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LSU Campus reacts to attacks

By Ryan Holcomb—special to the *Criterion*

The day the world stood still. I'm sure you all watched the streaming video from a city and nation stung by the error of inconceivable brutality visiting our own country. We waited and watched knowing that statistically, tens of thousands of lives were hanging in the balance. Shock turned to panic as some people realized that someone they knew or held close was probably trapped in the inferno or possibly dead. Prayers arose from hearts around the world begging God to save those trapped and to keep hope alive. Panic turned to horror and hope turned to sorrow as one after the other the twin towers became a collapsed mass of rubble and debris. The media talking heads immediately declared that these acts were the Pearl Harbor of the 21st century, but in this case no one has verbally declared war on the U.S. Another difference lies in how our technologies have changed over the past 60 years. When Pearl Harbor was

attacked, the public had to rely on radio and newspapers. Words and still photos were tools that described to them the scenes of horror on an island far away that few Americans had ever visited. This time we sat in front of live, digital video covering the carnage.

The casualties were also different. Before, it was soldiers, but this time it was husbands and wives, family and friends, policemen and firemen. We shared the sorrow of the husband who had dropped his wife off at the towers only a half hour before the attack. We also saw the desperation of the older man standing at the edge of the cavern calling for his wife whose office was just a few doors down from his office in the Pentagon to come find him. We will also share the resolve to show the world that justice will be served to those responsible.

La Sierra has suffered its own loss as several dozen students have not returned because they have been affected

by loss or the inconvenience of flying at a time like this. We pray that they will soon make a safe return. Those of us who returned have attempted to show our support of the unity of Americans through the duty of patriotism, and at the same time remember that the ultimate goal of any action taken against terrorism is to restore peace. This is symbolized in the decoration of trees all over campus not only in patriotic red, white, and blue, but also in an equal number with white ribbons representing the peace that we long for. We have also shown our solidarity by raising a new and larger American flag at the center of campus in front of La Sierra Hall.

As a student, you will have many opportunities this quarter to participate in relief efforts. We are in a battle of wills that will test our mettle to the utmost. On our University campus, we will prove that unity is stronger than terror and hope is stronger than hate.

University shows patriotic spirit with symbols of peace

By Christy K. Robinson—PR Office

RIVERSIDE, CA -- As they began the fall term, La Sierra University students showed their national solidarity and cultural diversity by decorating every tree of hundreds in their campus arboretum ("tree museum") with patriotic ribbons and the release of 50 doves on Tuesday, September 25 at noon. White doves are symbols of peace and freedom, says Ralph Martinez, director of Special Events at La Sierra. In addition, to Christians, they symbolize purity and the Holy Spirit. Trees all over the campus have been decked in patriotic-colored ribbons, but the predominant color is white.

Representatives of the Riverside Fire Department Station 8 performed a flag exchange, retiring the smaller four year-old flag, and installing a new, 12-by 18-foot "Old Glory." The thousands of people who were affected by the tragedies of September 11, were remembered in moments of silence, and during the playing of "Taps."

In 14 languages, La Sierra University students and staff recited the

prayer: "Lord, today we thank you for your love, your peace, your protection, and your comfort. Amen." The languages spoken were: English, Portuguese, Italian, Swedish, Chinese, German, Indian, Danish, Tagalog, Russian, French, Korean, Spanish, and Arabic. During the prayer, firefighters stood by with helmets doffed in respect.

After the prayer, University president Lawrence T. Geraty, PhD, spoke to the assembled students and faculty. He said that their presence at the ceremony signified several things. "We pray to God for the victims of terrorism and raise the flag as patriots in support of the liberties and freedoms most of us have found in this country, just as we have tied white ribbons to the trees to represent to God our longing for peace and purity, but also tied red, white, and blue ribbons to other trees to represent our thankfulness for the privilege of living in a country that at its best, provides all its citizens liberty and justice, as well as peace."

"In a ceremony like this," continued Geraty, "especially on a university

campus, there is room for all views. We need each other. We need to listen and learn from each other. That is the essence of American freedom. No one is silenced. No one need fear rejection, discrimination, or harassment. Truth has many facets and as we look at each one, the whole truth will come into better focus."

Melissa Sajid, vocal performance and speech pathology student, sang "God Bless America," accompanied by Elvin Rodriguez, EdD, professor of music. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung by Christian contemporary artist (and La Sierra alumna) Patty Cabrera. KNBC-TV4 sent a correspondent to cover the event, as did the Riverside Press-Enterprise newspaper.

La Sierra University is home for students and faculty from more than 80 countries around the globe. Although the university and 97 percent of its faculty are affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, its student body of 1550 carries a broad spectrum of religious beliefs, races, and cultures. Sensitivity to, and even celebration of, those beliefs and cultures are reflected in the university's motto: "From Diversity, Community."

Enrollment Increase for Fall 2002

By Dayane Souza

La Sierra has seen an increase of 5% in enrollment this quarter, however, "It was short of what was hoped for," said Sue Curtis, Dean of students. Enrollment has once again taken a leap from last year's head count. The final head count is approximately 1,550, up 80 from last year's 1,470. "We were expecting an increase of 11%," said Gene Edelbach, Vice-President for

enrollment services. "Until September 11, we were on track to exceed that goal." Due to the tragedies of September 11 many students, both domestic and international, decided not to travel out here to La Sierra. "For several days following the September 11 tragedy, we only registered a fraction of the normal expected number," Edelbach stated. Many international students

withdrew admission because they were fearful of flying out to attend school this quarter. "They are planning to be here for the winter quarter," said Curtis. The recruiters are still working hard to bring new people to La Sierra during the upcoming quarters.

"Many of the students... who were unable to attend this fall, are still planning on joining us in January," said Edelbach.

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Our Brave New World

By Fabian Carballo—Editor-in-Chief

In Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* a utopian society was predicted with an eye for "overorganization" and bottled babies. Huxley's world attempted to find the balance between an extremely ordered society and the remnants of the old world represented in an Indian Reservation. The balance was never found by John the Savage, the young man who had left behind his reservation to join the soma-driven perfect society. That balance was never found by Jim, Huckleberry Finn's friend in Mark Twain's endearing classic about a runaway slave. The problem we must face today is whether we will ever find the balance between our extremely technological society and the dangers it presents. For the first time in La Sierra University history, we must begin the school year with the fear of Anthrax or other terrorist attacks. It's quite a different type of worry, it truly departs from former insatiable complaints of cafeteria food and

Security's penchant for unstoppable ticketing. Will we see the light of day? What if it doesn't come soon enough? Most of us are worried about getting our degrees and marrying "the one" leading to our 2.5 children thereafter. In Huxley's revision of *Brave New World*, published in 1962, thirty years after its original, the author stipulated that all of his former predictions had come true with the advancement of technology, hence making his original book prophetic. Prophetic? Wouldn't it be nice to know the future and not worry about the upcoming disasters and be able to not be at the wrong place at the wrong time? Before we become the generation of the impossible millennial philosophers, consider the following: God has already shown us the future and it's very bright. The future is so bright that "all eyes shall see it." So, if you were frightened on Sept. 11th like I was and couldn't sleep for days to come, remember that God tells us in Psalms 46:10 to, "Be

still and know that I am God." Matthew 24 warns us of the wars to come and the rumors of wars, and when the gospel of Jesus Christ is preached to all nations, the end will come. I'm not a fanatic or a biblical scholar, but I know that I want to go home and that all I do on Earth is temporary.

This is a new school year and tomorrow will be a new day and next year will be a new year. Before we find a balance, wouldn't it be imperative that we start living for Jesus? The *Criterion* will be here for all who would like to voice their opinions and concerns. Please email story ideas and letters to the Editor to criterion@lasierra.edu. The *Criterion* will also be here for all who need prayer. This is not just a student paper, this is a way to reach out to many souls.

Peace, Love and Harmony,
Fabian A. Carballo
Editor-in-Chief

PEACE TO ALL

By Lynn Park—SALSU Religious Vice-President

Hi everyone, my name is Lynn Park and I'm your Religious Vice-President this year. I'm in charge of rendezvous, which is the worship service every Wednesday night. Also, I will be organizing a retreat every quarter so we can get away from our campus and relax and reflect on God's love in a different environment. I want you to know that I am here for you as a friend and I would love to know your comments and suggestions to improve our spiritual atmosphere on our campus. I want you to be involved! You can e-mail me at:

lynnpark@hotmail.com or leave me a message at ext. 2005.

I want to tell you a little about myself. I am a senior psychology major. Lord willing, I plan to graduate in June! I am also working on my elementary education teaching credentials. I would like to eventually become a child psychologist while teaching elementary school. I graduated high school from Loma Linda Academy in 1997. I went to Pacific Union College for two years and I transferred here to this fine institution two years ago. My parents moved to Nashville, TN recently so I'm pretty far from home...I think that's enough about me.

Let's talk about Rendezvous... I have chosen a theme for each quarter. This quarter is "peace." Winter quarter will be "love", and spring quarter will be hope. I want to share with you today about what peace is to me—God's peace. In this world of chaos and confusion, where do we find peace? I have tried to look for peace in many different places... I've tried to escape the reality of my life by going on shopping sprees to the mall, eating junk food, getting hooked on TV shows and watching movies, reading magazines and so-called "Christian" novels, venting in my journal, taking LONG naps, and turning to my friends and family. But I have found that all these methods can only satisfy me temporarily and then I'm off searching for something again. Until I discovered Who the ultimate source and giver of peace was...

I was trying to think of a time or situation in my life when I felt lost and confused and tired of trying to solve something on my own without God's help.

So, I pulled out my diary and found this excerpt. I was going through a difficult time getting over a breakup...you all know how ugly it can get, right? I had written: "It hit me today how hypocritical I am when it dawned on me that all the advice I had given to my friends when they were going through breakups were not being applied to my own life. I wasn't turning to God for help and comfort, healing, strength, peace and forgiveness. Instead, I curled up into a defensive position trying to wallow in self-pity. It then occurred to me how terribly foolish and stubborn I was being. God is the one who can truly see and understand my heart and what I am going through for He is my Creator. He sees me when I cry and feels my pain. He wants to give me His ultimate peace to soothe my wounds and to begin the process of healing. All I have to do is reach out and take His hand and run into His unconditional loving embrace and to be overwhelmed by His never-ending goodness. Lord, I need the peace that only You can give me!" I felt His peace surround me that day! And I know that you can experience that peace for yourself too!

Tony Campolo, one of my favorite authors, states that, "God so empathizes with us that our emotions are experienced by Him. One of the reasons God sent His Son into the world was because, in feeling the pain and sorrow of our lives so acutely, He wanted us to be relieved of them so that He could be relieved of them." Jesus promises us in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I have to you; not as the world gives to you." I desire that peace that only God can provide me. I hope that you will find that peace if you haven't already! All we need to do is to ask Him and He will give it to us freely and abundantly! I pray that the "peace of God that surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" this school year.

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"Although we have experienced a 5% increase instead of the projected 11% increase, the reason can be contributed equally to all sources of student; returning, freshman, transfer and graduate," said Edelbach. "The majority of projected students who did not enroll were international, from the East Coast or students with parents who experienced major financial losses."

Regardless of the tragedy that occurred, the

number of enrollment still increased. "This year there seems to be more students than I've seen in the past years," said junior Donna Tomes. Other students have also felt that this year there is a large number of new students. "Because of God's blessings, the extremely hard work of the Enrollment Services, Student Life and the continued cooperation of Student Financial Services, Records, Advising and Residence Halls Deans, we were able to recover our numbers back to the 80

students again," said Edelbach. Next quarter's enrollment is expected to be even higher than this quarter's. "We currently have tripled the normal interest for winter enrollment," said Edelbach. The recruitment office is already working hard in maintaining their numbers for winter quarter. Hopefully, next quarter we will see even more new faces than what we have seen for this quarter.

Chair, Modern Languages Department

By Dr. Lourdes E. Morales-Gudmundsson

Did you think the only way you could learn and keep that foreign language you worked so hard to get was traveling overseas? Well, LSU's Dept. of Modern Languages is now sponsoring LINGUA DOMUS (it means "language house" in Latin), a foreign language learning community where you can live and speak your foreign language 24/7.

LINGUA DOMUS is actually the first department-related learning community, open to any student on the LSU campus who meets the language level requirements. Ideally, residents should have completed the 202 level or have an advanced to superior level in a foreign language. Students who have returned from one of our summer, semester or year abroad programs would be ideal candidates to participate in LINGUA DOMUS.

This year the program is housed in one of the Angwin Hall apartments where six women live together and whose means of communication is exclusively Spanish. Participants this year are Stacey Gurgel, Erigena Millán, Yara Cuén, Krystle Sánchez, Tanya Soochkoff, and Anel Pulido.

The purpose of the program is to help students maintain and increase their proficiency in the language and to enrich their understanding of the culture/cultures that speak the language. For the Fall Quarter, residents will participate in one Friday night worship in Spanish directed by one of the residents. The worship will be followed by a potluck featuring the typical foods of one Spanish-speaking country. Students are also required to attend one or two lectures on a topic relating to Hispanic literature, culture, or language, and one visit to the Museum of Modern Latin American Art in Long

Beach.

On October 16, residents participated in a film discussion on "Cabeza de Vaca", a powerful movie dealing with the conflictive encounter between Europe and the Americas during the Discovery and Conquest. On Nov. 2, participants will visit the Museum of Latin American Art to view the current exhibits. Plans are already being laid for activities during the Winter and Spring quarters. Plans are also being made to include programs in Spanish and other languages for both men and women.

Interested students may stop by the Dept. of Modern Languages (mezzanine of La Sierra Hall) to pick up information and an application form. Lingua Domus activities will soon be up on the department website at: www.lasierra.edu/languages.

What you need to know about anthrax

By Jenann Elias--Layout

Editor

Unless you've been living under a rock (which is a possible option if you dorm), you've heard about the cases of anthrax that are popping up around America. But before you panic, you should know what anthrax is, how you get it, what the symptoms are, if you are safe at your job, and what you can do. The bottom line is to be safe and careful. If you would like to know more about anthrax, you can use the following links:

<http://www.lasierra.edu/news/oct2001/anthrax.html>

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/anthrax_g.htm

What is anthrax?

Anthrax is a disease caused by a spore-type bacterium that usually attacks cattle, not people. The most common way of contracting anthrax is to be exposed to animals with the disease.

How can I get it?

Anthrax is contracted by handling infected animals, by inhaling the actual spores, or by eating infected meat.

What are the symptoms?

There are three kinds of anthrax you can get.

- 1) Cutaneous--shows up as an itchy bump that turns into an ulcer, usually with a black center.
- 2) Inhalation--shows up as the common cold or a flu. But after a while, victim may go into shock and have breathing problems, like coughing up blood.

Intestinal--you'd have to eat the spores to get this form of anthrax. Symptoms are nausea, vomiting, fever, abdominal pain, vomiting blood, and severe diarrhea.

Can someone else give me anthrax?

Unlikely. While it is possible to get the disease from another person, you would have to be *trying* to get sick. If the blood of an infected person and yours mix, it is possible to get anthrax from another person.

Identifying Suspicious packages and letters

- Excessive postage
- Handwritten or poorly typed addresses
- Incorrect titles Title, but no name
- Misspellings of common words
- Oily stains, discolorations or odor
- No return address
- Excessive weight
- Lopsided or uneven envelope
- Protruding wires or aluminum foil
- Excessive security material such as masking tape, string, etc.
- Visual distractions
- Ticking sounds

- Marked with restrictive endorsements, such as "Personal" or "Confidential"
- Shows a city or state in the postmark that does not match the return address

Taken from LSU's website (see link on page 10)

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Entertainment for a Changing World

By Vanessa Nelson—Entertainment Editor

The attack on America on September 11 has affected all areas of life, including entertainment. As the weeks roll on, people in the entertainment business are trying to find ways to help. It is also trying to gauge what people will consider entertainment in our changing world.

After the devastating attacks on New York City and Washington, DC, baseball games were delayed, concerts postponed, Broadway closed, television's season premiere week postponed, some movie releases delayed, other movies edited, some movies postponed indefinitely, and the Emmys were canceled (for the first time in 53 years). It didn't feel right to be entertained when there was so much suffering going on in our country. Like the rest of the country, people in the entertainment business found ways to help out. Madonna donated the proceeds of her LA concert to the relief effort. Whitney Houston re-released a version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" for the relief fund. Hollywood held a huge telethon, shown on all of the major television networks, to raise money for the United Fund. The focus of the telethon was not on the stars participating but the people who were significantly affected by the tragedy. Many stars did the simple job of answering phones and taking pledges.

Entertainment may not seem important now, other than an occasional escape, but it is important

to our economy, especially in New York. Broadway brings a lot of tourism to New York City. When people go to see the shows, they stay in New York's

production companies are reassessing what people want to see. Arnold Schwarzenegger's "Collateral Damage" and Tim Allen's "Big Trouble" have both been postponed due to storylines that involve terrorism. Filming for Jennifer Lopez' "Tick Tock," a movie about a bomb-defusing expert dealing with terrorism, has been postponed to give the writers time to adjust the story. The Twin Towers were edited out of scenes in "Zoolander" and out of the "Spider Man" trailers. ("Spider Man" does not actually contain any scenes of the towers.) Jackie Chan was supposed to have been filming "Nosebleed" at the World Trade Center on September 11, but filming was postponed due to a rewrite. The movie was about a window washer who discovers a terrorist plot to bomb the World Trade Center. It is safe to say that the movie will never be made. Many Hollywood experts expected people to shy away from action movies and be more interested in watching comedies and family films. However, this does not appear to be the case. The different genres of movies are being watched and rented in the same proportions as last year.

Some people may even prefer to watch an action movie right now, since in the movies, the good guys win. (Research for this article was found on cnn.com, ew.com, and nytimes.com.)



Photo by Jenann Elias

"Proof through the night, that our flag was still there..." How will Hollywood react to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11?

hotels and eat in its restaurants. New York needs people to go to the theater. In the days following the attack, New York Mayor Rudy Guiliani encouraged people to go about their daily lives. Life must continue, and as they say in theater, "the show must go on."

The show will go on in Hollywood, but many

DARK BUT APPROPRIATE

By Ruben D. López—Features Co-Editor

During Hollywood's golden years, a soundtrack would be released containing the music heard in the film, whether it was just a musical score or performance by a popular artist. Lately, most movies have neglected releasing an "original motion picture score album," except for one: *The Virgin Suicides*. Director Sofia Coppola asked the French electronic-ambient duo known as "Air" to compose the film's hauntingly beautiful score. The result is an album that paints an uncanny musical picture of Coppola's directorial debut.

