, close your eyes and hum your favorite tune. Then go outside and run around in circles for a few minutes and get your heart beating again. Keep a piece of paper handy when you're in the car or class and you suddenly remember things you have to do. Lists are not for everyone, but they can help organize your life and keep you sane.

Slowing down and relaxing is not just something the working world fights to have. No, we do too! But we have the chance to start off in the right way. Keep everything in perspective and don't allow yourself to become stressed out. Take a break and do whatever it is that keeps you young, energetic, and focused.

Sit down, close your eyes, and relax.

LSU SIFE is Ready and Set for 2000 A.D.

BY HEATHER MILLER
SIFE Faculty Fellow

LSU SIFE has completed its 1998-99 year and is opening the 1999-2000 year with a bang. Following a hiatus of SIFE a year ago, LSU SIFE got back on its feet again this year, organizing an entirely new team of student directors and accomplishing 19 projects.

Although the team has chosen not to compete this year, they attended the Regional Competition on April 14 in Long Beach, and will be observing the International Competition May 17-18 in Kansas City, Missouri. Potential SIFE directors will also be attending the Regionals. Since the team members are all new this year, it is critical that they get a chance to see what the competition is really like to be a strong competitor for the 1999-2000 year.

Project highlights from this year include writing a Kids-Prepreneurs curriculum about all the major aspects of developing a business, and implementing it with a class of sixth graders at La Sierra Elementary; co-sponsoring the Financial Planning for a New Millennium seminar series; creating a Cyber-Citi-



zens curriculum and implementing it at a senior citizens center in Rubidoux.

SIFE also created the Erny and Bean SIFE characters, who debuted on a Christmas coloring book for the Headstart program in December, and who can be seen on the new SIFE-wear T-shirts. Other highlights include the Cookies 4 Tots entrepreneurial project which raised money to purchase clothing and toys for more than 75 children in orphanages in Mexico; creating several Rent-A-Brain projects, including consulting with a bakery director in Malaysia to help her start a second store, and consulting with a French collegiate marketing

group on how the American grocery industry establishes "brand loyalty" to specific stores.

SIFE's goal is to complete 100 projects by next spring and be ready to challenge any other team. To accomplish that, we want to increase the student directors' team to 25, and include representatives from as many majors on campus as possible. The team already has projects in place that are of particular interest to biology, art, history, religion, and other non-business majors.

Please let any SIFE student know if you are ready to join. It will be an exciting year!

La Sierra Sparkles

BY CONNIE GALAMBOS
staff writer

Although no one typically admits to feeding it...it still grows. Litter may take over even the most respectable of communities, unless it is fought like the garbage that it is. Luckily, every Spring during March, April, and May, about 3 million people in the United States work together to take back their communities in the Great American Clean-up.

Together, these volunteers comprise the most massive community-improvement program in the country - some claim even in the world! The projects often include graffiti removal, litter clean-up, landscaping, recyclable and clothing pick-ups, and educational activities.

All the activity is sponsored nationally by Keep America Beautiful (KAB), and here in Riverside is represented by the Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful foundation. "The focus of all these endeavors is to make people aware of their obligation to the community and the environment," explained Simone McFarland, Executive Director of Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful.

The KAB program began with the annual GLAD Bag-A-Thon event 13 years ago, in which participation has since grown steadily. Now, the efforts have expanded to include every one of Keep America Clean and Beautiful's nearly 500 branches, and have attracted well-known corporate funding sources. The

sponsors include: Coca-Cola, First Brands Corporation, MTD Products Inc., Pepsi Co, Sherwin Williams, and McDonalds. Currently, the MTD Yard-Man Mow Across America project aims to beat a Guinness World Record.

Bard Hauter of Atlanta, Georgia, is attempting the greatest distance ever traveled on a lawnmower - 4500 miles all the way to Los Angeles. He insists that "it's a worthy cause and the most unique way a person can see the country!"

Other less adventurous sponsors are providing paint, refreshments, promotional materials, and much appreciated financial contributions. The La Sierra community plans to donate time helping keep the area clean and beautiful on Sunday, April 25. With refreshments, water, safety vests, garbage bags, and transportation provided by Keep Riverside Clean & Beautiful, participants will have fun cleaning up the community and competing for prizes.

Volunteers from La Sierra University, La Sierra Academy, La Sierra University Church, and the La Sierra community will target Pierce Street and Magnolia Avenue until the job is done. University students may also receive Community Service credit from 8:00 AM through 12:00 PM, the time allotted for La Sierra's clean-up effort. Participants need to R.S.V.P. by April 22 to Connie Galambos, x. 2281, ore-mail cleanup@lasierra.edu.

Ten Zany Answering Machine Messages

1. "Please leave a message. However, you have the right to remain silent. Everything you say will be recorded and used by us."
2. "Hi. I'm probably home, I'm just avoiding someone I don't like. Leave me a message, and if I don't call back, it's you."
3. "Hi. Now you say something".
4. "Hello. I'm David's answering machine. What are you?"
5. "Hi! John's answering machine is broken. This is the Refrigerator. Please speak very slowly, and I'll stick your message to myself with one of these magnets."
6. Hello, you are talking to a machine. I am capable of receiving messages. My owners do not need tiles, windows or a hot tub and their carpets are clean. They give to charities through the office and don't need their picture taken. If you're still with me, leave your name and number and they will get back to you."
7. "This is not an answering machine - this is a telepathic thought-recording device. After the tone, think about your name, your reason for calling, and a number where I can reach you and I'll think about returning your call."
8. "Greetings, you have reached the 6th Sense Detective Agency. We know who you are and what you want, so at the sound of the tone, please hang up."
9. "Hi. This is George. I'm sorry I can't answer the phone right now. Leave a message and wait by your phone until I call you back."
10. "If you are a burglar, then we're probably at home cleaning our weapons right now and can't come to the phone. Otherwise, we probably aren't at home and it's safe to leave us a message."

Focus on Life after La Sierra: Your Professional Goals

Coordinate Your Future

DEBORAH DUNN
Pre-Professional Coordinator

The Office of Pre-Professional Coordination was established in October of 1998. The goal of the office is to help students in their efforts to gain acceptance into professional programs such as medicine, dentistry, dental hygiene, nursing, physical therapy, etc.

There are several ways students can be assisted by the Office of Pre-Professional Coordination. First, a prospective medical or dental student can pick up a recommendation packet from the office. The recommendation process is essential for pre-med and pre-dental students. The recommendation packet contains all the information students need in order to begin the process of getting a composite recommendation letter from the university. Any questions students have about the recommendation process can also be answered.

Another service the office offers is to coordinate interviews for LSU students seeking acceptance to Loma Linda. This year students have made appointments at the office for acceptance interviews for dental hygiene, dentistry, medicine nursing and physical therapy.

The office has numerous brochures and information packages from different professional schools. Reference books are also available. Application forms such as MCAT, DAT, AMCAS, AADSAS can be picked up at the office.

If students have any questions, they should please feel free to stop by the office and see Deborah Dunn. The office is located in the Administration Building #203. The telephone number is 785-2490. The office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9-12 and 1-3.

Making the Right First Impression

TAMER GABER
staff writer

Your heart is beating really hard, your hair has been brushed, combed and slicked in every which way. You can't stop thinking about what is to come. You pause to pray for your fourth time in the hour. It is your interview that you fear. That ever so talked about, dreaded encounter that leaves you with no defense except your wit, charm and maturity. The interview to get you into that professional school of your dreams. It has been an uphill battle getting your grades and entrance exams all to look just the way you think they would like them. But come to the interview and all of the sudden there is no outline, quota, or standard for excellence.

Your interviewer is a professional, a professional at his or her occupation and a professional at weeding out the weak. He is the Darwinian gatekeeper, the one that assures that only the fit survive.

So what are the keys to a killer, drop 'em dead interview? For starters we'll start with appearance. Look appropriate, suit and tie for the men and suit for you women. Yes, a suit for you women as well. You are taking a risk with wearing something like a dress, although it may be appropriate it may undershoot the interviewer's expectations. It's better to overshoot than to undershoot. Also

remember appropriate doesn't mean flashy, trendy or expensive. Stay away from flamboyant jewelry, pretentious wear (Like Armani and Calvin Klein) and crazy hair dos. You don't want the person your talking to, to immediately judge you, because they tend to live by their gut feelings, and that will only decrease your chances of getting what you want. Secondly, take a moment to notice language habits. Repetitive sayings like "um", "you know", and "Okie dokie" are not acceptable. If you tend to talk with a certain vernacular or slang do your best to leave all that home. Again, you don't want to get judged for something you have control over.

Coming to the most important part of the interview, the content. It is the content of your character that will ultimately get you were you want, so you need to nail this area. Content is how and what you say, so do your homework. Figure out everything about the school, a little history, faculty, and facilities. This will

give you an edge if you get the most asked question of all interviews. Why do you want to come to Mickey Mouse University? If you did your homework you can mention everything that you learned about that school and use it to your advantage. Trust me all the experts say it raises brows. That sounds all fine and dandy, until you get in there and your knees begin to quiver. Big mistake, ever hear the saying, "Never let them see you sweat", it was probably because someone was stuck in an interview. Nervousness is mostly brought on by lack of preparation, it would be a good idea to practice with friends. But it would be more help if you practiced with a teacher, and got immediate feedback from him or her. Practicing with someone that your not that close to will expose you to the same atmosphere that you will encounter. There are lists upon lists on how to diminish anxiety, you can go hit the gym, drink herbal tea, cry, or counter the nervousness with a little wit-tiness. Everyone will give hints

or at least subtle suggestions to what is important to them. When your interviewer mentions something, that should be like bells and whistles going off. If he or she mentions a topic, it is obviously important to them, go with that topic, expand, and before you know it you will be talking about something that your interviewer enjoys. A cheerful conversation will only look at its utmost in your favor. So take a big deep breath and go knock 'em dead!

Help for Your Future

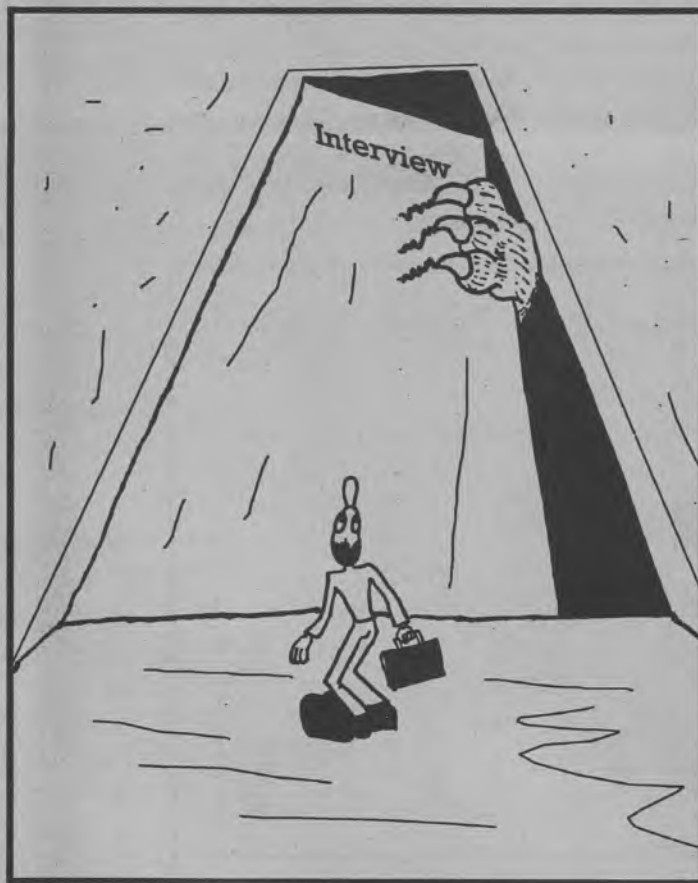
CHERYL SPIRO
staff writer

Social Work is an invaluable professional degree offered through La Sierra University. The program has so much to offer, not only professionally, but personally. It differs from other majors is through vast educational knowledge and life experience one garners with field practicum, the experimental component of the social work major. The practicum gives the student an opportunity to begin professional work in a supervised setting, applying concepts in the classroom.

My practicum has been with VITAS, a hospice organization. I think people are usually more focused on the terminality of the relationship and not the rewards or opportunities garnered from the clients. The finality of our own death and unresolved issues surrounding the process also heightens our anxieties and fears.

I have found my practicum to be quite rewarding. Whether it is a quiet visit in a client's home or the noisy interrupted visitation in an Alzheimer's facility; each has its own specialness. Clients may sometimes want only active listening or emphatic responses, other times to explore resources. Providing respite for the caregiver or helping the client to eat a meal can be immensely helpful. The smaller, seemingly insignificant, needs may offer the greatest assistance to those with limited strength or mobility.

My practicum assignment has helped prepare me in my professional pursuits. It has offered offered opportunities to learn new skills and address issues that I consider to an important part of my learning and educational experience.



APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
18	19	Chapel 11 a.m. Residence Halls Life Issues ANG Tuesday Tunes 8-10 p.m. EN	20	Rendezvous 10 p.m.	21	22	CPR for the Soul 7:30 p.m. Hancock Youth Ministry Lecture and Symposium	23	Xodus 24:7 9:30 a.m. SVC Worship Service 10:45 am LSUC SALSU S.O.S. Hancock Youth Ministry Lecture and Symposium	24	
25	Praxis Series 7:30a.m. CLL Suite CC	26	Chapel 11 a.m. Tuesday Tunes 8-10 p.m. EN	27	Rendezvous 10 p.m.	28	Assembly 11 a.m. AQMD luncheon 12 noon CR	29	SALSU White Water Rafting Trip CPR for the Soul 7:30 p.m.	30	Xodus 24:7 9:30 a.m. SVC Worship Service 10:45 a.m. LSUC SALSU S.O.S.

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CORRECTION

Please notice that the last day to purchase Magic Mountain tickets at \$19.00 is June 30, 1999 and not April 30, 1999. The tickets will be \$22.50 starting July 1, 1999.

There will be Broomball on Thursday, May 13 from 10:15 to 12:12 p.m. Contact Kim Odle for further info. at x2005.

1999 INSIGHT WRITING CONTEST: Deadline for entries is June 1, 1999. Insight is looking for Student Short Stories, General Short Stories and Student Poetry. Prizes range from \$50 - \$250. For a list of specific rules write:

Insight Writing Contest,
55 W. Oak Ridge Dr.,
Hagerstown, MD 21740-7390.
E-mail: insight@rhpa.org.
Website: www.insightmagazine.org.s

The Dept. of Modern Languages announces its summer abroad programs:

COSTA RICA, July 4-Aug. 1, Spanish I-IV and Human Biology 107. HONDURAS, June 30-Aug. 24, July 28-Aug. 3, and Aug. 4-Aug. 24, Spanish I-IV and mission work. PARIS, July 1-July 31, French I-IV and 427. There is FINANCIAL AID available for all these programs.

The Walk-a-thon for Juvenile Diabetes will still be going on Sabbath, May 8. Let us show the students we support their volunteer initiatives to involve our campus in worthy community endeavors.

Jose Ramos-Horta Honors Pluralism

BY LOURDES E. MORALES-GUDMUNDSSON
Chair of Department of Modern Languages

A special assembly held on April 22 at the La Sierra University Church featured José Ramos-Horta whose tireless denunciation of the illegal invasion and annexation of his native East Timor by Indonesia as well as his activism in favor of human rights everywhere has earned him the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize which he shared with his countryman, Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo. Having already been honored with various prestigious prizes, including the Order of Freedom, the highest

honor bestowed by the Portuguese government, Mr. Ramos and Bishop Ximenes were recognized for their "sustained efforts to hinder the oppression of a small people" in the hope that "this award will spur efforts to find a diplomatic solution to the conflict of East Timor based on the people's right to self determination." The Nobel Committee considers José Ramos-Horta "the leading international spokesman for East Timor's cause since 1975."

Born in Dili, the capital of East Timor, of a Portuguese father (himself an exile of the Salazar

dictatorship in Portugal) and Timorese mother, Mr. Ramos-Horta was educated in a Catholic mission and later became a journalist and radio/TV correspondent from 1969-1974. When it became evident to him that the Portuguese decolonization process of East Timor was being undermined, he became actively in-



Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Jose Ramos Horta

involved in developing political awareness in his country. He was subsequently banned from his homeland, leaving just three days before the Indonesian invasion.

In December of 1975, he arrived in New York to address the UN Security Council where he urged them to take action in response to the violent Indonesia takeover of his country. The invasion has cost over 200,000 East Timorese deaths, nearly one third of that nation's population between 1976 and 1981. After that initial address, Mr. Ramos became the Permanent Representative to the

UN for FRETILIN, the nationalist movement that had taken control of East Timor from Portugal. Since then Mr. Ramos has become the Special Representative of the National Council of Maubere Resistance (CNRM), an umbrella organization of pro-independence movements and activists both inside and outside East Timor. He is also the Personal Representative of Xanana Gusmao, imprisoned resistance leader.

In his work with other Nobel prize-winners such as former Costa Rican president Oscar Arias, Tibet's Dalai Lama, and Guatemalan activist, Rigoberta Menchú, his plea is for tolerance

of diverse ways of being human and honoring the self-determination of peoples. In his speech to the student body, he more specifically alluded to the recent rash of racial intolerance in the United States by suggesting that multiculturalism is what has made this nation great and that this nation should honor rather than lament its pluralism.

Student Teaching is A Success

BY CARLETON PYFROM II
staff writer

The warfare in Kosovo prompted students involved in the History/Political Science club of L.S.U. to hold a Teach-In designed to inform their peers and faculty about the history and causes of the current situation, on Monday April 26, in the Cactus Room of the University's Dining Facility. Among faculty in attendance were President Lawrence T. Geraty, John R. Jones, Dean of Religious Studies, and Rennie B. Schoepflin, Chair and Associate Professor of History.

Student Teach-In's began in the 1960's in response to turmoil that was going on in the world. Student's took over campuses to educate each other about the realities of their time. Although the Teach-In's of the 60's were more forceful due to the fact that student's had to lock out faculty and campus security, La Sierra's Teach-In was more peaceful. La Sierra students, with the help of Dr. Clark Davis, a club sponsor, decided to host the Teach-In. It was divided into four sections; history, causes of conflict, U.S. involvement and a question and answer period.

The conflict in Kosovo has been going on since the late 1300 between the Muslims and Christians. Prime Minister Tito

Valued Trustee Passes Away

BY ANGELA ROSICH
Public Relations



Art Pick

We are saddened to report the death of Art Pick, president of the Greater Riverside

Chambers of Commerce, and a valued trustee of La Sierra University. Art died peacefully at his home about 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, 1999 following a lengthy illness.

A funeral service was held Friday, April 30, 1999 10:00 a.m. at the La Sierra University Church. President Geraty provided the homily and coordinated the service which included many civic leaders. A reception followed in the Pathfinder Room.

Please remember the family in prayer. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made through the Riverside Chambers of Commerce to the Maria Educational Scholarship Fund, named in honor of Art's daughter.

Grease Is Still The Word

BY EVANGRAHAM
staff writer

Tacky wigs, poodle skirts, leather jackets, balloons, and 50s-style cars overtook the Student Center Saturday night (April 24) as the Student Alumni-Association invaded the place with *Grease* movie night.

Over 50 people showed up to the event, by the estimates of alumni director and SAA sponsor Candace Jorgensen. Half of the attendees came from Monterey Bay Academy, who were visiting La Sierra on their choir tour.

Root-beer floats and popcorn were available for a quarter ("We are really not in this for the money," said an SAA officer) as

the projector amplified John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John onto the screen (and no one seemed to mind even when the picture kept flickering). Card-board cars were sitting around to create the aura of a '50s drive-in theater.

"'Grease' is still the word for La Sierra!" proclaimed

Jorgensen, on a caffeine high (before she realized the root beer did not have any caffeine).

"It was great!" declared the MBA choir director, Ms. Eclar. "John Travolta is the hotty of all

hotties!"

But that's not to say the event did not generate any confusion. "Everyone looked at me funny when I showed up in my toga," says graphic-design junior Rick Marson. "I thought it was 'Greece' night!"



Actors from Grease

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Is There a Step-by-Step Method for Experiencing God?

BY JOSEPH GUERRERO
staff writer

He walks naked through the burial grounds. His hair, matted, hangs limply upon his shoulders. His feet bleed from open soars left unattended. His arms, once bound by chains that subdued his violent acts, dangle lifelessly at his side. But though his body is free, his mind, his heart and soul are held back by chains of another kind: he is possessed. A prisoner to a foreign invader from within, he wanders in a hypnotic-like state and isolation.

Then it happened. A group of 13 men jump out of a small fishing boat and pull it onto shore. As soon as the demons spot Jesus, they drive the man to run up to him and fall at his feet. Then they cried out "What do you want with [us] Jesus, Son of the Most High God?" (Mark 5:8).

At his command, they left the man and possessed a herd of unsuspecting pigs nearby, and plunged head-long over a cliff and died. "When they [the local villagers] came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind" (Verse 15). He experienced a freedom and liberation he never knew before. He experienced God.

Many of us believe in God. We grew up memorizing memory verses and receiving little stickers as trophies of our "spiritual" achievements in Sabbath and Sunday schools. If we attended christian academies or universities, we may have even dug a little deeper into the wells of intellectual thought in regards to the nature of God or if in fact He is a she or She is a he. But in time we pull up the buckets from the well only to discover them in the same condition as when we first lowered them: dry. A voice from the land of memory cries from the reservoir of our empty hearts "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty" (John 4:15).

We not only want to know about God, we want to taste Him, to feel Him touch our lips and trickle down our parched throats, reaching into our inner most being and soothing the inner most chambers of our souls.

Is there a step-by-step method to experiencing God? I haven't found it yet. Does someone hold the key to unlock the door to the floodgate of God's healing power? If so, go to Wal*Mart and make me a copy. Until then, I will do as the man possessed by the demons did: I will continue to fall at the feet of Jesus, and he will set me free in the presence of his Father. I will experience God.

The "Rich" Family in Church

BY EDDIE OGAN
guest writer

I'll never forget Easter 1946. I was 14, my little sister Ocy was 12, and my older sister Darlene 16. We lived at home with our mother, and the four of us knew what it was to do without many things. My dad had died five years before, leaving Mom with seven school kids to raise and no money.

By 1946 my older sisters were married and my brothers had left home. A month before Easter the pastor of our church announced that a special Easter offering would be taken to help a poor family. He asked everyone to save and give sacrificially.

When we got home, we talked about what we could do. We decided to buy 50 pounds of potatoes and live on them for a month. This would allow us to save \$20 of our grocery money for the offering. When we thought that if we kept our electric lights turned out as much as possible and didn't listen to the radio, we'd save money on that month's electric bill. Darlene got as many house and yard cleaning jobs as possible, and both of us babysat for everyone we could. For 15 cents we could buy enough cotton loops to make three pot holders to sell for \$1. We made \$20 on pot holders. That month was one of the best of our lives.

Every day we counted the money to see how much we had saved. At night we'd sit in the dark and talk about how the poor family was going to enjoy having the money the church would give them. We had about 80 people in church, so figured that whatever amount of money we had to give, the offering would surely be 20 times that much. After all, every Sunday the pastor had reminded everyone to save for the sacrificial offering.

The day before Easter, Ocy and I walked to the grocery store and got the manager to give us three crisp \$20 bills and one \$10 bill for all our change. We ran all the way home to show Mom and Darlene. We had never had so much money before. That night we were so excited we could hardly sleep.

We didn't care that we wouldn't have new clothes for Easter; we had \$70 for the sacrificial offering. We could hardly wait to get to church! On Sunday morning, rain was pouring. We didn't own an umbrella, and the church was over a mile from our home, but it didn't seem to matter how wet we got. Darlene had cardboard in her shoes to fill the holes. The cardboard came apart, and her feet got wet. But we sat in church proudly. I heard some teenagers talking about the Smith girls having on their old dresses. I looked at them in their

new clothes, and I felt rich.

When the sacrificial offering was taken, we were sitting on the second row from the front. Mom put in the \$10 bill, and each of us kids put in a \$20. As we walked home after church, we sang all the way. At lunch Mom had a surprise for us. She had bought a dozen eggs, and we had boiled Easter eggs with our fried potatoes! Late that afternoon the minister drove up in his car. Mom went to the door, talked with him for a moment, and then came back with an envelope in her hand. We asked what it was, but she didn't say a word. She opened the envelope and out fell a bunch of money. There were three crisp \$20 bills, one \$10 and seventeen \$1 bills.

Mom put the money back in the envelope. We didn't talk, just sat and stared at the floor. We had gone from feeling like millionaires to feeling like poor white trash. We kids had such a happy life that we felt sorry for anyone who didn't have our Mom and Dad for parents and a house full of brothers and sisters and other kids visiting constantly. We thought it was fun to share silverware and see whether we got the spoon or the fork that night. We had two knives that we passed around to whoever needed them. I knew we didn't have a lot of things that other people had, but I'd never thought we were poor.

That Easter day I found out we were. The minister had brought us the money for the poor family, so we must be poor. I didn't like being poor. I looked at my dress and worn-out shoes and felt so ashamed—I didn't even want to go back to church. Everyone there probably already knew we were poor! I thought about school. I was in the ninth grade and at the top of my class of over

100 students. I wondered if the kids at school knew that we were poor. I decided that I could quit school since I had finished the eighth grade. That was all the law required at that time. We sat in silence for a long time. Then it got dark, and we went to bed. All that week, we girls went to school and came home, and no one talked much.

Finally on Saturday, Mom asked us what we wanted to do with the money. What did poor people do with money? We didn't know. We'd never known we were poor. We didn't want to go to church on Sunday, but Mom said we had to. Although it was a sunny day, we didn't talk on the way. Mom started to sing, but no one joined in and she only sang one verse.

At church we had a missionary speaker. He talked about how churches in Africa made buildings out of sun dried bricks, but they needed money to buy roofs. He said \$100 would put a roof on a church. The minister said, "Can't we all sacrifice to help these poor people?" We looked at each other and smiled for the first time in a week.

Mom reached into her purse and pulled out the envelope. She passed it to Darlene. Darlene gave it to me, and I handed it to Ocy. Ocy put it in the offering. When the offering was counted, the minister announced that it was a little over \$100. He hadn't expected such a large offering from our small church. He said, "You must have some rich people in this church." Suddenly it struck us! We had given \$87 of that "little over \$100."

We were the rich family in the church! Hadn't the missionary said so? From that day on I've never been poor again. I've always remembered how rich I am because I have Jesus!

The Different Views of Jesus

This excerpt of an entry from
"The Book of Jesus"

He Was Everybody, Only A Little Taller

BY HERBERT C. GABHART

In January 1952, I was on the campus of Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, as a guest speaker for Christian Emphasis Week. One afternoon I was meeting with an English class and saw on the classroom wall a John Hancock Insurance advertisement with a picture of Abraham Lincoln in the center. These words were at the top of the ad: "He was everybody, only a little taller."

I thought then, and I still think, that Lincoln was a great person, but no one meets that description like Jesus. He was everyone, only much taller.

Let us call the roll of some of the professions:

*To artists, He is the One altogether lovely.
To architects, He is the Chief Cornerstone. To*

physicians, He is the Great Physician.

To preachers, He is the Word of God.

To philosophers, He is the wisdom of God.

To the dying, He is the Resurrection and the Life.

To geologists, He is the Rock of ages.

To farmers, He is the Lord of the harvest.

To professors, He is the Master Teacher.

To prodigals, He is the forgiving Father.

To the lost sheep, He is the Good Shepherd.

To thirsty souls, He is the Bread of life.

To philanthropists, He is God's Unspeakable Gift.

Nineteen centuries after His sojourn on earth, His shadow is larger and growing larger than ever before. No one can measure His height or His influence.