The movie is about the five Lisbon daughters' mysterious suicides in mid-1970s Michigan. Air, known for their synthesizer-tinged orchestrations, not only remind the audience of the AM sounds of the 1970s, but create an alternative to the mainstream. "Playground Love," the only track with vocals by Gordon Tracks, opens the disc with a melancholy tune that reflects the dark movie. Other tracks use wavering pianos, detached synth loops, and funeral organs, which give the entire album this spacey vibe reminiscent of early Genesis, Pink Floyd, and Brian Eno. "Cemetery Party" uses a spooky vocal chorus to build to a fanfare that never comes, while "Dark Messages" loops a synth sound repeatedly. "High school Lover (Theme from *The Virgin Suicides*)" is "Playground Love" scaled down to a piano, some ambience, a guitar and no vocals.

The closing track, "Suicide Underground" is the most effective of all tracks. Using Giovanni

Ribisi's narration from the film, distorted and slowed down. It gives a great synopsis of the film, from speculations to their deaths to brief descriptions of the girls and other characters to imaginary vacations the Lisbon girls took with the neighborhood boys via travel catalogues and finally to the realization that no one will ever know why the girls killed themselves.

The entire album brings the listener back to the film. Unlike Air's other releases, "Moon Safari" and "Premiers Symptômes," *Virgin Suicides* brings the band into a another light and proves that their work shouldn't be taken lightly.



Picture © Astralwerks Records

The Virgin Suicides features music by Styx, The Hollies, Heart, Sloan, and Air.

Shamless plug: Barnes & Noble saves you money!...

By Jenann Elias--Layout Editor

If you drive on the 91 sometimes, or if you ever even leave campus, you have probably seen the new Barnes & Noble opening near the Galleria at Tyler. If you are an avid book reader, you have probably noticed that there seems to be a lack of decent bookstores around LSU. But has that changed now that a B&N is nearby?

I visited the B&N a week after it opened. If you are not familiar with Barnes & Noble, they are a large chain of bookstores. Most of their stores boast a large selection of *all* books, Starbucks Cafés, a unique store design, and plenty of employees to help you locate a particular book. When I first entered the Riverside B&N, I noticed that the layout of the store is very confusing and hard to navigate. One *side* of the store is the children's section; with its colorfully painted walls and pictures of famous book characters on it. Then there is the music section against the back wall; in the front side (right next to the children's books) is a gift section, where you can buy journals, cards, and small "gifts" like mini staplers and Zen sand gardens. To the far right is the Starbucks Cafe. Then there were the books...

Barnes & Noble has a *great* selection of books! They have cookbooks just about chocolate, the Idiot's Guide to Feng Shui, how to use Oracle, White Oleander, and a lot of specialty books. Are you looking for a specific book on a certain topic? They probably have it. I found books about topics I'm interested in and didn't know books like that existed. They have a large fantasy/science fiction section, which attracted me. It is hard to find fantasy books that aren't about a scantily clad woman with a pet dragon. Well, B&N covered

everything. I even found the Bad Girls' Calendar.

And the magazines! If you have an interest and you want to know more about it, or see other people that share that interest, the magazine section has a journal for you. I found journals about photography, punk genre, action figures, how to cut hair, ack! Too much to read, too little time!

As for the customer satisfaction policy—it's great. If you don't like a book you get, you can return it. But the employees I dealt with were not helpful. They were just chatty with each other, and when I asked them if a specific book was in stock, they simply replied "no." Most B&N stores have friendly, knowledgeable workers. Usually, if they don't have a book in stock, they will order it *for* you. The people working at the cash registers were helpful though, and cheery. They made waiting in the long line decent.

Ah, and then there is Starbucks. Aside from my book obsession, I also have secret obsession for coffee. I've been to quite a few coffee shops, but the nicest Starbucks I've ever seen is the one in Barnes & Noble. It's larger than most of the Cafés in other B&N's, and they serve different drinks. For example, what if you don't like coffee? This Starbucks makes Italian sodas and sells more "foods" than muffins. They have eclairs, tarts, pie, etc. In fact, I think I saw cold sandwiches too... You might actually be able to have a meal at this Starbucks.

The prices at B&N are very good considering the price of their helpfulness, selection, and cost of the atmosphere. (Hey, it has to cost them *something* to have a Starbucks in each store...) For example, I asked about a textbook I bought from the Campus bookstore for \$36.65, and B&N offered to sell the same book to me \$31. In fact, when I got home, I looked up all my

books (<http://www.barnesandnoble.com>) to see what B&N's prices were. I have a book for \$37.50, and their price was \$31.50. Most of my books were a lower price from Barnes and Noble. Note to self: look up textbooks online next semester.

How do you get to Barnes & Noble? Well, if you are driving from the dorm, you go southeast on Pierce, then turn left on Magnolia Ave., and continue until you see a sign that says "CA-91 to San Bernardino" and go east on the 91 until you see the Tyler Street exit. Turn right on Tyler, then go down to the Galleria at Tyler. The bookstore is at the far end of the mall, past Robinson's*May. If you are taking a bus, go across the street near LSU's gym and wait at the bus stop for the 12 bus. Take the 12 bus until Tyler Mall. It's only \$2 both ways on the bus, and it only takes 10-15 min. to get there. The address for the B&N is: 3490 Tyler Street•Riverside, CA 92503•909-358-0899...They are open 9 AM-11 PM every day. Overall, the Riverside Barnes & Noble is a great place to go to relax, read, find books, buy textbooks, sip a drink, or just hang out with friends. Thinking of something to do on a dreary, smoggy Riverside afternoon? Go to Barnes & Noble, listen to their wide selection of music, find a book that looks interesting, order a caramel apple cider (sooooo good), plop down in a chair and relax. Pick up a magazine on your way out. And maybe a hot chocolate or mocha to take back with you...^_^

Featured Selections for fall--top 9 paperbacks

Information from B&N website



Paris to the Moon by Adam Gopnik

Living Through the Meantime
Learning to Break the Patterns of the Past and Begin the Healing Process by Iyanla Vanzant



It's Not About the Bike My Journey Back to Life by Lance Armstrong

Flags of Our Fathers by James Bradley



When Genius Failed
The Rise and Fall of Long-Term Capital Management by Roger Lowenstein

Brunelleschi's Dome by Ross King



Lying Awake by Mark Salzman

Nothing Like It in the World
The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad 1863-1869 by Stephen E. Ambrose



Blackbird
A Childhood Lost and Found by Jennifer Lauck

Geraty is no Felix Lorenz Jr. Adventists, Politics and the Ecumenical movement

By Johnny Ramirez Jr.—Contributing Writer

Ecumenism defined: A movement in the Christian Church aiming at an union between different denominations on basic issues. The tragedy of Sept. 11 has raised the profile of the issue of ecumenicalism. Are we Adventists part of the worldwide ecumenist movement? We are non-voting observers in the World Council of Churches, the leading ecumenical organization. And the official stance on ecumenism appears to praise some aspects and deny others.

Generally, it can be said that the Seventh-day Adventist Church does not completely condemn the ecumenical movement and its main organizational manifestation, the World Council of Churches. Indeed page 203 of *Adventists Believe*,

action has been a reoccurring tension as "quite consistently the Radical Republicanism of Adventists remained a paper radicalism that evoked more verbiage than action" (p. 11; *Remnant and Republic*, C. Teel) Yet Adventists have mobilized and affected political decisions with remarkable effectiveness. Adventists, in fighting the 1888 Blair Bill that sought to ban alcohol sales on Sunday. A Californian legislator at the time noted that "26,000 Adventists had done more than 26,000,000 'Christians'" (p. 13). It would be fair to say that such a concentrated and directed effort by Adventists cannot be defined as an "individual" action. Indeed, it is quite the conundrum faced by Adventists as our strongest criticism of the WCC is its meager advocacy for religious freedom, compared to our own heavy political involvement in

for a definite statement contrasts interestingly with Gallagher's generic response. However Kim is not the first Adventist Theologian to advocate a more involved Adventism (in issues besides religious liberty). Felix Lorenz Jr. was a successful minister and evangelist who found himself doing graduate work at Vanderbilt University. Lorenz's mentor instilled in him a strong sense of social activism and pacifism. Lorenz holds dual membership in the SDA church and the United Churches of Christ and is a minister in a UCC congregation. Lorenz could be said to represent fringe Adventist Ecumenism in both rhetoric and practice. It has come to the attention of yours truly that some of us here in La Sierra feel that Dr. Geraty's remarks on Sept. 25 in front of the

flagpole were ecumenical in nature and thus not fitting for an Adventist administrator. I therefore went in search for the offending remarks and now offer them to you: We will promote dialogue and harmony between and within religions, recognizing and respecting the search for truth and wisdom that is outside our religion. We will establish dialogue with all, striving for a sincere fellowship on our earthly pilgrimage.

Firstly it is important to note that Dr. Geraty publicly acknowledged he was reading off UNESCO's declaration on the role of religion in the promotion of a culture of peace, and that the excerpt presented above is point 22

of that document. I went to speak to Dr. Geraty and had the following interchange.

CRITERION: Rumor has it that you are an ecumenist. Some folks that heard you speak at the flag ceremony have apparently gotten that impression.

Geraty: I suppose it depends on how you define "Ecumenist." If you mean someone who longs for Christian unity, yes, I am an ecumenist—based on the teachings of Scripture, of course. If you mean someone who is a Universalist, that all will be saved, then no, I am not an ecumenist. I firmly believe that the Adventist church that sponsors LSU has a unique mission and a timely message.

1. Information gleaned off of an official GC document on ecumenicalism:

http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/other_doc3.html



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The Eagle--symbol of our nation and mascot of our school.

holds that "Christian's of all churches can take part in the Lord's supper". Adventists accept and look forward to the John 17 church united in truth, characterized by holiness, joy, faithfulness, and obedience. Adventists reject the World Council of Churches because we (SDA's) allege that the WCC leaders seem to give little emphasis to personal sanctification and revival. In stark contrast, Adventists have long had to answer to views commonly held by other Christians of Adventist apathy on social issues. One of the main agendas for the WCC is advocating socio-political change that mirrors Christian values of compassion and peace. The official reply has been that the Seventh-day Adventist Church believes it is necessary to distinguish between sociopolitical activity of individual Christians as citizens and involvement on the corporate church level.

The pull between corporate and individual

this issue. Jonathan Gallagher, Associate Director of the Communication Department: "The Adventist Church has consistently stood for values of compassion, toleration, and the need for unity in the family of humanity, following the principles of non-violence as taught by Jesus Christ," he added. "We join with all people of good faith in expressing our horror at all acts of extreme violence, especially those carried out on the innocent and defenseless." But does not the gospel message of Christ prompt radical change?

The Adventist understanding of conversion means for a person to experience radical changes through spiritual rebirth. The majority emphasis in WCC circles appears to be on changing-converting the unjust structures of society. Yet our very own Dr. Wonil Kim of the School of Religion has issued a call for Adventists to make definite political statements for peace. Kim's sign wielding protest calling

University Worship Schedule Promises to Be Great

By Eric Ramirez—Religion Page Editor

Each year, La Sierra University has made improvements to the University Worship programming. University Worship is now a breath of fresh air compared to last year. The UW programming staff should be commended on what seems to be the students' needs, not only spiritually, but also socially. Looking at the schedule of upcoming events, we can see that UW is not a drab gathering, but an insightful experience for the mind and spirit.

One of the upcoming UW speakers is Dr. Teel. Dr. Teel is a remarkable personality on campus. Anyone that knows him always remarks on his sheer energy and dedication to the work of God. His interest in human rights has taken him to all parts of the world where he has participated in countless humanitarian and relief efforts. His stories are many and are to surely interesting. On October 25th, he will be sharing his thoughts on

being human, how we should regard our fellow human beings, and perhaps a few stories. November 1st will be a warm day in the University church. Not because of the weather, but because of the speaker; Dr. John Webster. One thing students notice about Dr. Webster is that he cares a lot about each individual's success. He takes countless hours out of his personal life to counsel, teach, and mentor outside of the classroom. His firm religious life is an inspiration. On November 8th, we will be having another set of Breakout Worship. If you missed the opportunity the first time around, take advantage of what they have to offer. Pastor Randy Roberts hails to us from Loma Linda University Church. His fire for God emanates from his very person. Many say his spiritual walk shows a little of what Christ is like. His inspirational words will be brought to us on November 15. November 29 is a day not to miss; Dr. Samir Selmanovic will be sharing his personal story of conversion from apathy to an emblazoned walk with

Christ. His wealth of knowledge in the areas of postmodern thought to the intricacies of psychology make his story a bit different from your normal conversion experience. He will speak on the fact that sometimes the human mind can get in the way of having a true religious and/or spiritual experience. To finish up the quarter, Pastor Sam will be speaking to us on December 9. Most have seen that Sam's quick wit juxtaposed to his dedication to Christ has inspired hundreds of students here at La Sierra to not only start their own personal relationships with Jesus, but also to rethink where they actually are on that walk. This quarter promises to be an exciting one for University Worship. Take advantage of what each has to offer. Who knows what can be accomplished or learned if you give it a chance?

Top 10 Things We Wish You Knew About Campus Ministries

(Brought to you by the happy shiny people at Campus Ministries)

10. Our goal is to help you find that Jesus is an irresistible option. We will do anything to make the gospel appeal to you.
9. We are multicultural! We have found South Africans to be well versed in technology, "funny" English, and theological psychobabble, so we hired Greg. We also have a large percentage of Puerto Rican staff. If you call Sam and KC a high percentage.
8. Fifteen crazed individuals spend a lot of time pretending to work here in our one foot by one foot office here at Campus Ministries. Most of these people are really loud, like Lindsay and Somer. Sometimes the teachers that inhabit the classrooms next door get cranky because of this. They complain out of Christian love, though.
7. We sell CD's, like Elia's and Brenda's. If you haven't checked them out, you should! Or just check out Melissa, who looks like a rock star. She doubles as the First Service secretary. What other office on campus can claim three rock stars? In fact, we had to install an enormous mirror in our office to handle the affectionate glances. =)
6. We provide more than just staples, Bibles, paper, pens and pencils for your assignments; our office generates 10+ specific ministries designed to meet the spiritual needs of the campus. We draw inspiration from Iki and Steve's pet rat, Ben. We think he's named after Ben Guerrero, but no one knows for sure.
5. Pastor Sam is weird. He makes noises like arcade games in the middle of meetings. He shows us his chewed up food. And he never shuts up about his daughter. But — we don't either, so — that's ok.
4. We have the most aggressive PR campaign in the Inland Empire. Mark runs all over this humongous campus with fliers and such so you can find out what's going on. And we have Seth, who is our Tai Chi/Eagle Cry master.
3. If anyone comes late to staff meetings, they get dog-piled on. Steve is always late to staff meetings. Always.
2. We have the softest study couch on campus. Michelle, our office guru, is checking it out right now. Come check it out. (And say hi to us while you're at it).
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Pastor Sam and his adorable daughter whom he can't stop talking about...

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November 13th – **The Hollow**

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Making The Team: The Basketball Diaries, Episode I

By: Nikolai Ecolai--Pseudo Guest Writer

When I set out to make the University Varsity team, I thought it would be simple, just the elementals. I figured that our National Russian basketball Team had kicked some serious U.S.A. butt in previous Olympics; we are obviously a superior country. The communists had literally whipped us into shape. I wanted to make a difference at La Sierra University and be the best player. Ah, but first, I had to make the team. I showed up on a Thursday night at the tryouts. The flyers around campus indicated that I should bring my A-game. That presented an immediate problem because my Russian alphabet doesn't start with the letter A. In fact, in a concerted effort to shun all things Western, my country opted to not use the Romantic languages alphabet at all. Besides, Fyodor Dostoyevski once stated, "Russians are not romanticists, we are the opposite," or something like that. As I approached the gym that September afternoon, I was clearly nervous and visibly shaking. My muscles and joints were perturbed by the fact that there were many spectators. Among those spectators was a beautiful, voluptuous young lady named Alexis whom I befriended in order to ease the tension. Noticing the peculiarity of her name, I approached her and said, "Do you have any Russian in you?" Her response was quite succinct with a slap to the face; she must've anticipated some horrendous punch line in the old American Humorist tradition.

Varsity Basketball Coach Joe Handyman was awaiting all the guys that would try out for the team. Rumor on campus was that coach

Handyman was a real fixer-upper. There wasn't a thing in the Fitness Center that he couldn't fix. But that's irrelevant information. My first encounter with coach Handyman was a hostile one. I had gotten off to a wrong start, or as they say in my country, "I woke up in the wrong foot," or maybe it really has no translation. The conflict began when I asked coach Handyman to tell all the spectators to leave because they were making me nervous. The tall, slender coach responded, "Nervous? I can rip your head right out of your neck socket if you'd like." This incongruent statement was common in my country among Stalinists who felt they could purge dissidents and poets at any given moment. This is why I'm here, because poets are the first ones "they" get rid of. You just look at what happened to Boris Pasternak; he creates a masterpiece with Dr. Zhivago and he's put into exile. But that's beside the point. My mission was to survive the first day of tryouts. In order to do this, I had requested the presence of my experienced American Confidant, Esteban Dormidos. I must say, however, that Esteban was no martyr; in fact he was very lazy for a Basketball player. I asked Esteban to be my "wingman" so as to assimilate with all the other American players. Once we arrived onto the gym floor, we made it a point to measure everyone up and try to intimidate them. We had no success and became intimidated ourselves. Esteban was very intimidating and sometimes scared me and made me forget that we were friends.

The coach began by asking us all where we've played before. Many of the guys had played for their schools and academies. I told coach Handyman that I

had played for the Little League in St. Petersburg (or Leningrad, depending on whose side you're in). He brushed me off as unintelligible and said that my level of play was not up to par with the occidental hemisphere. OK. Esteban was very impressive when he said he played a pick-up game with Eduardo Najera from the Dallas Mavericks and that he had lunch at "Los Amigos" with some Lopez guy who plays for Cal Baptist. The tryouts began with exercises designed to stretch out our ankles and thyroids. Of course, these exercises looked very silly and welcomed nasty comments from the wretched spectators. The toughest moment came when coach Handyman told us to run a "fatty." I was perturbed by the idea of having to run with smoke inhalation to my lungs. As it turned out, a "fatty" was a sprint front ward to the half-court while peddling back and forth. Indeed, a "fatty" was designed to insult me personally since I had increased my caloric intake by the use of estrogen (which had turned me from a Tenor to a Soprano) and by consuming mad-cow Vegetarian burgers at the Cafeteria. After the first "fatty," I was drenched in sweat and smelt like the line at the DMV on a busy day. I couldn't go on, I was exhausted. Esteban kept urging me on; he was as fresh as lettuce. I noticed coach Handyman lurking at the symmetry about my y-axis. I felt that all eyes were on me and that the moment of desperation had come. Could this be the end? This soon? Was I about to get cut, right at the beginning?