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Living La Vida Loca XTCatic Fiction

GEOVANNY VIELMANN
staff writer

Vivendo la vida loca is what several hundred fans did this April 20. Many ditched classes and others called in sick or just didn't show up to work. Why? It's simple. Ricky Martin was having his first autograph signing session. His new single "Living la Vida Loca" came out in stores that day and Tower Records in Hollywood, along with KIIS FM 102.7, were going to do the biggest launch known to date. Several fans had gathered since four a.m. for the two p.m. appearance of "Mr. Martin," a respectable name given to Ricky by one of his fans. When asked why she called him "Mr. Martin," she replied, "Well, I don't know him but I sure do

love his music." As I walked alongside of several other fans I smiled and laughed as I saw several of our students that had joined in the hundreds to live a little bit of a crazy and wild life for one afternoon.

Ricky Martin drove up from Cynthia Street to Sunset in a shiny black '69 Mustang convertible. He was accompanied by one bodyguard in his car and eight more following in two Ford Explorers. He was nothing but safe as he arrived to the crowded corner filled with his adoring fans. "What do you mean, who's Ricky Martin?" said a fan to the passing vehicles when asked. She quickly responded, "he's the newest and hottest pop singer with a Latin beat."

But how new is he really? Ricky Martin, 27, has experienced

the demands of the entertainment industry since he was 12. Latin fans remember him since his time with Menudo; American fans recognize him from his soap opera days on General Hospital, where he played the part of Miguel. Since those days Ricky has done some major "growing up." On the 6th of May he will be releasing his first English track. Now singing alongside world-famous diva Madonna herself, he has joined a new rank in pop culture music. So to all those La Sierran's that were in Hollywood instead of your classes; don't worry, you weren't the only one. And to those that thought about going but did the responsible thing; remember to live a crazy life every now and then, it's good for the soul!

WILLIE PRICE
film buff extraordinaire

I can't really call *Go* a takeoff of *Pulp Fiction*, although there are a lot of similarities. The main one is that the plot is split up into different sections of time which are out of chronological order. However, I cannot bring myself to call director Doug Liman a biter. After all, he did the wonderfully funny and witty *Swingers*. *Go* definitely shows the director's skill: a sense of the drug-induced, egocentric world of ravers. Also added into the mix is a couple of gay actors who pick up a job as undercover cops, only to be propositioned by their boss and his wife, who try to get them to sell Amway products.



Willie's Thumb

You can tell already that this dark comedy is filled with less than average characters. Sarah Polley plays the sullen, fed-up Ronna, a grocery store clerk who

tries her hand at individuation by trying to pass off aspirin as XTC to a major dealer as well as to a mass of thrill-seeking ravers. Katie Holmes plays a minor character, but one of the most genuine and interesting. She plays the level-headed, intuitive, and assertive Claire Montgomery. Taye Diggs plays alongside Desmond Askew as the two wade through a barrage of uncanny sexual and violent adventures in Las Vegas.

I am generally critical of movies which combine teens and comedy (*Ferris Bueller's Day Off* is one exception), but *Go* really went. It has strong dialogue, original characters, and the plot is not too farfetched. It takes us inside the strange and chaotic world of a few ravers, for whom "going" is an imperative. Where are they going? I don't know, but you just might want to travel with them for an hour and a half. You'll definitely enjoy the ride.

The Trial, Disclaimer, and Death of La Diabla

RAMONE "ROACH" ROMERO
purveyor of timeless wisdom

CRITO

You know, I was ready to write an all-new satire, but alas, that shall have to wait. Why? Because I've heard that some readers were not too happy with my last satire, "Chauvinism's Last Stand." Unfortunately, because I heard this information second-hand, I am not positively sure that anyone was *actually* offended. Personally, I've only heard positive reactions to it.

Remember, the only way I'll know if I have offended is if you, the dear reader, come forth and tell me. Don't be shy, I'm only an evil deity/mastermind towards stereotypes and sheep. On a personal level I'm very approachable! Just make an appointment with my Consigliari or one of my goons. I honestly want to be informed if I have offended you, so that I may more properly mock and belittle you the next time around.

So mind you that even

though these "offended" readers may not exist (but you'd better exist because it's 4:00 a.m. and I'm losing sleep because of you), I do realize that my nefarious article may have struck and molested some tender chords out there. This possible offense



Roach Motel

What did these dolts have in common with the tender souls of the offended? They both took me *seriously*. Sheesh! How could they have failed to realize my article was a satire? Were my subject & thesis not clearly absurd enough? Did they not notice my article was on the *entertainment* page and in a column called the "Roach Motel"? Or does the mere utterance of words like "feminism" and "spatula" cause some people to automatically nuke their senses of humor?

PHAEDO

Anyhow, I would like to sincerely apologize if my satire offended the sensitivities of any women, feminists, Satanists, small farm animals or moose. I must also apologize to chauvinists for cruelly misleading them by mentioning them only in the title of the article. I know I must have hurt them greatly. All I can do is humbly beg for everyone's forgiveness. *Dixi*.

must be addressed, undressed, compressed, repressed, and if I have time, maybe reconciled and publicly atoned for.

APOLOGY

Incidentally, there were other scattered reactions to my article which warrant correction. I had a few dunces ecstatically accost me, uttering such morsels of foolishness as: "Right on! I hate feminists too!" and "Yeah, women ARE evil!"

Another One Rides The Bus

ARISALGUEIRO
"Weird Al" Yankovic aficionado

The scene is simple. A guy wants to go see his girl friend who lives on the other side of the city. That shouldn't be a problem. He loves her. He's healthy. He's willing. He lives on a beautiful tropical island 90 miles south of Florida called Cuba. It's a Caribbean paradise with gorgeous, sandy beaches and a great yellow sun that warms its waters. Problem. He doesn't have a car. Because, well, who does anyway? And if he did, it wouldn't help him a lot since gasoline has been on absent leave for a while now.

So our brave friend has no choice but grabbing some change and taking a bus. Take a bus, you say, no big deal! He arrives at the bus stop and 15 minutes later a large unidentified object that vaguely resembles a bus ap-

proaches the stop. Stop might not be the right word to use here since for some reason the bus doesn't stop. Neither does the next one or the one after that. But it's OK because our hero would probably not want to hang from the bottom of the bus which happens to be the only part of its surface not covered by people.

By the time the bus gets to the stop where our brave friend waits, not only is it filled to capacity with people which are virtually defying every law of physics and space conceivable, but it has people hanging from the windows, doors, exhaust pipe, etc. Doubtlessly our friend will eventually make it to his beloved's house, which is also shared by her mom, dad, grandparents, cousins, uncles, pigs, horses, neighbors and government watchdogs on occasion. But that's another story. So smile! It gets worse.

La Sierra School Spirit Reaches 5-Year High

CARL JONARD
mild-mannered reporter

The collective school spirit of the La Sierra University campus reached its highest peak in over five years last Thursday. The sudden drastic upswing in student enthusiasm and school pride is being largely attributed

to the efforts of 19-year old freshman Heidi Lewis, of Ventura, California. On April 29, Lewis encountered former high school classmate Daniel Washburn, 18. Washburn works at Hot Dog on A Stick, an animal byproduct disposal center located in The Galleria at Tyler, a favorite hangout known to students by the affectionate nickname "Tyler

Galleria."

When questioned by Daniel Washburn about the "La Sierra University" logo on the sweatshirt she was wearing, Heidi Lewis reportedly responded, "Yeah, La Sierra's pretty cool. I don't know; I like it anyway." She added, "I'm studying how to be human in three cultures!" The latter

comment was followed by twirling an extended forefinger in a "whoopie"-like gesture.

This statement and accompanying hand gesture represents the most school-related enthusiasm shown by a member of the L.S.U. student body since the brief chant of three seniors, "La Sierra rules; PUC drools," during a 1993

intramural volleyball game. The chanting students were quickly silenced by La Sierra officials and asked to leave the stands.



Am I So Out Of Touch?

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Editorial

A man who stands for nothing will fall for anything.
— Unknown

Apathy is the condition that engrosses our generation. As students it is our responsibility to become activists. We need to be involved in our campus, our community and our world. This involvement must stem from knowledge, and not be swayed by the popular passions. What better place to attain this knowledge than in the university setting? We should take advantage of what this university has to offer. We need to take this education further than professional training and cultivate our critical thinking skills. We need to develop who we are and what we believe in, independent of popular persuasion.

There is a sense of security and comfort in attending such a small school, but that doesn't make us isolated from the world. As the leaders of tomorrow we must discover our roles in society today. Our voices must be heard. It has been a wonderful opportunity to serve you, the students, as FOCUS editor. This page creatively explores issues that are close to our hearts and expands our understanding. I feel, however, that I can make a greater contribution expressing my beliefs through writing. I urge you all to become activists and submit your thoughts to the paper.

Meriam Makary
FOCUS Editor
It's been fun!

WWW: Get Directions Before You Take Off

BY ARISTIDES SALGUEIRO
staff writer

You've probably seen it around, the big WWW. Web addresses are all over the place in today's world. Web directions to places with names like www.buymystuff.com, www.givememoney.net, www.clickhereandseeadeadlink.com and www.thislinkdoesntwork.org.

What makes the World Wide Web so attractive to people? After hours and days of surfing the golden waves of the net, I have come up with several answers. The web is a fast, effective method of information distribution. The potential of millions of people being exposed to advertisement posted on the web results on many of its services being affordable.

The World Wide Web is doing for information what the television did for entertainment. The net concentrates massive amounts of information and puts it all at your fingertips. Entire libraries and literary collections can be accessed from your room. Conversations can be carried with people from across the globe. Data can be exchanged. Meetings can be organized.

Sounds and images are available in all categories and forms.

There are those that point out that the net is also a pit of perversion, full of pornography and potentially harmful and illegal content. I will not argue with those people. The net can indeed be a dangerous place. I see it as a great city, a cyber-world where I can choose where I want to go today, no pun intended. I can choose to go to the



library or to the local bar. I can choose to go to a friend's house or to a triple X bookstore. It's all about choices.

The pits will be all over the place, whether you are in the net or your neighborhood. The net is just another aspect of a sinful world where we must learn to select right from wrong and use the resources available even if it means having to walk a little more carefully. Visit the SALSU Web (www.lasierra.edu/salsu) site and see an example of the good side of the web. Next time you sit on front of your computer and fire up your modem, think of it as driving out of your driveway into the street.

Where will you be going today? It's all up to you.

Access to Firearms Is Out of Control

BY JULENE DUERKSEN
staff writer

Two weeks ago terror entrenched Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. The event is etched into my mind and I am left with many questions.

Is it too hard to ask that the children in America not have access to weapons? As I have watched my country wrought by destructive behavior of criminals, my heart is torn. For these criminals are not the evil, sinister, and foreboding kind. No, these criminals are children. Their lives are in the balance just like mine. Flipping through the Jonesboro, Arkansas stories of two young boys and their attempt to get even with those who had wronged them, something hit me. These boys were barely old enough to take care of themselves, yet they had access to deadly weapons. There is something terribly wrong with that picture.

Now, nearly a year later, our country is once again thrown into turmoil. How can teenagers be so incredibly cruel? How can they laugh at death, play death, and take life into their own hands? Colorado has weapon laws, gun laws specifically, but still they debate their significance. "Why?" I ask. It should not be possible for anyone to step into a school lunchroom and take the lives of fellow classmates and teachers. I do understand the importance of weapons for police. But with the evidence before us, how can one deny that access to firearms is out of control?

Tears rolled down my cheeks as I read each word of the gripping story from the *Los Angeles Times*.

A senior did not know if his prom date survived, friends were separated, siblings lost, and parents waited in dreadful silence and fear for any word of their children. From my safe and comfortable room I look at the pictures and stories covering national newspapers. The *Washington Post* had a link to a multimedia of pictures and sounds from the scene. I watched the pictures fade one into another and I couldn't breathe.

Filled with emotions, I try to sort out and understand what has taken place. The pictures and stories will remain a part of my memory as I step forward and try to make sense of it all. I ponder the idea of freedom in America. Has it gone too far? Is it just one person's freedom to carry a gun and kill anyone who once taunted him? Is it someone's freedom to seek revenge on those who have done her wrong? Do I really live in a country where my freedom is deeply cherished and sacred? Or am I a citizen of a country where free will and independence rule? I want to stand up as a community of individuals who strongly believe that this is wrong. I do not want to raise my children in a country where they will have to defend their freedom for life. Everyone has the freedom to their own liberty and happiness, but it is so easily forgotten that everyone has the freedom of life. Life is sacred and so easily ended.

I will remember this day and the pain it caused our nation. Wake up and look around; this isn't the place you thought it was. You may be safe and comfortable where you are right now, but so were those students at lunch April 20, in Littleton, Colorado.

ROVING REPORTER:

What do you think should have been done to prevent the tragic killings in Littleton?



"Teach the kids how important it is to influence other people's lives"
-Roberto Coronado, Sophomore: Religion



"Eve not eating the apple"
-Elizabeth Penner, Freshman: English



"Smaller schools so there is more attention to the students and better family atmospheres"
-Julian Miranda, Junior: Computer Information Systems



"TV should have never been introduced to the American Society"
-Robert Mohr, Junior: Business Finance



"Know them[students] and know who they are inside"
-Karen Ruiz, Freshman: Physical Therapy

Women Deemed Mere Sex Objects

BY EVANGRAHAM
staff writer

When one of my friends was planning to move back to Malaysia, the crew threw a party for him at our friends' house. We hired a stripper for the occasion, and as the time approached for her to arrive, we confined our female guests to the back porch. But they were so intent on seeing her that we had to close the blinds on them. "They just want to see the stripper so they can criticize her and feel better about themselves," one of the guys remarked.

"Girls are so insecure about the way they look, and a lot of them like to compete with each other," says history freshman Jorge (pronounced "George") Ibuado.

ternoon with a copy of *Rolling Stone* under my arm, one of my female classmates suddenly stopped me. "Who's that on the cover?" she growled. I looked at the half-naked woman sprawled across the magazine's front.

"It's Britney Spears," I replied. "Oh, let me see it!" she demanded, grabbing the magazine and pro-

bitter contempt (and maybe envy; I don't want to judge) for Spears because she (that's Spears) emulates (or tries to) society's superficial ideal of feminine "beauty."

Psychology sophomore Tamra Newbold denies that women have contempt for other women's good looks, though Ibuado thinks so. However, Newbold says, "Girls are much more aware of how people look," citing numerous conversations she's had with her girlfriends about certain women's bodies and features about them.

In the recently-released motion picture *The Matrix*, humans are really nothing more than energy sources for machines that have overtaken the world. Their minds, meanwhile, are trapped in an utter-

ly complex computer program designed to make them think that they are free and in control of their own lives. Are the bodily images on fashion magazines a similar cloak on the female mind, shielding women from the fact that by adhering to these images they deem themselves nothing more than sex objects? It's your call.



Picture courtesy of www.darkhorizons.com

ceeding to leaf it for more pictures of this new enemy of hers, sneering at them.

When I asked to see a certain page of the magazine, she snarled, "I've had enough!" and shoved the magazine back at me. "My eyes are already sick of looking at her," she said.

This friend of mine, it seemed, had

Why Can't We All Just Get Along?

ALIAS

Our mother which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." So recites the feminist version of the *Lord's Prayer*, very well-known by most chauvinists. Throughout the centuries, the transformation of biblical beliefs and traditions of a God referred to as male has not been as scandalous as President Clinton's bed time stories.

However, one could argue about the validity of a "blasphemy," such as giving God a sex change. The father figure has been for

"Instead of alienating half our campus, we can join hands and work toward gender equality together"

years the most important value in the life of a woman. However, "daddy's little girl" is an expression that is probably not proper for those ladies who strongly follow the feminists' views. Name a girl who does not remember being spoiled by her dad, if you find one, and you'll encounter that it is difficult to comprehend how some feminists have gone over board. For example, trashing one gender to uplift their own.

A left-handed person, for instance, has to be very careful when writing with a fountain pen because the motion of his/her hand could easily smear the ink. Feminists on LSU campus seem like those left-handed persons with the only difference that the latter are not careful when approaching an issue.

LSU's feminists tend to diminish the value and respect of men while trying to create gender "equality." Isn't that being chauvinistic? Why smash men? Not to mention taking opinions presented on the *Criterion* [and classes] to heart.

On a campus with such a diversity as ours, we should try to find a way of respecting everybody's beliefs and opinions—last time I heard, this was a free country. Stop making issues of comments or sayings that might seem—not that it has been proven—gender oriented. There are great things feminists can do for our campus, but instead of alienating half our campus, we can join hands and work toward gender equality together. "Why can't we all just get along?"

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Fear of Colorado ~vs~ Condemnation of Kosovo

BY CARL CHRISTMAN
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On April 20th Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold entered Columbine High School, in Littleton, Colorado, and killed 13 people.

On April 20th, all the citizens of a small Kosovo village were murdered.

On that day William Sanders was killed, and an anonymous peasant was raped and beaten to death.

Littleton, Colorado has been brought to the forefront of our prayers and attentions, while the ethnic



Crosses at Columbine High

Albanian Cemetery/Refugee

has caused a desperate search for a reason more profound than bad kids have, while we are content to view Milosevic as being bad, with no search for explanation. Special interest groups haven't been bashful about exploiting

has offered, "A return to family values," as a solution. Gun control activists tell us that getting rid of guns would have prevented this tragedy. There are calls for better parenting, stricter T.V. censoring, and of course people can't resist tying the shooters to Nazi's.

Contending ourselves with placing the blame on evil kids would waste this perfect opportunity for public interest groups to lobby their agendas. Maggie Gallagher, of the Institute for American Values, best stated this when she said, "More after school programs and gun control," the left

will cry. "Death penalty for juvenile murderers," the right will reply. And we'll all return to the less odious task of fighting evil, second-hand, in a land far, far, away from us.

these students' deaths and pandering to the American fear that it has sparked.

After magnifying the handful of school shootings, which have occurred in the prior year into an "epidemic," and neglecting the history of violent teens, they offer both a scapegoat and a solution. The Christian Coalition

cleansing in the Balkans is forgotten. We find it easier to identify with the victims in Colorado because they were American students, and their fate could just as easily fallen on us.

We view this tragedy with fear, while we look at the mass genocide in Kosovo with a distant condemnation. The fear



Dear Double Talk:

THERE'S THIS GUY I KNOW THAT I ADMITTED TO LIKING. WE WERE GOOD FRIENDS, BUT AFTER I TOLD HIM HOW I LIKED HIM WE DIDN'T TALK MUCH...I DON'T WANT TO LOSE OUR FRIENDSHIP. HOW SHOULD I APPROACH THIS?
ANGST AND AGONY

♀ Dear Angst and Agony,
Ah. Finally, something I can answer from experience. Although, did anyone wonder why so many people fall for their friends? Biologically, it doesn't make much sense. People should be diversifying the gene pool, not daydreaming about someone they've known for months, even years. And yet, it happens.

But I digress. I must tell you, you're in a difficult place. By telling him you liked him, you placed him in an awkward position. If he doesn't feel the same way, then he's probably trying to figure out how to treat you from now on. He doesn't want to encourage you, but he doesn't want to completely ignore you either. He needs time to process. Or, he could be completely freaking out. He might have thought of you as a buddy, a guy-like girl that he could talk to about his problems.

You might have been his safe friend, the one girl he wouldn't have to worry about. And you just had to ruin it all, didn't you? Or, he might be floating in rapture. He might have liked you all this time, but never had the courage to say anything. Maybe he didn't want to lose your friendship.

Now that he knows you feel the same way, he's finally free to ask you out. This could be his dream come true. Confused? Yeah, that's the way it goes. Haven't talked to him lately? Try. It's the only way you'll figure things out. Trust me.

Voluese

♂ Dear AA,
Please allow me the privilege of being your tour-guide of love and point out an obvious misstep in your ill-fated attempt at this relationship. All your life, parents and teachers have instructed us that "honesty is the best policy." Unfortunately, they lied.

First, let me share a few facts about my species: We only have three types of female friends — those we have already (how can I say this delicately) shared "that" special moment with, those we have yet to share that special moment with, and finally, those with which we will NEVER share that moment. Secondly, if a member of this species likes you that way, you will know about it immediately — trust me.

Finally, while you say that the two of you were good friends, this friendship, apparently however warm and fuzzy, was deceiving. You were spending all sorts of "quality" time together until you had to go and ruin it all by giving in to those misguided but well meaning role models telling you to be honest. Your mistake was failing to continue to play the game you started. Our hero didn't get down on his hands and knee and kiss your hem for honoring him with your favor.

Guenevere, my dear, Camelot this ain't. What did you really think would happen when you let fly this news? Self-preservation dictates that unless one is fairly sure of an outcome, one should avoid risks. Now you have to deal with the fallout.

Cinikus

A Special Welcome to Cinikus, who will continue to speak for men everywhere during Loki's tragic absence.

Special Report

■ *Loki is missing...*
BYZADIG
Criterion Special Reporter

Last week, Loki, the esteemed anonymous Double Talk columnist and Norse god of mischief was reported missing. Sources have stated that he "mysteriously disappeared," and authorities now believe that notorious writer may have been abducted. No ransom note has been found yet.

While they have not mentioned any other possible leads, Loki's frequent testosterone excursions and female-bashings have caused many of his supporters to suspect SAGE. Authorities assure Loki's fans that they are pursuing every angle as well as investigating local feminist terrorist organizations.

They have expanded their inquiries and are now questioning other Norse gods as to Loki's whereabouts. "I didn't really know him," says Thor, Norse god of thunder and funny-looking helmets, "all I know is that he really bugged the THUNDER out of me."

Loki was known for his gleefully cynical disposition, his sarcastically pessimistic advice, and his playful attempts to avoid being constructive for as long as humanly possible.

"I can't believe Loki's gone. I always hoped that if anything happened to him, it would be because of me. But now I've lost my chance," Voluese said sadly.

GRADE A PASTEURIZED HOMOGENIZED

Have You Seen Me?

"LOKI"

Male, about 20-35 years old

Hair: Unknown
Eyes: Unknown
Height: Unknown
Weight: Unknown
Disposition: Pessimistic
Attitude: Cynical
Last Sighting: Unknown

If you see anyone who matches this description or who has a big question-mark for a face, please contact the authorities immediately

Nutrition Facts
Serving Size 1 cup (240 mL)
Servings Per Container About 4

Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g
Sat. fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,400mg
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Dietary Fiber		25g	30g
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Any Questions? Email: chrlaw@fasierra.edu

Business Etiquette Dinner

- Learn the Art of Fine Dining
- Enjoy a Formal Multicourse Dinner
- Experience a Guided Presentation by a Dining Expert

Date/Time: Wednesday 6-8:30pm May 12.
Location: UCR: UCR Extension Center, 1200 University Ave.
Fee: \$39/\$25 students, no wine (w meeting)
Preregistration: Requested by May 7.
Co-sponsored by UCR Career Services

Should La Sierra be Ashamed?

■ Trouble at Mission Creek: An Inside Look

BY MEENAL RAO
staff writer

On March 9, 1999 La Sierra students noticed an unidentified flying object as they were coming out of chapel. They noticed a distinct phrase emerging from the sky, "Shame on La Sierra U www.hikerhaven.com." Confusion spread throughout the crowd of students, curiosity sunk in, they had to find out what it was all about.

In 1996, two uniformed forest rangers came to President Geraty's office and informed him that there was a "squatter" on La Sierra University's land growing marijuana. This was the first time President Geraty had come to the knowledge that our school owned any property. After doing further investigation, it was discovered that La Sierra University owned 600 acres of land in

Mission Creek in the San Bernardino forest since 1973. They also found out that a former student, Randy Testman, was living on the property, with University permission; "...to develop it in harmony with the original government specifications for the deal..." Testman built what he calls a "hikerhaven" a rest stop for tired hikers to take a break from their strenuous hiking. He built many things to make their rest more comfortable. He carried thousand of pounds to hikerhaven on his back, the only way he could get it there to build his home.

The deal was originally made when La Sierra College was joined with Loma Linda University. After the two separated, Mission Creek was lost in the paperwork, and La Sierra University was unaware of their land, which was decided to them when the two University's were still united.

Since they discovered the

land, President Geraty along with Leonard Jorgensen, and their families, visited Mission Creek. In a University Newsletter, Geraty exclaimed Mission Creek to be "a unique gem of a place." So with such great remarks, why is there a disagreement between La Sierra University, and Randy Testman?

President Geraty addressed the matter in a recent interview. Geraty enjoyed his visit to Mission Creek and as a result wanted Testman to stay on the land and take on the role as a University representative on hikerhaven. Testman never gave a specific reason, but he didn't like the idea, he just wanted to be "left alone." So for liability reasons, he was asked to vacate the premises. But that only got him angrier, causing the banner "shaming LSU," and the WebPages accusing the University of all kinds of things. After months of lawyers, and paperwork, an agreement was finally made on April 23, 1999.

Wildlands Conservancy has bought the land from La Sierra University for \$150,000, in hopes to get it back into its natural state. Testman has agreed to move out of Mission Creek, in the allowed 45 days, in which he is ordered to tear down all the buildings that he built since he moved there. He is getting compensated by Wildlands.

The disagreement has finally come to an end.

Liberty, Equality, Sorority/Fraternity...

BY CONNIE GALAMBOS
staff writer

Over its first two years, LSU's Student Association for Gender Equality (SAGE) has explored gender relationships through discussions, research, presentations, movies, and community service.

"SAGE is a collective of individuals seeking to explore and change the ways in which men and women limit themselves through gender stereotypes," said Gabriela Martinez, SAGE Steering Committee co-leader. The group actively recruits both men and women to join, as long as the individual has an open mind: willing to recognize gender stereotypes and the extensive power they often exercise over our every day lives.

This week, SAGE is providing a activities to heighten gender awareness. On Wednesday at noon, Lea Appleton of LSU's music department will be hosting a brown bag luncheon discussion about breast cancer awareness. Lea will share facts and dispel myths during this educational session in La Sierra Hall #321.

On Thursday at 11 a.m., assembly will feature guest speaker Scott Coltrane, UCR's Chair of the

Interdisciplinary Studies and 1997 recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award. In "Father, Families, and Gender Equality," he will share his studies of two-earner couples show how employment patterns effect the gender division of parenting and housework. He will present the conclusions in Matheson Chapel.

On Saturday morning, SAGE will feature a homily by Marlene Ferreras, a recently anointed elder at LSU Church. Other portions of the program include performance art, special music presentations, and responsive reading.

University and community members will be featured together in this unique gender-inclusive interpretation of a long-standing worship tradition, also taking place in Matheson Chapel.

Many sponsors have made this week's activities possible: the Women's Resource Center, the Department of History and Political Science, and the College of Arts and Sciences. For more information, please call Connie Galambos, x.2684, or Gabriela Martinez at (909) 778-0869.

CABL Corner: Walk-a-thon

BY AVIMARIA DAVIS
CABL Director

Are you bored and tired of being on campus? Well, I have good news for you. The Juvenile Diabetes Walk-a-thon is just around the corner! This five mile walk sponsored by CABL (Collegiate Adventists for Better Living) will be on May 8 from 7:30a.m. until around 12p.m. If you do not wish to walk you could also make a gift donation to help find a cure for this illness. Do you know any-

one with Diabetes? Maybe a brother, sister, or cousin? If you do encourage those around you to get involved and together we can make a HUGE difference!

The Quarterly Blood Drive will be held on Monday, May 3 in the Student Center from 10a.m - 3p.m. Please, come and donate, because "the Life you Save just might be your own." Any further information contact me at SALSU x2005 or via email: avimdavi@lasierra.edu. And thanks for your support!

Joining with NCAA Division III

BY SANJO ADEOYE
SALSU Executive V.P.

The athletic program is looking to join NCAA Division III sports league. The athletic department is making a proposal to increase SALSU fees required each quarter in order to support the program. The Student Senate is the body that has the power to approve or dis-

miss the proposal. Joel Haldeman is making a formal proposal to the Senate on the 6th of May 1999. During this Senate meeting, discussions will be welcomed from anyone who has an opinion. It is imperative that we, Student Senate, have as many people as possible attend this meeting in order to get a feel on what decisions need to be made.