WASC is coming to town

By Jenann Elias--Layout Editor

In case you've missed worship the last two weeks, here's a news flash; WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) is visiting La Sierra.

WASC is a group that visits schools and accredits them. Their purpose? WASC Constitution; ARTICLE I. Name and Purpose--

"This organization shall be entitled WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES. Its purpose is to promote the welfare, interests, and development of elementary, secondary, and higher education through (1) improvement of educational programs, (2) close cooperation among the schools, colleges, and universities within the territory it undertakes to serve, (3) certification of accreditation or candidacy status, and (4) effective working relationships with other educational organizations and accrediting agencies." So what exactly will happen? WASC sends out a few representatives to our school, and they check out the education, student life, food, etc. They try to eat food from the caf, they sit in on classes, and most importantly they talk to students.

The school has given us some guidelines to follow; if a WASC member approaches you, be polite, be honest, but don't whine. Remember they are here to help you. It is important that La Sierra gets re-accredited, because otherwise we don't have a school! So if you see WASC around campus, be sure to be nice and make them feel like La Sierra is their home too.

Want to set up an appointment with Dr. Lawton (chair of the WASC team)? Call in the Administration Building 223 at either of the following extensions: x2487, or x2491

10 Things to do when WASC is here

- 1) Practice your Eable cry. Loudly. Often. In groups. Try flapping your arms too.
- 2) Eat only fries at the Commons if you see a WASC person nearby. Tell them that potatoes are your stable vegetable.
- 3) Sit next to a WASC person and tell them that you're so glad they're here--then look around nervously and run.
- 4) Tell them that the best school activity is the co-ed nude sunbathing.
- 5) Complain that the club you want to start "fans of the monogase" was not approved.
- 6) Talk about Pastor Sam. That's pretty scary anyway.
- 7) Say that your favorite class is the one where the teacher doesn't ever show up.
- 8) (Guys only) wear a dress to classes.
- 9) Ask them if they have seen our chapels yet. Laugh at whatever answer they give you.
- 10) Be respectful and don't be too obnoxious. *Does this mean that the above mentioned list is a joke? Yes.*

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Osama Bin Laden May Have Saved America

By Jay Razzouk--Politics/Opinion Page Editor

Unless you are Lenny from Memento, you know where you were when you got the chilling news on the morning of September 11. I was in bed, enjoying the bliss of summer vacation when I was jolted by the rude ringing of my phone. When my best friend told me the news, I gave myself the most painful squeeze to make sure I wasn't still dreaming. I still wake each morning thinking this is a dream. The theory of relativity seems easier to comprehend than that there is a huge army of bloodthirsty maniacs who want to carry out the genocide of America. However, as bad as times may seem, and as bad as times may get, we should be grateful to have a common enemy.

Just before September 11, 2001, our nation was on the verge of near civil war. The 2000 Presidential Elections was proof enough that our nation was split down the middle. Mirroring the Presidential Elections were the Senate Elections. When Senator Jeffords decided to leave the Republican Party, the GOP was on the verge of declaring jihad on all democrats. Then, with a Republican controlled White House, and a Senate controlled by a slight Democrat majority, our government seemed as divided as the ocean and the skies.

Also of concern was the turmoil in the economy. After experts spotted the end of the dot-com era, everything seemed downhill on Wall Street. Companies began to report quarterly losses, and to compensate, they laid off workers. The cycle of recession began.

At a time when we were warring within, President George W. Bush set out on a campaign to toughen America's foreign policy. Bush, seemingly harmless on the outside, showed the world what Texans were made of. This surreptitious southerner was able to talk us out of the spy plane war with China. He let Russia's President Putin know that the U.S. and Russia weren't friends yet. Our President plowed through getting kicked out of an important United Nations committee. It seemed that the stage was being set for World War 3: the United States vs. All.

Why they chose September 11, we'll never know. Maybe they liked the fact that it was 9/11. But the terrorists could not have picked a better time. Exaggerating a little, the U.S. was experiencing both civil and international war. However, one of Japan's leading generals knew that his country had awakened a "sleeping giant" after Pearl Harbor. Osama Bin Laden once again has unleashed the world's most brutal beast. Beneath the rubble of the twin towers

kindles the flame of the American Spirit, and nothing is going to put it out but probably Bin Laden's head mounted on a stake in the middle of Time Square. Typical Americans become agitated if simply their cars get scratched. So when their boats are sunk, or buildings knocked down, they become angry, to put it lightly. With their powers combined, they are more powerful than Captain Planet and Superman combined.

Now our country has a mission. We are all united, Democrats and Republicans alike. Even Green Peace seems to be condoning the eradication of terrorism. With the Government spending more than Bill Gates on a shopping spree, the economy is sure to make a recovery in the near future. And incredibly, nearly the entire world has joined the U.S. in its fight against terrorism. Putin has consented to the Anti-Ballistic Missile program that George Bush was trying to get approved. China, the country who made sushi of our spy plane, has become one of America's greatest allies. It is unfortunate that it took the death of 5500 Americans to bring this kind of change. It seems that the world moves towards balance. The forces of good are always ready to counter to forces of evil. Even in the time of our greatest weakness, it was soon balanced by our greatest strength, unity.

Anthrax still a threat

By Emily Thornton--Staff Writer

Mail is now a "threat," according to U.S. Postal authorities, who have provided masks and gloves to mail handlers nationwide in efforts to prevent Anthrax contamination. But the threat to La Sierra University students appears minimal since only media, government agencies, and mailing businesses have been targeted so far and, as one professor from the University of Wisconsin-Madison said, "As far as getting dangerous mail, . . . you are not that important, why would terrorists send a package to you?"

Still, one LSU student claimed to

have Anthrax, a claim school officials later deemed untrue. "All the information we have at this time appears that this is an attempt for attention. We do not believe any student has been exposed to Anthrax on or off campus," said Jennifer Tyner, Vice-President of Student Life.

Anthrax exposure can occur in three ways: "skin contact with infected animals or contaminated animal products, eating contaminated meat, or inhaling spores," according to an official military website, www.anthrax.osd.mil.htm. It takes one to six days before symptoms, which include aches and pains, fever, fatigue, cough,

and difficulty breathing, to appear.

The recent anthrax hoax at LSU caused a zero-tolerance policy for any other false claims from students. "Any student found to be involved in this type of activity will be dismissed from school," Tyner said, "Students need to be aware that these types of statements will be taken seriously."

Anthrax comes from a bacteria, *Bacillus anthracis*, and is infectious, "highly lethal, one of the easiest biological agents to manufacture, relatively easy to develop as a weapon, easily spread in the air over a large area, and easily stored and dangerous for a long period," according to www.anthrax.osd.mil.htm.

Giving thanks for the clavicle

By Fabian Carballo--Editor-in-Chief

A few weeks ago, I suffered a Soccer accident that left my right clavicle out of its socket forever. I heard a "pop" sound as I rolled on the ground without the ability to move my arm. I knew it was the shoulder and I underestimated the seriousness of my injury. A fellow player who happens to be a medical student mentioned the fact that there was nothing I could do and might as well keep playing. I considered the idea of continuing the game and asked if someone could "snap it back in." I wanted to fulfill the macho role that my culture and sport had inculcated. The problem was that the excruciating pain was too much to bear, even if you are at

the top of the macho pyramid. I took my lifeless limb to urgent care and watched as an old, helpless doctor attempted to tamper with it and bring it back to normalcy. His attempts failed and the tranquilizers via buttocks began to take effect. The next day, the Doctor of Orthopedics was the bearer of bad news. The verdict was an AC separation, type three, the kind you can't fix or "snap back" into place. Aside from surgery, my clavicle has carved a new place of its own in my changing body and will likely stay that way until I die.

In my rare moments of clarity, sobering from the poignant pain and drugs, I realized how lucky I was. Sure

the pain was (and is) unbearable, the interruption to my studies was unexpected. The fact is that I've never broken or displaced anything in my body. For the first time in my life I can appreciate what I have. I know that my clavicle will be sticking up forever and I know that God didn't make me that way. I also know that I should be thankful that I can walk, talk, see, hear and feel. Thanksgiving is not as much about the Pilgrims sharing a few veggies with the Indians as it is about looking at life in introspect and thanking the Creator for all that we do have not what we don't have. Sure, school is expensive and all kinds of injustices are done throughout the world. Pain and suffering will be here for a while.

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Airplanes, Editors Turkeys and Opinions

By Fabian Carballo--Editor-in-Chief

On behalf of the Criterion family, I would like to wish everyone, students and faculty alike, a relaxing and blessed holiday. Thanksgiving is truly a time to give thanks and we, as students, are thankful that we get a whole week off to engage in debauchery. A few of you may take this time to travel.

As someone who has traveled recently, allow me to give you a few free tips that I had to learn the hard way:

- 1) If you're a minority and for some reason wind up in Minneapolis, don't look suspicious, go with the flow.
- 2) If you're traveling far, remember, Southwest normally flies to the states in the South and West of the country, while Northwest travels to the northern states. Hawaiian Airlines is a no-brainer.
- 3) Don't joke about anthrax, that's some serious business.
- 4) You're allowed to carry a laptop besides

of your carry-on luggage in most airlines.

5) Flights that are after 1 and 7 PM and only last 3 to 4 hours, will, more than likely not provide lunch and dinner. Eat before your flight or subject yourself to excessive peanuts.

6) Always ask for a vegetarian meal when you purchase your ticket. If you wait until your flight, the flight attendant will ignore you just for asking;

that makes you their picky, "veggie" enemy.

7) Have a sense of humor, the worst that could happen already happened and right now really is the safest time to fly. God Bless!!

The Criterion would like to welcome our new member of the family, Jay

Razzouk. He is our new Politics/Opinions Page Editor. If you have an opinion that is politically motivated and would

like to voice your opinion,

feel free to contact us at critterion@lasierra.edu and tell us what you think

or simply respond to our articles. Hopefully, Jay's opinions won't be yours,

because they aren't mine and you will be compelled to intelligently counter

his views. We welcome all opinions and articles, regardless of position or

even credibility. Just make sure to put your contact information and be

aware that the Criterion reserves the right to print it and edit it. The

Criterion would also like to congratulate another member of our team, Ruben

Lopez. Ruben was baptized recently and thus welcomed into the family of

Jesus. Ruben, may the Lord bless you and do His work in you and through you.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!!!!

Extra! Extra! Talent Wanted!

By Dhalie Conferido--Special to the Criterion

Do you love writing poetry but have no one to share it with? Do you like to act but are terrified to try out? Are you always singing in the privacy of your room just praying for a talent agent to overhear you and sign you up for a contract? Then here is the chance you've been waiting for! After a year's hiatus, Music, Muse and Mocha-a

nighttime variety venue showcasing student musical, dramatic, and literary talent-returns to La Sierra University's very own Eagle's Nest Caf? The two-hour monthly program, which is sponsored by the English and Communication Department, is set to debut either mid-November or early December. Anyone interested in participating are invited to chase down Abdiel

Gonzalez (Music), Dhalie Conferido (Muse), or Professor Bruce Gilman (Mo-

cha). Or you can catch all three by sending contact info and the type of work you would like to perform to musicmusemocha@yahoo.com. No try-outs, no panel of judges, and no frowning director itching to yell "Cut!" Just a forum where you can shine, drink some cappuccinos, and have a great time. So sign up and keep an eye out for announcements. You won't want to miss any of the fun!

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To be or not to be a new drama minor...

By Dr. Bruce Gilman--Professor of English

Looking for a new elective course this Winter or Spring? Interested in drama? Ever thought of acting, or directing, or playwriting? Then the English/Communication department may have something of interest to you - a new Drama Minor.

After several years of successful student productions at LSU, the English/Communication department has made drama a formal part of the

University's academic offerings. Beginning winter quarter, three courses will be offered from the new minor: Greek Drama (MW 1-3), Acting (MW 3-5), and Drama Production (ARR).

Each of these courses highlights a particular focus of the minor. Requirements will include 2 courses in history and theory

(current choices feature Shakespeare, World Drama, American or British theater), 3 technique

courses (acting, directing, playwriting, or stage design), and 2 production courses (a workshop and a quarterly play).

Courses are open to all interested students - no previous dramatic experience is required. Now students can receive academic credit for participation in any of the English/Communication department's quarterly productions, in either an acting or production capacity. Currently rehearsing for Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2 performances is "Little Women," under the direction of two LSU undergrads, Vanessa Nelson and Jennifer Davis. Winter quarter will see the return of alumnus Willie Price, who will direct his new play, "Prometheus." In Spring, Bruce Gilman will direct his original script, "Santa Monica Boulevard."

Still wondering about that elective? Contemplating your own acting or directing debut? LSU's new minor may be your answer! Call extension 2274 for details, or stop by 123 South Hall.

Learning support and testing center's new hours

By Andrew Kasemsri--Contract Writer

The operating hours of the Learning Support & Testing Center have changed since Monday, October 22, because more students and faculty members have to start their day earlier than previous years. Mrs. Valerie Smith, the Director of the Learning Support & Testing Center, noticed that teachers usually prefer to drop off examinations and quizzes before their 8 o'clock classes. In addition, many disability students need longer time to complete their

work before going to classes. The usual operating hours for the past few years at the Learning Support & Testing Center were from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. More students, as well as non-La Sierra students, are using their services from early in the morning to late at night this school year.

The center offers free tutoring sessions in various courses for La Sierra students to understand their materials better. This quarter, the center recently added tutoring sessions for Statistics. It's been quite a while that the center offers such a

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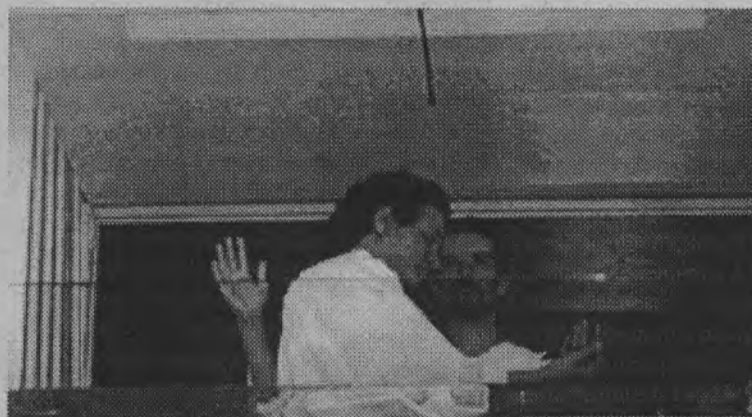
By Ruben D. López--Entertainment Editor

It wasn't until spring quarter of last school year that I realized I came to La Sierra. God was guiding me back. I grew up in a very Catholic household. We didn't eat meat on Fridays during Lent and went to Mass every Sunday. I'm glad my father didn't enroll my brother and I in a Catholic school; he had a bad experience with the nuns during his Catholic schooling. I'd gone through three of the seven sacraments Catholics do: baptism (it wasn't an option, your parents did it for you), First Communion and Confirmation (a reaffirmation of one's faith). I became disillusioned about Catholicism and stopped attending Mass altogether. I wouldn't go on Christmas or Easter because I felt that was hypocritical. I didn't lose my faith in God, but in a denomination that seemed more focused on dogmatic ritual.

This past summer, I was working in MICOL and I would talk with a couple of my co-workers about faith. I realized that I missed learning more about God. Some time in July, I emailed Pastor Sam telling him I wanted to learn more about Adventism. My experiences in University Worship and First Service had shown me that God was loving, not angry like I had learned when I was Catholic. I got a reply saying to go to Campus Ministries at 7 p.m. on a Tuesday. That's where I met Devo Kritzingner. He seemed as energetic about God as Sam did. We set up regular meetings where I learned more about the

Adventist perspective of the Bible. I was very happy to finally have some answers. In Catholicism, I was taught never to question beliefs, but to accept them. I could never understand confessing my sins to a priest when I was told that God was all-knowing and all-seeing. If

him; I know he'd feel like he had somehow failed to raise me Catholic. I think in some ways he didn't fail. The faith that he had instilled in me helped my decision to be baptized.



Our very own Ruben López was baptized at the LSU church on October 26...God bless.

Jesus died for our sins, why was confession such a big deal? It didn't make sense.

As the weeks went on, school started and Devo and I arranged our studies that suited my schedule. Then, early October rolled around and Devo asked if I wanted to be baptized. I was in shock I wasn't sure if I was ready. I prayed about it and my answer was clear: I wanted to be baptized. I was excited and nervous. How would I tell my family? I didn't tell my mother until a week before it happened. My dad found out the night of the baptism, October 26. I wasn't sure how I could tell

I was horribly nervous that night, but I prayed for calm nerves. The worst part of that evening was waiting for Pastor Sam to finish his talk. Devo, Daniel (the other candidate), and I were in the baptism changing room of the University Church. I was taking deep breaths to relax. Then, Pastor Sam finished. We walked into the warm water of the baptismal font. It was like being in a hot tub without the bubbles. First Devo baptized Daniel. It was my turn. I went down into the water and I can't put into words how I felt. It was like being renewed and lifted up. "Viens, Mallika" from the opera *Lakmé* was

playing in my head: two angelic voices singing a most beautiful song. We rushed out of the baptistry to change and walk out to receive a warming congratulation from the congregation.

It's been two weeks since baptism. The change has been more internal than external. I still pray everyday and most of my dietary habits haven't changed. I have had this feeling to do more outreach in areas I feel that are important and I've taken the necessary steps to do so. I just feel this overwhelming sense of love and I know it's coming from God; something I didn't know was possible.

Are You Happy Now?

By Eric Ramirez--Religion Editor

A new car, the world at your feet, the perfect partner, money, what would make you happy? How much "stuff" would it take to get you to say "I am happy"? How many people would have to be singing your praises to make you smile and feel good enough about yourself to be happy? This was the topic at First Service, a few weeks ago. Lindsay Dailey discussed this very topic. She pointed out how many of us rely on so many other things to be happy. It isn't that we have a car, it is that we want a better one. It isn't that we have a significant other, it is that we want the perfect match.

So many of us lose sight as to what truly should bring us happiness. I sat down and thought about what it is that makes me happy which actually got really confusing, because it

wasn't one thing, or even a set of things or even people that made me happy. I opened up my Bible and read about happiness. The Bible points out many verses on what happiness should be; what happiness should look and feel like, but it didn't seem like enough. Then, I started reading Job, Psalms, and Ecclesiastes. Job's and Solomon's happiness consisted of treasures. We have read them so much and heard their stories over and over again, yet I don't believe we actually know the whole truth that these stories encompass.

Job and Solomon both had every reason to be happy; they had riches, a large social circle, and the world at their very fingertips. Both men found their earthly riches to be unsatisfying. Solomon even writes about this, stating that all the treasures in his palace could not give him even the slightest smile on his face for all was finite. Job realized wholeheartedly this finiteness when it was all taken from him. Both give us

great council. They tell us to look up for true happiness. Solomon said that it is not all that is under the stars that gave him happiness, but the love and relationship with [his Father] above those stars that brought him peace and happiness. He saw that nothing on this earth was worth anything. All the money and pleasure on earth was worth nothing when it was put up against God.

I know you have heard it all before, but take a closer look at your own life. Seek true happiness. Don't settle for second best, take Christ's hand, that hand that has been outstretched to you for so long, and wrap yourself in His embrace. Know He loves you, and share His happiness. Be still and know all is alright. Be happier than you ever have been before.

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The Puerto Ricans in Vieques will still hear the raging explosions in their backyards for another few years. The Tibetan monks of the Himalayas will still have their temples burnt down. The Mexicans in Chiapas will never likely settle the score in their favor, as the Vasque in Spain will still struggle for independence. And today, right now, many Afghans will never see the light of day and

many children in America will witness atrocities in the name of "justice."

Let us remember the words of Jesus in Luke 6:30-31, "Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you." It seems historically implausible that the whole exchange between the Pilgrims and the Indians followed closely

this criterion stipulated by Christ. If it were so, there would be today, as many Indians as there is Pilgrims. Just remember, friend: Thanksgiving is more about giving than receiving. Give Thanks to the Lord that both of your clavicles are in place and if they're not, give thanks to the Lord that you're alive. Many of our brethren in the human race have their days counted.

General Conference to restrict academic freedom?

By Johnny Ramirez Jr.--Contributing Writer

There have been recent moves by the Education Department of the General Conference, headed by Humberto Rasi, towards the establishment of the International Board for Ministerial and Theological Education (ITMBE). Many aspects of the document produced by that newly formed organization have troubled Religion Professors as they appear to clamp down on academic freedom. The Adventist Theological Society (ATS) and the Adventist Society for Religious Studies (ASRS), groups that have previously split along lines of orthodoxy have united in concern over the IBMTE. But why was the IBMTE conceived at all? Apparently Rasi was concerned about the secularization of some Adventist higher education institutions, particularly in Africa. The IBMTE document was conceived and prepared mostly under the tenure of

Robert Folkenburg, an enthusiasm apparently not shared as strongly by current president Jan Paulsen. La Sierra is somewhat sheltered from immediate impact as it has several layers separating it from GC control; our South Eastern California Conference (SECC) and the North American Division (NAD). Any attempts of implementation of the IBMTE guidelines would have to go through various groups in the NAD and SECC that are quite more skeptical of the IBMTE than the GC group that conceived the IBMTE. However, our sister institution, Loma Linda University (LLU), is under the direct control of the GC, and is therefore more susceptible to imminent incursion by the IBMTE. LLU Faculty of Religion (LLUFOR) member David Larson has been an ardent skeptic of the IBMTE, and his widely circulated emails have managed to draw a response by Rasi to his concerns.

Larson does not stand alone, as our very own John Jones, Chair of the School of Religion (LSUSOR), has said that he will stand firm in defending LSUSOR faculty from IBMTE review. Many LSUSOR faculty would find themselves in tension with some of the less progressive theologies advocated by the world church at large. North America, and to a lesser extent Western Europe, has departed from the world church on theological points, most notably pastoral ordination. Interesting side effects of the IBMTE could be a disruption of Columbia Union College's recent court victory that ruled that it was not pervasively sectarian, and therefore eligible for state funds. We are very curious as to how this issue will play out and will seek to keep the LSU family informed.

Geraty to lead prestigious archeology consortium

By Johnny Ramirez Jr.--Contributing Writer

The American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) recently elected our very own Laurence Geraty as its president. ASOR was founded under the direction of three societies, the Archaeological Institute of America, the Society for Biblical Literature and the American Oriental Society. Twenty institutions organized themselves as charter members of the new organization, included were notables Harvard, Princeton, Yale,

Hebrew Union and John Hopkins. ASOR runs three campuses overseas in Jordan, Jerusalem and Cyprus. Dr. Geraty has been deeply involved in archeology and was mentored by Siegfried Horn during their digs in the Madaba Plain. Horn can be said to be the father of Adventist Archeology. The academic recognition earned by Horn and Geraty amongst their peers in Archeology can be said to culminate in the appointment of Geraty as ASOR's president. A fine

legacy indeed, and a valuable enticement of La Sierra's prestige as well. The CRITERION staff would like to join La Sierra University's community in congratulating Dr. Geraty on his appointment and in offering prayers of continued success.

Learning support and testing center adds new hours

By Andrew Kasemsri--Contract Writer

The operating hours of the Learning Support & Testing Center have changed since Monday, October 22, because more students and faculty members have to start their day earlier than previous years. Mrs. Valerie Smith, the Director of the Learning Support & Testing Center, noticed that teachers usually prefer to drop off examinations and quizzes before their 8 o'clock classes. In addition, many disability students need longer time to complete their work before going to classes.

The usual operating hours for the past few years at the Learning Support & Testing Center were from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. More students, as well as non-La Sierra students, are using their services from early in the morning to late at night this school year.

The center offers free tutoring sessions in various courses for La Sierra students to understand their materials better. This quarter, the center recently added tutoring sessions for Statistics. It's been quite a while that the center offers such a session because

not many students are taking Statistics.

As the name says, the center supports different areas of studies, not only tutoring and testing. It reinforces different aspects of education, such as disability students (not particularly handicaps, but different functions of an individual's left and right side of the brain) aids, knowledge absorption methods for examinations, stress in education coping, preparation and examination for higher education (graduates for masters and doctorates).

A Letter to La Sierra University

Dear LSU,

I love you. When I first met you I wasn't sure about you, but over the past couple of years I have fallen in love. I don't know what it is about you. It could be crazy Tuesday nights at the Eagle's Nest listening to Sunshine and Kevin sing covers, or Kirk doing some Ricky Martin karaoke. Maybe it's watching the Eagles play basketball, I think that's where the eagle "call" came from. (Although some say I sound more like a crow!) Maybe it's sitting in my office in La Sierra Hall and hearing Dr. Teel hit the walls in the classroom next door while he screams about some injustice being caused somewhere in the world. Maybe it's running into people like Linda at Student Life and Ana (a.k.a. the monkey), neither of which I have ever seen not smiling. LSU, something caused me to fall in love with you.

I realized something the other day when I heard Amanda sing "Give Me Jesus". It might sum up the reason I am drawn to you: people here really want Jesus. From Scott organizing a prayer group that went into the middle of the night, passionately interceding for you, to Rob in Towers and his bunch praying for individuals on campus (including me). From Danica and Monte gathering their little flock in South Hall for worship to Luis driving to his church in Santa Ana to be their youth leader. I see so many people here who really want to know Jesus and what it means to be a follower of His. Every time I sit in Rendezvous and Lynn or Sara or whoever stands up front and with all the passion they can muster share their faith, I am reminded of why I love you, LSU. When students like Ruben and Daniel who were baptized the other night, stand up and say with conviction "Give me Jesus, I am on His side" I remember why I love you, LSU. People here really want to know and to serve Jesus Christ. That is something that makes you worthy of many people's affection, and it's why I am proud to be your friend.

With much affection,

Sam

P.S. Don't let this go to your head; there are still a lot of things you need to fix. For starters the parking situation is out of hand... and the speed bumps, are those really necessary?

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Prolific writer speaks at LSU

By Dablie Conferido, Staff Writer

Do you feel insignificant? Do you see yourself as an incomplete human being waddling through life in search of that grand someone you're just meant to become? Well, if you do, you're not alone. Even after five published novels and achieving a reputation as an upcoming, prolific writer, Mark Salzman still thinks himself as "not quite qualified." Is it just superficial modesty? I don't think so. Here's why.

On November 13th, Mark Salzman, known to this year's freshman English students as the author of *The Soloist* and known to others as the man behind the book and feature film *Iron and Silk*, visited La Sierra University for a two-part lecture series that sparked with a vivid narrative that was both informative and — for lack of a better term — downright funny. He took us

through his life journey from an awkward adolescent trying to figure out what to do with his arms and a young teacher in China utterly convinced he was meant to be a martial arts instructor to his present-day self: a repeatedly published author who still feels lost between books.

In the midst of his comic whirlwind, he admitted that he was never a strong reader in school. After ten pages his head would hurt. As for writing, he never wrote anything unless it was required for a course. But then one fateful day he was asked to pen a tale about his China experience for a "literary salon" (a party his friend was hosting in the hopes it would attract members of the opposite gender). The plan failed, but his friend sent the story to another friend who just happened to be a publisher and

the rest is history. (Trust me, it was a lot funnier the way Salzman told it.)

After having experienced both of his lectures (which I hesitate to call lectures; they were more akin to storytelling hour), it was hard not to come away with some favorite moments. But what I did gain from it (besides a bellyache from all the rollicking laughter) was this: be yourself and you can do anything you want. "But what a cliché!" you might moan. To you, Salzman would retort: "Of course it is. Because it's true."

Ah, yes. It is that simple. But is this male-Cinderella story possible for the rest of us? Can a person who really doesn't know what to do in life actually discover that one destined vocation? Let me return to my wealth of Mark Salzman quotes.

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University to present Christmas opera

By Christy K. Robinson, Public Relations Dept.

A Christmas opera performed by music students of La Sierra University, in Riverside, is being performed at the university on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.. This is the University's annual Christmas Candlelight Concert.

Amahl and the Night Visitors, composed by Gian Carlo Menotti, is a Christmas opera, the most widely seen opera in history, as it was written for television in 1951, and has been performed around the

world in the 40 years since.

"We're doing it in celebration of Menotti's ninetieth birthday and of course, the Christmas season," says Dr. Craig Johnson, assistant professor of music and director of vocal studies. As the story goes, the three kings, on their way to greet the Christ Child, encounter a crippled boy, who gives them his crutch to take to the Child, and then is miraculously healed.

On December 1, at 7:00

p.m., the opera was performed at the White Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church in Los Angeles, accompanied on the piano, and directed by Johnson.

Andrew Robinson, director of the La Sierra University Sinfonia orchestra, and former assistant director of Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra, will direct the La Sierra University Church candlelight performance on Friday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free of charge.

Good news for Good News

By Andrew Kasemsri, Staff Writer

Good News Radio's Share-a-thon 2001 has exceeded its goal of \$300,000! An annual three-day event (Nov. 13-15) where listeners can call in and give donations to "share the good news."

The station was packed with volunteers to help answer phone calls, prepare for meals, usher guest speakers and announcers.

There was a few staff from other non-profit Christian radio stations from the mid-west to share with listeners throughout the campaign as well.

"With God's help and that of our listening family, we surpassed our goal of \$300,000 by \$195,000! Praise God! To Him be the Glory! And thanks to the LSU students who volunteered

their help by answering phones and helping at the concert," said Jackie Neff, Promotions Director of Good News Radio.

Following the success of this year's Share-a-thon 2001, KSGN sponsored Dámaris Carbaugh's concert at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Highland on the following Saturday.

~ EDITORIAL ~

'Tis the season to be a solipsist

By Fabian Carballo, Editor-in-Chief

Christmas time is not the same for everyone. For some, Christmas is the smell of a freshly murdered pine tree in their ubiquitous living room or den. Others are more willing to complete the pagan task of hanging things on the branches of this tree. The druid tradition, notorious for hanging the heads of men, is still alive and kicking in this country known for its religious fervor. For others, Christmas has become the reason to contribute to the capitalistic infrastructure that has defined this country as the economic superpower that makes children in Thailand wonder why they get exploited while making a pair of Nikes but can't own one themselves. For some it may bring fond memories of grandpa by the fireplace or taking little sister for the ultimate sitting on Santa's (play around with the letters to get real meaning) lap. Wrapped gifts and more dead trees. Eggnog consumption and drunken-driver homicide percentages normally go up in the Holiday season. For many, especially those uninhibited by money, Christmas is a very happy time- a jolly time. For others, especially those in Julian Street in Los Angeles, it's just another day in paradise, if I may borrow the words from Phil Collins. And yet, for those who have recently divorced, have gone bankrupt or have been diagnosed with a terminal disease, Christmas can be so lonely that it becomes unbearable. This is also the case for recent immigrants, spending their first Navidad away from their beloved families back at home where wealth means nothing and family means everything. But yet, whatever the meaning of Christmas may be, the individual must define it. This Christmas might be a good time to analyze your specific meaning because after all, Christmas is about you and not anyone else. It's not about giving, it's about receiving. Maybe you'll cook up some chilly for the homeless and dub yourself a Good Samaritan. There are thousands of good Samaritans during this time of the year. Perhaps, you'll adopt a child for a day but many other children in the world will wake up to the sounds of explosions in their backyards. At any rate, Christmas is defined by the individual in a

solipsist manner because existence is defined by our own realities. Just like Scrooge found the real meaning of Christmas in Dickens' undying story, we must also find our own individual meaning. My definition has already been defined and the intention of this article is not to undermine anyone else's definition. My definition goes a little something like this: "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel which means 'God with us'" (Matthew 1:22-23, NIV). A little child born in a stable who forfeited His right to reign blissfully with His angels at His service. How sad that little child must be now when He sees that men have glorified themselves at the sound of cash registers sounding off in unison. How sad that little child must be at the sight of so many lonely souls looking for something to fill up their empty cups. How sad He must be while those He came to save are turning their stubborn backs on Him. Whatever your meaning of Christmas might be, don't allow it to control you.

Friend, set your eyes upon the One who is willing to give it all for you. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all the LSU friends and all those who are away from home! We are all away from home.

A word from SALSU

We hope you all enjoyed hanging out with SALSU so far... we got more stuff planned for you for Winter Quarter. Some big events to remember are the "TALENT SHOW" and "WINTER BANQUETS", and more!!!! And we promise to have more stuff for you in the papers from SALSU next quarter. GOOD LUCK with finals and have a great CHRISTMAS

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~ RELIGION ~

ANN Feature: Understanding Islamic fundamentalism

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Tolerant or bigoted? Peace-loving or militant? Reasonable or fanatical? In the days following the September 11 terrorist attacks, the Western media has taken a closer look at Islam, presenting a confusing, often contradictory, picture of a faith embraced by more than 20 percent of the world's population.

One of the most prevalent myths about Islam is its apparent monolithic character, says Dr. Børge Schantz, one of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's foremost scholars of Islam. "There is no single face of Islam," he explains, just as there is no one face of Christianity capable of reflecting the many, many variations of the Christian faith around the world.

The 10th century split between Shiite and Sunni Muslims continues today as the most significant division within Islam. Among the world's more than 1 billion Muslims, a mass of divergent religious practices and beliefs exists, says Schantz. The differences arise not only from conflicting religious interpretations of the Koran and the Traditions, but also reflect cultural and regional influences.

Osama bin Laden claims what he is doing has a basis in the Koran and the teachings of Muhammad, says Schantz. "But of course more moderate Muslims can also defend their positions, and counter bin Laden's interpretations, using the same Koran."

"You could look at the Koran and the teachings of Muhammad and, just like some Old Testament Biblical passages about 'destroying enemies,' take one part of the text to justify acts of violence," says Schantz. "It's a matter of what parts you pick and how you interpret them."

It is religious extremism, or fundamentalism, that can distort Islam, allowing adherents to justify horrific acts of violence

in the name of their faith, says Schantz. Fundamentalist strains—present also in Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, and other faiths—are characterized by a harking back to an older, "more pure," form of the religion.

"Both fundamentalist and more liberal Muslims want to preserve the Islamic faith," says Schantz, "the fundamentalists by turning the clock back to the 13th century, and the liberals by reinterpreting the Koran to fit the 21st century."

For more than a decade, Schantz has tracked the rise of Islamic fundamentalism not only in the Middle East, but in parts of Asia and Africa as well. In 1989, Schantz was asked by the Adventist Church's office of Global Mission to establish the Seventh-day Adventist Global Centre for Islamic Studies, an organization he headed up for eight years.

"Fundamentalism can be described as such a strict and detailed adherence to traditional orthodox tenets, that there develops a militant spirit of resistance to everything in society considered to be in conflict with the accepted scriptures," Schantz wrote in a 1993 article exploring this extremist trend.*

The individual Islamic fundamentalist can be described, in part, as a person "looking for simple answers to big issues," says Schantz.

The distinction between "secular" and "sacred," a concept that is basic to Western societies, is not found within fundamentalist Islam, says Schantz. He explains that in most Muslim regimes, politics, law, and religion are indivisible. "The one system of law, Sharia, takes care of inheritance, treatment of criminals, women's rights—or lack of rights, however you want to interpret that—and also religious issues, such as the consequences of apostasy."

"We can bomb Afghanistan and say this is a response to terrorism, not a war on Islam," says Schantz, "but in the fundamentalist Muslim mind, the distinction between civil and religious, or political and sacred, cannot be made.

It is all one."

The animosity felt by many fundamentalist Muslims toward the West is an "extremely complicated matter," says Schantz. Socio-economic issues play into the situation—the extreme poverty in places such as Afghanistan can act as a spur to renewed religious fervor. "The belief is that by practicing their faith in a more rigorous, more faithful manner, they will receive the blessings of Allah," he explains.

"No doubt bin Laden is concerned about Palestine, the suffering children in Iraq, United States support of Israel, and the stationing of U.S. troops on Saudi Arabian soil," says Schantz. "But the secular influences from America and the West—democracy, individual freedom, pornography, alcohol, women dressed immodestly, and so on—are also significant factors."

As military action in Afghanistan continues and bin Laden calls for a "Holy War," Adventist Christians should continue to recognize the complexity of the situation and resist the temptation to generalize about Islam, says Schantz. "And we should never forget that Christian and Muslim alike are all children of the same Creator, dearly loved by Him."