Bungle in the Twines and Vines with Jungle People

■ A La Sierra University Spring Production

BY JAY SORIO
guest writer

Picture this: You enter a jungle and encounter a civilization called the Jungle People. You watch and discover that they are going through a crisis. The lights dim and smoke rises in the jungle. Drama like you've never seen

before unfolds before your eyes.

Chief Sitleaf is the noble chief of the jungle people, but he is dying. Hanibal, husband of the beautiful Scoozy, is to be the new chief. But he didn't count on the evil aspirations of Judasius, the evil brother of Soranju.

Judasius uses his secret powers to try to destroy what is

known as bungle: the good force of the jungle. Soranju's mission is to stop Judasius from his evil schemes. Will he be able to stop his brother's deadly plan?

You've never seen anything like this before. English Graduate student, Willie Price, is the writer, director, and producer of this original play to be performed in Matheson Chapel on May 12, 13, and 15 at 8:30 p.m. The cast is incredibly talented and performs a riveting tale in rhythmic farce.

Donovan Childs plays the honest Soranju. The graceful Scoozy is played by Michele Pongvarin. Josey Pardenilla plays the elegant Leaphosphorous, the jungle prophetess of bungle. Jay Soria plays the evil, calculating Judasius.



Juliana Jutzy practicing for the play

This play has it all—drama, humor, and action! It will keep you on the edge of your seat. The cast has been working hard on the play for over a month now. Get your tickets fast, before the crowd gets to them first!

Matheson Chapel
8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 12
Thursday, May 13
Saturday, May 15
For tickets contact the
Engl/Comm office x2241.

Fashion District: contributions from- Terry Eckermann, Tamer Gaber, Kim Jefferson

LADIES

YES PLEASE

Women's makeup:

Lips

This season try a light, natural colored, glossy lipstick without lipliner...unless you have ugly skinny lips.

Colors that are in style for the minimal look are: plum, pink, bronze.

(Recommended: Neutrogena, Ultima II's Full Moisture)

Eyes

Go easy on the mascara for a natural day look. For the evening go all out and lengthen those lashes...but remember no clumps. (Recommended: Lancome-Intencils)

Accentuate the natural beauty of your eyes with a light eyeliner pencil.

(Recommended: Sebastian in nude or Shiseido in Black)

Hair

Straight or curly, long or short, we all could use a little help!

Style your hair with rhinestone clips.

(Recommended: Ravissant Salon in Old Pasadena \$4-10)

For a fresh new look, try a 60's bob!

No matter how trendy of a hair cut you have it won't look good with your dry damaged hair.

(Recommended: Vidal Sassoon Texturizing Formula Conditioning Rinse)

The same goes for the frizz. Get your hair under control!

(Recommended: Aveda Shampure Shampoo Beautifying Composition)

Just because you're in a hurry doesn't mean that you don't have to look great. Cut down on the drying time.

(Recommended: Redken Active Express Flash Wash Shampoo)

Clothes

Treat yourself. Go to an expensive boutique and put an outfit together. Go home and combine



it with your old clothes. (Recommended: Lu Lu Brandt in Old Pasadena)

Keep earth tones and pastels in mind while shopping. Some must have's for the season are:

- Overalls
- Sundresses
- Capri pants
- BEBE shirts
- Flare and boot cut pants
- Hip huggers
- Sandals
- Boots

Skin

You don't just want to look good, but feel good too. Before heading to the beach in that knew bikini, put on a little sunblock first. (Recommended: Piz buin)

NO THANKS

Women's makeup

Just because Clinton loved Monica doesn't mean that all men go for that dark black eyeliner look.

Women's hair

Doped looking butterflies in your hair are not the way to impress that special someone!

Clothes

We all love to shop, but its crazy to buy a \$300 outfit, max out your credit card, and work for the interest over the summer.

Get rid of all of these items if they're in your wardrobe:

- Bellbottoms
- White pants
- Short short jean shorts
- Bright colors
- highwaters

MEN YES PLEASE

Iron all your clothes, starch and pleat

You don't want to look like you fell out of bed into your hamper and decided to go to school. Your charm isn't so impeccable that woman can overlook your hideous wrinkles from across campus. Even if you had an ounce of charm, she won't come near enough to find out, it's obvious.

Match!

You're probably old enough to match colors, but oblivious to the fact that not only colors need to be matched, but there are also textures and styles that need to match. For example, sneakers don't go well with dress slacks (avoiding the tourist look), camouflage just doesn't go, and button-down shirts don't mix with athletic apparel.

Clean Shoes

Your shoes need to be spick and span, always. It is the most important finishing touch to your apparel. The look where you have just run through the mud and grass doesn't cut it. They don't have to be expensive jock endorsed shoe that promises to make you a star. They just have to be clean.

(Recommended: Doc Martens, Sketchers)

Button-down shirts

Trendy button-down shirts are always a plus. They make you look clean and refined. If you're slim, make sure you tuck that shirt into your pants, and if you have some pounds to spare its okay to leave it out.

(Recommended: Guess, Structure, Perry Ellis)

Socks

Socks that match your style are always a plus. Anything that looks like you put some thought into it makes you look good. Remember athletic tube socks only go with sportswear, not everything!

Sweaters

So summer is coming but when night falls, sweaters can make you look distinguished and capable of a relationship with that girl that makes you pant. Example: sleeveless sweaters, and the partial button down type.

Cologne

Other than your animalistic pheromones, you need to apply some smelly good to impress her. Of course everyone has their individual preferences but what's in this season are milder scents. Remember not to pile it on. She wants to smell you not fall over from Respiratory arrest.

(Recommended: Aqua di Gio by Giorgio Armani, Issey Miyake, Coolwater, Calvin Klein's line of cologne are all adequate this season.)

Watches

The key to a good looking watch is that it can serve many functions and goes with several dress styles. For a \$100 you can get a watch that makes you look like a million dollars.

Trust me you are getting judged by your watch. She looks at your watch to see if you're "fit" enough for her.

(Recommended: Guess, and Fossil. Emporio Armani, if you're willing to spend a little more)

NO THANKS

Print T-Shirts

So you got a favorite cigarette, beer, or race car shirt that you love to wear. It isn't a good swooning mechanism. Leave that wear for chores.

Oversized clothes

There is a very fine line between baggy and just straight out sloppy big. Baggy clothes should state baggy and not done by buying them ten sizes too big. You don't want to look like you have a pet pig.

Tattered/Smelly Clothes

You don't want to be caught wearing hole-y clothes. The damage to your image would be irreparable. Avoid ruge like, "If its worn only once it is still clean", or "Less than two weeks in the hamper is still wearable". Definitely no-no's, you need to look like you care about yourself.

Excessive pockets

Cargo style pants are in, but not Cargo pants. Kosovo is already being fought. Looking like a Marine can only help you if you are trying to pick up on an Albanian. One or two extra pockets are okay but 30 looks ugly. Make sure you keep those pocket flaps ironed.

Socks with Sandals

Do your self-a favor and cut those toenails, dig out the toe jam, and make your toes look decent. Take off those socks when you're wearing sandals. That style was never in.



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2		3 Chapel 11 a.m. Tuesday Tunes 8-10 p.m. EN	4 Passport to Leadership 5:30 p.m. MEI Rendezvous 10 p.m.	5	6 Fall quarter Student Teaching application deadline Residence Halls RA Retreat CPR for the Soul 7:30 p.m.	7 Xodus 24:7 9:30 a.m. SVC Worship Service 10:45 am LSUC SALSU S.O.S. Residence Halls RA Retreat
9 Financial Aid: Last day to apply for Stafford/ PLUS loans	10	11 Chapel 11 a.m. SIFE Gold Rush Days 12-1 DC/mall Tuesday Tunes 8-10 p.m. EN	11 Rendezvous 10 p.m.	12 La Sierra LIVE Assembly by Schools: Awards 11 a.m. SIFE Gold Rush Days: Presentation Preview Student Missions annual fundraiser Residence Halls Senior Leadership Recognition ANG	13 La Sierra LIVE CPR for the Soul 7:30 p.m.	14 Xodus 24:7 9:30 a.m. SVC Worship Service 10:45 a.m. LSUC SALSU S.O.S. Student Missions dedication Global Gala 8-10 p.m. LSU

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UPCOMINGEVENTS

Audio Adrenaline will be playing at Knott's Berry Farm on May 22. Tickets are \$5, but there are only 30 spots available.

Angels baseball game on May 26. Tickets are \$3.00

"Café de Paris" sponsored by the Student Alumni Assoc. on Wed., May 26, 8-10 p.m. on the Campus Mall. Live food, French delicacies. Free to students.

"SALSU needs you as a senator!" Senate 1999-2000 Elections Tuesday, May 25. Application available in Student Life! Deadline for applications is Wednesday, May 19.

Thursday, June 10, 6:30 p.m. in Matheson Chapel is the Celebration of Completion, a ceremony for all pre-professional students who will transfer out of La Sierra after this school year.

The Dept. of Modern Languages announces its summer abroad programs: COSTA RICA, July 4-Aug. 1, Spanish I-IV and Human Biology 107. HONDURAS, June 30-Aug. 24, July 28-Aug 3, and Aug. 4-Aug. 24, Spanish I-IV and mission work. PARIS, July 1-July 31, French I-IV and 427. There is FINANCIAL AID available for all these programs.

CORRECTION

Please notice that the last day to purchase Magic Mountain tickets at \$19.00 is June 30, 1999 and not April 30, 1999. The tickets will be \$22.50 starting July 1, 1999.

SAGE Raises Gender Awareness

BY JESSICA KIM AND MARITZA DURAN
guest writers

During the week of May 3-8, the Student Association for Gender Equality (SAGE), sponsored La Sierra University's first Gender Awareness Week hoping to promote a discussion of how gender roles function in our society. SAGE sponsored three main events. On May 5, La Sierra faculty member Lea Appleton led an informative discussion about breast cancer and candidly spoke about her own personal experience. Professor Appleton advised young women and men to do regular self-breast examinations and discussed the diagnostic process. She also provided information about support groups and suggested ways in which we can offer support to people with breast cancer. Professor Appleton's discussion was especially pertinent because one in nine women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, making it essential to be informed about the subject.

On Thursday May 6, UCR professor and author Scott Coltrane joined us to discuss his work on masculinity and the family. Laughingly, Dr. Coltrane mentioned that his colleagues often ridicule and trivialize his field of study—housework. Contrary to his colleagues beliefs, Dr. Coltrane argues that studying the distribution of household labor reflects how gender equality has not been achieved in our society. Citing several statistics from studies he has completed,

Dr. Coltrane demonstrates how the division of house work has improved as men begin to participate in child care. Despite this improvement, Dr. Coltrane shows that women are still responsible for the majority of household management.

To complete the week, SAGE organized a special gender inclusive church service. In preparing the program, SAGE's goal was to incorporate the voices of women and men in the program. First year pre-ministry student Marlene Ferreras delivered a thought provoking and inspiring homily, "Of Crowns, Courage, and Character." Discussing the story of Esther, Ms. Ferreras built an analogy between Vashti, Mordecai, and Esther, and eagles who fly against the wind. These biblical characters show integrity, courage, and wisdom, initiating movements for social justice and portraying the character of God. Ms. Ferreras challenged us to say "no" when everyone else says "yes." The service also included special music and a variety of readings by LSU students Maritza Duran, Yong Suk Cha, Tui Srisawat, Laurel Tym, Wendy Walters, Mark Tatum, Somer Pennington, and Lisa Cortez. Other participants included Oscar Meza, Felipe Tapia, Melissa Ballesteros, Wonil Kim, and Kit Watts.

The events of the week provided an open forum in which issues of gender could be discussed and learned about. SAGE hopes to facilitate a continued and positive discussion of gender issues on the La Sierra Campus.

Senate Discusses NCAA Possibility

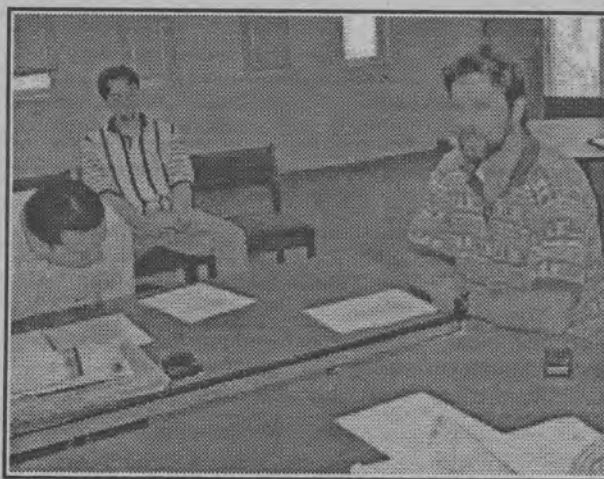
BY JAY SORIA
staff writer

Will La Sierra University join the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III? That was the question discussed during the Student Senate meet-

have a probationary membership for five years at a \$900/year fee.

What did this proposal include? In January of the year 2000, the full-time athletic director will initiate several processes. LSU will begin the application process for entry into the NCAA Division III. The application fee

will be \$2500 and the fundraising process for the Athletic Program will begin. Because of the cost of entering and maintaining membership in



Joel Haldeman at the Student Senate Meeting

ing on May 6. Athletic director Joel Haldeman came into the meeting with a proposal. Haldeman began by saying, "I don't think we are going to be a full-fledged university until we have enough co-curricular activities for the students, and I think strongly that one of those can be athletics." What did students say when asked if they wanted sports? They said yes.

The proposal presented at the Senate is to fully join the NCAA Division III by the year 2004. To join NCAA D-III, La Sierra University must have ten teams: five men and five women teams, three major group sports, and two individual sports. La Sierra would

the NCAA, SALSU fees may increase. Every year, certain sports will be added to the program. These include men's and women's basketball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, and cross-country, in that order. If LSU participates according to the proposal, it will become a full-fledged member of the NCAA III by June of the year 2004.

No decision was reached at the Student Senate meeting to whether or not LSU will join the NCAA, or if the SALSU fees would be increased. But the issue is now on the table. So the question still remains, "Will La Sierra University join the NCAA Division III?"

Ole Club Celebrates "Cinco De Mayo" and other activities in May

BY KIRK CABEZAS AND SUSIE GALAVIZ
guest writers

This year, Olé club, the Hispanic club at LSU, has been one of the most active clubs on campus. Spanish themes have not been a barrier to non-Spanish speaking students to experience the fun and spiritual satisfaction of being an Olé club member. On May 1st, the Southern California Church Conference held a Hispanic Youth Convocation for which the Olé club was in charge of the closing program. Members of the club along with the La Sierra University vocal octet presented a very spiritual and uplifting program at Central Spanish Church, located at the heart of Los Angeles.

May 4th brought about two special events sponsored by the

Olé club. Chapel was presented in its totality by La Tertulia, a Hispanic literary club on campus, which cordially accepted the Olé

mons, to commemorate the festivity of "Cinco de Mayo." LSU students had the opportunity to enjoy a variety of delicious Latin

continue on the 21st of May with a fund-raising car wash. Funds from the "Cinco de Mayo" celebration and the car wash will go

towards the club's mission trip to Mexicali on Memorial Day weekend. During this excursion, 30 of the most active members of the Olé club will be traveling down to Mexicali to aid in several community service activities.

With the continuous help and support of the Olé club's advisor, Patricia Larios, the club has been able to portray God and the Hispanic culture through its activities. Officers of the Olé club pray that the last weeks of this school

year will continue to be a spiritual blessing for the members that participate in the activities the club has to offer.



Ole club members pose on the mall during the "Cinco De Mayo" celebration.

club's invitation to perform a very well-acted play. The second event took place in the evening at the mall in front of the Com-

American dishes while listening to traditional Mexican music played live by a mariachi band.

Olé club activities will con-

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What is your Cause?

BY JOSEPH GUERRERO
staff writer

The cause. Maybe you take up the banner that a woman should receive equal pay because, let's face it, she does the same amount of work as, maybe even better than, the man in the cubicle next to her.

Maybe you supported the initiative placed on the ballet in Beverly Hills this week proposing that the fur coat industry put "cruelty tags" on all fur coats being sold. Your cause might involve prancing around in your Superhero Underoos underwear screaming at the top of your lungs that Batman could in fact woop Superman in a WWF match anyday, any time, any where. You may even choose to join the great beer debate. Maybe you have joined the great beer debate as to whether it's "less filling" or it "tastes great." At some point in our lives we become passionate about a particular cause. At some point we all take a stand.

We have heard of many people who either started or became involved in causes around the world. In India Mohatma Ghandi sought independence for India from the British Empire through civil disobedience.

From Washington D.C. in

1963 we heard the cry in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech to take up the cause seeking racial justice, equality and peace. Rosa Parks, a forty-two year old seamstress in Montgomery, Alabama was arrested and fined for not giving up her bus seat to a white passenger. Throughout our history on this planet, women and men have taken stands in the areas of gender rights, animal rights, the environment, religion and other important issues. However, there is one historical figure that stands out, for me personally, above the others: Jesus Christ.

Remember the Samaritan woman in John 4 who came to the well to fill her jar with water? Jesus asked her for a drink, and she responded "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (John 4:9). Jesus then proceeds to offer her water, the kind where she "will never thirst again," crossing an ethnic and cultural boundary "for Jews do not associate with Samaritans" (John 4:9). Jesus also crossed socio-economic boundaries to reach people. He was accused of kickin' it with them as the pharisees ask his disciples "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" (Matthew 9:11). Jesus does not try to deny the accusation, nor does he leave it

uncontested, but responds "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick" (Matthew 9:12). Certainly there are many more examples the Bible gives in regards to Jesus becoming involved in causes that were not only important to people back then, but are important for us today. He was living the very command his Father gave to him and to us, the command that the Laws and the Prophets themselves hinged upon: love your neighbor as yourself.

But there is a commandment that many of us as Christians have forgotten in our zeal to stand up for noble causes. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your mind."

This is the first and greatest commandment" (Matthew 22:37,38). What does it mean to "Love your God...?" It will be up to you, reader, to ponder this one. Let me leave you with this final quote and thought. Jesus said, "...If [you] remain in me and I in [you], [you] will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Can we love God and love our neighbor as we love ourselves the way God has commanded us to love without a) receiving God's love (Romans 5:5) and b) remaining in him (John 15:5)? Jesus' cause was to "to do the will" of his Father: to love Him first and to love us second. What is your cause?

Cassie Bernall's Faith at Gunpoint reverberates nationally, globally

BY ART TOALSTON
guest writer

LITTLETON, Colo. (BP)--As Jesus fed the 5,000 with five loaves of bread and two fish, "Cassie fed the world with one word, 'Yes,'" said Dave McPherson, youth minister at West Bowles Community Church, Littleton, Colo., the Sunday after Cassie Bernall was slain at Columbine High School.

Cassie's "Yes" came in response to the question, "Do you believe in God?" posed by one of the two deranged classmates who shot her to death, along with 11 other students and a teacher, and wounding nearly two dozen others, before taking their own lives in a April 20 melee at the 1,900-student school.

"Yes, I believe in God," Cassie, 17, told the gun- and pipe bomb-wielding gunman. "Why?" he mused rhetorically without giving Cassie a chance to respond before pulling the

trigger.

"Bernall entered the Columbine High School library to study during lunch. She left a martyr," the Denver Rocky Mountain News stated.

Cassie's answer came after a long pause.

"I think she knew she was going to die if she said that," one of her friends, Kevin Koeniger, a member of Cassie's youth group at West Bowles Community Church, told National Public Radio's "Morning Edition."

"That's why she waited so long. She didn't wait determining whether to say yes or no. But she knew that if she said yes, she would die," Koeniger said.

"I think if there's one way to die, a good way of doing it is dying for your faith," said another of the 200-member youth group, her name indistinguishable on the NPR broadcast. "I think she's awesome."

"I can't even explain the joy that comes from my knowing a person

that would die for my Lord," another friend, Erika Dendorfer, told NPR. "I'm sad that she had to go in the way that she did with two killers, but I'm happy that she went dying for Christ."

The intent of the gunmen (Columbine students Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Kelbold, 17) to kill a Christian "backfired," said a youth whose name also was indistinguishable on the NPR broadcast.

"People around the world have heard about this, the girl who died a martyr," he said.

Cassie's witness for Christ in death indeed has gone global. One of the earliest reports of her fateful affirmation was on CNN's "Larry King Live." In addition to the NPR segment, she was described on ABC's "20/20" newsmagazine April 26 as a "modern-day martyr" who "refused to renounce her faith." The headline of a story about her death in The Boston Globe April 24 read, "A martyr amid the madness," while The

Listen to an Expert in Time Management

BY DAREN BULLOCK
Manager of Youth Pages

One day, an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget. As he stood in front of the group of high-powered overachievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz" and he pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouth mason jar and set it on the table in front of him.



them answered. "Good!" he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?"

"No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good." Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit

some more things in it!" "No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

What are the 'big rocks' in your life, time with your loved ones, your faith, your education, your dreams, a worthy cause, teaching or mentoring others? Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all.

So, tonight, or in the morning, when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: What are the 'big rocks' in my life? Then, put those in your jar first.

By this time the class was on to him. "Probably not," one of

Washington Post also employed the concept of martyrdom in an April 27 story.

The Globe noted, "Accounts of the final moments of Cassie's life echo with the history of early Christendom, when a profession of faith could be a fatal act."

Cassie spoke of her faith in a youth group video just two days before her death.

"You really can't live without Christ. It's, like, impossible to really have a really true life without him," she said.

In living as a Christian, she said, "I just try to not contradict myself, to get rid of all the hypocrisy and just live for Christ."

What: Research Recognition Days Reception
When: Thursday, May 20th; reception 7 pm; speaker 7:30 pm
Where: Cossentine Hall
Who: Dr. Stephen O'Leary from USC on "Media and the Millenium"
Why: See interesting research posters, hear a stimulating speaker, eat delicious free food

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THE END IS NEAR!

RICK MARSON
The Phantom Menace

Once upon a time there was an elephant and a piece of moldy bread. (Actually at any point in time there are many elephants and even more pieces of moldy bread but this elephant and this piece of moldy bread in particular have been singled out for the purposes of this story and to keep said elephant's and moldy piece of bread's identities safe I will not reveal exactly which time it was. Also "Once upon a time" is a much nicer way to start a story than to say, "Four years ago last Thursday"oops.)

The elephant and the moldy piece of bread were good friends and when ever they would go out

the elephant would place the bread on his back which was nice of him because the moldy bread had no other means of transportation. One day (which sounds nicer than "That Friday"nuts), the elephant went out for a walk and took along the bread.

"It's such a nice day today, don't you think so, Mr. Moldy Piece of Bread?"

The bread said the same thing it always did, "*¡Pongame abajo elefante estúpido!*" You see, the Moldy Piece of Bread really didn't like the elephant (whose name was George..... AAAAAAUUGH! OK! Forget protecting the innocent! The elephant was George and it was May 6, 1995, but I won't divulge the name of the Moldy Piece of

Bread (which by a strange coincidence was Jorgeoh



Rick's World

[EXPLETIVE DELETED].)

Anyway, Jorge didn't really like George. He only hung around with him because he was an inanimate object and George

couldn't understand Jorge's murderous threats. George and Jorge were walking along a path next to some tall grass and George was telling Jorge about his brush with death. "...It came out of nowhere, it did, heading straight towards me. I tell you it was the biggest mouse you ever saw..."

"*¡Calle!*" shouted the enraged bread, but the elephant didn't stop.

"Yeah, you're tellin' me. So I wait till it's reeeeeeal close and I give 'em one of these." At that the George reared up and trumpeted loudly.

"*¡Caramba!*" shouted Jorge as he tumbled off the elephant's back and into the tall grass. George, who had just gotten to his favorite part of the story, the

part where he chased after his fleeing rodent nemesis, took off down the path and was soon just a dot on the horizon.

"*¡Señor Elefante...? ¡Vuelve, amigo!*" But it was too late, and the moldy piece of bread never saw the elephant again. The elephant was sad but eventually found a nice piece of moldy cheese (named Ronald) who would shout at him in Swedish as he took it for walks. Jorge, however, sat in the grass getting moldier and moldier until one day he was found and taken to a small third world country where he rose to power, becoming the supreme dictator, and each day he would ride through the town in a limo and the crowds would shout. "*¡Viva, pan podrido!*"

The End.
(told you so)

Apathy: Contagious Or Courageous?

RAMONE "ROACH" ROMERO
Professional Fool

WARNING: There will be no mention of "gender" in this article. Proceed with extreme caution!

How often do people complain about problems, but never do anything about them? Don't you just hate that? Of course you do. But honestly, how many of us really try to change things? Most of us don't get around to it. We don't have the energy of youth anymore.

How come? Because when we

get older, we get educated. Education discourages us from doing anything. Education teaches us about past dreamers who tried to change the world and make it a better place, for you and for me and the entire human race, blah blah blah, etc. And education teaches us how those people were beaten to a bloody pulp and made into Spam.

We learn that the world is full of 5.999999 billion stupid people content with being stupid. A

wise man once said: "We must view with profound respect the infinite capacity of the Human Mind to resist the introduction of useful knowledge."

Few people have the stamina & masochism necessary to follow idealistic pursuits. The majority of us (who aren't masochistic oxen) prefer not to ask the

5.999999 billion contented idiots to boot us in the head. Optimism requires some serious delusion. Pessimism is the natural result of

education (unless you're an evil megalomaniac, like me).

It's popular to believe that ideas without actions are worthless. But in reality, acting upon ideas causes discord and chaos. Ambition leads to suffering. The problem in the world is that some people care and some people don't.

Wouldn't life be so much easier if we simply didn't care? Imagine a society where everyone lives in harmony, unfettered by sympathy for other individuals! Utopia!

Look, you're just one person among billions. You may "care"

about those billions, but they sure as heck don't care about you. Why waste your life trying to improve their lives? No one wants to hear your ideas! No one wants change! Why screw up the world any further? Therefore seek ye not to change. Let go of your care! If your dreams are futile, do not suffer being disheartened; be *heartless* and suffer no more! Apathy shall give you a painless existence! Have the courage to be apathetic!

And don't feel that you have to spread this good news, either. If you want to tell others, then you're still caring too much! If you really care, then you won't care. ...wait a minute, why the heck am I even writing this?



Roach Motel

Food Good

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Bonjourno a toutes! Agent Homefry and Agent Escargo are back on the restaurant beat for you...we intend to inform you of places to go, and things to do, with the best restaurants in mind for you.

Cucina! Cucina! was founded by the Shwartz brothers in Seattle, Washington in 1988. Their intentions: to bring the best tastes of Italy with a fun American flair. When you walk in the door you will understand that *Forno al Lengo* means authentic wood fueled ovens.

No need to pass any doors to see your food being prepared. Ontario is the only Southern Californian location, bet you didn't know that!

Prego a la Cucina... in other words, get your butt to the

kitchen! You see Salads, Soups, Pizza, Pasta, Drinks...but what you get is magnifico service and alimento. There is no better way to choose your food here at Cucina! Cucina!, than to ask your waiter. Ours, Karim, pointed us to some of his favorite meals, which included Pollo Parmigiano and the classic Margherita Pizza served up with the best Italian Sodas this side of the Mississippi. This was followed by the creamiest, most sinfully delicious Tiramisu dessert imaginable.

Although the prices seem a bit expensive for most college students (approx. \$12 per person), when you weigh in the atmosphere, the service, the food, and the local you are getting a great deal. By the way, Cucina! Cucina! has a great Happy Hour Food Deal of \$2.95, every day from 3-7p.m. and 10-close.

Cucina! Cucina! is located behind the Ontario Mills mall.

Rounders Playing For Your Life

WILLIE PRICE
Bungle Master

It was with much trembling that I anticipated the release of Rounders, starring Matt Damon and Edward Norton. And then when it came out...I didn't get around to seeing it. However, it is now out on video and now I feel complete, having had the chance to view it. It is well worth anyone's while because it appeals to a wide audience.

Those of the female persuasion will enjoy the good-looking Matt Damon as he plays Mike Dermott, a well-mannered, sexy, genius card player. His loyalties are torn when one of his close buddies, played by Edward Norton, gets out of jail and tempts him to indulge again in

gambling over poker games; a life which he has just recently given up. His girlfriend opposes this vehemently and the romantic conflict develops out of this, although it is not central to the plot.



Willie's Thumb

Those who look for the more artistic side of movies will also enjoy its use (constant and overdone at times) of metaphors. Matt takes his gambling into the arena of life, where he is forced to bet, not only his money but his life, on his card playing ability.

Other stunning performances are given by John Turturro and John Malkovich. Talk about a cast! You gotta see this emotional, suspenseful movie with a pinch of philosophy and dash of romance. You won't be disappointed, I betcha.

CONTEST LOSERS

Unfortunately, there were no winners in the recent *Get Free Star Wars Tickets* contest. Out of the zero (0) entries which were recieved; zero (0) sent exclusive tickets for me to the *Star Wars: Episode I* charity screening, zero (0) included receipts of their \$500 donation, and zero (0) responded in any form whatsoever. Based on entries recieved, overall odds of winning were 0:0.

Therefore, the Entertainment Page must regretfully announce that all students, faculty and staff of La Sierra University are now officially losers.* A note to this effect has been made on all transcripts. Loser status is legally binding in all 50 states, and remains in effect for the remainder of your natural lives.

*Entertainment editors not eligible for Loser status.

PRO: Do We Fear Superior Education or Harder Work?

BY MERIAM MAKARY
staff writer

As we all know nothing is perfect, and the same is true of the CORE program at La Sierra University. The program has many foes, but not many supporters. Furthermore, the majority of the program's support seems to come out of the faculty directly involved with the program.

CORE is meant to integrate the disciplines, presenting the world to university students as it really is. In our day to day experiences we do not dissect an occurrence and analyze it on the basis of its separate characteristics. Instead, we look at the event as a whole and determine how these characteristics have influenced one another, thereby resulting in the observed phenomenon. CORE teaches the student about psychology, logic, religion, science and history by recognizing trends and social interactions over time. One learns about these disciplines by being immersed in them in the context of true to life issues and events. True, the CORE classes do not always meet their objectives, but that doesn't mean that the program is a failure.

For example, we constantly complain that the University Studies program works for Harvard, but quite frankly, we're not Harvard. I ask why not? A number of high caliber liberal arts institutions and research institutions have also adopted such a program. What is it that

we fear as students at La Sierra? Is it a fear of attaining a superior education, or having to work harder in the process? The University Studies program requires an open mind on the part of the students taking the classes and the instructors giving it. In order to be successful in a CORE class one must abandon any preconceived notions or stereotypes and critically analyze the material presented in class. That doesn't mean we must be in agreement with every theory presented to us, but it does mean that we must be prepared to explain our own theories? Are we afraid of expressing our views, or do we fear the notion of defending them? It is so much harder to substantiate our beliefs, but if we do so our convictions become all the more firm.

The fledgling program is just getting on its feet, and is constantly being streamlined to fit students needs. Rather than addressing whether CORE has been a failure or success, one must ask what the needs of the students are and why CORE has or has not met them. It is well acknowledged that students are woefully unprepared for college, emotionally and intellectually upon graduation from high school. Maybe the first problem that needs to be addressed is how to hone the critical thinking skills of the students making them better prepared to face the University Studies Program and the world they will enter upon graduation from La Sierra.

An Administrator's Point of View on CORE...

BY ADENY SCHIMDT
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Three years ago the University implemented a General Education curriculum intended to prepare students for productive careers as responsible Christians in the 21st Century. As a Seventh-day Adventist University, La Sierra seeks to achieve these goals by integrating faith and learning.

The University Studies program is the Faculty's answer to this challenge. The CORE courses are intended to focus the discussion of contemporary societal issues in the light of Christian values, but more specifically Adventist values.

The 84-quarter units required in General Education (seven units less than the 91 units required before) include 29 units of CORE

classes required of all students.

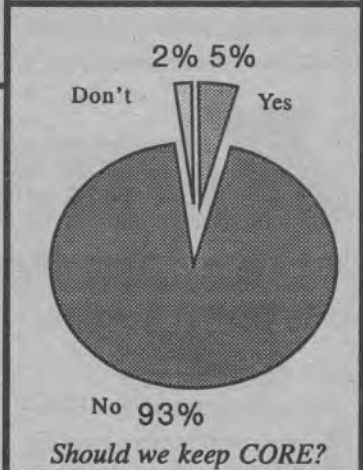
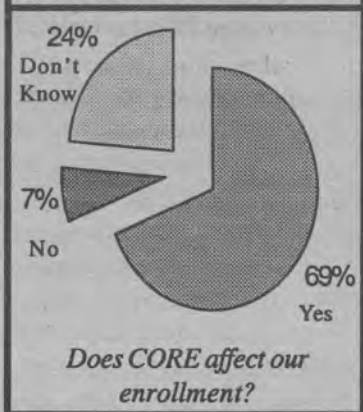
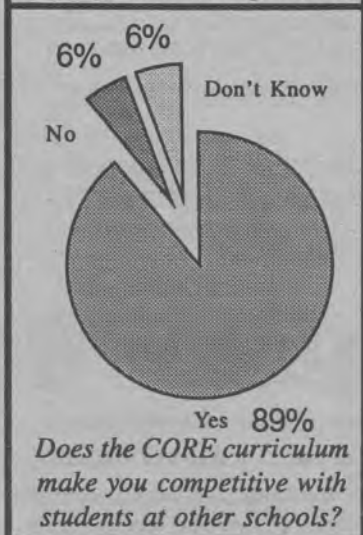
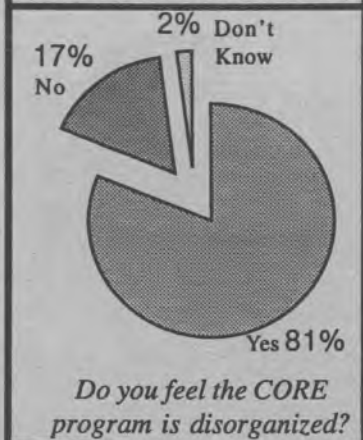
The CORE classes are intended to enable and encourage students to think broadly and coherently about life in the world of the 21st Century. CORE classes are designed to emphasize analytical reading, critical thinking and effective communication both orally and in writing.

While most college courses are scheduled in discrete time slots: Biology at 8 a.m., Literature at 9, History at 10, we know we don't live life that way. Professional careers will demand the ability to integrate and evaluate a vast range of commingled information. Life is "interdisciplinary" and therefore an interdisciplinary setting has been created in CORE classes.

To provide students broad experience and the benefit of diverse points of view, each class

ROVING REPORTER

The values for these graphics are based on a survey done by the Roving Reporter. The total number of students surveyed was 110, of whom all had taken at least one CORE class at LSU.



is team taught by two or more teachers from different academic disciplines. The 24 teachers selected for these courses are typically among the most experienced and effective teachers in the University.

As students encounter multicultural issues in the CORE, we hope it will prepare them to live for God in a world that is bigger than one college campus, bigger than our families, bigger than our cultural group, even bigger than our own church.

As a new program, the CORE courses are the most evaluated and closely examined in the University. We are very concerned to know if they are achieving the

CON: CORE is not for LSU

BY DAVID PARK
guest writer

It takes a courageous heart to want to change the status quo. I commend L.S.U. for the courage it has used in implementing the CORE program and placing itself on the cutting edge of education. Yet the CORE program has been reluctantly accepted at best and harshly criticized at worst. Students have voiced their dissatisfaction of the CORE program in discussions and public forums such as this paper. The year that the CORE program was implemented, the enrollment has declined and continues to decline. If the students are dissatisfied with the education being offered the CORE program must have been either a mistake or poorly implemented. It takes a courageous heart to implement change, but it takes a more courageous heart to admit error.

The CORE program is revolutionary because it attempts to describe the world not through the singular study of one discipline, but a mixture of separate disciplines. Yet in my experience I have often felt that an education that is based firmly on fundamentals is more valuable than the subjects taught in our CORE program. The CORE program does not present the whole body of psychology, history, or sociology but merely pieces of each. Instead of a solid rock of knowledge, students are given little bits of information that tend to sift through their hand like grains of sand. Education should focus upon a single subject to plant the concepts of that subject firmly into the minds of the students. Courses such as "Individuals and Their Societies" or "The Experience of Religion in Three Cultures" are not subjects that should be taught; instead they are discussions that should be had. In teaching such subjects to students possessing incomplete knowledge of fundamen-

tals, the school is indirectly feeding the students' opinions and positions rather than tools to form opinions and positions. As a result, more students have felt that they are being talked to instead of taught.

The CORE program has also had some questionable logistical methods and outcomes. The CORE program is taught usually by two or more teachers. In discussions with students, I find that the same CORE classes are taken from different teachers in separate years or quarters. The constant switching of teachers does not allow for teachers to learn more about the program or the effectiveness in teaching the subject. They cannot compare through past experience which method is most effective. If the CORE program is to be implemented, then all of the teachers must make the commitment to stay with the CORE program and learn more about how to effectively teach subjects.

Finally, I believe that the CORE program is the major reason why enrollment is declining. La Sierra has essentially made it more difficult for students to transfer and leave La Sierra, if so desired. Many students are comforted by the fact their decision in choosing schools is not final, but the CORE program has done much to rob students of that comfort and has given students less choices.

The CORE program has not been totally ineffective. There have been moments where I have respected teachers for their quality of thought and reasoning. Yet, I believe that overall the CORE program is a mistake that should be fixed in the simplest manner possible. I believe the university should simply remove it from the curriculum and revert to the old curriculum. Although schools such as Harvard may have success with such programs, L.S.U. does not have the same resources and doesn't play the same role in education.

University goals and meeting the needs of students. In addition to regular class evaluations by students, the University has conducted focus groups, collected questionnaires and brought in nationally recognized consultants to work with faculty teams. As a result, the teams in charge of each CORE class have made substantial revisions. We expect to make many more.

In many ways the new CORE program has been successful. However, we now know that many parents and students are not clear on the purpose of General Education in a college curriculum, let alone a program as specific as CORE. We have learned that many students entering college are not prepared to grapple with complex ideas, multiple texts and demands of

critical thinking. While we set up credit transfer agreements, we did not anticipate the concern and confusion that some students would feel about a portion of their curriculum not being labeled in terms of traditional disciplines. These problems are being addressed.

In 1992, the Faculty of La Sierra University began to create a curriculum to prepare students for the 21st Century. As a result, the CORE program that emerged requires students to engage in the discussion, think critically and struggle with ethical and spiritual issues. To the extent that La Sierra University is successful in achieving the goals of the CORE program we will be providing some of the best Adventist Higher Education today.

Editorial

What Am I After All but a Child, pleas'd with the sound of my own name? Repeating it over and over; I stand apart to hear- it never tires me
-Walt Whitman, *Leaves of Grass*

Since the last issue, many have approached and questioned my reasons for publishing an alias article and the policies set for the *Criterion*. In regards to anonymity, the guidelines established by the committee for publications in the past are as follows: Anonymous and/or alias articles can be published as long as the Editor-in-Chief is aware of the identity of the writer of the article.

This ethical guideline follows the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Code of Ethics, which can be found at <http://www.spj.org/ethics/code.htm>. Many credible college newspapers abide by these code of ethics, such as the *Daily Trojan* at USC. Additionally, the editorial policy of the *Criterion* is that commentary and opinion articles published in this paper are exclusively the opinions of their authors, including letters, editorial columns, and cartoons. This disclaimer can be found in the staff box on page five of the Opinion section (on this page).

Secondly, my reasons for publishing the article "Why Can't We Just Get Along" are as follows:

The atmosphere created by some angry students has created anxiety and intimidation, inhibiting the safety for others in their freedom of speech. Furthermore, the harsh words and reactions have created tension and enemies for students.

In a small campus with a family atmosphere, I feel it is my responsibility to limit the number of squabbles among my fellow students and friends.

All I wish is for the *Criterion* to serve as a forum for these diverse campus ideas without instigating personal arguments. I only want students to read the article objectively, and not make any judgements prior to reading the article by the writer's name. I believe the alias's authors view may be representative of the opinions of a segment of our campus, and I want the readers to acknowledge this opinion without any bias or anger and to actually listen to the *Criterion* writers plea to have peace within our small community.

Other credible papers, such as *The Washington Post* has published a series of anonymous articles, in their opinion column titled "The Ear," in hopes of reaching out to their readers. Additionally, revered writer Mark Twain has taken similar steps towards giving "voice to the voiceless" by using a pseudonym throughout his writing career.

Mona Karimpour,
Editor-in-Chief



Gender DOES Matter;

Issues Larger than LSU

BY MARITZA DURAN, CONNIE GALAMBOS, JESSICA KIM, GABRIELA MARTINEZ, MACARENA TAPIA, WENDY WALTERS
Guest Writers

We believe that gender, like race, is a socially constructed category. Historically, gender definitions of what it means to be masculine or feminine have fluctuated, as opposed to biological definitions of male or female. Traditionally race and gender categories have been used to dictate the types of roles that people should fill. Such constructions have arbitrarily limited and/or expanded opportunities for various groups according to their stereotypes.

Race and gender hierarchies create relationships with imbalances of power. These relationships occur at all levels, as such ideology permeates society from the interpersonal to the organizational. For example, national researchers consistently find that Caucasian women still make an average 74 cents on the male dollar, and this gap increases drastically when comparing minority wages.

We desire a world of gender equality in which daily life does not depend on tightly defined gender roles. With equal opportunities, choices, and treatment, we envision a world in which people could be treated as human beings, not as

categorized stereotypes. We want men to enjoy life as fathers without being labeled "Mr. Mom", women to join the work force without being labeled "bad mommies," and for all levels of educational advancement to offer men and women equal potential.

To help promote these ideals, the Student Association for Gender Equality (SAGE) recently sponsored a Gender Awareness Week here at La Sierra University. On May 5, Professor Lea Appleton hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar geared towards both women and men. She related her personal story of surviving breast cancer, and made it clear that even young females and males may be at risk. On a special May 6 assembly, Scott Coltrane, a University of California Riverside sociologist, author, and researcher, explored how gender roles affect family dynamics through statistical analyses. Over 100 LSU students, faculty, and staff enjoyed his educational and entertaining presentation. Finally, on May 8, SAGE sponsored Gender Inclusive Church, a unique approach to worship using gender-inclusive language, participation, and non-traditional performances.

SAGE invites and challenges you all to join in creating gender equality in all areas of our own lives, community, campus, and world.

Errata:

Many drew false conclusions regarding Jorge Ibuado's comments in Evan Graham's article "Women deemed mere sex objects" last issue. Apparently, many assumed Ibuado had attended the "stripper party" mentioned in the article. He did not. Many also assumed he was talking about ALL women in his comments about feminine insecurity. He wasn't. Ibuado was not necessarily speaking about LSU women in his comments, either. The author apologizes for any embarrassment this may have caused him.

Letter to the Editor: A Male Perspective

Addressed to the writer of "Why Can't We All Get Along?"

Dear Editor:

At this moment, I am embarrassed to be a La Sierra University male student. I am, however, a proud member of the Student Association for Gender Equality (SAGE). Like our name, SAGE supports equal rights for both males and females, something that the author of this article fails to acknowledge. The concept of "feminism" does not and has never advocated male oppression (a very important fact that the author omits and ignores). Feminism works to eradicate the rigid gender norms and patriarchal systems that hurt both

women and men. In a so called "Christian" institution, SAGE is the only organization that remotely strives to discuss and redress social and political issues. And yet you published a series of articles condemning, defaming, and labeling dedicated students who believe in social, political, economic, and sexual justice "terrorists." I am hard pressed to understand these reactionary and condemning attacks. Do these reactionary statements reflect the egalitarian views of Jesus Christ? What are we afraid of? Are we afraid that our mothers, sisters, future wives, and daughters will have equal opportunities? How can one argue against equality? Beliefs espoused by feminists are not radical. Just like the fight for racial equality, femi-

nism works to destroy and dismantle prejudices endured by a particular social group. Women's rights are not just cultural rights; they are human rights, a concept we tend to forget.

Your article upsets and offends me. To the author of the words "daddy's little girl," I think you have watched one too many Aerosmith videos. You also lacked the conviction and courage to express your opinion with your name attached. You deliberately expressed your opinions under a weak guise of "Alias." I would also like to know how any human can assert with certainty that God is a man? To blatantly suggest that the "father figure has been for years the most important value in the life of a

woman" is both presumptuous and ridiculous. I also challenge you to specifically name the things that La Sierra feminists have done to oppress men. The chest thumping and buffoonery must stop! Feminism does not exclude men. Men exclude men.

To answer your question, yes, we can all get along. But until men wake-up and begin to take responsibility for deconstructing the patriarchal systems we have enjoyed for so long. We tend to forget that oppressed women are not distant entities but our mothers, sisters, and companions. Feminists strive for a free and non-sexist society, a society without the systems that limit all of us.

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Dear Double Talk:

HOW MUCH FREEDOM SHOULD COUPLES ALLOW THEIR BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND TO GO OUT WITH FRIENDS FROM THE OPPOSITE GENDER?

BALL AND CHAINED

♀ Dear B&C,

"Ball and Chained"?

Besides the dubious gram mar, it really presents a disgruntled attitude. I'm sure you're frustrated with your significant other (SO), but you're thinking very selfishly right now. I used to be on your side. I had huge arguments with my best friend about whether our hypothetical husbands should be allowed to hang out with their female friends.

I was all for it - who am I to interfere with true friendship? She was a bit stricter - she would not allow her husband to be close friends with any woman (there's a funny story about that, but this isn't the time). I still believe what I did then. But I forgot one thing - how much worry the SO must go through. Not at first, I would hope.

Trust should be a part of every relationship. But after a while, people talk. A lot. Horrible rumors start fluttering around, and soon everyone but the don't-let-go-of-the-past other and their buddy is aware of how suspicious things look.

So, the question for you is, have you talked to your SO about your feelings? If your SO is being like my friend was, you should have a long talk. Reassure your SO of your loyalty. If your SO states legitimate reasons for believing the way they do, then compromise.

Figure out a way to hang out with your friend without looking like a character on Melrose Place. Unless, of course, you want to hook up with your "friend". Then you've got a whole new set of problems.

Voleuse

♂ Dear Ball and Chained:

To you I recommend starting a strenuous and regular exercise routine to increase your strength and ability to carry this ball and chain for a while. You should cut yourself off from ALL your friends and never look, touch, speak to or think about a member of the opposite sex again.

Didn't anyone ever tell you what was involved in maintaining a relationship? You are obviously involved with someone who demands that you have no life outside their control. If you are not allowed to play with your little friends, RUN, don't walk, to the nearest exit - NOW.

But seriously, if your significant other is insecure, there is real danger of a downward spiral - the more insecure they feel, the more they cling, the more space you want, the more insecure they feel ... This would be the time to ask yourself if you are contributing in any way to this insecurity or if it is just something inside your partner.

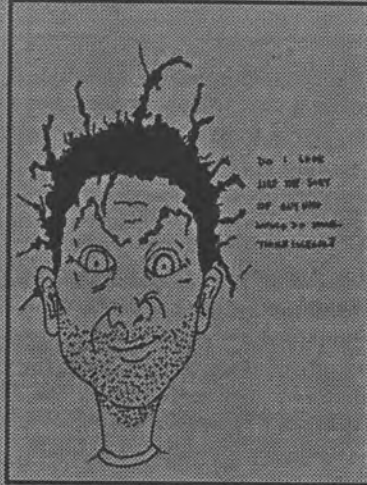
Only you know if there is a good reason for your partner to be insecure. The bottom line is, just how happy are you with this relationship? Since you are writing to me, I'm guessing things could be better. So here's advice from the all knowing oracle: Spend sometime being honest with yourself and then with your partner about what is really going on. Give as much room as you handle, and take as much as they can handle.

If this doesn't do it for you, you may end up having to choose between your friends and your partner. Choose well.

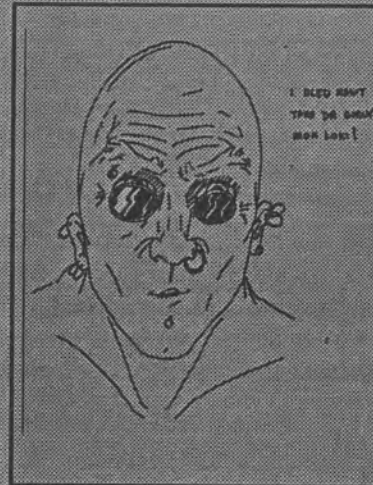
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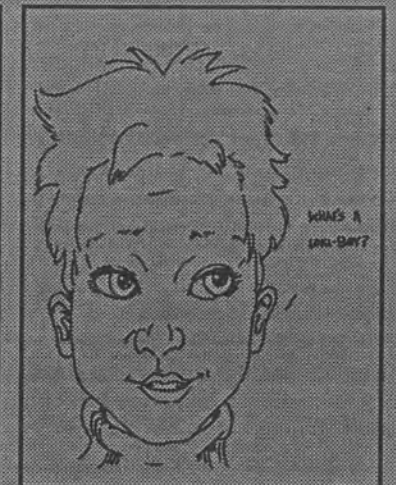
Suspects at the Scene of Loki's Disappearance



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Upcoming Issue:

Find out who your favorite Doubletalk writers are. Voleuse, Cinikus, Loki, or Zadig could be that fabulous person that sits next to you in English or Chemistry class.

Check out the Doubletalk column again next time on the same Doubletalk page, the same Doubletalk section, the same satiric way, so see you then!

Don't miss it!

Anonymously Yours Forever?

It's legal, but that wasn't our intention...

BY CHRISTINE LAW
Feature Editor

Recently, we've received many e-mail messages voicing anger at the publication of anonymous articles—including the *Loki is Missing* story printed in this Feature section. In actuality, writers in the Doubletalk section were specifically asked to take on pseudonyms, withholding their identity in an air of tantalizing mystery until the last Criterion issue of the school year (which happens to be the next issue).

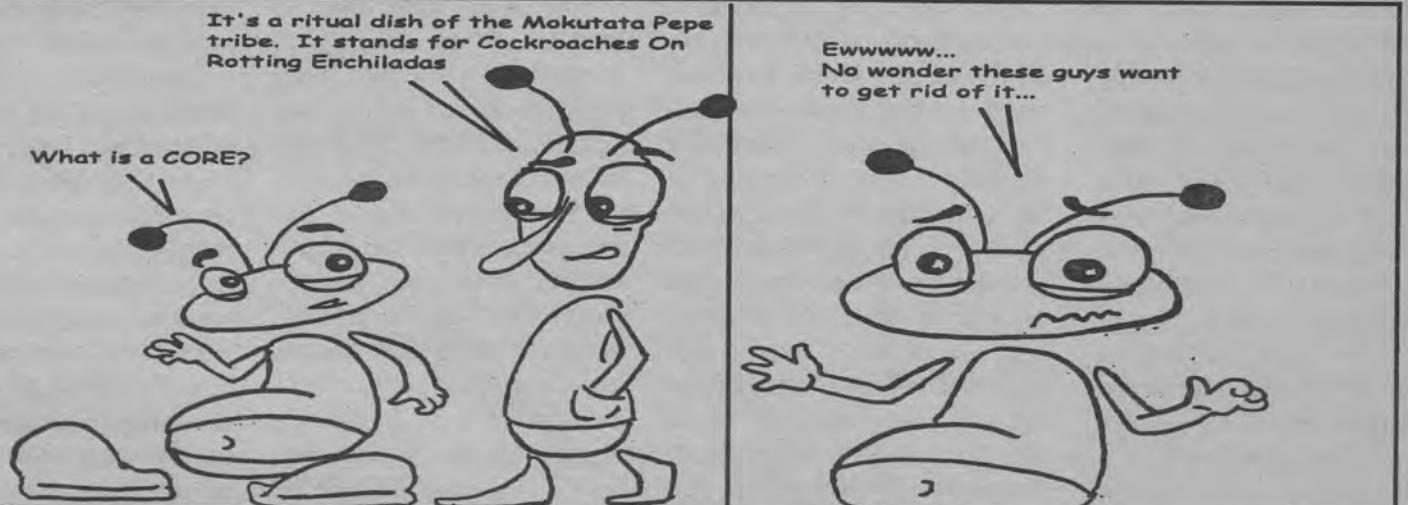
A notice about the end-of-the-year revelation was included with the first publication of the Doubletalk column this school year. The column itself was patterned after Criterion issues from previous years. Zadig, my friend and one-time Doubletalk respondent as well as the author of *Loki is Missing* says, "We didn't mean to offend anybody. We were trying to write in character. Loki & I sat down and thought of the most ridiculous story we could think possible for our testosterone-loving



characters."

They didn't expect it to be taken in any way other than the humorous fashion they conceived it in, says Zadig. When he heard that readers were angered by an implied linking of SAGE with the investigation of local feminist terrorist organizations he was surprised and dismayed. "We kept that in a separate sentence on purpose to avoid being misinterpreted..." he says. "We weren't trying to criticize anybody or any organization on campus. We weren't even trying to make social criticisms; We were just struggling to be funny little characters."

GENERIC BUGS CARTOON



When the Winds of Graduation Begin to Blow...

■ senior adrenaline pumps high as the year comes to an end

BY JULENE DUERKSON
guest writer



Graduation is only weeks away. For many of us that means final projects, research papers, finding a summer job, saying good-bye, among other things. Yet there are a group of students to whom graduation weekend means much more. To them, it's not just another graduation.

Seniors of undergraduate programs, graduate students, and others, have completed their requirements and are ready to finish the journey they have begun. As well as finishing stacks of homework, endless tests and quizzes, seniors have finished a chapter in their lives with a new one about to open.

This year's senior class is looking forward to graduation weekend, June 11 - 13 with special programs each day. Saturday night, June 12, there will be a banquet

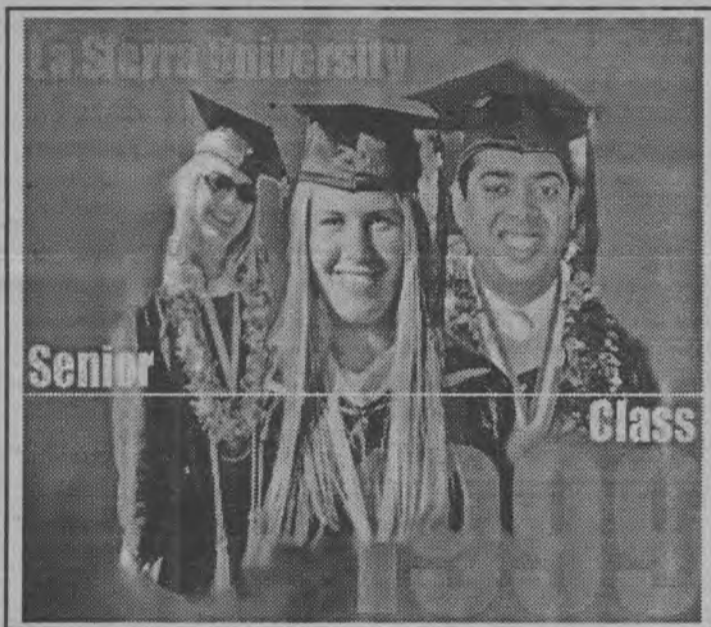
at Mission Inn (\$20/person)--a special time for the senior class and their families to come together and celebrate the event. The banquet will include a slide show put together by Mac Tapia, the class historian. The show will be filled with many beautiful senior memories. And there will also be a special parent recognition.

Making this event memorable and meaningful is the goal of the class officers. There is no question that it will be a success.

Through her participation as a senior class officer, April Aitken has learned many things. "I have learned more about La Sierra University, my school. I have also learned about working in group dynamics and the importance of pleasing many different publics," Aitken says.