*Børge Schantz, "Some Fundamentals about Fundamentalism and Fundamentalists," *Adventist-Muslim Review*, Vol. 1, No. 1, Spring 1993, p 26-27.

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Top 10 Opportunities for Spiritual Experience on Campus

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10. Join a small group Bible study. It's amazing the perspective you can gain from checking out the Bible with others. If you need a group, we can hook you up with other people looking for a group. Call Mark at x2090. It's his job to help you find your group!

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talents for your personal listening pleasure. And a lot of times we leave surprised at how easy it is to find God in someone's music.

6. Participate in Rendezvous every Wednesday night. Lynn Park, your SALSU RVP is a dynamic and sincere Christian who's made it her mission to show you the peace, love, and hope of Christ this year through her programming.

5. Be a Crossfiles frequent flier. The Student Center on Sabbath mornings is the only place to hear about Jesus in a South African accent. Well, unless you go to South Africa. But, it's kinda far, so we brought it to you. And they always provide an amazing discussion. And BREAK-FAST!!!

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~ FEATURES ~

(really important — or at least thought-provoking — stuff)

I am not collateral damage, I am one of God's children

Ana Gamboa interviews Dr. Wonil Kim

Dr. Wonil Kim is a Professor of Jewish Bible/Old Testament Studies here at La Sierra University. Dr. Kim has been quite outspoken in expressing his opinions on issues surrounding 9-11. On November 29, I had the privilege of chatting with Dr. Kim. Dr. Kim and I began by discussing the now infamous picket sign sitting outside of La Sierra Hall.

Gamboa: Why did you make those signs?

Kim: Initially I made the signs to protest the flag exchange ceremony that took place on campus two weeks after 9-11. I was not against getting a new, large flag for our campus. The old one was ragged and torn. But I felt the timing of the flag exchange was problematic, especially in view of the public statement associating the ceremony with 9-11. There is nothing wrong with a ritual of mourning, a communal expression of sadness over a tragedy such as 9-11, and a flag ceremony certainly could have a place in such a ritual. But we have to put things in perspective and in historical context. In times like these, it is very difficult to distinguish between an American gesture of national self-affirmation as a legitimate

member of the world community from its act of self-affirmation as a terrorizing superpower of the world. A big bully may roar because a small bully bit him, but that hardly makes the big bully a victim. I believed that we, as campus, could have a public mourning for the 9-11 victims without the flag-upsizing ceremony, which I perceived to be a power-affirming gesture. Even if the organizers did not intend it that way, the timing and the context easily lent themselves to that interpretation. So I let the administration know that I would be picketing the ceremony. I was not seeking its permission or approval. I believe it was within my right to dissent and show it publicly, as long as I did it in a civilized manner. But I decided that informing the administration ahead of time was a gesture of courtesy that both the administration and my protest deserved. Well, that's the history of the picket signs. I need to tell you, however, that I did not picket the entire ceremony. I had my pickets down during certain parts of the ceremony such as the multi-lingual prayer for peace. But during some other parts I raised my pickets.

Gamboa: Did you have some specific concerns in addition to the general historical context you refer to?

Kim: When I heard that the US may

predictably bomb Afghanistan I was afraid that the civilian casualties would be inevitable. US is already on the record for killing a million people, half of them children, in Iraq for the last 10 years. So the idea of war on Afghanistan scared me. We should seek justice, not war. War is not a solution. And bombing is not the most appropriate response to 9-11. The most appropriate response would be to study and address the cause of this tragedy that has indeed long and deep historical roots.

Gamboa: One of your signs during the ceremony said "JUSTICE, NOT WAR! THE WORLD AGREES WITH NEITHER OSAMA BIN LADIN NOR GEORGE W. BUSH" The other one, the one still being displayed at La Sierra Hall main entrance, is a picture of a young woman with a "NO BOMBS" license plate at the top, and with the caption at the bottom, "I am not a 'collateral damage.' I am one of God's children." Do you want to explain that sign?

Kim: I wanted to put a human face to this act of war. "No bombs" is an old license plate of mine. The picture is that of a Middle Eastern girl, a famous portrait by Steve McCurry. "Collateral damage" is a phrase that was used by a former U. S. secretary of state in reference to the civilian casualty of American bombing

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Amnesty Int'l dedicated to protecting rights of all

By Justin Sandefur — Special to the Criterion

Amnesty International is a non-governmental advocacy group committed to championing the cause of human rights around the world. In short, when people are tortured, persecuted, unjustly imprisoned or otherwise mistreated, Amnesty comes to the rescue.

As its name implies, Amnesty has a very international focus—not only in the scope of the cases it addresses, but in its membership and activists. One of Amnesty's main objectives is to foster a global community dedicated to protecting human rights that can act swiftly to hold individual governments responsible for heinous acts. The prime basis for this global consensus—cutting across different national conceptions of what's just or unjust—is the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights: a cornerstone document in international law which has now been in place for just over fifty years.

Why should you care? That's mostly for you to decide, but here are a few bits of trivia that might provide cause for concern.

- You live in a country that executes children. The UN Declaration of Human Rights forbids the use of the death penalty in any situation, but Amnesty International is particularly concerned with the U.S.'s practice of trying minors as adults, even for capital crimes. In the most extreme cases, Americans

have been killed for crimes committed at age 14.

- There's a good chance that something you own was manufactured by prison labor. Making financial gain off of prisoners' free labor provides a definite human rights dilemma, but the problem is even more acute when non-democratic governments exploit political prisoners. The classic example is China, whose trade flows with the U.S. are enormous and growing.

- Recent news items you may have heard about already: A) under the Taliban regime women were subject to a long list of abuses, and systematically disenfranchised—now as plans for a new government are being laid, women are being excluded again. B) In the U.S., legal immigrants may be detained for extended periods without being accused of any crime and have their legal consults wiretapped—illegal immigrants may be detained indefinitely. C) Several human rights workers and environmental activists have been either assassinated or threatened in Mexico in recent months with little government response.

What can you do?

I'd suggest dedicating your life to a democratic global revolution or donating your life savings and/or family inheritance to the defense of human rights. In the meantime, you can also come to the Amnesty International Club on

campus and do two things to get started.

1. Get informed. Amnesty meetings consist of reading, listening, watching movies about and discussing current events and human rights issues.

2. Speak up. The other main purpose of our meetings is to write letters to politicians, government officials, newspapers and so on to show that somebody is paying attention to the abuses around us. In particular, we often write on behalf of prisoners of conscience who have been detained or abused for non-violent political or religious activity.

3. Eat pizza. Yes, it's a shameless ploy to get you to come: free food.

When: (Almost) every Thursday night at 5:30 p.m.

Where: The Stahl Center—main floor of La Sierra Hall (the room with all the oak paneling).

How: Walk. Also, email Danica Boyle (dani_starlight@hotmail.com) to have your name added to the Amnesty email list for reminders and such.

~ POLITICS ~

(ye olde politicks)

Patriotism to the "P"

By Jay Razzonk, Politics Page Editor

Ever since terrorism rained on United States soil, American flags have been sprouting everywhere. Cars, buildings, chairs, cakes, shoes, and even computer desktops have become decorated with the red, white, and blues. One popular satirist captured the present feeling of patriotism in his song, "Where's Your Flag?"

Every proud, a.k.a. "arrogant," American wants to be patriotic. But what does it mean to be patriotic? Some people say it is flying their stars and stripes from the window of their green Ford Expedition. Others describe it as joining the once scoffed at George W. Bush fan club. I have even heard some people say that patriotism is having a diversity of viewpoints.

No doubt our generation will have to define what patriotism is. In my opinion, patriotism is taking action that is in the best

interest of the country.

President Kennedy's famous speech immortalized, "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Kennedy knew what patriotism meant, but ironically he stole that phrase from the famous Arab poet, Gibran.

Flying your flag is not a bad thing. Some good can come from it. However, you have a greater responsibility to your nation. It is your job to be educated in foreign and domestic affairs. You should be well prepared when you go to vote. You should pay your taxes with pride because you know a few of your dollars are going into the bombs that will marmalade out of Osama Bin Laden.

Is Patriotism giving up all of your liberties for the so-called "national security?" We are very likely seeing the beginning of Big Brother. I have never been heavy into conspiracies but we

are probably seeing the foundation of "Big Brother." It scares me to watch people so ready to give up their liberties. They are acting like dogs that know they must put on a leash to go for a walk.

My concerns have grown even greater since I read that the government can now secretly overhear lawyers conversing with their clients. As urgent as this new law may be, it is evil. If you are truly patriotic, you would challenge any thought that supported abolishing rights. Once we give up any rights, it will become easier to lose others, while becoming harder to get them back. George Washington and his Continental Army fought for the rights that we take for granted today. Osama Bin Laden and the Taliban hate America because of its freedoms. Why should we become like them?

From behind the Burqua: RAWA speaks on Nov. 13, '01

A report by SSJ member Christina Walters — Special to *The Criterion*

The presentation began with a home video taken in Kabul where a woman, dressed in baby blue clothing, walked out to the middle of a field. Escorted by two Taliban men, she knelt down in preparation for her execution. Without a moment of hesitation, the gun cocked and fired into her veiled head. As she toppled to the ground, I had to ask myself, "Why does it have to be like this?" I was lucky enough to attend a talk given by a spokeswoman of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA) to the community in Claremont. Dedicated to women's rights in Afghanistan, RAWA's primary mission is to educate women and girls forbidden to attend school by the Taliban. Secondary to education, RAWA has trained health professionals (especially nurses), has built a hospital, has distributed goods at refugee camps and continues to provide health services to rural areas via a mobile van. It also provides widows with raw materials and instruction for carpet-weaving, embroidery, and other crafts. In addition to these many relief efforts, RAWA documents the human rights violations in Afghanistan.

Since the victory of the Northern Alliance in Kabul, many Americans have turned their attention to the plight of Afghan women. Thanks to RAWA we have learned more than we hoped for. RAWA recently finished its informative tour in America, exposing the many human rights violations of women. Their spokeswoman, Tahmeenah Faryal (a code name for security purposes) delivered a speech with the general history, mission, and purpose of RAWA. The political slant of RAWA is very clear and defined: RAWA believes that the Taliban and any other

Islamic fundamentalist group must be stopped by withholding the funds and weapons supplied to them by other countries. Faryal said, "religion is just a tool in the hand of these fundamentalists" to claim power over others. RAWA welcomes UN military peace keeping forces and integration of Afghanistan into the global economy. The spokeswoman mentioned their untapped natural resources and the pipeline project as an entryway into the global market. RAWA wants to institute a secular democracy with woman suffrage in Afghanistan. The spokeswoman for RAWA believes that instituting a secular democracy in Afghanistan is very possible. But she thinks that the fundamentalists will be much more difficult to eliminate. Not only are the fundamentalists in power but the people of Afghanistan are too badly wounded to resist. Eighty percent of the Afghan population is jobless and over five million are disabled. With so many unemployed, disabled, and psychologically traumatized, there is little hope of immediate change. Nonetheless, RAWA is working with a former president of Afghanistan to generate practical ideas for a democracy. It is working hard to continue its secretive home based schools and distribute supplies to refugees.

There are over 70,000 widows in Kabul and many of these women have been forced into destitution: a recent report showed that 90% of Afghan women suffer from psychological disorders. Surely, that number has increased since the recent carpet bombings. One woman asked Faryal what it was like to be a woman in Afghanistan. She replied, "The Afghan women feel like they are dead. They walk, they move, but they are really only walking shadows."

RAWA defines fundamentalists as anyone who is anti-education, anti-democracy, anti-

civilization, and anti-woman. How did the Taliban create such fundamentalists? Well, many young men were recruited for the Soviet-Afghan war and trained as orphans who were very poor. These young men were trained in madrassas (Islamic religious schools). Currently 7,500 madrassas have been indoctrinating its pupils with misogynistic and conservative religious practices that are not even in the Koran, according to Faryal. RAWA fears that although Kabul may celebrate the downfall of the Taliban, thousands of fundamentalist supporters in both Afghanistan and Pakistan will rise to take their place. There are many fundamentalists whose rule would not be democratic by any means.

in a white space grand?

~ ENTERTAINMENT ~

(or, what you do during dead week)

Interpretations of Someone Else's Work

By Ruben D. López, Features Editor

For the past ten years, Tori Amos has been releasing albums of her own material, with the occasional cover of her own influences. The Crucify EP saw covers of The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin and Nirvana. Bootlegs would boast covers of Joni Mitchell, Jimi Hendrix, and Bruce Springsteen. Amos, known for her intricate and layered piano stylings drew heavily from the hard rock she grew up with in the early 1970s. These influences eventually led to her expulsion from the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore when she would perform rock compositions rather than classical pieces. Amos' latest release *Strange Little Girls*, is a collection of covers ranging classics by The Velvet Underground and The Beatles to contemporaries like Depeche Mode and Eminem. Amos even went as far as to release four different covers of the women of the twelve tracks on the album. Pictures of the women can be found among the CD's liner notes

The disc opens with "New Age" originally by The Velvet Underground. There's something about Lou Reed's words and Amos' voice that make the song much more poignant than Reed could ever sing. Noticeably, the best track on the album is "'97 Bonnie & Clyde." Eminem's original song

was more of an angry diatribe about himself and his daughter dumping his ex-wife's body into a river. Amos, using cellos and a military drum, turn this angst-ridden song into a spooky spoken word track with "Just the two of us" sung ever so sweetly, making it all the more scarier. Rolling Stone even commented that even though Eminem wrote the song, "Amos owns it." Amos' interpretation of Tom Waits' "Time" is comparable to her version of Mitchell's "A Case of You," meaning that it almost seems Amos wrote the lyrics herself, showing that she's paying tribute to one of the many influences in her life. "Enjoy The Silence," from Depeche Mode's 1989 *Violator* album, starts of slow, gradually building into a mid-tempo song, vastly different than it's original synth-pop version. "Heart of Gold" by rock icon Neil Young is possibly one of the more disappointing tracks. From his *Harvest* album, you would think Amos would use

some more simple instrumentations, but distorted guitars and vocals reminiscent of "The Waitress" from 1993's *Under The Pink* just make the track unbearable. Other gems include 10cc's "I'm Not In Love," The Stranglers' "Strange Little Girl," Boomtown Rats' "I Don't Like Mondays," and Slayer's "Raining Blood."

Strange Little Girls is one of Amos' more interesting releases. Fans were slightly dejected by 1999's *To Venus and Back*, but with this latest release it shows that Amos has put a lot of time and soul searching for songs to cover. Her interpretations prove unique and definitely worth buying. Amos will be on tour and playing three sold out dates in Los Angeles this November.



Why don't you watch a foreign film?

By Vanessa Nelson, Entertainment Editor

I've watched a lot of mainstream Hollywood movies. I reviewed a lot of them last year. Sometimes, however, I get tired of the same old thing. When that happens, I watch a foreign film. (HEY! These movies are not just for intellectuals!)

Germany has a lot of great films. My love for German cinema all started with one movie, "Run Lola Run" (1999). This movie is tailor-made for today's MTV audience. It is action-packed. The soundtrack is full of techno beats.

The story is simple. Lola (Franka Potente) receives a hysterical call from her boyfriend, Manni (Moritz Bleibtreu). He lost the money from a deal he was doing for his Berlin mob boss. Now Manni and Lola have only 20 minutes to get 100,000 marks or else Manni will get it. The same day is shown three times.

Because of different actions, there are different results.

The plot is simple. Although most of the movie (87 minutes) contains Lola running, it is very interesting. The movie causes the audience to think about how small actions can change a person's whole life.

My heart raced as I watched, wondering what would happen next. (The techno beats probably didn't help my racing heart.) I LOVE this movie and I recommend it to everyone. It was made for our generation. Expand your horizons and watch an exciting foreign film. Maybe you will even pick up a German word or two. One last tip: do not get an English dubbed version of the movie. The voices just sound stupid. Subtitles are

always better and you will sound very intelligent when you tell people that you watched a film with subtitles. So watch it and enjoy!



Music, Muse & Mocha Debut

Music, Muse & Mocha — sponsored by the English and Communication Department — debuts this Thursday, December 6, at 9 PM.

Join us at the Eagle's Nest Cafe as we raise mugs of frothy lattes and cappuccinos to La Sierra University's local musical, literary, and dramatic talent. Whether you like to be up front strutting your stuff or in the back clapping your hands, come and be a part of this monthly sparkling showcase!

If you would like to be part of the lineup by reading, acting, or singing/playing a little ditty, please email us at musicmusemocha@yahoo.com or call (909) 785-2583. For more info, you can visit our webpage at <http://www.geocities.com/musicmusemocha>.

Hope to see you Thursday!

Sincerely,
Dahlie Conferido

~ ENTERTAINMENT ~

(what? another entertainment page? don't worry, it's only half a page)

Little Women leaves little to criticize

By Jay Razzouk, Politics Page Editor

Louisa May Alcott's novel, *Little Women*, came to life starting the last Thursday of November in a first-rate production. Although held in Matheson Chapel, this student run drama was by no means a "little" performance. The play was adapted by Thomas Hischak who has, in addition, transcribed such masterpieces as *The Gift of the Magi* and *A Christmas Carol* into stage productions.

Using virtually nothing more than a podium, a bed, a desk, and a piano, the set was able to take a captive audience everywhere from a modest home in Massachusetts to a romantic tour of Europe. The elegant gowns from *The Enchanted Attic* and the intricate hairstyles by Somer Penington and Sara Stoddard beamed the audience to the Civil War era.

Absent from the stage was a curtain. Proving to be unreliable during dress rehearsals, the frustrated directors decided to do without. Improvising, scene changes were accomplished by dimming the lights while props were quickly moved into place.

The story is revealed through the perspec-

tive of the boisterous Josephine March, played by Rochelle Webster. Preferring to be called Jo, she is the second oldest of four sisters, and becomes best friends with her neighbor Laurie, portrayed by Steve Hemenway. It can be confusing at first that Jo is a girl and Laurie is a guy—not to mention "Marmee" means mommy. The relatively simple and straightforward plot basically involves Jo and her sisters: Meg, Beth, and Amy, growing up and getting married.

Benefiting from good acting and exceptional casting, the characters were shockingly similar to how I pictured them after being forced to read the book in high school. Emily Wayner captured the frightful presence of Aunt March while Donovan Childs' Professor Bhaer was as cordial as a teddy bear. Having never spoken with an accent before his role in *Little Women*, Donovan Childs was a convincing German. Likewise, seasoned actress, Rochelle Webster, masked her South African accent for her role as Jo. Ironic isn't it. Perhaps that was another reason why Mr. Bhaer and Jo got married at the end of the play.

Also impressed, Mark Tatum commented, "So many of the people had the exact right parts." Steve Hemenway, commenting on his role as

Laurie, expressed, "It was fun because what they tell me is I act like him any way. So I could be myself."

All actors interviewed praised directors Jennifer Davis and Vanessa Nelson for doing a fantastic job casting. "They know what they want and things take shape," Aarika Chilson (Amy) acclaimed.

Exhausted after the first show, director Jennifer Davis declared, "directing is really hard." However, she quickly added, "the end result is well worth it."

Many faces left Matheson with a smile, including LSU president, Dr. Geraty. Calling the performance "exceptionally well done," he noted the relevancy *Little Women* has to modern times.

Being performed for less than one week, it is now too late to see the innocent tale of *Little Women* on campus. If you missed it or want to see it again, I strongly urge you to mount a campaign to resurrect the play. And next time there is a drama on campus, GO to it!

~ MORE RELIGION ~

(religion and entertainment on the same page? inconceivable!)

Terrorist aftermath = Ministry opportunity

Article reached *The Criterion* via *Campus Ministries*

The events in New York on September 11 have forever shaken up our generation. In the wake of the great tragedy in New York, the North American Division of the Seventh Day Adventist Church has shown that they are up to the task of meeting the need. Beginning November 4, 2001, the Northeastern and Greater New York Conferences with the Atlantic Union, in partnership with the Center for Youth Evangelism and the NAD Youth Department are launching Operation "We Care," New York.

Operation "We Care" is a 7-day Urban Mission Trip open to young adults from across America and around the world. In the heart of the city participants will be involved in hands-on outreach, including activities such as helping unload boxes to feed the homeless, listening to survivors talk about their experiences, and playing with children who lost their parents during the September 11 events. But that is only the beginning. The opportunities for ministry are endless in a city that has so much need and is searching for answers to the bigger questions in life. Facilitated by the eXtreme team, a youth

ministry team also run out of the Center for Youth Evangelism, these urban missionaries will be trained on-site to reach outside of their comfort zone and challenged in new ways.

Brian Yeager is the current director for the eXtreme Team. This new innovative style of Youth Evangelism has been in operation since 1998, and the latest tour was launched in June. They have prayerfully canceled the remainder of their tour to go and head up the New York efforts. Their theme this past summer has been empowering the youth of North America to stand up and make a difference and to make Christianity an action word in their lives. This new direction for the team is even more in alliance with that message. The eXtreme team will be responsible for training and equipping the incoming missionaries with the tools they need to make an impact in New York. The entire experience of worship and outreach will prove to be life changing to all who come, by stepping up what it means to be a Christian and reaching out to the world around us.

There are 80-100 openings for each week through May 5. The cost of \$275 per person includes simple food, accommodations, transpor-

tation around the city, training, on-site insurance, and outreach resources. Those who plan to volunteer should count on working hard under intense circumstances. Spaces are filling up quick, so call soon to make your reservations. If you have any additional questions, talk to your Campus Ministries office, or call the Project "We Care" office at (616) 471-4360 and ask for Michelle.

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10, NIV

Mark Salzman, cont.

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After listening to a speaker several years before, the would-be author thought, "If that guy can do something, anybody can." So I say if this formerly awkward, gangly-armed youth who thought he would be the next Bruce Lee can turn into a five-time published author, I can certainly get through finals.

~ LEFTOVERS ~

(but not a scrap of cafe food in sight!)

MAKING THE TEAM: The Basketball Diaries — Episode II

By Nikolai Ecoli, Pseudo Guest Writer

Last Episode we discussed how difficult it was to breathe while I was running the "fatties." I had realized how much coach Joe Handyman detested me and how much he insulted me as an athlete. It was Esteban, my lazy "wingman" who had nothing to worry about. Esteban's skills were more in touch with the American way of playing. When coach Handyman allowed us to take a water break, I ran to the drinking fountain so as to be the first guy to drink but there was a line of people who had been watching me and laughing. I was more embarrassed than a remaining person on a doctored Stalin-era photograph so I left as I shrugged my shoulders and ran my prickly fingers through my beard. When I came back to the floor, I was shocked to find my long-time friend Esteban Dormidos completely asleep. The problem is that he was standing up and he was sound asleep. He had the basketball in one hand and a towel on the other. I called out to him, "Esteban, Esteban, what has gotten into you?" I later found out that Esteban suffered from a rare American disease called "narcolepsy." The problem is that Coach Handyman had already associated me with

Esteban and was ready to use any excuse to yell at me. As soon as everyone was on the floor again, coach Handyman took the opportunity to embarrass me again. He quipped, "Mr. Ecoli, is your friend tired? Perhaps you could run some extra "fatties" for your friend." "But," I tried to get a word in. "Shut-up Nikolai. You're not here for entertainment purposes, that's what the Eagle mascot is for," coach Handyman said. Immediately after, Esteban woke up. So now we both had to run many laps around the basketball court while all the pretty chicks watched. It was nonsense. Esteban was much faster than me so I was being embarrassed one more time by my own friend. Esteban was lapping me for the second time as coach Handyman yelled at us to join the rest of the guys trying out. He said we would scrimmage and I was happy because now I could finally show my latest Washington Wizards moves. I invented a new shot called, "the brick." The brick is my outside shot, which falls heavily off the rim. Man, I really wanted to make this team because by looking at the schedule of games, I found out that we would be going to Occidental College and I'd never been to the Occident and I was really looking forward to going. Besides, Michael Jordan, number 23 from

the bullhorns was coming back and he was really big in Russia and everyone cheered for Michigan when he played. He should never have left the bullhorns but I was excited that he had decided to come back anyway. Now I wanted to be like him and get all the women and gamble all my money in the Leningrad casinos and Russian roulette tables all over the world. Anyhow, I did quite well in the scrimmage and managed to injure as many as three guys who were trying out, and that created more opportunities for me. One guy broke his nose against my elbow, another cut his eye with my sharp elbow and another took a hit in the stomach with my elbow. Some observers said that I was using my elbow too much but I know its part of the game. Stay tuned for the next episode!!!!

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Wonil Kim, cont.

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of Iraq. For display of this sign in front of La Sierra Hall, I did seek the administration's permission, which it gave to me.

Gamboa: How has the administration responded to your picketing the ceremony and to the La Sierra Hall display? I mean, how would you characterize its response?

Kim: Professional, fair, and wise.

Gamboa: How do you feel about 9-11 itself?

Kim: I want to be unequivocally clear that I do not support terrorism of any kind, especially one targeted at civilians. I have no sympathy for terrorists. It is a cowardly act that accomplishes no worthy political goal and only results in senseless deaths, injuries, and other damages. That having been said, however, we need to be very clear by what we mean by terrorism. We need to remember that the U. S. is a terrorist country. It has been for decades.

Gamboa: What do you mean when you say that the U. S. is a terrorist country?

Kim: Take the U. S.-Israel relations, for example. The Israeli government has killed huge numbers of Palestinian civilians-yes, this, too, is an act of terrorism-with the backing of the U. S. government to the tune of \$3 billion a year. We need to remember that the United States has been backing -- with military, economic, and diplomatic support -- Israeli terrorism. For decades, the U. S. policy has been consistently and unfairly one-sided, favoring Israel and its terrorist and oppressive policies and behaviors toward the Palestinians. Furthermore, to

cite *Z Magazine*, "when the U.S. government targets civilians with the intention of pressuring their governments, yes, it is engaging in terrorism. Regrettably, this is not uncommon in our history. Most recently, imposing a food and drug embargo on a country - Iraq - with the intention of making conditions so difficult for the population that they will rebel against their government, is terrorism (with food and medicine as the weapons, not bombs), [killing one million people over ten years, 500,000 of whom were children). Bombing civilian centers and the society's public infrastructure in Kosovo and Serbia, again with the intent of coercing political outcomes, was terrorism. And now, attacking Afghanistan (one of the world's poorest countries) and hugely aggravating starvation dangers for its population with the possible loss of tens of thousands, or more lives, is terrorism. We are attacking civilians with the aim of attaining political goals unrelated to them - in this case hounding bin Laden and toppling the Taliban."

Gamboa: What would you like to say in closing?

Kim: I abhor the September 11 tragedy. I am as horrified by it as anyone. My heart goes out to the victims, their families, and friends. A few days after the tragedy occurred, I hugged and cried with my sixteen-year old daughter one evening, confessing to her painfully that I and her mother had brought her and her older siblings into a horrible world, and pleading with her to make it a better place to live for her generation and beyond. No country, no city, no village, no individual deserves terrorism. But that includes American terrorism around the world. We really

need to study and understand the history that has brought us up to this moment. These are critical times, not only for the peoples and nations immediately involved in the aftermath of 9-11, but also for global history. We've got to stop acting like an eighth-grade bully and learn to respond to the world crises by addressing their root causes like mature human beings. If we fail to do that, one day we will do ourselves in. It's inevitable logic of history.

Gamboa: I understand that the Alternative Church that you and the Students for Social Justice sponsor will have a service addressing the issue on December 8. Could you say something about that?

Kim: Yes, Sabbath morning, on December 8, at Matheson Chapel, we will have the first Alternative Church of the school year featuring Don Bustany, the host of Radio Pacifica's talk show "Middle East in Focus." I think it will be an informative and spiritual experience for those who attend. Bustany is the talk show host of "The Middle East in Focus" on Radio Pacifica, 90.7 FM. This is a unique opportunity to engage in discussion with an informed and quick-witted observer of events in Afghanistan, the surrounding area, and the role of the United States in the Middle East. Don't miss it! In any case, there'll be free food. Worship starts at 10 AM, see you all there!"

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LSU loses Olé Club sponsor to Human Resources

By FABIAN CARBALLO, EDITOR IN CHIEF

From her busy and hard to find office in Loma Linda, Patricia Larios reminisces about her 16 years at LSU. She is well dressed and everything about her says that she is an independent and successful woman. Yet, there is another side to that woman. A woman who longs for self-discovery and service to her community.

"Today is my three month anniversary," she explains as if she has been counting the days she accepted the job which lead her to leave LSU. In fact, she has been counting the days because LSU was very difficult to leave. She made the decision to accept a job at Loma Linda because she wanted to, "do the positive side of Human Resources." Although she enjoyed working at LSU as the head of Personnel, accepting the job at Loma Linda was an obvious career move that enabled her to grow and challenge herself as a professional. And after all, she is a professional. Larios has been known as a hard-worker who stayed long hours in the office. Those who know her well can testify to her heart of a warrior and relentless work habits. However, the relationships that

she has built with both students and staff has been the driving force behind all her hard work. At LSU, Larios wasn't only respected as a hard-worker, but loved by many students as a dedicated club sponsor and student advocate, sometimes donating even longer hours to the students. In a recent interview, Larios told *The Criterion* that she was an OLE club sponsor for thirteen years. In those thirteen years, Larios accumulated many unforgettable memories and experiences. She pulls out a fat notebook from behind her desk where she keeps all her pictures, printed articles and memoirs of all OLE club activities. The OLE club was founded in the 1970's to increase cultural awareness about Latin American countries and students who were part of the La Sierra campus. Larios's eyes begin to get glassy as she talks about all the mission trips that the OLE club has taken to Mexican orphanages and schools that needed rebuilding and a lending hand. Larios has gathered many stories throughout the years as she has watched students grow, graduate and leave La Sierra University. The orphanage trip sticks out in her mind as a

highlight of all the missionary trips. She explained that many students' lives were changed as they saw these parentless children who had nothing but still managed to smile. Many students came back from those trips with a complete change of priorities in their lives. The missionary trips were also a haven for her as a person.

She stated, "When I was having personal problems, the last thing I wanted to do was go on a missionary trip." However, she knew that all the students were counting on her and that, as the sponsor, she had to go. Once she was there with all the students, either building a church or feeding the poor children in Mexico, she felt revived and all her problems seemed small and idle. Her contribution was colossal and as she termed it, it was a way to, "pay it forward." She wanted to give to the students not as a payback but as a way to get them to do the same for someone else. Larios's life has been a life of self-discovery. Although she is still young, she has accomplished quite a bit throughout the years. While her new job at Loma Linda is of greater magnitude than her responsibilities at LSU, she

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Riverwalk still in construction; will help students

By MERCY KAGODA, STAFF WRITER

"Are you sure that's not the entrance...wait a sec....maybe that's the entrance...or...that...I give up!" If that has been your experience, enjoy it while you can because it will not last much longer. La Sierra University is in the process of getting a face-lift. Yes, an entrance worthy of it will be part of the package and thanks to Riverwalk. Riverwalk has been an item on the university's "to do" list for quite some time. According to David Geriguis, vice-president for financial

administration, the whole idea came into play before the separation of La Sierra Campus - LLU from Loma Linda University. The Provost, Dr. Ella Simmons, said that Riverwalk was created in response to the University's need to be good stewards of the resources that God has granted us through the generosity of numerous people.

The Residential Site construction is right on target with 30% of the job completed. The apart-

ments are already offering housing to business owners who have been calling Jennifer Tyner, vice-president of Student Life, for student labor. Also planned is what is generally termed the "town and gown," meaning that in a couple of years, the Art Department will be called upon to use their talent in designing signs. Most importantly, there will be a general cut in tuition due to the interest generated by the funds in endowment stemming from the Riverwalk housing project. So, get ready for more and larger scholarships, if not for yourself, then at least for your children.

**Riverwalk
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development
will offer more
opportunities
for students.**

EDITORIAL

Beginnings with new ideas and places are always difficult

By FABIAN CARBALLO, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When I first came to this country, I was a chubby, poorly dressed eight-year old. I had no friends because I spoke no English. Back then, in the late eighties, the "English only" movement had not been politicized enough to make a difference in the mainstream of American education. Rather, my Spanish-speaking ESL teachers were more concerned with helping me understand the real meaning of practical words. Assimilation was very difficult. It seemed that all the immigrant kids would attract each other regardless of country of origin. In this elementary school in Loma Linda, I tossed a football around during recess with a Romanian kid named Daniel Nedelcu. Daniel was very good with the football and he had a great arm. In my home country there is no American football and I'm sure that Soccer is also the prevalent sport in Romania. But yet, here we were at Mission Elementary, far away from family and friends, tossing around a football, foreign and alien to the both of us immigrant kids. Here was this new sport that we adapted to and made part of our everyday experience. Day after day, Daniel and I would toss the football, assimilating with American culture and forgetting our origins. It was better this way. Since I didn't speak Romanian and Daniel didn't speak Spanish, we communicated by speaking English. Often, our accents created difficulty and we had the tendency to get frustrated. So we tossed

the football at recess time and forgot about our home countries and our original languages. It was better this way and soon we would learn enough to not get frustrated and to understand football. Beginnings are always difficult.

To begin the year at a different school, in a different country, learning a foreign language, is particularly difficult. Beginnings are always difficult. We are entering a new year. This year will be full of challenges for many and perhaps uneventful for some. We can be certain, however, that during difficult times, we will not be alone and we have a Savior who is willing to do anything in order to help us. In Matthew 24:6, Jesus tells us that there will be wars and rumors of wars but that we should not be alarmed. Verse 7 is even more prophetic as it tells us that nation will rise against nation and that there will be earthquakes and famines. Verse 8, however, assures us that this is only "the beginning of birth pains." Most of us can agree on the fact that the previous year has been particularly horrible in the world's political climate. We have witnessed some dastardly executed atrocities on our own home front. Most of us will never be the same because as human beings we will be haunted by our own memory, which has been implanted in our minds forever. As Christ's glorious and second coming approaches we are sure to see worst things. According to Matthew 24 this will only be "the beginning." So when will the end to all this suffering come? Only when the gospel of the kingdom of heaven is preached in the

entire world as a testimony to all nations (Matt:24:14). The pains are only part of the beginning. Let us be thankful to the Lord that all these pains are beginning and that they won't last for long and that He is coming back very soon. It is quite clear that our mission on Earth is to preach that gospel of the kingdom because beginnings are always difficult. Beginning a new job, beginning a new relationship, beginning a new class, a new school year or even a new language in a new country; these are all difficult endeavors. However, all the difficulties are blinded by the light of Jesus Christ reigning victorious on that throne which all eyes shall see and the saved will sit by. It might seem difficult to begin something such as preaching the gospel to all nations but Jesus assures us that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matt 6). Friend, I don't know if your beginning in this blessed nation was as difficult as mine, but I can assure you that the Lord has huge plans for you. They are not plans to harm you, but to prosper you. Let Him take you by the hand and do in you what He desires as a testimony to all nations. As we begin this year, let's do it with Jesus in our hearts and put Him first in everything: as a University, as a community of believers, as young people who are different than the world because we have a refuge in the One who Created it all. May this year be prosperous for you and your family and may love reign in your heart.

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The CRITERION has decided that reading is a good thing. Reading is FUN-damental. The place that runs out of our issues the most is the Library, the place that people who like to read go to. Due to this terrible demand, the CRITERION has a new section: **The Book Corner**. These are not regular books, however. These are books that at some point were classics, should have been classics or will eventually become classics. At the CRITERION, we strongly believe that Oprah Winfrey should not be the only person reading and promoting books. Therefore, our section will provide fierce competition to Oprah and her show. Hence, the CRITERION encourages everyone to go buy a bunch of copies of all the books we showcase. Sooner or later, Oprah Winfrey will have to step down from her pedestal of book showcasing. College students also read books and we're going to prove it to America.

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RELIGION

You'll love religious life on campus

BY LYNN PARK, SALSU RELIGIOUS VICE-PRESIDENT

I hope you all enjoyed our three-week holiday break. I hope that you spent time with those closest and dearest to you and received lots of love! I went home to my parents in Tennessee. We didn't get snow as I hoped but I had a memorable time nonetheless.

Since this is our Winter Quarter, I chose the theme of "LOVE" to warm us up and to be reminded of God's incredible capacity of love toward us. I wanted to share with you some aspects of love that I experienced from my friends and family over the vacation that helped me see God's love in a more tangible way.