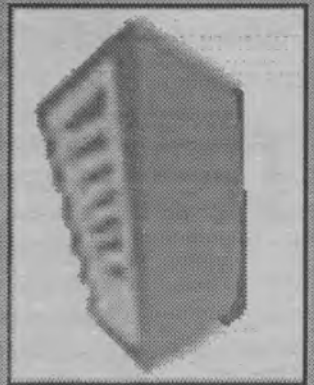
Senior class sponsors Candace Jorgenson, Roger Tatum, and Sue Curtis have given their full-fledged support and enthusiasm. And the seniors are thankful for all the time and effort they've taken out of their busy schedules in order to help out.

Graduation is almost here. So good luck to all you seniors! And have a great rest of the quarter, and a wonderful rest of your life.



Inside Sierra Towers

BY JAMES CHOI
guest writer



Welcome to Sierra Towers, maybe the friendliest place on earth. Also the home of approximately 180 of La Sierra's finest young men. Dorm life here probably is not what you think. Typically, dorm life is described in very negative terms. The life of a dorm student at Sierra Towers is actually what I would call the epitome of La Sierra University's goal or motto, "From diversity, community."

The dorm is full of diversity yet the atmosphere remains so friendly. Everyone living in the dorm is part of the Sierra Towers family. Nobody is excluded, everybody is welcome, whether it is a guest, a freshman, or a senior, all are invited to be a part of the experience. You may be asking yourself what exactly is the Sierra Towers experience? Let me show you by walking you through a day in the life of your average dorm resident.

You wake up in the morning try to get to the showers before everybody else does. (If you want to stay one step ahead you do this the night before.) Go to class and return later in the afternoon. By this time people are starting to lounge around in their rooms, surfing the net, taking naps, playing games, and maybe you will catch one or two people studying. The doors on the halls are open as if this were just one big house shared by a bunch of brothers, which is practically what it seems like.

Some time passes and the evening rolls around, now everyone is starting to flow back into

their rooms and congregate on their halls planning the evening's main event. Maybe a Laker game on T.V., a birthday bash for one of the fellas, a movie, some online gaming, a playing-card tournament, a trip to the gym, and the occasional cram session for a test. As the evening progresses, everybody has gone out and had their fun, room check just finishes and the night has just begun.

Now the real fun begins. People congregate in rooms to just relax and talk with friends, the late night food run happens, and we are set to enjoy the company of our comrades in the dorm. No specific plans, just the boys hanging out and bonding, getting to know each other better.

The dorm is always alive and vibrant there really never is a dull moment. Seek and ye shall find whatever it is you seek for here in Sierra Towers. Whatever the need the dorm is ready and willing to supply. A friendly atmosphere, people to talk to, friends to make, games to play, places to study, places to do work, but above all a place where the boys can be boys. Come and check it out some time, our doors are always open.

June Heralds a Free Enterprise Day Camp for Kids

■ This event is scheduled for June 21-25

BY HEATHER MILLER
SIFE faculty fellow

The La Sierra University Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team will run a five-day summer day camp for kids ages eight to 13 after school lets out in June. The kids will experience free enterprise first-hand with a widevariety of activities, including starting and running some of their own businesses, hearing from successful entrepreneurs what it's like to be your own boss and run your own business, and visiting some "fun" local businesses, such as AMF Riverside Lanes one afternoon for a bowling experience.

The SIFE team is busy this quarter preparing the curriculum for the week-long day camp that will run from 8 a.m. to 4 or 5 p.m.

each day. They hope to attract as many as 50 or 60 kids, according to Deanna Bateman and Geovanny Vielmann, project coordinators.

Curriculum topics include understanding basic business concepts, investing, understanding the stockmarket, how and why to stay out of debt (with special activities to do with their parents), and how government affects economic freedom.

The kids will also go home with free enterprise starter kits to help them further explore and/or develop their entrepreneurial spirit. The Free Enterprise Summer DayCamp is scheduled to take place June 21-25.

In addition, SIFE is working on a number of other projects that are taking place spring quarter and during the summer.

The team has wrapped up its 1998-99 year and produced its Annual Report with descriptions of the 19 projects from this year. Some of these will be continued during the 1999-2000 year, and many more will be added. The team will be going to Kansas City, Mo., May 16-19 for the International SIFE Exposition and Competition, although they are not competing.

However, observing this year's best teams will be an excellent learning experience. If you are interested in participating in the summer day camp or finding out more information about SIFE, please give us a call at 785-2255 or 785-2225, or visit our web site at www.lasierra.edu/sifenet/



Visit www.lasierra.edu/sifenet/ for more information

Focus on Research

Business Tips for Finding a Topic and its Extra Benefits

BY PING SUEN CHAN
staff writer

The following questions help find an appropriate topic. Is there a public interest or a current concern? Is there a need to add to the existing body of knowledge? What will be the focus of the research? Will the research be specific and relevant enough to be useful to professional managers?

Currently Dr. Rocha and his SBM students are working on presentation for an international management conference held at the London School of Economics and Political Sciences this summer. This paper, "Reasonable Accommodation and Undue Hardship: A Sabbatarian Perspective on Religious Discrimination," aims at offering recommendations on how supervisors can manage effectively and still uphold the Sabbatarians' rights such as Seventh Day Adventist

in the secular workplace through flexible scheduling.

We use the Academic Internet (Lexus-Nexus) to survey and analyze recent court cases in order to determine their legal impact on management issues. Also a thorough review of the literature on a given topic is done. Thirdly, we assess the relevant medical literature on the topic.

To participate in research, first take a good research class to introduce you to the various types of research techniques. Secondly, learn and use the research techniques to best fit your major and career objectives. Thirdly, take advance classes in your major which will give you the opportunity to apply those research techniques.

The benefits from research are a wide variety. Research sharpens critical thinking and writing skills. It helps update knowledge in a specific area because new textbooks are three to five years out of date at the time of their

publication. Thus, current research narrows the knowledge gap in their discipline. Thirdly, research helps develop interpersonal and teamwork skills, which can be a benefit for the work environment.

Research takes extra work but the benefits are immeasurable. I encourage you to involve yourself in research activities now to prepare for the future.



From the right: Dr. Joseph Rocha, Jeff Smith, Dr. Wali Mondal (President of ASBBS), Ping Suen Chan, and Jenny Kao.

Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

BY MERIAM MAKARY
staff writer

Research in the sciences is a rewarding experience for all students. It may have special appeal to those who are planning on entering graduate school or a health related program. It is also a valuable asset to your vitae and professional career. There are several opportunities for research in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

- Biology: Dr. Grismer: His herpetology lab uses cladistics to understand speciation. Dr. Kaiser: He looks at amphibian biogeography. Dr. McCloskey: His interests lie in Marine Biology and he has recently looked at the symbiotic relationship between jellyfish and zooxanthellae. Dr. Martin: He is a plant ecologist with interest in sexual polymorphism in plants. Dr. Tosk: His lab looks at the depolarization of laser light scattering in order to understand the redox properties of neuromelanin and how it protects cells against oxidizing and reducing agents. Dr. Wilson: His cancer research

- and looks at how alterations in cell surface carbohydrates in tumor cells contribute to their metastasis. Chemistry Dr. Kryger: His research is in organic synthesis utilizing metals and computational and computer models to help understand reactions better. Dr. Tatum: He is an instrumental chemist who develops analytical techniques. Dr. Sheldon: The development of new lab experiments for classes is a major interest of his. Dr. Williamson: His work is in electrochemistry, specifically in corrosion chemistry of metals and bioelectrochemistry. Dr. Payne: His work seeks to understand how proteins work at the molecular level-- particularly enzymes, the biological catalysts that are vital to life. Dr. Wilson: Research students in his group do correlation analysis in chemistry. This involves deriving an equation relating some measured property to a set of computed molecular quantities. Physics Dr. Karlow: His interests lie in the study of acoustics. Dr. Rouse: The physical properties of matter are studied using spectroscopic methods.

English and Communication

BY CARL CHRISTMAN
staff writer

Contrary to popular belief, the fields of English and Communication maintain an emphasis on research equal to their more scientific academic counterparts. These fields boast dozens of conferences and journals each year that attempt to decipher the meanings and influences of human discourse. The field of English exerts the majority of its research on the analysis of both literary texts and their authors through the use of other disciplines. The text may be viewed in light of how it influences and was influenced by, culture, feminism, Marxism, history, psychology and many other fields. The authors are most often studied in relation to their intended meaning of the writing and how their personalities or cultural variables affected their writing.

Communication research on the other hand, tends to focus on human interactions through rhetoric, interpersonal communication and the mass media. Research in rhetoric allows us to better understand the nature of persuasive messages that are presented in public speeches or documents. Interpersonal communication research attempts to establish the way in which we are influenced by our direct interactions with others as well as the techniques that we use to communicate with those around us. Research in the area of mass media has recently come to the forefront of public discourse as it tries to determine the correlation between the messages presented through the electronic and print to the attitudes and behaviors of public. Research in these fields will maintain their importance as we continue our quest to understand our human discourse.

Psychology

BY LESLIE MARTIN
Assistant Professor

The psychology department is an exciting place to be if you are interested in studying a variety of human attitudes, behaviors, and their outcomes. Many psychology students are actively involved in faculty-mentored research projects; here is a sampling of current research in the psychology department: Dr. Mallery, a social psychologist, studies intergroup relations—especially social comparisons and prejudice.

Dr. Kim, a cognitive-developmental psychologist, does research in the area of perceptual and cognitive development, including infant perception and children's eyewitness testimony.

Dr. Hicinbothom, a developmental psychologist, is currently studying the impact of instinct and environment on duckling vocalizations. She also supervises student research on the ways in which discipline one receives as a child impacts one's later views of the parent-child relationship and what constitutes acceptable forms of punishment.

Dr. Address, a forensic psychologist, has interests in violent behavior, and particularly the phenomenon of "copicide" in which individuals commit suicide by provoking police officers to kill them. He is also interested in the impact of humor on physical health.

Dr. Martin, a health psychologist, studies personality and psychosocial predictors of health and mortality risk. Her work with students focuses on the ways in which interpersonal communication (verbal and nonverbal) impact patients' satisfaction with the care they receive.

MAY

Calendar table for May with columns for Sunday through Saturday and specific event details for each day.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Come to the Senior Art Show at the Brandstater Gallery. Enjoy thought-provoking art work by Alison Lew, Randy Valencia, Macarena Tapia, Cathy Allen and Eric Mattos. Open through June 13.

Thursday, June 10, 6:30 p.m. in Matheson Chapel is the Celebration of Completion, a ceremony for all pre-professional students who will transfer out of La Sierra after this school year.

The Dept. of Modern Languages announces its summer abroad programs: COSTA RICA, July 4-Aug. 1, Spanish I-IV and Human Biology 107. HONDURAS, June 30-Aug. 24, July 28-Aug 3, and Aug. 4-Aug. 24, Spanish I-IV and mission work. PARIS, July 1-July 31, French I-IV and 427. There is FINANCIAL AID available for all these programs.

CORRECTION

Please notice that the last day to purchase Magic Mountain tickets at \$19.00 is June 30, 1999 and not April 30, 1999. The tickets will be \$22.50 starting July 1, 1999.

SASA Gets Sassy and Shows Off It's Style A Taste of Paris at LSU

BY NALIN RANASINGHE
guest writer

On Thursday, May 20, 1999 the 3rd Annual Culture and Fashion Show took place at the La Sierra gymnasium. The Southern Asian Student Alliance (SASA) sponsored an event that rocketed off. The emphasis was on several elements: remembering the history of the Taj Mahal and its symbolism of love, displaying lavish dresses worn by beautiful models, and bringing a sense of the past culture of India, with dances and songs into the present through symbolic connection.

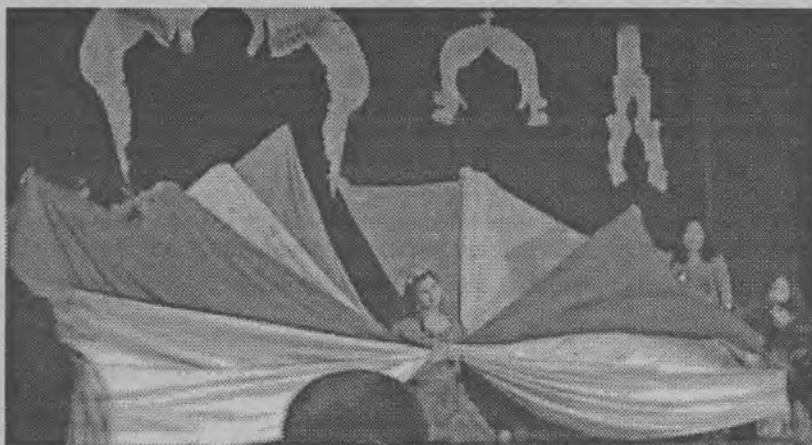
The dance that had all the makings of a classical dance, but attached with a modern touch was actually created and performed by Nikki Tribuwan and Ranjani Moses. An interesting aspect of the dance was the performance

of two friends who were able to share their positive energy with the crowd.

The acts of the night began when the Dasi Divas performed the dance "Sona Sona." Later on, came a touching song by

formers. The purpose was to move in symmetry, often as nature does and so the performers set-out to create shapes of natural objects, such as butterflies and the peacock which is the Indian national bird.

A couple of great points of levity during the program came through the two skits entitled "Coming to India," created by Arlene Davamony. The main events were



Members of SASA perform the traditional "Peacock Dance"

Raheela and Soneela Alam which crept ever so softly through the ears of the listeners and, then swayed into the darkening night sky, to dance with the twinkling stars. After that was a stick dance called a "Charaba" performed by the officers of the SASA.

The end of the evening finished with a great dance called the "Peacock Dance": The dance had many colored banners that stretched across half the floor and had to be held by two per-

the two fashion shows choreographed by Josie Pardenilla. The exquisite images of the female models coincided in an explosion with the dazzling \$200 - \$500 dresses loaned to the event by the Indian clothing store, Mystique Design. The male models hovering around the scene in sinister shades of black contrasted the bright dresses of reds, greens, yellows and dazzling gold jewelry worn by the female models.

A Polynesian Evening of Millennial Magic

BY ABE DEGUZMAN
staff writer

As the temperature cooled and the sun set on another beautiful summer day, the atmosphere began to heat up inside La Sierra's Alumni Pavilion where the Polynesian Club hosted the annual end of the year luau. Eye-catching decorations and the soft sounds of island music filled the Pavilion as the atmosphere transported patrons to another time and place, where life comes to a crawl and simplicity dictates a person's attitude. Ground hugging tables formed a U-shape where each person sat and marveled at pineapple decorations, floating candles in clear vases, and other visually stimulating ornaments laid out along the table tops. A beach area sat to the side, inviting passersby to come and enjoy the beauty of sand and seashells.

After everyone settled in their places, a platter full of fresh strawberries, cantaloupe, honeydew melon, and other tropical fruit greeted each table. Once the fruit vanished, the evening's real meal arrived, with mixed vegetables, Pancit-like noodles, steamed rice, and sweet Hawaiian bread all waiting for con-

sumption. To top it all off, an authentic looking dessert served on banana leaves only described as sweet balls found its way to each table, intriguing some unfamiliar with it, but delighting most who tasted it.

Once the food disappeared from the tables, the evening's entertainment began featuring dances derived from five major Pacific Islands—Hawaii, Samoa, Tahiti, Tonga, and New Zealand. Dances ranged from the commonly known hula to a Hawaiian chant dance to the New Zealand stick dance. Most dances included some of La Sierra's own student body performing for the audience. The end of the program came when the lights dimmed and the start of the fire dance occurred. The fire master started with lighting one end of his stick baton. The mixture of the darkened atmosphere with the soft glow of the fire produced an eerie yet exciting feel. After several moments twirling the large wooden baton, he grabbed hold of the glowing fire and threw it on the stick's other end, causing several sounds of amazement to emanate from the crowd.

In the evening's aftermath, many expressed various opinions on the just completed luau. While some disliked having to pay \$5.00 for the night's program

many thought \$5.00 bought excellent entertainment and food at a reasonable price. Jimmy Choi, pleased with the whole evening, added, "I enjoyed it. I liked all the dances where students themselves actually got up and performed." Jo Devenne Bilbao, a graduating senior was excited about this year's luau. "After not having the luau last year, it was good to see it back in time for the end of the millennium. I thought everyone did a good job. Good food and entertainment for only \$5.00. What more could you want?"

Cindy Canlas, one of the student performers, offered a viewpoint from the inside of the production. "We all didn't know what to expect. When we arrived in the gym we were all surprised. The decorations were different than what we had expected yet were creative. We were all pleased." She expressed great thanks to the club's President as well as other willing volunteers. "Without Mele (Haunga) helping out with all the dances and decorations, this evening would not have been possible. Also, Aleka (Wiley) and Jenelle (Miguel) as well as many others helped make the costumes themselves. Almost everything was made by the club." With that she thanked everyone for being at the event.

On Wednesday, May 26, La Sierra was to experience a night to escape into oblivion. On the campus mall, to those who were fortunate enough to experience the magic took a step into another world as they sat in awe. The stage was set as the red and white plaid was laid upon tables, the candlelight glistening in the wind. In the distance was merely the soft sounds of wood and steel in harmony.

The uniformed waiters and waitresses did none other than add to the enchantment of the evening. Despite the fact that the closest view of Paris was the horizon of the Inland Empire, the aspects of the European culture echoed throughout. Perhaps it was the way the lights glistened to the breeze, or perhaps the way the waiters greeted you with such pristine grace, or even the way the shelter kept everyone under one roof. The most intriguing element was perhaps the way which those looked into the eyes of love through their chocolate smeared faces and grinned their best grin yet.



The Eiffel Tower in Paris

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Letter from Thomas J. Mostert and Lawrence T. Geraty

On May 21, 1999, eight students requested and received the privilege to briefly address the trustees of LSU at their regular spring meeting. The students' burden was the relatively new interdisciplinary general education core curriculum. Accompanying the students, at their invitation, was a reporter from the local newspaper, *The Riverside Press Enterprise*, whose report of the board meeting appeared in the newspaper the next morning, May 22, 1999, as well as on various internet news services. These reports have given rise to many questions about what is happening at the university.

The university administration believes that the students voiced some legitimate concerns, but also had some misgivings that are unfounded. The LSU administration appreciates their sincerity and thanks them for accelerating on campus discussions of important issues. The trustees, too, listened to the students respectfully and have full confidence that the administration is aware of these concerns that they will be fairly dealt with.

As a matter of fact, all of the student's legitimate concerns with the interdisciplinary general education core curriculum (such as transferability of credits, the nature of team teaching,

the amount of identifiable religion, etc.) have already been addressed, at least to some extent, by the appropriate committees. Evaluations of the program have been conducted, student concerns have been carefully noted, and many improvements have been already been incorporated. As much as we have tried to make sure the courses reflect Seventh-day Adventists beliefs, we apparently have more to do to make sure that the new interdisciplinary curriculum is identifiably Christian and Adventist, based on Biblical principles. With the revisions in the program that have been recently voted by the faculty, the LSU interdisciplinary core curriculum now contains more required religion than any other Seventh-day Adventist college or university.

Inaccurate rumors have circulated about an elective history course that was erroneously called a core course. Even then, its content was misrepresented and misunderstood. LSU assures its constituents that nothing in its curriculum is anti the monotheistic God of the Bible or the fundamental beliefs of Christianity and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. LSU takes seriously its Adventist mission and will allow nothing to compromise that. It also takes seriously its commitment to quality higher education—one in which the work of both teachers and

students is rigorously evaluated on a regular basis.

Because it is a relatively new program, the LSU general education interdisciplinary core curriculum composed of seven required courses (out of 50), is not yet well understood and, as with every new program, needs and is receiving adjustments and improvements along the way. Evaluation suggests that La Sierra's program is rapidly getting better as the teachers involved gain more experience and the students understand its interdisciplinary, comprehensive foundational purpose. The issue of religion in the curriculum has been brought up by students and we take this concern very seriously. Administration is meeting with students to make sure every concern is heard and addressed.

We owe our constituents quality education that is authentically Adventist and we are unequivocally committed to that. We believe the evidence, fairly considered, suggest that is the situation at La Sierra University; but we do not rest on our laurels. We are committed to doing an even better job for our region's sons and daughters.

We welcome your questions and/or suggestions.
Lawrence T. Geraty, President
Thomas J. Mostert, Chair, Board of Trustees

Thank you for Everything

BY BENGUERRERO
staff writer

knowing only the rate and the distance of each.

Thank you for being a part of my life. Thank you for loving me as your neighbor.

You gave us your all with passion and honesty in the class room, stretching our minds to look at old material in new ways.

You smiled at me as I stood before you in chapel and shared my thoughts and experiences about a living and dynamic God that loves each one of us.

You greeted me with a friendly "hello" as we passed each other on the way to class.

You gave me a hug when you took notice of the pain that laid hidden within my heart, a pain that ran so deep that my own eyes betrayed it to you.

You sent me a humorous email that brought a smile to my face, bringing sunshine to a rather cloudy and rather gray day.

When you saw me sitting alone in the cafeteria, you came and set your tray down, put your pride aside and initiated me into an ambiance of fellowship and acceptance.

There is a song that was performed by a contemporary christian singer named Ray Boltz. This song spoke of one who went to heaven, and who was approached by many people, one at a time, who came to thank him/her for loving the Lord and loving their neighbor. "Thank you, for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed. Thank you, for giving to the Lord, I am so glad you came." Thank you...

You lent me your thoughts and intelligence to help me solve a difficult math problem...I always had trouble trying to determine where the trains would collide,

- original sin
- 89: denial of preexistence of Christ
- 96: creation and salvation are myths, "God resides in the self"
- 131: God must never be made external to man
- 178: deification is possible for all humanity
- 224: God is not an external reality, but a subjective personal enlightenment
- 233: God is the product of human imagination
- 249: the problem with ethical monotheism is that it isolates God from evil
- 283: God of literal Bible is a despotic tyrant
- 308: "Satan is the true hero of Paradise Lost"
- 309: attacks supernaturalism and the omnipotence of God
- 329: Compares Christ and His death to Shebbetai Zevi - a deluded Jew
- 344: "Cradle of religion equals ignorance and fear" and enlightened man must leave it
- 354: pushing divinity outside the human condition = idolatry
- 356: science has proved literal creation to be impossible
- 368: Spiritual evolution is from animism to monotheism to self-deification
- 377: atheism is the irreversable condition of humanity in the scientific age

Administration has accused me of speaking up on this issue because they say I am upset that they are pushing me off the campus. But the truth is that I have been speaking up in behalf of student concerns relating to CORE for two years (see Feb. 24, 1998 *Criterion* - Can the Tenure Din-Din Become a Win-Win) and this has been a major reason that Administration wants to shut me up. Administration has complained that students have gone to the conference and union with their concerns instead of following all the policies and procedures on campus, but students have been raising concerns about this program for three years now and their words have been ignored and suppressed by administration. Last year, students circulated a petition similar to the one sent around this year and a CORE faculty member took it and never returned it to the students. Is it any wonder that many students are frustrated and upset. How can administration insist that they will persist with the CORE curriculum before they even talk to students, when 100s of students have signed petitions and 93% of our 110 surveyed students are opposed to this program (see *Riverside Press Enterprise* Saturday May 22). This is not only sad, it is insulting.

In any case, the crisis on campus is not about academic freedom or the content of this book. Administration is using these issues to distract attention from the real problem on campus, which is that 93% of the students reject their CORE Curriculum.

*(For a copy of statements from the book that Dr. Daily feels supports students concerns, please contact him in the Chaplain's office. We could not print them due to space limitations.)

Letter from Chaplain Steve Daily: Academic Freedom Goes Both Ways

There is currently a big debate on campus over academic freedom. Administration, and some of its supporters, have made a herculean effort to build a straw man named "witchhunt." They want to rally faculty into a defensive posture by giving the impression that there are intolerant forces on the loose who are "accusing," "judging," or even calling for a teacher's head. But I have not found one such person on this campus, and though I have been falsely accused of such things, I can state unequivocally that I have not attacked, accused, or judged any teacher here at LSU. Nor have I suggested that any teacher be disciplined or removed. What I have done is listen to the concerns of different students and read a particular required textbook, *A History of God*, that several students feel is undermining their faith - given their perception that the teacher is reinforcing the content of the book in class.* The textbook is

listed below, and I have included the pages and content in this book that might support some of these students concern's. Not all of these statements are direct quotes from the author, but I have gone through the book carefully and believe that every statement I've included represents the author's thinking and themes as they are developed in the book.

I have also asked others for their feedback concerning the content of this book, but I wasn't aware that this constitutes an infringement of academic freedom. To my way of thinking this is part of academic freedom. We should all be able to read a required textbook and give our honest opinion about it. I'm asking for honest dialogue, but all I hear from administration is defensiveness.

A History of God
by Karen Armstrong
Pg. Quote/Statement of Content
3 "In the Beginning human beings created a God who was the

- first cause of all things"
- 14: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were not monotheists but pagan polytheists
- 18: God is a despotic sadist, who is brutal and abusive
- 29: God is superceeded by humanity
- 30f: enlightenment = self-deification
- 38: man's duty is "to become immortal and divine by purifying his intellect"
- 51: idolatry is a good thing
- 68: continuous theme in the book-monotheism is degrading and bad
- 79: the four Gospels are myths generated after Jesus by the church
- 81: the four Gospels are not Jesus' words
- 81: Jesus was not God, the Gospel of Matthew is libelous and anti-semitic
- 86: there is no one God, true spirituality results in "Mankind enlightened and deified as he was meant to be"
- 87: denial of atonement and

"Since 1999, Your Best Friend. Your Only Friend. The Only Friend Who Really Cared, Anyway. What Are Doing Hanging Out With Such Losers? Get A Life!"

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DRAG-NATO: Brawl in the Big City

RICHARD DENISTON
civilian reporter

6:08 AM It was a morning like most others in the Big City. The sun peeked over the eastern horizon beckoning both old and young to awake and start the new day. After clocking in, I gaze out the window to witness the freeway already cramming up and the downtown office buildings already filling. I sighed as I wondered what new challenge the day would bring. What new villain would rear its ugly head and threaten to work-a-day world of Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public. Yes, there's a thousand stories in the Big City, and the job of me and my cohorts to make sure that they all have happy endings. Me? My name is Sam. Uncle Sam. I'm a cop.

(Ladies and gentlemen, the story you're about to hear is true. The names have remained the same in order to protect the innocent and indict the guilty.)

6:20AM My partner, John Bull—meanders into the precinct, finishing off the last bite of jelly-filled glazed donut, while attempting to wipe off a drop of cherry jelly that has dripped onto his paisley tie. We didn't have time for pleasantries. Commander Nato called both of us into his office and asked both of us to check out a neighborhood complaint from a Mrs. Kosovo over on the east side of town. When Detective Bull sees the address, 1999 Balkans St., he cringes and mumbles something about that neighborhood fighting like cats and dogs since before the big city was the Big City.

7:05 AM As we pulled up to the house we noticed a woman screaming hysterically. We approached her as she continued her ranting and raving. "Serb, Serb!" she screamed. "He lie, he steal. He try and run us out of neighborhood. Do something! He steal my husband!" OK, lady try, and settle down," I pleaded. "Please, just the facts ma'am."

The woman attempted to slow down and explain once more. "My neighbor, Mr. Serb. He hate Kosovo family. He try and kick us off our property for long time. He steal from us. He try and burn our property. Now he kidnap my husband and take him away. Please, you are police. You need to do something!" Just then Det. Bull returned from the squad car with a rap sheet as long as his jelly-stained tie. He started reading off a laundry list of complaints filed against the Serb family. "Looks like we got complaints from half the neighborhood." He sighed. "Let's see, the Saravejos, the Croats across the street, the Bosnians on the corner. He's even had a run-in with the Muslim group down the road."

"But nothing as serious as kidnapping," I butted in. "Not until now," Bull responded. I grabbed the bull horn and tried to reason with Serb. "OK Mr. Serb," I called to the house, "Why don't you come on out and we can settle this like good neighbors?" After a minute of silence a gruff voice

from the house responded: "Screw you, pig! Why don't you get out of my neighborhood!"

Mildly disgruntled at this type of treatment toward a dually sworn officer of the law, I peered over at Detective Bull and could tell he was thinking the same thing I was. "Looks like a job for the SWAT team, Detective," I said to Bull. "I'm afraid so, Sam. Let's call in the big guns."

9:15 AM The tanks and armored carriers of the city's elite SWAT division, fresh from a job over on the city's middle-east side, roll in and position themselves strategically around the Serb residence. Serb has barricaded himself inside vowing never to give up. "He looks like a tough nut to crack," says Detective Bull. "There's a lot of bullies in the Big

City," I responded. "And they all think that they are the toughest nut. But we always wear 'em down in the end." Detective Bull nodded in approval. As Serb's house starts to go up in smoke, I look at my watch and say, "Well, it looks like the SWAT guys have got this case under control. We'd better head back to division headquarters and write our report." Detective Bull stops for a minute as the SWAT helicopter drops another round of fire into Serb's house. "Sam, does this job ever get you down?" he asks. "We're not paid to get emotional, Bull," I respond. "We're paid to do a job. Sometimes a dirty job. That's why we're cops." I escorted Detective Bull back to the squad car and inquired as to the availability of that last jelly-filled donut in his lunch pail.

My, Where Did You Get That Lovely Fruitcake?

RICK MARSON
proprietor

Ah! Spring is in the air, as well as on land and sea, and that means new life will be blooming. It is at this time of year that we should give pause to behold all of the wonders around us and wonder at the most wonderful wonder of all, the fruitcake troll. Yes, the fruitcake troll, the smallest type of troll, reaching a maximum height of 2½ inches, often makes

its appearance at this time of year when we have almost reached the halfway mark between Christmases also known as the Fruitcake equinox. Fruitcake trolls can smell a fruitcake from up to three miles away and have been known to bore holes through solid concrete to get to them. Once a fruitcake troll locates a fruitcake, he will take it back to wherever

they come from and build his or her house with it, leaving in its place a new fruitcake, and so the cycle starts anew. People give fruitcakes and people get fruitcakes, believing the whole time that fruitcakes are some strange indestructible foodlike substance, while all the time their fruitcakes are being endlessly recycled by the fruitcake trolls.



Rick's World

Menace for the Whole Family

WILLIE PRICE
non-Jar Jar basher

It is May 23, 1999. I walk to a theatre located in Riverside, California. I stand in line (sit) for a total of five minutes. I pay my five dollars and walk into an air-conditioned theatre where *Star Wars: Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace* is playing. I await comfortably and excitedly for this new film. My mind drifts to four days earlier in which people waited for... (I don't know how long, but it was a lot longer than 5 minutes) So how come I got in so easily to this much awaited film? Has all the hype died down? Is the film not as riveting and magic as people expected? No. I just went to a junky theatre, that's all.

Phantom Menace that was present in the other three all-time greats of this riveting trilogy. Critics have bashed it over and over, but Episode 1 of this trilogy still survives. The characters, in spite of what other critics will tell you, are incredibly dynamic and fascinating. There is a whole intriguing psychological element to *Phantom* which gives the movie a place in the heart of those literary types. The relation of the different characters is truly dynamic and well-developed, although subtly so.

New actresses and actors are thrown into the mix which spice it up, all of them well-chosen. Faces like Liam Neeson, Natalie Portman, and Ewan MacGregor make for a strong cast. Samuel

L. Jackson, (one of my personal favorites) who has to have a role in everything (including a full two minutes in *Out Of Sight*) also adds a minor part.

The special effects, of course, are excellent. Kids will love this one for that reason, and also for the comic element added by Jar Jar Binks. So why haven't I told you about the plot? This fast-paced plot is all oriented in setup. I left feeling like I had just seen an episode of *The X-Files*. So much happened, but what really? This magical film leaves you with a deep sense of melancholy and gloom over what is to come. Let's hope that Lucas is quick to make the next episode and alleviate some of the suspense created from this superbly crafted first episode.



Willie's Thumb

RAMONE "ROACH" ROMERO
pseudo-intellectual

Let me begin by saying what a dizzying pleasure it has been writing for the *Criterion's* legendary Entertainment Page this last quarter. These last two quarters have taught me a few things that I'd like to share with you before the year's out.

The first is that I am privileged. The world is full of more underprivileged people than privileged people.

I'm a privileged person fast on my way to becoming underprivileged, due in no small part to my inability to deal with displeasure, responsibility, and psychotic cattle. So, spurred onward by advocates of social reformation and egalitarian justice, I have come to the logical conclusion that I must make violent effort to disperse my privilege before it runs out. We have had enough of research, statistics, charts, graphs & cold facts. This has gotten us nowhere. The only way to ensure global fairness and justice is not dispersion of privilege, rather the best way is to totally annihilate privilege. Naturally, we should learn how to sympathize with the underprivileged. We shouldn't indulge in our great food abundance, for instance, when over half the world is starving. In order to make things equal, we should starve ourselves, too, so we can better understand their pain. This is the only way to truly achieve worldwide global consciousness, awareness, harmony, understanding, and

any other buzzword. Let's face it: you can't make all the world happy & privileged. It's impossible to unify the world happily. So let's just unite in misery! Hey, at least it's something!

The second thing I learned is that some people don't have a sense of humor. I don't like offending anybody. So rather than risk offending select people, I call for the abolition of humor. Think about it: humor is always at someone's expense.

It's the same thing with success. In fact, I call for the abolition of success, too!

The third thing that I have learned is that we are all pawns of consumer demand. Really, it's the new religion. It's the Democratic way! All the people must be happy! We must learn to please them. How do we do that? Well, simple. We research, find statistics, give charts & Powerpoint presentations about what the people want. Marketing is the new "Big Brother." Whatever the majority wants, we give. Why do you think we're learning about diversity? So we can better suit the diverse majorities.

The last thing I noticed this year is sort of a theory at the moment. Did you ever wonder if Adventists are preparing to take over the world? Did you notice that all of our critical installations are built on easily defended hills and on high ground like LSU is? Anyone been up to PUC? Southern? It's even worse! Can I get a witness! Yeah. And did anyone notice that Towers has a moat? Scary, huh? More on this... next year.



Roach Motel

Editorial

Hypocrisy is a dangerous thing. When Christian students complain to the "board of trustees that certain required courses lack appropriate emphasis on Jesus and the Bible" (May 22, 1999 issue, the *Press Enterprise* published article entitled, "La Sierra students criticize core classes."), it creates a question in the minds of many: Are the actions Christian students taking supposed to advocate Christianity or appropriate behavior?

According to third year student, Natan Vigna, a signee of the petition, "They asked me to sign a petition to get rid of CORE because it was disorganized and then they go and turn my signature to the press, without me knowing. On top of that, they claim that CORE is taking SDA beliefs away from the school to make it more secular. It's unethical and unprofessional the underhanded way they requested, without informing me of what they were actually going to say and what they were going to do with the signatures."

If students feel they are kept from speaking their minds, then they should have approached a professor, or administration. If that did not help, then the *Criterion* is a forum for discussion.

Unfortunately, the students felt it was more appropriate to involve other sources, such as those innocent students who would not know what would be done to their freedom of speech, or other outside sources that could not objectively view the facts in a timely manner.

As Editor-in-Chief, throughout this year I have learned that every story has two sides to it. Until both authoritative sides are approached and listened to, then one cannot make a truthful and factual conclusion.

Mona Karimpour,
Editor-in-Chief

PRO: Shop Around Before You Buy Into Our Adventism

BY ROGER RUSTAD, Jr.
guest writer

Does the Antichrist double as an LSU campus professor? Some believe that Rennie Schoepflin—sans the impish goatee he used to sport—is doing the devil's handiwork by assigning Karen Armstrong's book *A History of God* to freshmen in his HIST/PHIL 105 class.

Armstrong, a feminist theologian and former nun, gives a fascinating history of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam during the past 4000 years, exploring how the notion of God has changed over time. However, some believe her book has a hidden "anti-God" agenda. Armstrong's research does not plug atheism, but rather draws important distinctions between Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

A History of God gives excellent examples of how various monotheistic believers interpret The Divine, coming to significant conclusions about the validity of philosophy and its relevance to the "mystery" of God. Armstrong shows how writers depict God differently throughout the Bible. In Genesis, we see a "different" God of Abraham than the God of Isaac; and the Gospels give God a whole new dimension, introducing the idea of the Trinity. This, of course, is in sharp contrast to the God of the *Koran*.

Also, the author writes about the major theologians involved in promoting the idea of God as the Trinity, Martin Luther's perception of God, and the meaning of Deism (the true "religion" of our "Founding Fathers"). In our postmodern technological world, she examines what people—such as Luther, Hegel, and Nietzsche—have meant by the

phrase "God is dead".

Admittedly, this book is biased. No book can possibly include every single fact; the finite number of facts that Armstrong chooses to include by definition makes it "biased" to a certain degree. And as with anything, one can use this book's knowledge to for better or worse. We read books to change us, and that change can sometimes be harmful. Some may even argue that the way Armstrong "deconstructs monotheism" only leads to disillusionment, cynicism, or possibly atheism/agnosticism.

But I argue that to recognize constructs is empowering, not destructive. Refusing to acknowledge such constructs as "God" (or, as SAGE has done a great job of pointing out, even "gender"!)

is dangerous. Armstrong subjects constructs to critique to help identify where they're fallible. Her analysis of how others perceive and experience God has the potential to infinitely enhance our own religious experience. As Christians, we should be acutely aware that sin is rooted in idolatry. We can create idols out of just about anything, including our pretensions about God. Armstrong's examination of how various communities of people have forged their view of God can help us avoid falsely worshiping our own "God-images."

CON: Is it "Knowledge?"

BY RAMONEROMERO
staff writer

I confess I didn't want to write this article. There are too many misconceptions about this debate already, now it could get worse because it's going into the paper. My good friend Roger Rustad and I can sit down and discuss this issue. Yet elsewhere, there seems to be a lack of communication and understanding between sides. Example: the Opinion Editor's original titles for these articles were: "Pro: Shop around before you buy into our Adventism" and "Con: Just accept what

they give you — Adventism." I'm writing about "A History of God," by Karen Armstrong, not "shopping around." "They" aren't giving us Adventism; they

are giving us this book. (Perhaps the pro & con should be switched? Hmm. Irony.)

My friend believes the book presents views & knowledge. I find that the linear narrative of the book to be disorganized; it is difficult to tell when the author is citing other authors, historical facts, or her own opinion. To think that the latter does not have a strong presence in the book is somewhat naive.

The introduction tells of her

happy departure from Christianity.

Chapter 1 opens with the quote: "In the beginning, human beings created a God who was the First Cause of all things and Ruler of heaven and earth." Although the quote is not hers, its positioning and the subsequent failure to address any differing argument indicates the importance she places on it.

The first two chapters tell how Christianity has misinterpreted and distorted the Old Testament. Chapter 3 discredits belief in Christ by portraying the gospels as the embellished myths of the apostles. The author takes a consistently negative view on monotheism. "Fortunately the Enlightenment would enable humanity to rid itself of this infantilism. Science would replace religion." (p.344). She calls the beliefs of Camus & Nietzsche "heroic atheism" (p.376, 398). She treats Judaism and Islam similarly, and suggests the God of the mystics as an alternative (p.396).

This book has enough theological fodder to be the subject of an upper-division religion class. It warrants more time, studying, and attention than simply being homework for a history class, studied as fact. The bulk of our class is lecture; we don't have time for discussion when we're on the historical schedule. Sadly, this is the first exposure to philosophy for a large portion of the students in the class.

Reading this book the other day, I was swept into the terms of the author, where human logic and perspective is God. It almost returned me to my philosophical hell of unbelief, the "underground," as Dostoevsky called it. I thank God for pulling me out.



Collage by Natan Vigna

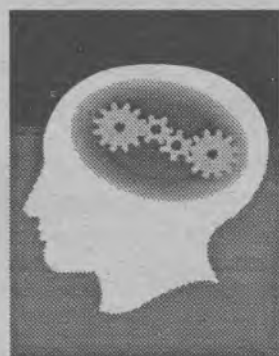
To Think Or Not To Think Core

BY FADINAHAB
staff writer

In the last issue of the *Criterion* the Roving Reporter found that 89% of the surveyed students felt that the CORE curriculum made them "competitive with other schools." Yet, 93% of the same students did not want to keep the CORE curriculum.

Assuming that the statistics acquired by the Roving Reporter on the CORE program accurately represent the student population of LSU, what can we learn about

the majority of students in this university? Basically, students do not want to be a part of a curriculum that motivates them to think outside their little box. It is important to realize that thinking beyond the little box is



what makes those who attend universities better candidates in the job market. The CORE curriculum has by no means been a perfect endeavor but one must realize that even though it has its faults, it strives (as the majority of students believe) to make solid thinkers and citizens out of its students. Those who want an education that challenges their minds and motivates them to think can find a home in LSU. Those not ready or willing to meet the challenges of a university education may find a better home elsewhere (i.e. community colleges).

Letter to the Editor

I read with some chagrin the feminist responses last issue to articles the *Criterion* published earlier this quarter—specifically the infamous "Alias" article and the feature section article citing "local feminist terrorist organizations."

Like respondent Yong Cha, I, too, am a member of SAGE. However, I really wish that our wonderful local feminists would learn to absorb criticism more graciously and not take every comment addressing gender relations so seriously.

Several faculty members have put signs on their office doors facetiously warning that "feminist terrorists" reside therein. My good friend Cha also objected to the use of the word "terrorists."

Let's examine this issue. The

term "feminist terrorist" appeared in a humor column. Let's examine this phrase: "humor . . . column." Could that possibly mean that the authors weren't serious? It's plausible.

I wholeheartedly agree that the oversensitivity applied to gender relations has created an utterly oppressive environment on this campus. Feminists need to remember that when anyone embraces a controversial issue (such as gender relations), they're bound to have nasty statements thrown at them. I would not say that any statement made in this forum regarding feminists has been malicious, however.

So then, are feminists terrorists? No, but then most of us are smarter than that, aren't we?

Evan Graham

It's Time for Students and Faculty to Talk about CORE

BY CLARK DAVIS
Assistant Professor of History

On May 19, LSU Trustees heard the chaplain and several students, armed with a petition of 300 signatories, describe faculty as incompetent and unchristian. Later that morning, I struggled to explain the criticisms to Trustees in light of my own very positive interactions with CORE students. Teaching CORE 204 has, in fact, been one of the great joys of my job.

The events that morning made me realize a breakdown in communication has occurred between students and faculty. Many apparently believe that University Studies is some abstract entity controlled by administration, who can do away with it if students desire. In fact, it is THE FACULTY who design, implement, and revise curriculum, including CORE. When students praise or attack the program, they address the faculty. And when students want to change the program, they should talk to the faculty, certainly not the Trustees or administration instead.

Last week I dialogued with 24 students about CORE. This group, like those who signed the petition, and like the *Criterion's* survey, was hardly a scientific sample, but it was an informative focus group. Some lauded the program; others critiqued it. Some praised the courses for opening minds and promoting critical thinking; others expressed

concerns about course transferability, class sequencing, and how to teach about diverse faiths from an Adventist perspective.

What encouraged me most was that EVERY issue students mentioned were among the concerns faculty are working to address (see the following sidebar). We take evaluations and feedback seriously. CORE 204, for instance, which I direct, has been completely reconfigured in response to such input.

Most confusing to me was that some believe CORE can simply be abolished. General education curricula have and will always be a feature of college life. LSU has chosen the interdisciplinary route in common with the nation's forward-thinking colleges. For us to revert to a more unit-intensive 1950s curriculum, like still exists at most SDA schools, would be akin to the science departments abandoning contemporary laboratory equipment. It is perplexing to faculty that LSU students don't always realize how cutting-edge their University is, and that what should be a source of pride is instead a point of controversy. LSU's curriculum is simply a cut above the competition, and will make you far more competitive when you begin your career.

Our challenge is not to abolish CORE but to improve it. My plea to students is this: we care deeply about you and your education. And we want to dialogue. Our doors are open.

MAJOR CONCERNS VOICED BY STUDENTS TO CORE FACULTY, 1997-1999

Students Concerns	Faculty Responses
Team teaching has been chaotic and disorganized.	This has indeed been a learning experience for faculty. To combat problems, faculty have gone through two extensive workshops with national experts in team teaching. Faculty teams are finally stabilizing.
Courses are too difficult	Official prerequisites are being established so that no student will begin a core course before they are prepared.
CORE has too much of a sociological focus.	CORE 204 has been turned into a distinctly humanities course and CORE 104 is moving in this direction. CORE 305 has been created to address issues of science.
CORE's religious foundation is unclear.	CORE 304 has been established to make the study of Adventism a central piece in the curriculum, and the religion requirement has been increased to include an additional upper-division course in Biblical or Theological studies. LSU now requires more religion units than WWC or PUC.
It is difficult to transfer in and out of LSU because of the CORE program.	Transfer requirements into CORE credits have been eased, and LSU has developed extensive transfer agreements with other schools, most of which are developing similar programs. LSU is so convinced of this that it will be implementing a money-back guaranteed program for transferring core classes.
The CORE program does not provide students enough choice.	It is true that the old general education program did not include a required core, though the total number of general education units has been cut. One strategy that some faculty have been developing is to have different versions of each core course in order to provide students some flexibility. This will happen next year with CORE 204 and is also an option for CORE 104.

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University Studies: Updated Response

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In designing University Studies, careful attention was given to the academic needs of the La Sierra University student. For this, our faculty should receive high praise. However, we have done poorly in marketing the program. Student unrest remains regarding course transferability, team-taught courses, and religion. How are we responding?

Transferability

While articulation agreements were established with some institutions, students believe that core courses do not transfer. The following changes were voted on May 17, 1999.*

- A. Transfers in: use a 1:1 ratio for course equivalents
- B. Transfers out:
 - 1) send with transcripts a detailed description of core

courses

2) guarantee all core courses in terms of transferability.

Multidisciplinary courses
Some students have told us that the courses are too hard or that it can be difficult to know what to expect and how to prepare for a class taught by several teachers. Because the core program's goal is to examine subjects from more than one perspective, team teaching is the appropriate model.

Faculty teams work very hard developing and revising courses. Twice in the last three years, Dr. James Davis, a leading authority on team teaching, spent several days working with faculty. We are encouraged by class evaluations that show significant improvement. We are committed to doing even better.

Religion

More recently the religion requirement has come under scrutiny. Some have expressed a desire for more coursework in Biblical and Theological studies. To put Uni-

versity Studies in perspective, it is worth noting that until three years ago, the 20 required religion units did not require any coursework in Biblical or Theological studies.*

Because religious values, and in particular Seventh-day Adventist religious values and beliefs, have always been our backbone, we now require coursework in Biblical and Theological studies, as well as in Ethics, Adventism, and Comparative Religions. The following chart organizes LSU's current and former requirement, and compares it to both Pacific Union Col-

lege and Walla Walla College.

How much religion, then, is enough? We are proud of LSU's faculty for their courage in requiring all graduates to complete coursework in all the areas above. Without any one of them we are missing the mark. Furthermore, faculty committed themselves to integrate faith and learning into all core courses. Class evaluations validate this and rate all core courses "above average" to "very good" in this important area.*

* Sources and data available in the Office of University Studies.

	LSU-old	LSU-new	PUC	WWC
Biblical and Theological studies	0-8	8	6-16	6-20
Adventism	0-8	4	0	0
Ethics	0-8	4	0	0
Comparative Religions	0-8	4	0	0
Other	0-8	0	2-12	0-14
Total	20	20	18	16

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Dear Double Talk:

I'VE BEEN TRYING DESPERATELY TO FIGURE OUT WHO EACH OF YOU ARE. AREN'T YOU EVER GOING TO LET US IN ON YOUR SECRET?

MAJOR LEADS



Feature editors Christine Law and Andrea Geli show off DoubleTalk writers Voluese(Patti), Zadig(Roach), and Loki(Alan).

♀ Dear ML, Who am I? Good question. I must say I've been faintly disappointed with the questions this past year. Everything's been about relationships (familial or otherwise). No one had the guts to ask the really tough questions. What does 'just friends' really mean? Are Willow and Xander meant to be together? How is Cooler Ranch™ better than Cool Ranch™? These are the questions that make the world go round.

Also, I never got to spread my propaganda. I'd just had the chance, I could have saved Cupid. Maybe Rebecca St. James would have had a concert here instead of at PUC. Maybe Fox and Dana would be together, and Diana would be a vision induced by stale pizza. Maybe, finally, we would all just get along. But don't let me disillusion you, readers!

It's been fun while it lasted. I've enjoyed the advantages of anonymity.

It's so much fun to walk around campus and hear women complain about Loki. Another perk is hearing people mispronounce my name (clue - it's French). Of course, the "code name" thing meant that I couldn't go around bragging to my friends. Some of them picked up quickly enough (one person actually traced my e-mail). Hackers today. Sigh.

All in all, though, it's been fun. I doubt I'll be doing the same gig next year (like no one would figure that one out), but if anyone's in need of a pseudo-advice-columnist, I'm their girl.

And one bit of propaganda: Pick up a copy of *Musings* today!

For the last time, Voluese

♂ Dear Troubled Ones: Since I am the newest addition to *Criterion*, there really is not a whole lot I can reveal about my personality at this time. I would like to remain anonymous for a while. I know you wish to know who I am, but it is so much more fun this way. I know you are dying to find out who I am;

so let me throw you a few crumbs. I am as you have already guessed male, and I do attend La Sierra.

Of course, as all staff writers, I am tall, dark and handsome. I will be a senior next year, so fear not my little ones I will be holding your hand for another year, unless I also get kidnapped. Writing for this column is up there with 7-11 clerks, in the danger department so I hope you appreciate my efforts. I know, I know, you are asking yourself but Oh Great Cinikus what will I do during the summer when I have no access to your wisdom? All your questions can be directed to me at Cinikus@hotmail.com during the summer and perhaps beyond that... Parting words of advice. Remember; it is not enough to conquer one must know how to seduce.

By the way, if you haven't guessed already, I'm Laszlo Szerdahelyi. You thought I was really going to remain anonymous didn't you? Gotcha! Cinikus

♂ Dear ML, students, faculty, and employees of LSU,

I feel I owe you all an explanation. I feel like I've been deceiving all of you. I feel the need to come clean. Loki - Alan Camacho. Now that that's over with, I can go back to deceiving you one last time. So, without further ado, Loki's Last Lie.

Until now, the *Criterion* has been running articles stating that Loki has been missing, perhaps even CAPTURED. I apologize for the typo, but the correct word was RAPTURED. I would call this final Doubletalk article an end-times warning, but seeing as how I am sipping an ice cold glass of Martineli's here by the Sea of Glass I guess it's too late.

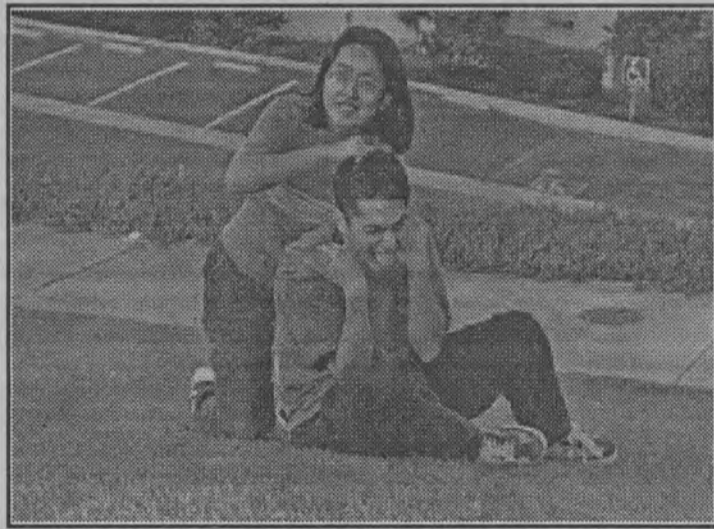
So instead of a warning, I'll make this an apology. First, I want to apologize to SAGE. I know some misdirected speculations concerning my absents have put the magnifying glass on you. I also want to apologize for the chauvinistic remarks that managed to find their ways into my column. But here let us take pause for a moment to ponder this question: Who was raptured, and who wasn't?

Next, I want to apologize to anyone who might have taken my advice. I don't think I need to add much to that. Finally, I want to apologize to myself for agreeing to reveal my identity in the final *Criterion*. To save Christine Law, our wonderful and long-suffering *Criterion* editor from future headaches, you may now send your hate mail to: Loki-Alan@lokiland.moc. Loki

♂ Dear Major Cheese,

Well, it's been a fun whole three episodes of Double-Talk for me. It was three, wasn't it? Oh well, you probably don't care, do you? Not unless you're reading this just to learn my identity so that you can beat me senseless and grind me into cafeteria paddies in revenge for that littlejoke ("feminist terrorist" oxymoron) which Loki & I put into the abduction report. It's too bad, because I was going to run an update later where Loki defected to the other side, and was found at a women's libdemonstration, having changed his pig-headed ways. See what a great story of redemption you prevented from being told?

Gee, it's the last issue. Enough of that silliness! I should be talking about *me*, like every other self-centered American! Boy oh boy, anonymity is such a riot. I suggest you all try it sometime. If not for a paper, then just do it



Who says original Doubletalk writers Voluese (Patti Poblette) and Loki (Alan Camacho) don't get along?

on some friends. It's so liberating and amusing to act out another personality; you get to live out those dreams of bi-polar schizophrenia you've been dying to enact ever since you were a little boy and decided to freak out your parents by wearing dresses and acting like Richard Simmons and then switching between his personality and Gonzo

from The Muppets. Yeah. (Sigh) Those were the days. Don't pretend they didn't exist. I know you were a Ninja Turtle. You thought no one remembered, eh! I know *everything**. Ha! Um... oh yeah: "Wit is educated insolence."

—Aristotle Zadig



For every Loki master (Alan Camacho) there is an apprentice (Roach Romero) in training.

GENERIC ANTS



"Is it possible that Mr. Clark Ant stole your I.D. card? If so, we can press charges immediately..."

Choosing Medicine and the Right School

■ A Closer Informative Look at Loma Linda Medical School

BY MONA KARIMPOUR
Editor-in-Chief

Do you want to go to bed at 4 a.m. and wake up again at 6 a.m. the same day? Will you dedicate yourself to others who are in need? Would you take the risk of getting sued after four years plus education? If you have answered with a "yes", then the medical profession is one choice that might fit your interests.

Medicine provides a unique way of meeting and working with others health needs that other jobs do not. There is an opportunity to develop closeness with patients and to ease the pain that they might feel, with either a simple smile or medication. Medicine is a field where there is a chance for one to make a difference in people's health lives, and to experience happiness in dedicating their technical knowledge and critical thinking abilities for others.

The missions of the School of Medicine at Loma Linda University is to continue the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ, "To Make Man Whole" (Luke 9:6). Hence, Loma Linda Medical School teaches people to look at a whole person, not only physically, but also emotion-

ally and spiritually. Questions urged for Loma Linda physicians to ask their patients include "How are you coping? Is there anything that can be done as a physician?" Since Loma Linda Medical School is a smaller sized school, the teachers have the



To Make Man Whole

opportunity to be dedicated to teaching a "modified traditional curriculum." Like L.S.U., the teachers provide extra help and time that might not be offered at other medical schools. According to fourth year medical student, Fatta Nahab, "for a medical school, it's a fairly benign environment without much cut throat among the students. The faculty are mostly ice and

almost always on your side (we're more like a big family.)"