Love is my parents eagerly awaiting my arrival off the airplane at the security checkpoint. Love is my mom telling me to write out a menu of all the foods I wanted her to cook. Love is taking a walk every morning with my dad enjoying the fresh country air and scenery. Love is my 12-year-old cousin Sophia calling me at least twice a day to chat about life (she lives only 30 minutes away from me). Love is receiving long distance phone calls, e-mails, and Christmas cards from friends and family. Love is seven families from my mom's side getting together for a



Christmas family reunion. Love is having family worship in the evenings. Love is my four-year-old cousins Brian and Diana giving me hugs and kisses. Love is my family all dressing up to take family portraits at an appointment I set up and coordinated. Love is being surrounded by my 12 cousins and hanging out together. Love is my mom letting me sleep in to make up for my lack of sleep at school. Love is my 85-year-old grandmother when she smiles at me. Love is having open and heartfelt conversations with my mom. Love is my cousin Sophia telling me that she's going to find me a man! Love is my roommate Carrie sending me my mail so my

bills weren't overdue.

Those were just some of the ones I came up with.

When I sat to think about this subject, I realized how blessed I am to have these reminders every day, all around me, that show me that God's love is so real and apparent if I choose to look for them. One of my favorite quotes is

by Victor Hugo where he says, "The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved." To be completely and unconditionally loved by the Creator of the Universe is such an amazing reality! We can't even begin to try to comprehend the depth and width of His love towards us.

I want to end with my friend Somers and the Campus Ministries crew's revision of 1 Corinthians 13 — the famous chapter on love:

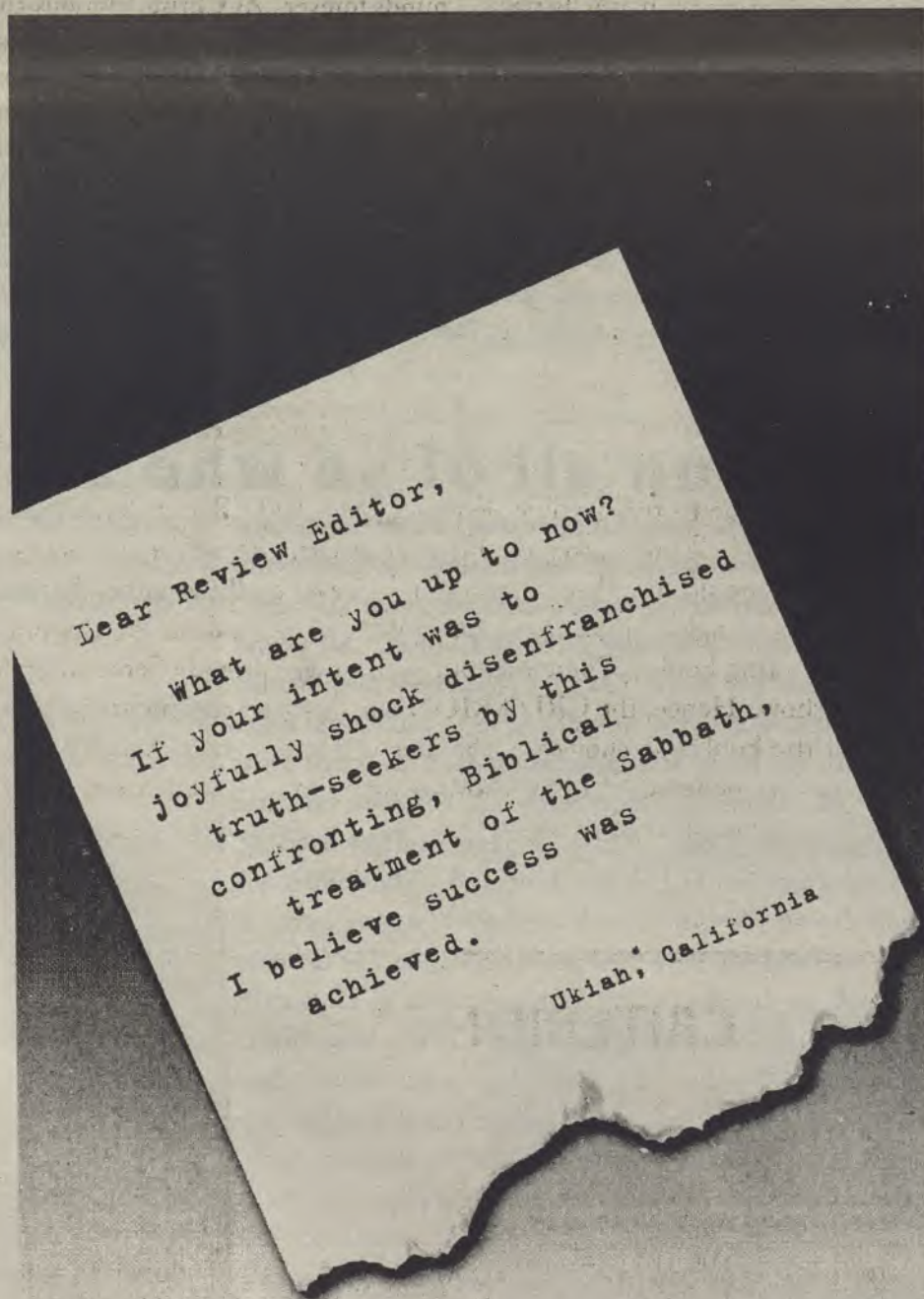
If I am multilingual and a decorated scholar with seven PhD's, but don't have love, I'm only a rhythm less and out-of-tune orchestra. If I am a great philosopher or a prolific writer, famous and admired throughout the known world; if I am the think tank for solving the wonders of science; if I am a hugely popular spiritual leader who can create and demonstrate miracles of galactic proportions; if I am successful in business; if I am Hollywood's favorite actress; if I sell more albums in one week than any musician before me, but don't have love, I'm nothing better than anonymous. If I give up all my titles,

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Letter to the Editor regarding IBMTE article

BY LAWRENCE T. GERATY,
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

In general, I think Ramirez captured the essence of the issues (General Conference to Restrict Academic Freedom, by Johnny Ramirez: Issue 2, November 15, 2001). However I would not have stated the paragraph discussing my views as he did. For instance, I don't believe it is accurate to say I have been "voicing concerns within the NAD," though I did speak up at the NADHEC meeting in DC--that has been my only public comment. My concern is not "shielding NAD institutions from IBMTE scrutiny"; we have nothing to hide and we are always ready to be looked over as we were a few weeks ago with AAA. The question is why are not our boards sufficient for this task? Why duplicate efforts? This is a sure sign of bureaucracy. Furthermore, it is an affront to our Union and conference presidents that the IBMTE does not trust them to keep LSU orthodox. What would people in South America know about us that our own Union leaders would not know?



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FEATURES

(really important — or at least thought-provoking — stuff)

Life is hard ... and then you die!

By KRISTEL TONSTAD, STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of each quarter (seasoned college student that I am) I usually find myself going from class to class, trying to decide where I will be spending 20 hours each week the following 10 weeks. My advisor calls it "shopping for classes", while we both know it is a sign of my indecisiveness. Should I do Calculus or Classical Rhetoric? Philosophy of Religion or PE? Graphic Design or Genetics? Eventually I settle for something, still worried that I may be missing out on a life-changing class.

What to learn is not my only worry at the beginning of the quarter. I ask myself whether I am taking too great a load? Or perhaps too small? Will I have enough time for my friends? Will my grades survive? Should I change my major? What am I going to do with my life?

Getting into this downward spiral of thought is not usually very productive. I think of that very happy and optimistic man who once said "life is hard ... and then you die". When in this frame of mind, I may even agree with him. So many decisions to make, so many things to be worried about. Life can indeed be pretty tough. It starts early. To begin with, we must find our way out of the womb. Once we enter the world, we may wish we had never won the race because what welcomes us is a lifetime of trials to overcome. First we must learn to coordinate muscles to get around. We have to learn when to cry and when to shut up and

are even expected to smile when people poke at us. Learning to speak and put words on paper are other tasks for us to accomplish.

From here on it only gets worse. The traumatic teens are worse than the terrible twos: erupting faces and bodies, protruding noses, railroads on teeth. This is the time to learn the skill of camouflage: we learn to cover up and 'beautify' everything from our faces to our toes. We are schooled to find x and y and analyze great works written by dead men and account for wars and revolutions. In college, we jump from major to major and have to decide what kind of an office we want to sit in the next 40 years.

Existential questions are also to be answered, everybody is expected to find out who they are and what on earth they are doing here. The crises and struggles only escalate into adulthood where we are made to believe it is a blessing to spend the rest of our lives with the human being we find to be least repulsive.

So, quite understandably, some conclude that life is hard ... and then you die. A friend of mine often quotes this and I always get so inspired. Isn't it just such a great relief to think that once we're dead, life will be a piece of cake, just because it won't exist anymore? Somehow I don't even manage to convince myself. And what a depressing view of life — to think that no matter what, life is hard, and only when it is over will it be ok. It's like we're living just to get it over with. Sure, life can be a roller coaster. It can be hard. Life is real. When you pinch

yourself you will always feel pain.

But the fact that life is real does not mean it has to be bad. Many of us go through life focusing on the hardships and worrying about the future. Bismarck, the man who reunified Germany, had something to say about this: He compared life with being at the dentist. "You always think the worst is still to come and yet it is over already." Life will always have ups and downs, clarity and confusion. But it is up to us to choose whether we want to live on the ups or the downs, and whether we want to focus on the times of light or those of darkness.

Living on the ups does not mean that we will be happy all the time. It means we will live with perspective. We won't get carried away with our daily worries; neither will we spend all our time worrying about the future. Instead of wondering which class to take, we will focus on doing our best in what we end up taking. Rather than endless concern with what to do with the rest of our lives, we will focus on what we can do now, what difference we can make in the lives of other people.

There is no end to things we may find to worry about. But if we get carried away with our concerns, we may forget to live. Life is real and life is now. Life does not begin when we finish medical school or get married or go to the Bahamas. Life is this instant. It is every moment that passes. So let's make sure we live fully, every moment this quarter, every moment for the rest of our lives.

Attention all of ye who are lovers and poets!

The Criterion is in the mood for some romantic poetry because here at *The Criterion* we are all very sensitive (at least to our own needs). At any rate, in order to commemorate Valentine's Day, *The Criterion* is hosting a Poetry Contest. All poems must be original and about LOVE... Please keep the profanity to yourselves and if that's your idea of love, you'll need a free session with Dr. Ruth. The submission deadline is Feb 1st at 12 PM. All submissions must reach *The Criterion* via email at: criterion@lasierra.edu. Please, no fancy stuff or lettering, MS Word works just fine in our computers. The winner will be chosen by all *The Criterion* editors and will receive a prize of \$50 big ones and will have their poem printed in *The Criterion* which will be distributed on February 14th at University Worship. So you wanna be famous, eh? This is your chance to lure the ladies, with the 50 bucks. Hey girls, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"—You can participate as well and lure that cute guy who smiles at you from across the cafeteria tables (That's probably one of our editors). Second place will receive a check for \$25 and a group hug from the *Criterion's* staff and will have their name entered in the Valentine's issue of the *Criterion*. Third place will receive a warm handshake from the *Criterion's* Editor-in-Chief and other well-wishers. *Criterion* staff are ineligible to participate. Must be at least 17 years of age to participate but we'll make an exception if you're really in love. SUBMIT NOW!!



POLITICS

(ye olde politicks)

TV talking heads spinning like crazy

By FABIAN CARBALLO, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The latest trend in television news shows may be another reason for the decay of society. At first, all the talking heads were innocuous because the status quo was innocuous and they could pick on the liberal, decadent but unworthy-of-news-coverage, former President Bill Clinton. The ripping on Clinton took different directions after the embarrassment of the affair permeated the air of American politics. Things were getting unbearable during the Gary Condit coverage when every person with a name and a TV show had something to say. Interestingly, the Condit scandal contributed to the thematic content of these shows; it was no longer about presidential impropriety but about another democrat whose perversions came out in the open.

The most recent and serious problem is not about the current state of affairs. Sure, a war is serious business but the spinning about war is far more serious. The wave of "informational shows" has developed the formula for reporting news in a manner that portrays opinions as facts and facts as warped products of the spin machine. The most disturbing ramification of this spin machine is the insensitive manner in which terrorism and war are reported.

The guilty and responsible parties include Bill O'Reilly from the Fox News Channel and Chris Mathews from MSNBC among a few other clowns who take conservatism and spin to a whole new level. Of course, Geraldo Rivera quit his spin show so that he could go to Afghanistan and pretend that they're bombing within a close range to his own body. All of these shows have a number of things in common. First of all, they are all part of seemingly respectable cable networks. Both MSNBC and the Fox News Channel

are doing well for themselves and enjoy very significant ratings. Second of all, the whole lot of these arrogant and sarcastic talking heads is convinced that they are providing accurate and relevant information to their viewers. Perhaps the viewers are also at fault. It seems that the reason why these shows receive a large audience is because there is a great number of ignorant, flag-waiving, close-minded, pro-war individuals who haven't read Noam Chomsky's *Manufacturing Consent* and lack the needed analytical skills to discern what is news and what is spin. There is no purposeful discernment from the other side of the tube when Chris Mathews pretends to play "Hardball" and Bill O'Reilly claims to be the anti-spinster. The fact of the matter is that all these shows are news-oriented and rely on the latest information of current events. When O'Reilly and Mathews read their part they make it sound like news when in fact it is their own opinion. Most people can't tell the difference and it was designed that way.

Chris Mathews' website (www.msnbc.com/news/330815.asp) claims that he is "Machiavelian." The Prince must be turning in his grave. As for Bill O'Reilly, there is no one more pompous and catered to the ultimate rich white male of America (except for Rush Limbaugh maybe). Bill Press, former Democratic Party Chairman, pointed out to Bill O'Reilly recently, why it is that people watch his show. Because they are just like him, a cowardly bunch that wants to dominate the country by thinking that they are right and no one else is. There is nothing wrong with being conservative. But there is something inherently scary about getting our news from Rush Limbaugh clones. The people deserve the news the way they happen, not how it comes out after they've been processed through the spin machine, especially in a time of war.

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really misses the students. Larios told the *Criterion* that she misses the students coming into her office just to say "hello." She still lives within a stone's throw from the campus and keeps herself connected with LSU as much as possible. On September 10th, a day before the terrorist attacks at the WTC, she had a gathering at her house and remembers seeing over one hundred people there. Larios is a firm believer in the power of the people.

"Everybody has potential," she said. She sees life as a journey of self-discovery. When she wants to relax and be with

Nature, Larios takes a backpacking trip to Havasupai Falls where she gathers her strength to keep working. The same refuge that Larios finds in Nature, she finds in the warmth achieved through building relationships and support systems. Patricia Larios devoted many years to the students of La Sierra University and she made it clear that she misses LSU very much. No one will be able to fill the void that her absence has left on campus.

President faints after choking on pretzel

WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Bush fainted for a few seconds yesterday after a pretzel he was eating went down wrong as he watched a football game in his bedroom, the White House said. Tests showed he was healthy but he has a scrape and a bruise on his face, officials said.

Richard Tubb, the White House physician, said the fainting apparently was caused by a momentarily decreased heart rate brought on by the wayward pretzel.

Bush, 55, had been feeling under the weather earlier yesterday. Officials said that as of last night, he planned to continue today with a three-state trip.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Bush was watching a National Football League playoff game. He was alone except for his dogs, Spot and Barney.

"He was eating a pretzel and he said it felt like it did not go down right," said Fleischer. "He fainted. He woke up what he believes were a few seconds later."

Fleischer said the president was able to estimate the time because, "he says Barney and Spot were in the same spot as when he was watching the game; the only difference is, they were looking at him funny."

Editor's Note and Disclaimer: *The preceding was an actual article in the Washington Post on Monday, January 14, 2002. You can read it on paper or online. While it may seem funny or entertaining...well it is. The problem is that our recalcitrant president cannot be left alone. Obviously, his dogs did nothing to save him which calls for immediate human supervision. Watching football and eating pretzels while we simultaneously bomb Afghanistan is a bit snobby and a complete misuse of the American people's tax money. Since he wanted to be president so badly, he should have thought that maybe there wouldn't be as much time to watch football like a slob, eating pretzels and fainting. Maybe it's just me, but we need to get mad people!!!*



ENTERTAINMENT

(or, what you did during that intense first week of school)

Breaking the sophomore curse **Movies: A year in review**

By RUBEN D. LÓPEZ, MANAGERIAL

Rufus Wainwright isn't your ordinary singer. He's not pop music, but he's not really alternative. Critics have classified him as "chamber pop" or "popera," blending the easy melodies of pop with the intricacies and methods of chamber music. Wainwright's sophomore effort, *Poses*, is a dazzling follow-up to his self-titled debut.

Openly gay son of Loudon Wainwright III, a 1970s folk singer, Wainwright began playing piano at the age of six, which eventually led to training in his native Canada. He has been nominated for the Canadian equivalents of a Grammy and Oscar. With the help of his father, Wainwright was able to land a record deal with Dreamworks and released Rufus Wainwright in 1998, which ended up on many critics' "best of 1998" lists.

Poses, released in June 2001, opens with the track "Cigarettes and Chocolate Milk," a beautifully written song about different vices. Strangely, this is the same song he opened his set with while opening for Tori Amos last fall. Other notable songs are "Greek Song," "California," and "Grey Gardens." Wainwright uses both piano and guitar to convey certain moods with each song, usually piano for the more somber and guitar for



Poses, Rufus Wainwright

the upbeat, like "California." *Poses* also features a cover of Loudon Wainwright III's "One Man Guy," with Wainwright's sister Martha and Teddy Thompson, son of British near-legend folk singers Richard and Linda Thompson. "Cigarettes and Chocolate Milk (Reprise)" finishes off *Poses* with a slightly different version of the opening track; Wainwright opts to use a programmed beat along with the original piano. The album has more of a collaborative effort than Rufus Wainwright, but never loses Wainwright's signature sound, which allows *Poses* to stand on its own.

Criterion Book Club selection of the week

Shrub by Molly Ivins, published in 2000.

The Texas journalist provides an insider's glimpse into the pre-presidential life of George W. Bush. She makes it quite clear that the only fair way to judge a politician is by their record. George W. Bush's record as governor of Texas is at times funny, criminal, ineffective, elitist and profoundly biased towards special interest groups. Ivins' take on Bush, however, is not biased. She takes us through his humble beginnings as a Vietnam war-dodger who was placed on a National Guard preferential list because his daddy was a politician to his business ventures as a baseball team owner and finally governor of Texas. Ivins manages to be incredibly candid and perhaps that's what makes this book so funny. What's not so funny is George W. Bush's decadent environmental record and tendency to be bought off by millionaire chemical-polluting companies. This book was written and published before the fluke elections of 2000 which makes it a must-read for all those who voted for Bush as well as those who didn't. You will be surprised if you were the former and depressed if you were the latter.