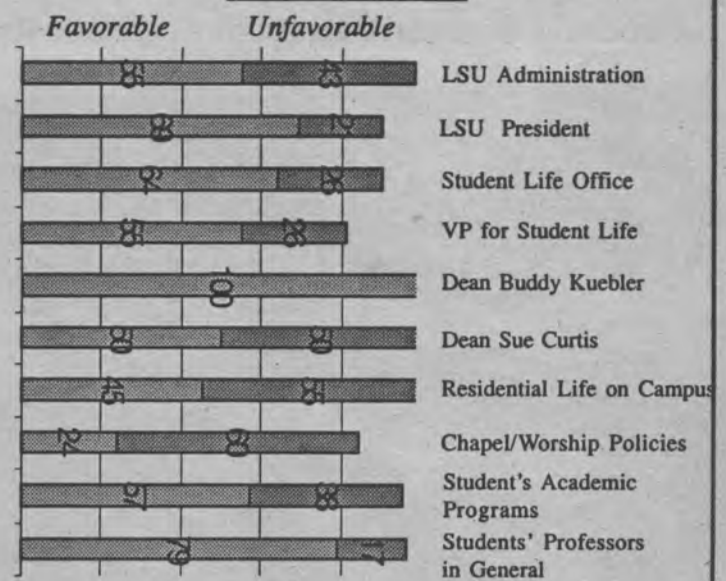
Also at LLU many opportunities are offered for Loma Linda students to participate within the world community. This provides a physician to visit international countries, and for them to "share the good news of a loving God as demonstrated by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ." According to Dr. Warner, Dean of Medicine, mission electives (15%) during third year gives students an opportunity to travel anywhere they want, if approved by the committee.

These beneficial aspects are the few offerings of Loma Linda. In order to gain more specific information for yourself, I urge you to go to the classes and see how the instructors teach. This one day experience is the best way that can actually open up your eyes to how your life might be for the another four years.

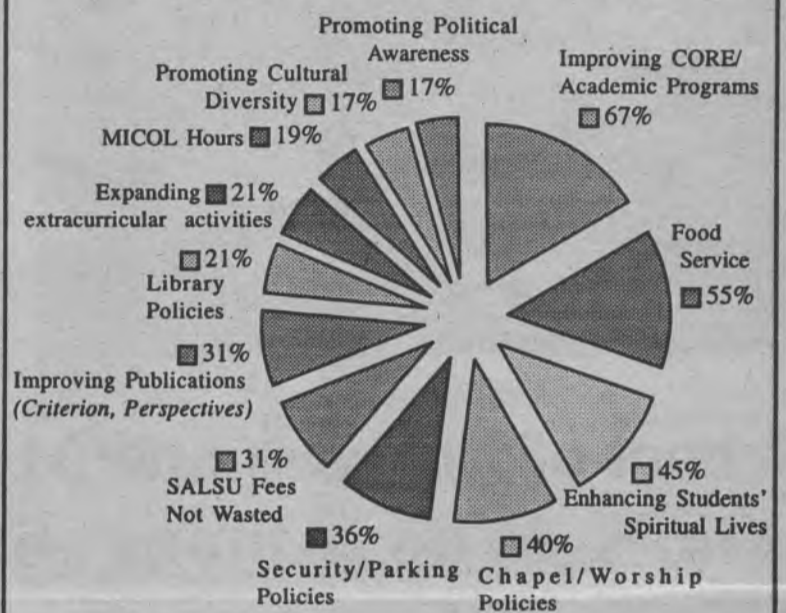
For further information, contact the Loma Linda web site at <http://www.llu.edu> or for other web site listings contact Dr. Kryger, the pre-medical advisor, at 785-2532.

Favorable/Unfavorable Ratings

BY EVANGRAHAM
staff writer



The Most Important Issues at LSU Right Now



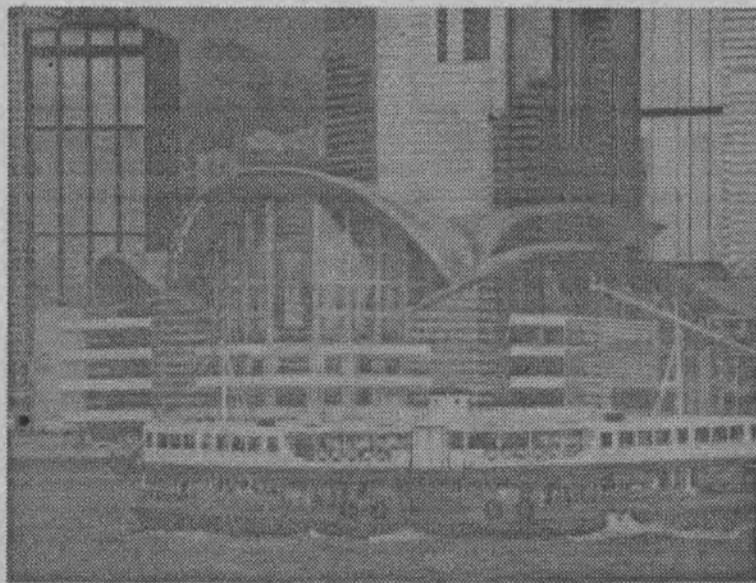
This survey was conducted randomly. A total of 42 students were surveyed by the writer. Some questions, however, were not answered by all participant and the percentages were calculated accordingly. For more information about this survey, please contact the Criterion Office at (900) 785-2156.

Flashback two years ago when China resumed sovereignty in HK

BY HANN SERN YOUNG
guest writer

On the eve of the handover, June 30th 1997, the British government and all its patrons carried out the process of resuming Chinese sovereignty of Hong Kong after over a century of colonial rule. I realize in some aspects that perhaps one of the most important elements was the possible misrepresentation of the handover to China by the people of the United States of America. I was convinced in some ways that many people in the United States were somewhat confused about the actual handover itself.

Before 1841, Hong Kong was merely a part of China, a small significant island off the coast of mainland China. On the evening of July 31st 1841, the Hong Kong government were provided no other option than to sign a treaty that would make Hong Kong a part of Great Britain. Kowloon, Hong Kong's sister land was ceded to the British shortly preceding the treaty in 1860. In 1984, the Sino-British Joint Declaration was signed in order to establish



the 'one country, two systems' policy. This was a declaration that stated that China, on the 1st of July, 1997 would resume its sovereignty over Hong Kong, while in turn, China would allow Hong Kong's 'freewheeling' capitalist Lassaiz Faire system to continue. On June 30th, before midnight upon the last royal leaving sight, celebrations began.

Previously people had always bombarded questions of what life in 'China' was like and whether we had 'clean water' or 'lived on farms.' This recurrent mentality seemed to bother me enough that I sometimes wonder what people

actually thought of this historical event. Nevertheless, opinions often vary strongly, and margins on every topic will always be mixed. There were some who considered the event as a final victory in the long war with Western colonialism. Some viewed it as the end of a flourishing era under Britain and there were those that did not have an opinion at all.

Another disturbing aspect was that the U.S. media seemed comfortable to present the movement of the People's Liberation Army into Hong Kong as more of a battle strategy to

take siege than a political statement. I found that in this particular case, the media found it reasonable to draw parallels of the Handover to the Tianamen Square Massacre in 1989. Furthermore, it seemed that it was the most prevalent aspect of their pessimism.

With hindsight, I would say that the handover was an extremely smooth transition of fundamentally the opposite.

However, there was no violence nor was there any sudden changes that had any major impact. We must understand that

this is true of any society functioning within a governmental system with a hierarchical backbone. In that aspect, the gaps are wide and the beneficiaries are few. But no one will ever know it is not how the country changes for the best or the worst, nor is it how conflicting political ideologies learn to converge. But it is how we as people of the world come together and experience how the world changes before our very eyes, rather than to feed on the regurgitated perceptions of others.



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Art Seniors Leave Their Legacy

BY EVANGRAHAM
staff writer

Artist Sylvana Mead deals a lot with gender issues, how "a woman beneath the frilly stuff, has a strong person beneath," says history junior Jessica Kim of Mead's untitled piece.

The piece itself is wire mesh shaped into a woman's form and covered in lacey doilies. Another Mead piece, The Playground, is very "ambiguous," according to art senior Gaby Martinez.

"Is the stage coming out of her mouth or going into her mouth?" she asks.

The "Raggedy Ann" figure has curtains for hair, stage lights for eyes and from her mouth

protrudes a long "tongue" shaped into steps and finally opening out into stage, onto which a puppet hangs from strings high above "Raggedy's" head.

"This could mean that women are treated like playthings, or things that people 'act out' their fantasies on," Martinez suggests. "Now from her 'eyes,' can she 'see' anything on her own, or are those lights merely focusing on what others tell her to focus on?" she asks.

This piece, among many others now on display at the Brandstater Gallery Senior Art Show (which runs until commencement), ask many questions about ourselves as people, and the seniors

themselves as they leave La Sierra for the "real world."

Diversity is the watchword of Macarena Tapia's work. Her piece, *Not Green Not Yet*, discusses the problems the artist and her siblings have encountered trying to naturalize in the United States, according to friend Martinez.

Not Green's three transparent green banners, representing the artist, her brother and her sister, are covered in numbers, branded so by governmental agencies that treat people as numbers, not people, such as the INS, Martinez says. Tapia's *Cultural Mosaic* shows photographs of the faces of many students and former students representing numerous cultures.

Catherine Allen says her work *God's Love* has baffled many visitors to the gallery. "They always ask me why" the acrylic-painted box lined on the inside with jagged splinters of glass "represents God's love."

"The broken pieces of glass represent the broken pieces of us, and we are never whole without God's love," she says. Allen's *Silent Past*, a series of handmade books, shows a table of her family's genealogy traced all the way back to the 1750s.

Though these talented artists will depart from La Sierra this month, they will forever be remembered for their artwork--as Shakespeare noted, "and this gives life to thee." These seniors can be content that they have left a legacy for themselves in the hearts of La Sierra students and faculty.

Representin' the Social Side

BY MELISSA SAJID and
AARIKA CHILSON
guest writers

Allow ourselves to introduce ourselves. We're your incoming Co-Social Vice Presidents for the fabulous SALSU 2000! So what, you say? Being the Social VPs of a college in sunny So. Cal. where the beach, the mountains, the mall, and the city are everyday competition is going to be really hard. How do you boost morale and keep attendance high at events when everyone has a car and most people live off-campus?

You cross your fingers and hope for the best, right? NO WAY! Time, creativity, and effort is put into planning activities everyone likes and will

want to come to.

Let's look back at the social events planned this year. Some were totally supported while others caused high blood pressure and almost nervous breakdowns from lack of attendance and honestly, the overall apathy of the student body. From broken bones and "In'n'Out burgers" at Broomball to "swingin'" at the Disneyland Hotel, this year has been filled with fun times and memorable experiences. We're sure no one will forget the fashion statements Iki and Jesse shared us at the 80's Skate Night.

Now the year 2000 is upon us and while you're working on your tan and enjoying the luxury of waking up without an alarm clock, your humble SALSU Socials will be racking our brains for new and

innovative activities, we will also be using our "super human" people skills to...well,...you know,...SOCIALIZE.

No, seriously, we will be putting our heads together to make the beginning of the new millennium a fun and exciting time. This is where you come in. If you'd like to get involved in the planning of social activities on campus, we're interested in your comments and suggestions.

Drop us an e-mail at melisaji@lasierra.edu or aarichil@lasierra.edu.

We'd be happy to hear from you. So study hard for finals, and then enjoy your tan, toss your school books in your closet and once, just once, have a moment of silence for your SALSU officers who are working hard JUST for YOU.



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The Year in Perspective from SALSU

BY FELIPE VIELMANN
SALSU President

I want to start by saying thank you to all of the students on our campus. This school year has not been the easiest to go through - but we have had our moments of fun and exhilaration. We suffered through some unexpected losses, both in our student body as well as within teachers and buildings that we have come to appreciate and love. We as a student body have suffered because of a promise I broke: to keep communications open between us the students and faculty/administration. I know that I have heard and spoken to several students that had a perceived perception that I had abandoned my roots as a student and was not looking out for our best interests as students. There were students that approached me looking for explanations. They also pointed me in the direction of other students that would not come talk to me but that had negative feelings. When I attempted to speak to them, they would not address me. Harsh reality. Has the year been a waste? I do not think so.

Many things were accomplished, this year. The SALSU banquets had a high response to them. During Christmas, we headed to the

Spaghetti Factory and during the month of February we went to the Disneyland Hotel. (Social V.P. in action)

Fall quarter we saw the second annual *Bridge the Gap* retreat, which is an opportunity for three sister colleges

community building activities such as Walkathons and Red Ribbon week. (CABL in action).

The *Criterion* editor-in-chief put together a staff that has run papers in attempt to reach all aspects of us as stu-

Relations Secretary in action.)

Monetarily, SALSU managed itself in a very efficient manner. This is thanks to timely reports by our Resource Manager and the great cooperation between

not highly noticeable, Senate is currently poised to be a legislative force that will bring about much needed improvement in the next school year.

The question then remains: What have you done, Mr. President? I have attempted to be the best listener I could be in order to voice my peers concern to the best of my ability to the appropriate chains of command that I must respond to. I have attempted to keep the best possible cohesiveness within your elected SALSU cabinet amidst the conflicts of non-communication. Do I think that things could have been better? Yes. Do I think that there are some things that I would do differently? Yes, again. Would I do this all over again if I had the opportunity to go back? Most definitely yes. There is a satisfaction that I felt every time I was at an event planned by one of your V.P.'s and I looked at the smiling faces of people in attendance who were having fun.

I am glad to have been a part of this school year, of this cabinet and of this student association. May God continue to bless each and every one of us in all of our endeavors. Congratulations to the seniors! And for those of us coming back next year: let's give this school a year they will never forget!



From the Left to Right: Sanjo Adeoye(Executive V.P.), Felipe Vielmann(President), Rick Marson(Perspective Editor), Lindsay Daily(Religious V.P.), Kim Odle(Social V.P.), Ari Salguiero(Public Relations Secretary), Carl Jonard(Perspective Editor), Kristine Marson(Secretary), and Mona Karimpour(Criterion editor-in-chief). Not Pictured: Doug Brown(Resource Manager), Avimaria Davis(CABL Director), Nathan Hatley(Parliamentarian), Sponsors: Jodi Cahill, Sylvia Chang, Sue Curtis, Jennifer Tyner, L. Jorgensen, and S. Daily

to come together in the beauty of Camp Wawona. (Religious V.P.) in action.

This year we also saw bagel breakfasts during finals week in front of the Commons, as well as several Com-

ments. (*Criterion* editor in action).

Perspectives found its home on our campus with a much awaited release through video announcement. (*Perspective* editors and Public

him and each of the Vice Presidents. Our biggest hit this summer came with the Senate. Through no fault of its own, Senate suffered the loss of two of its leaders. Although improvements were

What was your favorite event of the year and why?



Cosmic bowling because bowling is the best!
-Ranjini Moses
Freshman, Pre-P.T.



The Valentine Banquet because everybody sang Happy Birthday to Angie.
-Aaron G. Matlock
Sophomore, Spanish



The Barn Bash was really fun. I've never danced before and it was awesome.
-Jon Mattson
Freshman, Pre-Engineering



Rollerskating, because I enjoyed wabbling around trying to skate.
-Meenal Rao
Sophomore
English and Communications



The Ole Club mission trip to Mexicali- I got to know a lot of new friends who have been close this whole year.
-Jesse Bliss
Sophomore, Pre-P.T.



The Indian Fashion Show- because I was the Goddess.
-Angie Sturt
Junior, Biology



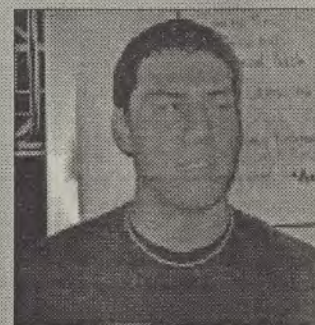
Gladwyn Lock In! We bonded and created good friends.
Rebeca Diaz
Freshman, Pre-P.T.



Scola's presentation of the musical *Rent* was breathtaking.
-Josi Pardenilla
Senior, Pre-Med



Broom Ball was a blast- just a real fun time.
-Ryan Hayton
Sophomore, Biophysics



Jungle People was the best because I was in it!
-Jay Soria
Junior, Spanish

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Farewell From the CRITERION STAFF

Uh Oh...

ARISALGUEIRO
staff writer

Hello! Well what do you know? The years has come and is now going and going fast. Can you hear it going? Well anyway, It's been a pleasure writing for your avid reading eyes! No, it hasn't but I can't find any other words to describe it that can be published. Ari shall leave for a time, but he will return next year, stronger than ever and this time the world will be mine! OK, only the Criterion will be mine. In fact, probably not even that, but I can dream can't I! So farewell, till we meet again!

Don't Stop Believing

BY BENGUERRERO
staff writer

The Journey...

...has already begun. From the time we screamed at the doctor for slapping our butts, to the moment we slipped our tooth under the pillow, hoping for the tooth-fairy's treasure, to the popping of our first zit, right up to the fireworks of our first kiss that sent us to the moon and back. Continuing on through the line of Student Accounts where we practicly met, courted and nearly married all before we were called to the counter to spend less than three minutes with a screen that showed us that our loans still haven't arrived yet, jumping light speeds ahead until this moment where you find yourself seated with this newspaper in hand.

The journey doesn't stop, it "keeps going, and going, and going..." But the beauty of the journey is that it does not have to be traveled alone. There is One who will walk it with us, to see it to the end. Let's move forward together with Him. "Don't stop believin'..."



BY MERIAM MAKARY
staff writer

*He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool. Shun him.
He who knows not and, knows that he knows not, is a child. Teach him.
He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep. Wake him.
He who knows, and knows that he knows, is wise. Follow him.*
~A Persian Proverb

I hope the Criterion has helped awaken us to wisdom. Thank you to Lena Abella, Andrea Geli, Carl Jonard, Geoff Jutzy, Christine Law, Ari Salguero, Natan Vigna, and all the writers. It's been a pleasure working with you all. Thank you to the faculty, staff, and students for being so responsive to the Criterion. Special thanks to Mona Karimpour who has been a wonderful editor and friend. Good luck to those graduating. May our college experience give us the knowledge to succeed on our journey down the path to wisdom!



Bye All!

BY KIRK CABEZAS
staff writer

Writing for the Criterion has been a great experience. Although my writing skills are not those of an experienced journalist, I really enjoyed reporting about the OLE club and sharing my opinions with some staff writers.

I pray that God keeps the Criterion working for the best of our student body. I also pray that next year student writers take more responsibility on issues to be discussed on the Criterion. We need to portray Jesus more vividly in our writings and help others through our messages.

Farewell to all those who contributed to the Criterion and I hope you keep up the good work.



GOOD LUCK!

BY JULENE DUERKSEN
staff writer

Well, don't I feel educated and experienced? Another year under my academic belt and I'm busting at the seams for more. One more year until that honored day of graduation, and I can hardly wait.

This year has been full of trials and triumphs, just like any other year. I've made new friends and lost old enemies. I've written papers previously deemed impossible, and answered my own questions. With the school year drawing to a close, I ask myself what I might be in store for next.

Summer provides a break from school, but not life. The learning continues. Don't ever think you will stop at the end of your exams, the end of the school year, or the end of a class. Life continues, the good and the bad. I love it. I learn from it! Another year? Yippee!

What Does it Take to Start a Club?

BY EVANGRAHAM
staff writer

I've noticed this school is full of oxymorons. For instance, what does it take to start a club here?

Open membership—even though SALSU and club officers, honors students and faculty members must uphold certain academic and citizenship standards to maintain their posts.

No "Greek" name—even though the history department has a chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta honors society called Alpha Theta Sigma. The first men's club on campus was called Mu Beta Kappa in 1929, and the first women's club, Sigma Phi Kappa. Indeed, numerous organizations on campus have had "Greek" names without open membership.

Yet fraternities are illegal. God bless LSU!

Nostraroachus Interprets The Year and Says "Nit"

RAMONE "ROACH" ROMERO
jedi knight

Oh...hey! Here I am again, polluting more valuable space in your innocent little newspaper with my pseudo-insane megalomaniacal ramblings! So, what foolishness am I going to say this time? Well, I thought I'd just give you all a little fodder for nostalgia. This year has been very memorable, hasn't it? Okay, well, just pretend like it was. Good.

I shall show how the seemingly inconsequential succession of five events here at LSU has in fact led an apocalyptic finale which will change the world as we know it. This change will rank second only to the most important event in world history: the release of *Monty Python & The Holy Grail*.

The first event surpassed all expectations and changed the face of LSU forever. I stuck my face in a birdbath four nights in-a-row for *Othello*.

The second event was the marvelous flesh-market on the mall... I mean, the friend-for-a-day thing... where some hot, oily bodies were auctioned off for prices that were beyond my reach. Believe me, if I'd had any money that day, I probably would have spent it before the thing started at the Eagle's Nest on a "Schizophrenic Bunny"... man, those things are great!

The third event destroyed the foundations of everything we consider to be foundationally destructible. With my face painted up like the Joker, I ran around topless for Willie Price's "Jungle People" for three nights of bungling insanity, getting whipped by Jay "Judasius" Soria when he was not busy whipping himself.



The fourth event was somewhat astounding. I know how students here are quite apathetic... they never do anything. But finally, in the face of academic totalitarianism, our students stood up for themselves. Friday, the 21st of May marked the historic witnessing of our students mustering up the courage and willpower to take on administration in protest of its evil policy: the institution of the new toaster in the cafeteria (which has been accused of not even truly "toasting," but merely getting our bagels "lukewarm").

The fifth element—I mean—event was the clandestine decision of LSU to send this little roach overseas to spread our nefarious propaganda to an uncorrupted culture, under the guise of "student missionary." I'll try to keep writing while I'm there, so that you, dear readers, don't miss my presence here on campus next year. We can't risk the chance that people will not have any annoying articles in the paper to complain about, can we? Exactly.

What is the final apocalyptic catechism that these events have led up to? What is the profound conclusion that gives meaning to the existence of all that has gone before? Two words: *Star Wars!* Go see it! Now! Now! Put whatever insignificant activity you're doing right now to rest! (but don't throw away the Criterion, or you might wake up to find goats in your shorts)

Have a fun summer, and if you have free time, try to take over the world or something constructive like that. I'll see you next year! Wait, no I won't. But you'll not forget me! My pathetic propaganda shall haunt you forever! Mwahahaha!! Now go see *Star Wars*.

**BYE ALL!!!
IT'S BEEN A GREAT YEAR!!!
WE'LL MISS YOU... NOT!**



Roach Motel

Farewell Messages



- Andrea, Willie, and Chris,
Carpe diem! TA's rock!
Yeah! May the Force be with You!
Love Ya, Christine Law
- Dear Amrita,
Thanks for being an awesome roommate!
Nicholas Nickleby forever!
Luv, Christine Law
- To David Azer:
You are so fine...Stay gorgeous . Baby
Unknown
- Pebbles,
It was my pleasure being your roommate this year. You are wonderful and so special too!
Sagapo me oli tin kardia mou!
Your sister,
Green-eyed monster
- To: All Those Sick and Twisted People
- Have a Great Summer and keep it Real! Pray for me and I'll Pray for you. Take care and God Bless...
Love, Drama, Krutch, "J.M."
- Dear Dumbo,
Thanks for being such a sweet friend! Have a Great Summer and Hope to see ya next year! Don't eva change! Stay Sweet © K.I.T.
Love ya,
Dummy
- To: Bush Leagues (Volleyball)
Thanks for a Great Intramural fun!
Ken
- To: Reyna, Mele, and Jen,
You guys are my girls for life. I have had a great time at the luau. Hope you guys have a fun and safe summer, and remember: "Stay beautiful, be beautiful, and ye shall achieve more Beauty."
Forget me not: sistah Heremoana
- To all my buds,
(You know who you are I hope.)
Thanks for all your love and patience. I love you all and I will miss every one of you
- next year.
-One "N" Jen
- Jared,
Thanx for the pillow, and crazy weekends,
Cassandra S.
P.S. Sorry about your floor
- To Maggie: I had a great year with you. But you need to stop eating, and work on your hand muscles= you know what I mean. See you in the fall.
Heremoana
- Christine,
Manal Kita
Jenn
- Hillie,
I like it when I call you big Papa.
Spicey
- Nathan Hatley,
Thank you for true memories...
- Spice world: Good time and noodle salad! ☺
Cassandra S.
- Hann Sern,
Thank you so much for saving my butt (twice!!)
Be good at USC,
Major
- Carrie,
There are no words. You're the best, and I love you.
Love, Lena
- To All my Homies, you know who you are.
It's been an alright year I guess. But most definitely the best part was meeting and getting to know all of you. We've been through so much together and memories of all those things will always remain in my heart. A special shout-out to my roommate, you mean a lot to me as a friend and you will never be forgotten. Good luck to all my friends and may your dreams come true.
Love,
Karen P. Ruiz
- All my pals in the Café(you know who you are),
Thanx for making spring break
- last all quarter long and improving my bowling average.
Cassandra S.
- Mari, Wally, Ranj, Emely, Nikki, Rachel, Sasha, Alu, and Emilia,
I can't tell you how much I value each one of you. You have made this year so fun for me. I love you all.
Love, Lena
- To the sometimes-blue-eyed-sometimes-gree-eyed-girl:
I am going to miss you so much this next year. I thank God every day for the time I've spent with you. He truly has blessed me with your friendship.
Love always
- Dear Eli,
Where do I begin...??
So many memories, so much to say. I just want you to know that our late night talks have meant a lot. Thanks for being such a great friend to me. Remember I'm here 24/7. Take care and don't change!!
Love you lots,
Sandee
- Congrats to all the seniors!
C.C.
- Dear Lindsay,
I expect many Microsoft Netmeeting calls while you're in Taiwan. Maybe even a visit to China for a tour of the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, and Tian'anmen square.
Love, Andy
- Dear Ricky,
I'm GOING TO MISS YOU!!
Words cannot express how much you mean to me. Your friendship mean's everything. Thank you for the memories. Best friends forever, Sandee
- To Linsey Vega
Thanks for being the greatest roommate anyone could ask for. Good luck next year and always remember the fun times!
Love, Tiffany
- (Liesa) Sup yo,
- Thanks for beating my drum..And rousing my spirits...☺
- Angie K,
You are my Taibo queen...☺
- Hi Denise H.,
You are a good site...rare, but good. ☺
- Patti (Poblete), ☺
I'm watching you. Are you watching me?
Have a great summer, Forever
- Jennifer, (Merklin)
Thanks for all the time you spent with. I'm gonna miss you next year.
Love, (Well you know who I am).
- Dear Chris g.o.
Hey chica,
Thanks 4 all the many adventures! Be good this summer cuz I'll be keeping my eye on you.
Love, rosenose
- Dearest Amy and Bukki,
Thanx for being such crazy friends.
- Amy, best wishes at LLU.
- Bukki, see you next year!
Take care and have a great summer.
Love, Sandee
- To the Best R.A.!!
Julene, thanks so much for being a great friend and for helping me. You're the best and I love you very much!
Love, Maricela L.
- Dearest Maricela,
I'm so glad that we got to be friends this year. Who knew that we'd have so much in common. Thanx for being there and for the interesting talks. I love you and don't ever forget me!
Sandee
- Dear Sandee,
Hey Girl!! I'm glad we became good friends. I'll never 4-get our talks about...? Always remember that I'm here for you, always! Viva La Sopa! Our best friend!
Love, Marciela L.
- To ALL the "Free-loaders,"
Thanks for making me a part of you guys. I'm going to miss the late night runs to Denny's and all the crazy sleepover's at Juan's. I hope all of you have a great summer. Take care.
I love you Guys,
Your friends, Sandee
- Dearest Emi,
You've been a great roommate. I wish you the best at LLU. Good luck in the future. Don't ever forget me, cuz I will never forget you!
Thanks for everything,
Sandee
- To the Afghanistan group...
Thanks for being so indigentous?! Haha...
Okay, g-bye
- Chris,
Go to Class!!!
Yoli
- To Brian Villamer
Hey Hun! Boy, I'm so glad that we're best friends. I know that our friendship will last a lifetime! I'll never forget the laughs and the good times we had. You will always have a special place in my heart now and forever. Love you lots!
Maricela L.
- Oscar I love you and I want you to be my boyfriend.
Your secret admirer
- Amanda,
Good luck with you know who.
Love, Secret
- Grant, Nice hair NOT!
Abdiel, and Yoli
- Linda,
Love ya Luna.
Always, Tock
- Leilani,
Where is your guitar?
- Emily,
How's Marcos?
- Abdiel,
Thanks for being a great guy. Thanks also for the "kiss."
Always, Your shnokie



Farewell Messages



Pam,
It rhymes with SPAM. You should go out and get some ham. And Maybe a tan. Do you think you can?

Teddiebear,
Life isn't the same here without you, but becoming closer has made everything so much more special...Thanks for being the perfect person and making all my dreams come true.
Love, CSC

To the Cast of *Rent* (Schola Lantorum)
Thanks for all The Good Times! Wasn't it so much fun? I Love you guys!
Take care, Ken
P.S. Jean Kim is a fine M.F.

Erick,
You need to be nice to me!
Yoli

"God bless Feminism"
Kirk Cabezas

To the Freeloaders, The Spice Girls and \$BG,
Thanks for making my freshman year a memorable one. You guys have become a very important part of my life. Saul, you're the best guy any girl could ever ask for, you are "forever" in my heart. God Bless you all and Have a Great Summer!
Love, Susie

?!Que Onda Rudito!?
?Quieres bailar el Tango conmigo? Hehe
<3 Tango Partner

Dear Jan and Erwin and Dave,
You guys are the greatest T.A.'s ever.
The whole class

Rudito,
Imma Jus Playin

I Love You,
Carrie Ann Marie Lewis!
Luv, ur Snorin' Buddy
P.S. Have fun in France- don't forget me when shoppin'!

To my "Prayer king":
A love that I have found with you is rare- I believe it was a miracle. Only the God who brought us together can decide it's length. Till then I shall cherish it's value and opportunity to grow with you-always.
-Seteme 4-1

To my Dearest Friends and Roomies:
Karen, Desiree, Julie, Raquel, Sandy and Sandra. Best wishes I love all you of guys! You are the best friends in the world!
Love always, Tara

To Bul Bul,
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To my friends,
Somer, Amanda, Emily, Leilani, Aimee, Mark, Tic, Ab, Debbie, Grant, Jen and my fellow science majors, Chad, Chai, Linda, Nick, Esme, Emi, Liz, and Irene. Thanks for the great year! I wouldn't have made it without you. ☺
Linda (Luna)

Dear Eric Redi,
Thanks for always listening. ☺
Love, Rae

Sup 3rd Floor!
Gooooo Bush Leaguery.
Me

Sandy, Tara, Raquel, Karen, Desiree, and Sandra,
Hey Girls! It's finally over...We are outta here!!
I love you with all my heart, promise we will stay this close Forever!
Love ya, Julie

Hey Bri!
Can you believe we are graduating?
Damn we are good! ☺ hehe!!
Remember I love ya. Good luck in the real world!
Love your sis, Julie

Luna-Tick,
I love you both, thanx for making my year so memorable.
Always,
Tock

Dear jenko,
Hey friend-thanks for being an

awesome older sister!
Love, Rae

Tiger,
The price is wrong
Champ

Brook,
One of these days...
Careful with your car!
Bye.

Hi Jen,
You will forever be my ultimate conversationalist...
The explorer of my mind.☺

Dear Nathan,
You also have nice toi tois.

Dear Dittee,
"Sometimes I run/Sometimes I hide."

Cannot wait for a full summer of mtv!
Thanks for giving me a ride to school.
Love, B.Kaipo's friend

Dear Nathan,
I will beat you at something someday...thanks for being a true friend. Don't drive too crazy!
Don't forget about macaroni grill.
Love, Stubby

Dear Renato,
Thanks for being my breakfast buddy...and for being a friend.
Love, Rae

Dear friends,
I've had a great year with you all. I thank you for all your blessings...they have enriched my life.
Thanks, NLPH

Dear Raenelle,
You so sexy...and short. ☺

Hi Christine O.,
Thanks for your smile...it brightens my days.
☺

Dear girl-c-x-an-her-face,
Thank you for making a "mark" on my face...oh. I mean life☺
Love you!
Your adventure partner!

Somer and Mark,
You guys are cute.
Abdiel and Linda

Monica C.
You make me feel in heaven.
thank you for being my girl-friend.

David Estrada
When I look at you my heart pounds and I want you.

To my Sunshine
Espy, We've had our good and bad times. But nothing will ever tear this friendship apart. I'll never forget our wild escapades! I will always be here for you, and you know it!
Love always, Maricela Z

To "The Family"...
You know who you are!
I just wanted to thank you all for always being there. (i.e. till 5 a.m. for the Poly Club)
You guys are the best and forever we shall be "Family"
Love you all, Reyna

Dear Jan, Duane, Lorie Mae, Joan, Jun, Sam, Jimmy, Michele, Merrick, Luke, Kayce, Liesa, Gracoh, and everyone else...Hi everyone!
Hope y'all had a good school year my friends. Have fun and safe summers!
K.I.T. You've been really fun to get to know, take care of you for me, ewww!!
Kbye...NIX

Orlando,
I love you and I can't live without you.
Secret Admirer

Dear Tim,
I am so excited! Only a few more days until you are my husband!
I love you,
Love always, Tara

TO ALL MY FRIENDS,
Here are excerpts from Khalil Gibran's Friendship because, as he says, "*Your friend is your needs answered.*"

Mona,
you are the best friend I could ever desire. Thank you habibti!
"He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving."
And he is your board and your fireside.
For you come to him with your hunger, and you seek him for peace."

Cathy,
Thanks for always being there to listen. Good luck in all your endeavors!
"When your friend speaks his mind you fear not the 'nay' in your own mind, nor do you withhold the 'ay'.
And when he is silent your heart ceases not to listen to his heart;"

Fadi,
Though the words aren't always there, I know our friendship is. Thanks for understanding!
"For without words, in friendship, all thoughts, all desires, all expectations are born and shared, with joy that is unclaimed."

Soneel,
I'll never forget you.
"When you part from your friend, you grieve not; For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence, as the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain."

To those graduating,
Your friendship has truly fulfilled my spiritKIT.
"And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit.
For love that seeks aught but the disclosure of its own mystery is not love but a net cast forth: and only the unprofitable is caught."

Dr. Tosk,
You've always given
"For it is his to fill your need, but not your emptiness."

All my Friends,
Never forget the little things!
"And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures.
For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed."

Your Friend,
Meriam



THE SENIORS SPEAK

The Criterion asked the graduating class of 1999 about themselves and their plans (or lack thereof). Here's what they said...

Name: Ryan Watkins
Major: Biophysics
Plans for next year: Loma Linda School of Dentistry
Future plans: Pull teeth
Marriage plans: Maybe soon
What you want to be doing in 10 years: Using lasers in Dentistry

Name: Jean Kim
Major: Music
Plans for next year: Attending graduate school at the University of Michigan
Future plans: More school =)
What do you want to be doing in 10 years: I would like to be playing in a symphony

Name: Michele Pongvarin
Major: English-Literature
Plans for next year: Physical therapy program at LLU
Marriage plans: Not sure, you'd have to ask Jimmy...
What you want to be doing in 10 years: I'd like to RETIRE!!

Name: Denise Heller
Major: Biology/Psychology
Plans for next year: Field work, study for GRE
Future plans: Masters in Marine biology
Marriage plans: None yet paying off my loans!

Name: Christopher Caruso
Major: Business Administration/Marketing
Plans for next year: Run my design company; CMC Design Group
Future plans: Become a tycoon
Marriage plans: Marry a beautiful girl when she falls in path
What you want to be doing in 10 years: Making Ads for Fortune 500 companies

Name: Fabio Tichy
Major: Business Administration/International Management
Plans for next year: Work in Orlando, Florida
Future plans: MBA
Marriage plans: Late 20's
What you want to be doing in 10 years: Be a successful professional in an area that is enjoyable to me. Have a family.

Name: Kirk Larson
Major: Business, minor Chem.
Plans for next year: Dental School Loma Linda
Future plans: Get rich and retire early
Marriage plans: yes
What you want to be doing in 10 years: Working as little as possible

Name: Sylvana Mead
Major: Fine Art
Plans for next year: Creating and conveying
Future plans: I'll know when I get there
Marriage plans: Married for life
What you want to be doing in 10 years: Living as I live today

Name: JulieAnne Burgos
Major: Child Development, Emphasis in Elem. Education
Plans for next year: 5th grade teacher at White Memorial Adventist School
Future plans: Going back to school to get my Masters in education.
Marriage plans: Probably in about 2-3 years. Maybe sooner!?) =)
What you want to be doing in 10 years: I want to be teaching still, and raising a big family.

Name: Fadi Nahab
Major: Human Biology
Plans for next year: Med. School
Future plans: Become a physician, travel the world, get married, have kids
Marriage plans: None at the moment
What you want to be doing in 10 years: Practicing medicine and golfing

Name: Eric W. Reid
Major: Music B.A.
Plans for next year: Get a job in Pharmaceutical Sales
Future plans: Work.
Marriage plans: Josie Pardenilla? Hmmmm....maybe.
What you want to be doing in 10 years: Don't know.

Name: Andy Hayton
Major: Biology
Plans for next year: Study Chinese in Hangzhou, China
Future plans: Be a physician
Marriage plans: Get married within 5 years
What you want to be doing in 10 years: Working as a doctor in China

Name: Tara Colescott
Major: Liberal Studies - Elementary Education
Plans for next year: Hope-

fully I will have a teaching job!!
Future plans: Teaching, getting married, enjoying life, having fun
Marriage plans: I am getting married the Sunday after Graduation to Tim Pierce
What you want to be doing in 10 years: I want to still be teaching and be enjoying life with my family and friends.



Name: April Aitken
Major: Marketing
Plans for next year: Working as a Legal Advocate for special needs kids
Future plans: hmmm. hard question. probably go to law school
Marriage plans: HUH? Not everyone gets married right after college
What you want to be doing in 10 years: We shall see

Name: Tracy Ishii
Major: Business Administration—Finance and Risk, Health Services Mgmt.
Plans for next year: Work for a finance or real estate company
Future plans: Get a graduate degree or another Bachelor's (Not sure what subject yet)
Marriage plans: None yet
What you want to be doing in 10 years: Hmmmmmm...I guess we'll see in ten years

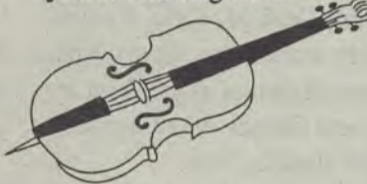
Name: Cathy Anne Macknet
Major: Biology
Plans for next year: Medical School
Future plans: Change the world a little bit for the better
Marriage plans: Only to the right person
What you want to be doing in 10 years: Smiling



Name: J.D. Bilbao
Major: Biology/Human Biology
Plans for next year: Still be in school—no! not here!
Future plans: Understand Star Wars—still need to watch the trilogy
Marriage plans: Before I'm

50—I hope.
What you want to be doing in 10 years: Sitting court-side next to Magic Johnson at Laker games—I'd sit with Jack Nicholson, but he'd probably be dead by then.

Name: Laurel Tym
Major: Music
Plans for next year: Teach violin
Future plans: Get a masters in Suzuki pedagogy.
Marriage plans: None
What you want to be doing in 10 years: Teaching violin



Name: Gerald O. Harvey
Major: Religious Studies
Plan for next year: Work with a Social Service Agency in L.A.
Future plans: Earn a M Div. (emphasis in counseling)
What you want to be doing in 10

years: Have a private practice in Family counseling. And have a Ph.D., in Biblical Counseling.

Name: Masami Higa
Major: Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting / Pre-med
Plans for next year: Prepare for the CPA Board Exam
Future plans: Reapply to medical schools, if un-accepted, become an auditor.
Marriage plans: Undecided
What you want to be doing in 10 years: Practicing in a fulfilling professional field.

Name: Wendy Walters
Major: Biology
Plans for next year: Have fun!! :)
Future plans: Be an International Health Consultant
Marriage plans: Someday my prince will come
What you want to be doing in 10 years: I want to be helping people, living a full life with friends family, traveling

Do You Have Senioritis?

Take this quiz and find out

BY LENA ABELLA
News Editor

1. What year are you?
 - a) Junior
 - b) Senior
 - c) Freshman
 - d) Sophomore
 - e) Been in college so long, you forgot
2. In the past few months, when you had a test, did you:
 - a) Not study at all
 - b) Study day and night for a week before
 - c) Study a few hours before
 - d) Study the night before
3. What is your scholastic mentality?
 - a) "Must get A's, must get A's..."
 - b) "Just as long as I pass..."
 - c) "If I go to class, I'll be ok"
 - d) "Eh, whatever."
4. During class you:
 - a) Take mental mini-vacations to various tropical locations
 - b) Talk to your friends
 - c) Sleep
 - d) Take notes
5. Last December you:
 - a) Were sad to be away from your friends for a month
 - b) Were already planning your graduation party
 - c) Were happy that Christmas vacation had arrived
 - d) Had the number of days until June 13 marked off on your calendar

Scoring:

1. a)3 b)4 c)1 d)2 e)5
2. a)4 b)1 c)3 d)2
3. a)1 b)3 c)2 d)4
4. a)3 b)2 c)4 d)1
5. a)1 b)4 c)2 d)3

5-10 points: You are completely free of all forms of Senioritis

11-15 points: You have contracted Senioritis, but it is a mild case

16-21 points: You had better hope your teachers have pity

on you, because you have a serious case of Senioritis.

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Monkey Business

RICK MARSON
pseudo-pseudo-intellectual

Stan was a monkey, not metaphorically either. Stan was a primate, and it's not like he's not still a monkey; I don't want you getting the wrong idea about my use of the past tense form of the "to be" verb "is." This is not one of those "monkey prince" stories where the monkey does a good deed for a princess and she kisses him and then the monkey turns into a handsome prince and they live happily ever after; Stan's still a monkey, but this story happened in the past, therefore, past tense will be used, except just now when I used future tense.

Stan worked for the World's Greatest Novel Company. Each day Stan would go to work, where he would sit at a table with a typewriter on it and bang away at the keys in hopes that at the end of the day he would have written the World's Greatest Novel. Once he got "I hand the it" but it wasn't that great and it was too short to be a novel. One day Stan got called into the boss's office. The boss was enraged; he was jumping up and down on his desk, throwing

papers into the air, and swinging around on the ceiling fan. You see, Stan's boss was also a monkey. Usually, seeing a monkey trash a room like this would be comical, especially if the monkey was wearing a suit and tie, but Stan was very worried; he had never seen the boss this mad before.

"Stan," he said, "you have got to be the worst writer in this whole company. Yesterday Brad banged out almost an entire preface, sure there were some typos and some of the words were in Japanese, but that has to be expected when all you're doing is slamming the keyboard with your fists! Yesterday the best I got from you was 'mcy m xc,m vdlks dvmkmj h;ergwa.' Do you know how hard it is to even pronounce that! Stan, you better start coming up with something I can use or you're fired!" Stan was quite shaken and spent the rest of the day trying to figure out what he was going to do.

"I don't understand why everyone around here writes by banging the keyboard with their

fists," he thought. That's why all the newspapers went out of business, because by the time anyone could get anything written that said anything the news was over a month old. That's why everyone watches the news on the television, and the lack of readable material and the incredible amount of boring TV news is turning or children to crime for something to do and the high crime rate is causing the television stations to produce more and more boring news shows, all because



Rick's World

people won't type with their fingers!!! Wait a minute, that gives me an idea. That night Stan stayed up working feverishly through the night and the next day at exactly 8:01 AM, every TV studio in the city blew up. Stan was sentenced to 160 years in prison and every television station in the world was relocated to one heavily guarded island and everyone had to buy satellite dishes. And that's why monkeys aren't allowed to buy explosives.

The Spy That Fed Me

BY GEOVANNY VIELMANN
and
SHANNON WILKINS

Amazingly enough another quarter has come to an end, and consequently another school year too. We would like to thank all of you that read and commented on our column with your different views on cuisine. In return, we have decided to bring you a special final column.

After being under protection for the last quarters, we feel this is the perfect opportunity to inform you about the many opportunities y'all will have throughout the summer. For y'all staying in the L.A. and Riverside areas these are things to look for and to expect.

In Hollywood during July & August make sure you check out the **Hollywood Bowl**. They host several concerts from jazz to classical and have a \$1 evening concert once a week. Here you ca: bring in your own picnic, order a deli sandwich, or reserve a quiet (well, not really) dinner table for two with a catered meal. Great date possibilities!

Staying in Riverside and up for some Mexican cuisine? Then you've got to try **Gay & Larry's** off Mission Boulevard across from Stater Brothers.

If museums and the new age is what you like, Melrose in Hollywood is the place to go. For your dinning experience visit **Nora's Cafe** on Melrose

near San Vicente. They serve up a great Greek menu with a wonderful ambiance. Open on Friday and Saturday till 2 a.m.

A couple of suggestions for the 4th of July

In Riverside the fireworks show off of **Mt. Rubidoux** is wonderful.

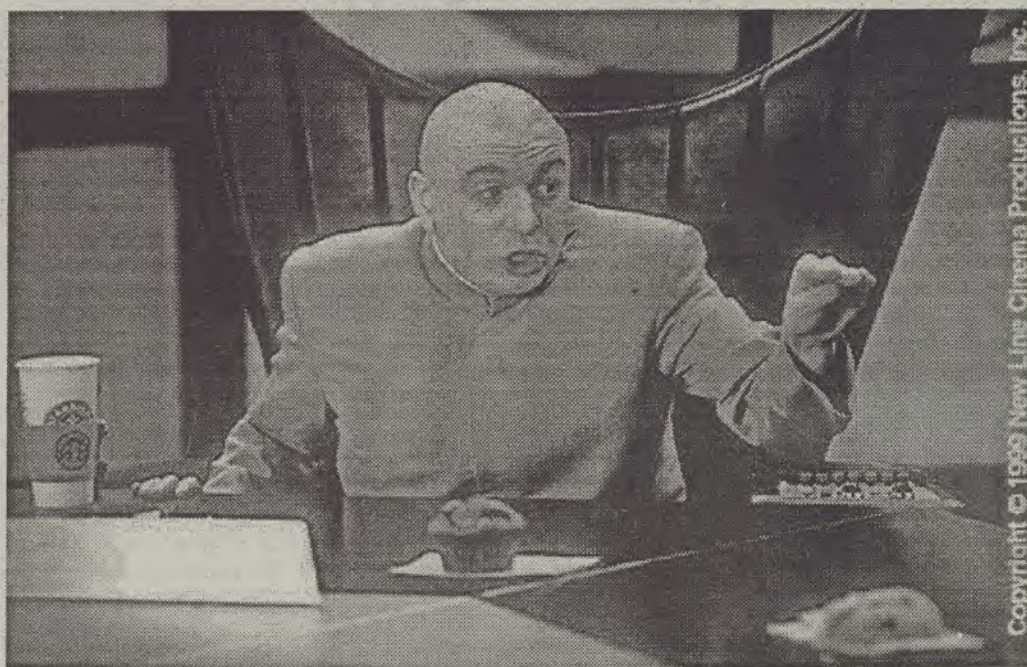
In Pasadena go to the **Rose Bowl** they will have a one hour fireworks display following a soccer game played that afternoon.

Laguna Beach will host a 40-minute fireworks show that brings out the best of family summer fun, so don't forget your blanket.

We really hope that this will give you some great ideas for places you can visit during your free time this summer. Agent Homefry (Shannon) and Agent Escargo (Geovanny) have been dishing you all of the restaurant reviews for the last two quarters. Shannon Wilkins gave you a better knowledge of what is nonsense American cuisine. Geovanny Vielmann tried to show you the importance of enjoying the little details cuisine life.

So, from the pit of our stomach we want to wish you all a wonderful hot & relaxing summer. For those returning next year, we'd love to hear your suggestions at thespythatfedme@hotmail.com. Good luck on the finals!

SUMMER MOVIES



Dr. Evil returns in *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me*

—*Star Wars: Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace*, starring Liam Neeson, Natalie Portman, and Jake Lloyd. Now showing.

—*Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me*, starring Mike Myers and Heather Graham. Opens June 11.

—*Big Daddy*, starring Adam Sandler. Opens June 25

—*Wild, Wild West*, starring Will Smith, Kevin Kline, and Salma Hayek. Opens July 2.

—*American Pie*, starring Jason Biggs and Thomas Ian Nicolas. Opens July 9.

—*Eyes Wide Shut*, starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. Opens July 16.

—*The Haunting*, starring Liam Neeson and Catherine Zeta-Jones. Opens July 23.

—*Fight Club*, starring Brad Pitt and Edward Norton. Opens July 30.



Will Smith in *Wild Wild West*

SUMMER CONCERTS

Sugar Ray
• <http://www.sugar-ray.com/>

Goo Goo Dolls
• <http://www.googoodolls.com/>

Alanis Morissette
• <http://www.america.com/~dizzy/index.html>

Offspring
• <http://www.offspring.com/>

Jewel
• <http://www.netvaults.com/jewel/>

Barenaked Ladies
• <http://www.bnlfmusic.com/>

Tori Amos
• <http://www.tori.com/>

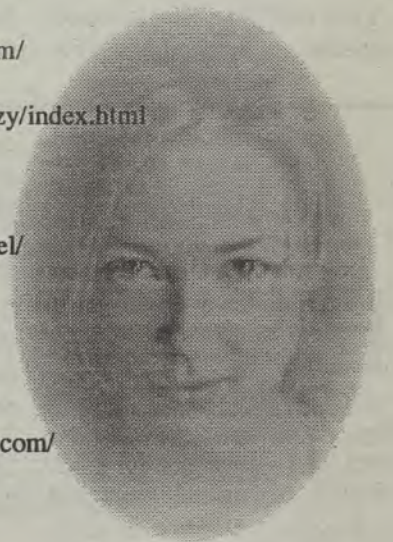
Everlast
• <http://www.forevereverlasting.com/>

Dave Matthews Band
• <http://www.dmband.com/>

Lilith Fair, starting July 8
• <http://www.lilithfair.com/>

Woodstock 99 July 23-25, New York
• <http://members.aol.com/Mary1NYS/Woodstock.html>

Tibetan Freedom Concert, June 13 simultaneously in Chicago, Tokyo, Amsterdam, and Sydney
• <http://timecast2.timecast.com/live/tibet/start.html>



FAREWELL FROM YOUR EDITORS



MONA KARIMPOUR
Editor-in-Chief

I have enjoyed this year, even with all the unexpected issues that the *Criterion* has had to cover. Actually, these events have helped me grow and listen to people's concerns, taking into consideration the different angles. I urge you all to take a stand somehow in our community next year.

Also, I wanted to give a special thanks to my page editors, staff writers, sponsors, the faculty, administration and my family for helping this paper improve.

Mona Karimpour,
Editor-in-Chief for 1998-1999



BY CHRISTINE LAW
Feature Editor

I want to thank Mona for sticking to her guns as Editor-in-Chief all the way until the end. If it weren't for her, this paper wouldn't have been happening the way it did. I know there's been complaints about the *Criterion* this year and other years as well. I admit I've been guilty of some of it myself. But that's what got me interested in helping out with the paper. I wanted to jump in and make changes in the things that I'd been complaining about. That's the beauty of going to a small university like La Sierra.

There are so many opportunities to do little things to make big changes.

I just realized a couple weeks ago that our newspaper staff is

ARISALGUEIRO
Graphics Editor

I was told to write a farewell message for you all, our faithful readers. I dare say it has been a pretty good year if we choose to ignore a couple of drawbacks here and there. We have had stressing deadlines and conflicting schedules but hey! We made it! It is indeed the end of the year and now I get to go to Florida and sit around for a couple of weeks before coming back and reselling my soul to various campus organizations all over again. So until we meet again, May the Farce be with You!



LENA ABELLA
News Editor

Well, June is finally here and we've come out alive. At times, I didn't think I would make it, but at those most terrible moments, the weekend would reveal itself and I would manage to go on. I've had a lot of new experiences since September some good, some bad, but all valuable. Perhaps the biggest change was being News Editor. I started out this year never having read a single issue of the *Criterion*, but because of my desire to become a journalist, I became a staff writer. Halfway through third quarter, I suddenly found myself News Editor with absolutely no editing experience. I was the only freshman on a staff of experienced professionals. Those first few days were the most terrifying I have ever

experienced. However, with time, things got better, and easier, and even more fun. I feel an overwhelming sense of pride when I see my page, full and complete, on Tuesdays after chapel. It makes me feel good to know I've contributed to something worthwhile.

In spite of all these positive aspects, however, being an editor has made me realize it's not for me. Unlike others in my position, I do not thrive under stress or deadlines. On the contrary, I shrink from it and am not as productive as I would like. I am much more comfortable writing rather than delegating. And so, next year I will be back, but under my name, expect it to say "staff writer," not "editor." With that, I will let you go back to procrastinating about your final papers and tests, dreading finals week, and eagerly anticipating the arrival of summer. Take care and God bless..



CARL JONARD
Entertainment Editor

thing to add to my list of what NOT to do.

I've had an awesome time working with and finally meeting all of my Double Talk writers. They're the bomb! And of course I'll miss my English professors (they're the best!) and my oh so wonderful La Sierra public. "Sigh." Yes, I love you all. Okay! Okay! I'm being a little melodramatic, but I'm just hoping that my professors see this message as they're grading my comprehensives, so they'll let me graduate! :) Chow!



Fellow fish lovers, what can I say? It's been "reel." [pause for laughter] The past seven years have been some of the most rewarding years of this past decade for me. But now, the time has come for me to step down as Head Flatfish of the 42nd District Halibut Fanciers Lodge. [pause for sympathetic 'aw']

I know you are all sad to see me go. I suppose you'll all have to think of me as "the one that got away." [pause] And I'm sure the stories about me will get wilder and wilder as time goes by; I mean, we're all fishermen, right? [pause] Oh, and women, Mrs. Kreppowitz. [longer pause] I can see it now: "The last Head Flatfish of our lodge was this big!" [extend hands approximately 30 inches apart in 'this big' gesture; wait for laughter to subside]

But seriously now, I will miss you all deeply, and I'll think of you every night as I'm reeling in those 250-pound hallies from the

NATAN VIGNA
Opinion Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped me in one way or another in this wonderful job of Opinion Editor. There were countless fellow students, faculty, mentors and friends who dedicated lots of hours to make sure that you could enjoy a top quality opinion page. Many of you also made sure that I did not make any major mistakes. Thank you for watching after me—I could not have done it without you.

Although my page did raise some controversial issues, I hope it did not break any relationships; rather, that it served a medium that facilitated discourse amongst you and helped further our scholarly community. It is only by discussing our ideas and accepting each one of us for what we believe that we can grow. We do not necessarily have to agree with the other's opinion, but we need to accept people for who they are and what they believe in. Beat up the idea, not the person!

May you have a wonderful and prosperous summer!



ANDREA GELI
former Feature and Entertainment Editor

"CARPE DIEM"

Everyone who saw the movie *Dead Poet's Society* knows that means "seize the day" Latin. It doesn't just apply to a private prep school back east for boys. When I was an undergrad here at La Sierra, I didn't do much besides go to classes and spend time with my friends. I was shy, but I was probably also a little lazy. Then I spent two years teaching high school, trying to

convince my students they could make a positive difference through their actions. So I came back for a master's degree determined to do the same. With the help of other talented students and faculty, I've been a part of bringing dramatic productions, (*As You Like It*, *Tartuffe*, *Othello* and the upcoming *Antigone*) to the La Sierra campus.

I've done some writing and editing for this publication. I also met more people and made more friends by being involved in these projects.

When I taught freshmen

english here, I told my students to be the change that they wish to see. I've tried to be an example of that. It's easy to complain instead of creating solutions, but all that happens then is that one adds to the collective whine. Think of the university as LS-you because as long as you attend this institution, and even after, since that name sits on your diploma, it's a reflection of you. Make it a good one.



deck of my 35-foot Bertram off the coast of Homer, Alaska, Halibut Fishing Capital of the World! [pause for mock-sympathetic envious 'aww']

I've had a wonderful time, thank you all for putting on this dinner (halibut; how'd you know?) [pause] and you know I love you all just like you were giant grey diamond-shaped marine flatfish. Thank you again, and goodnight.