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By VANESSA NELSON, ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

A new year is starting. That means that it is that time of year again in the entertainment business: Awards Time. It is time to look at the past year and evaluate what has been made. The main awards show is, of course, the Oscars (Academy Awards). With all of the critics giving their opinions on the movies of this past year, this humble critic has decided to do the same.

Just like in past years, there were some good movies and some bad movies. With a few exceptions, this year the movie industry had a slump. The end of the year started to get better, giving a hopeful nod to the year ahead.

One problem is the continuing trend toward "sequel-itis." Can't anybody come up with an original idea anymore? Do writers have to resort to making every movie that made money into a mediocre sequel? Admittedly some of the sequels are fun to watch, but not every movie needs to be made into a sequel or a series of films! It does not appear that this trend will stop any time soon, either. The coming years are littered with sequels, trilogies, and series including *Men in Black 2*, *The Fast and the Furious 2*, *Matrix 2* and *3*, etc.

Exceptions are made for *Star Wars*, since the plans for making the prequels came along before "sequel-itis," and for the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy since there are three books in the written series. No exception is made for *Harry Potter* though. The people behind *Harry Potter* have made plans to make a movie for every book. While some people may be excited about this excessiveness, it defeats the purpose of why the books were considered great in the first place: children were actually reading again. *Entertainment Weekly's* Jim Mullen said it best and very sarcastically when he said, "Hollywood finally got children to stop reading and go back to the movies where they belong."

It's not easy to try to compile a list of the best movies of the year, but here it is:

1. *Memento*
2. *Ocean's Eleven*
3. *O*
4. *Shrek*
5. *Moulin Rouge*

Honorable Mention: *Bridget Jones's Diary*

Worst Movie of the Year: *Town and Country*

Almost as Horrendous: *Sweet November*

Disclaimer: Please remember that this is only opinion. The writer does not claim to be an expert on the subject. Also, her choices for best and worst movies were limited to the 37 movies that she actually got to view this year, either in the theater or on video.

SPECIAL REPORT

La Sierra University crime statistics for 2001

By SCOTT ARANY, LAYOUT EDITOR

Title II of the Right to Know Act, part of the Crime Awareness and Campus Security act of 1990, requires that all post-secondary institutions of higher education provide a statistical report to the students, faculty and staff, of criminal offenses which take place on campus. The following activities are the number of reports received by the University Patrol between September 1, 2000 and August 31, 2001.

Criminal Offenses	Dorm	University Housing	Campus Area	Arrest Made	Theft Recovery	Car Recovery	Hate Crime	Total
Murder — non-negligent	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0
Rape/forcible sex	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0
Rape/non-forcible sex	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0
Sexual Battery	0	1	1	1-UH*	0	0	No	1
Aggravated Assault and Battery	0	0	1	No	0	0	No	2
Simple Assault	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0
Robbery	0	0	2	No	0	0	No	2
Burglary	1	0	5	No	1	0	No	6
Theft	5	1	18	No	2	0	No	24
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	1	3	No	0	3	No	6
Theft from Motor Vehicle	3	1	3	No	0	0	No	7
Motor Vehicle Burglary	4	0	1	No	0	0	No	5
Liquor law violation	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0
Drug abuse violation	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0
Weapons possession	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0
Arson	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0

*UH = University Housing

This information was obtained from <http://www.lasierra.edu/departments/security/crimestat.html>

LEFTOVERS

(but not a scrap of café food in sight!)

MAKING THE TEAM: The Basketball Diaries — Episode III

BY NIKOLI ECOLI

PSUEDO-GUEST WRITER

The moment of truth had come. In our last episode, I told you all that we had a chance to scrimmage and that my wingman Esteban Dormidos had fallen asleep while standing in the middle of the court. Esteban was a narcoleptic and without any help from vodka (in my case) or tequila (his case), he would feel more inebriated than Jim Beam and Jack Daniels mixed together. Of course, the fact that he was completely lazy and zombie did not affect his game. I was certain that Coach Handyman would keep me in the team after my forceful display of elbowing in the previous practice. Esteban had become my competition and I had to eliminate him Cold War style. I would no longer kiss him when I saw him and refused to talk to him. But the time had come to find out who was cut from the team and who would bring glory to the Eagles and the rest of the United States.

I went early on Monday morning to Coach Handyman's office and check the list of all the players who had been cut. As I approached his office, I leaned over through his door and noticed him fixing his desk. Boy, that Handyman could work wonders with his hands. As I looked on the cut list, I noticed that there were only two names on it. Esteban's name was not on it. My name, however, was on the list. The only other guy to get cut was a freshman by the name of Skip Slayer who had no international experience like me. I was distraught, very angry. I was as angry as the Great Inquisitor from *Brothers Karamazov*. I noticed that my name

was spelled, "Nikolas Ecoli." Obviously, Coach Handyman was good at fixing things but he was not good at spelling. My luck. I would use this as a loophole and show up to the next tryouts and pretend that nothing ever happened. I did just that and even got a haircut so that I wouldn't be so noticeable. In fact, I shaved my entire body hair, legs and armpits included, because I had a friend who was a swimmer in the Olympics who told me that people who shaved were very fast. As I arrived at the gym, I felt very nervous and was visibly shaken. I had diarrhea and really, I mean really, had to go to the bathroom. The diarrhea, however, was not because I was nervous. I was certain that something in the cafeteria had messed me up. It was either the vegetarian scallops or all the salad dressing I consumed at the salad bar. Whatever it was, it had really messed my stomach up. This was also going to mess my game up.

When Coach Handyman saw me, he barked at me saying, "You refuse to quit, eh? I will make sure that your soul belongs to me. I will make you wish you were back in Siberia. Ha, ha, ha!" When Esteban saw me, he also laughed at me and said that I was going down and that he was going to get my spot on the Varsity Team. To top it all off, Alexis, the young lady I had an amorous affair with (see episode one when she slapped me for asking her if she had any Russian in her), was back at the gym watching me with disgust. All these people were successful in giving me negative vibes. Especially Esteban who learned some new Spanish words so he could curse me because bad words were the first thing I learned in Spanish. I had to do something to stop all this madness. I approached Coach Handyman and asked him if we could do a slam-

dunk contest. Handyman was a real brute and profane man but he obliged as long as I would go first. At that moment I had visions of grandeur because I had watched *Teen Wolf* with Michael J. Fox 87 times consecutively. I stretched my legs and torso. I invented the torso-stretch where you lie down and bring your knees to your chin. Unfortunately, I had an accident and everyone noticed. Esteban got all the other guys to chant in unison, "Burrito! Burrito! Burrito!" When I got up, I was so angry that I grabbed the ball determined to do a tomahawk 360 degrees, from the free-throw line, slam-dunk. I ran so fast that I slipped and fell on my arm as I twisted my wrist breaking it. I screamed and yelled loudly as the pain reverberated through my whole body. It hurt so much that I said many obscenities that the editors of this paper will not allow me to print. I cried in anguish as foam came out of my mouth and I looked more like the little girl in the *Exorcist*. Was it really over now? Would this injury finally keep me from trying out for the basketball team? Stay tuned for the next issue!

Love, cont'd from pg. 3

degrees, property, trendy clothing, cell phones, computers, palm pilots, stereos, and CDs, and volunteer all of my time and still don't have love, I'm just left holding emptiness.

Love embraces everyone. Love is willing to slow down and wait. Love is in it for the long haul. It doesn't turn green with envy and it's not all about me. It doesn't shove its resume around; it's not a victory march. Love is not crude, thoughtless, or flippant. It respects its gifts and the gifts of others. Love does not exclude. Love loves those who don't love back. It doesn't constantly fly off the handle, because it has an endless fuse. It doesn't keep score. Love is not perverted, but has pure intentions. Love bites the bullet. It always shelters others, always keeps the faith, always walks on the sunny side of the street, and always hangs in there. Love always rocks on. You can't go wrong with love, because love always gets an A+.

1 Corinthians 13 (SLPV)

I hope that this quarter you will see glimpses of God's love in your life and experience it for yourself if you haven't already!

An Oasis for Vegetarians

BY JEFF SOY-ARDEE, PSEUDO RESTAURANT REVIEWER AND FORMER JENNY CRAIG CUSTOMER

The SDA tradition has taught us that being healthy was not just part of a reform but a lifestyle that God's people have elected in order to glorify Him. We are different from the world and from other Christians in the sense that our lifestyle choices are healthier and in being healthy we can be living examples of the love of Christ. In order to fulfill this vision, as a church, we teach the values of vegetarian living. For all those who are tired of the cafeteria food on campus but don't have the time to make consistent runs to Taco Bell, there is a healthy alternative, an oasis, that is affordable and close to the campus. In fact, we may even be able to consider the Oasis Café a part of the campus.

Adjunct to the La Sierra Market on Pierce Street, the Oasis Café has a full-fledged vegetarian menu along with other healthy Latin-American specialties. I normally get the vegetarian chicken sandwich for \$3.50 and add some fries for a few extra bucks. That would be enough to fill the tummy of a grown man but the

menu is too expansive to try just one thing. There is always pupusas from El Salvador and the soup of the day. A vast array of burgers is available, from the famous Boca Burger to the Garden Burger as well as veggie-fish and veggie-chicken burgers. You can also get your heart pumping to some healthy smoothies made from real fruits and the best ingredients. Yummy. There are also sandwiches, potato chips and a variety of drinks.

Although the prices are not the friendliest in the world, the staff is quite friendly and gave me a five percent discount on demand. Moreover, for a vegetarian menu, the prices are normal. Soy products normally require a long processing method so the overhead for restaurants that provide these items is normally quite high. But it tastes good and the Oasis Café prepares all their food like a regular fast food restaurant without the carnivorous and destructive violence that eating animals entails. The inside of the La Sierra Market (students with ID's also get a 10% discount) provides an elegant dining area where patrons can eat and ponder on all the healthy elements of their surroundings.

If you haven't eaten at the Oasis Café yet, it is because this vegetarian oasis is the best kept secret in the LSU campus community. The Oasis Café is open Sundays through Fridays. For further questions or to place an order, you can walk yourself across the LSUC and get yourself a real fake meal.

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"Skateboarding is not a crime," says campus official

By FABIAN CARBALLO, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Arrests have been made on campus for the newest victimless crime of our generation: skateboarding. An LSU student who wishes to be anonymous stated to the *Criterion* that two of his friends were arrested on campus for skateboarding. Doug Nophsker, Director of Security, corroborated that statement and added that those arrested were not LSU students and had vandalized the campus.



Unidentified skater ollies in front of girls' dorm

Dennis Brown, Director of Campus Safety, stated, "We have had a warehouse broken into so they could set up ramps and skate inside, handrails have been removed to allow for a smooth surface to skate on; tampering with handrails can cause an accident for someone else, and riding on planters and handrails causes damage to the plaster or cement surface and this has to be fixed at the cost to the general student population." The "student population," however,

pays a whopping \$50 a quarter that is said to go towards insurance expenses. According to David Geriguis, Vice-President for Financial Administration, those \$150 a year do not cover any injuries sustained while skateboarding or doing any other skating activity. An injury in the gym or anywhere else on campus would be covered per LSU policy as long as the student is off-wheels.

Many students have demonstrated their desire to skateboard

or at least use their boards for transportation from class to class. Nophsker assured the *Criterion* that Security, "will not arrest students for skateboarding on campus," but he maintained that it remains illegal and that all those who perpetrate would be warned and confronted by the Dean of Residential Life if the illicit behavior continues. As a precedent, it is clear that skateboarders who are not LSU students will

be arrested on the spot because, according to Nophsker, their activity can be categorized as vandalism once they use the handrails or any other part of the campus other than the sidewalk.

"First off, I don't believe skateboarding is a crime, however much of what skateboarders have done on campus is," said Brown noting that the safety of the campus depends on its liability. According to Brown, the university's insurance carrier does a periodic campus "walk-through"

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WASC visits LSU campus for accreditation

By MERCY KAGODA, STAFF WRITER

WASC, WASC, WASC maybe if you repeat it long enough you might convince yourself that you know this acronym. WASC-Western Association of Schools and Colleges accredit degrees and you may call them an evaluation team, but they do more than that. WASC assists in creating what will ultimately be stronger universities; in this case La Sierra University.

The WASC team first accredited LSU in October 1991, 4 months after it had separated from Loma Linda University. Thereafter there was a "special" visit in October of 1996. Again, last year, the WASC team visited

the campus for a reaffirmation. You may not remember their most recent visit, but you might recall the four days when there was good food in the Cafeteria and the week when some of the professors had a haggard look akin to what most of us wear during finals week.

Upon arrival, the WASC team looked at LSU and its institutional makeup based on its motto, "From Diversity, Community." Some of the major recommendations given by WASC after evaluating the institution included LSU's need to address its Seventh-day Adventist identity as well as the need for diversity. Also,

the necessity for more modern technology to be implemented in both its academic and administrative areas was cited by WASC as a possible improvement.

LSU received the final draft of the WASC report early in January. Interviews, focus groups and informal conversations with students contributed to the content of this report, which will be available in the Library for those who desire a fascinating read.

As this report indicates, La Sierra University's greatest challenge will be to think about its future strategically, something all of us can personally relate to.

EDITORIAL

The definition of "American" is constantly changing

BY FABIAN CARBALLO, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"The Sparrow is little gray Bird. The Chimpanzee is Wise. The American a Sniper."

Jack Kerouac

—*Pomes All Sizes: Silly Goofball Pomes*

The definition of what an "American" is, constantly changes and therefore makes "American" indefinitely undefined. On January 29, 2002, President George W. Bush delivered his first State of the Union address. Bush mentioned that in spite of the recession and the war, "the State of our Union is stronger than ever." Bush introduced a "new creed" for the "American" people. Everyone hold your breath and hold the applause... "Let's roll." Let's roll? For the first time in my life I agree with W. Bush on a very important identifying factor of our national life. For Jack Kerouac, the 50's were all about rolling. Kerouac's *On the Road* was not just the beatnik manifesto. Rather, Kerouac sculpted with prose the refusal to inherit the legacy of the Cold War and its tendency to conform to whatever wasn't confrontational. Through the eyes of Dean Moriarty, Kerouac painted the landscape of an interchangeable "America" that changed and adapted as its roads curved and eloped into greater lengths. Bush's "roll" metaphor implies a constant movement. The 1960's saw the advent of the Mobile Home. For the first time, "Americans" could pick up their homes, like turtles, and move if they didn't like the racial composure of their town or the school the kids were attending. "Americans" are

constantly moving, to embrace other ideas and customs, to embrace the land and its rolling changes. President Bush mentioned that "Americans" will not be threatened by terrorist cells in Iraq, Somalia, Iran and Bosnia, all nations that have engaged with "America" in less-than-friendly relations. The President also commended "America" for its "mighty" military and economic prowess over all other nations. It is not difficult to see why so many sovereign people in the world may indeed see "Americans" as snipers, Kerouac's poetic image, especially those who live in Central and South America. A classic example of an attempt to define what is inherently "American" is the nationally syndicated show, "Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher." The fact that a bunch of celebrities and prominent people sit around and openly discuss what is "politically incorrect" undermines the entire establishment of political incorrectness. The minute that these folks sit in front of a national audience and entertain whatever taboo Maher brings to the table, the minute that "politically incorrect" becomes a misnomer. Naturally, there is nothing incorrect about discussing "American" issues in the open and with an audience. However, the definition of "American" may never be found on the fringes of popular culture because, in this country, being cultured is not popular. For many "Americans" the definition of an "American" is anyone who made it alive North of Tijuana in a previous generation. If you speak Spanish you must be Mexican, these "Americans"

insist, therefore you must not be "American." Although this extremely ethnocentric view may not be shared by all "Americans," the same attitude has permeated our speech. Every time President Bush mentioned "America" or "Americans" he was not referring to those who live in Alberta, Canada; Montevideo, Uruguay; San Vicente, El Salvador; Caracas, Venezuela or Chiapas, Mexico. "America the Beautiful" does not mention the Machu Pichu ruins of Peru, the waterfalls of Iguazu or the Andes Mountains in Argentina, all of which are no less beautiful than any place in "America." Indeed many important landmarks of the "American" continent were omitted in lieu of the Land of the Brave that God is supposed to bless. "Our cause is good and it continues," reminds us our "American" President as if the cause of the rebels in Chiapas, the residents of Vieques, Puerto Rico and the starved people of Argentina didn't have a good enough cause. North "Americans" will not be snipers as soon as they attempt to understand why other "Americans" South of California look at them with contempt. Until then, "Americans" will not escape the quotation marks. Perhaps they shouldn't. Whether you "roll" on a skateboard like myself or prefer a car or a moped, the "American" definition will constantly move and get lost in the shuffle of words that attempt to describe what really has no exact definition.



Identified skater stands next to C-lot; Editor avoids trouble.

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FEATURES

Reminiscing about a new New York

By DAHLIE CONFERIDO, STAFF WRITER

It was New Year's Day and there I was, smack dab in Lower Manhattan, trying to find the Statue of Liberty ferry at Battery Park. I wondered why on earth it was called Battery Park (a bunch of dancing Energizer bunnies briefly came to mind) as I climbed out of a cab that cost way too much for a starving student on a budget. My three friends and I tried to figure out which way the ferry lay. To our front was a street leading who knew where, to our sides were buildings and a big black statue of the Merrill-Lynch bull, and to our back was the shore. I figured heading for water was the best bet, but for some reason we ended up following a small group of tourists moving in the opposite direction.

It didn't register in my mind that this was Lower Manhattan, the financial pulse of the universe. Unlike Times Square and Fifth Avenue, there were no crowds pushing their way up and down the sidewalks. There were no cars pounding their horns in an effort to aggravate traffic. And for a while I didn't realize why. I just kept walking and walking, the sun beating down on my back and my eyes gobbling up the buildings that stood as powerful testaments to America's financial prowess. A small number of people suddenly ducked into an alley ahead of us. My friends and I decided to veer off the main road and follow them. It was here that the sun suddenly disappeared. The business powerhouses we were used to seeing were nowhere to be found. Instead, we faced a gothic-style Catholic cathedral with headstones crumbling behind iron-wrought

fences. It was a place that whispered of profound sadness, a place shrouded in shadow. My heart dropped to my feet. Where were we?

After several moments of surprise, my friends and I trudged on again, our feet mindlessly moving forward. I no longer remembered Battery Park. I was too busy trying to process the emotions that hung in the air. Behind the bright facades of restaurants and offices, the atmosphere felt thicker, heavier, and strained. Open spaces turned sharply narrow. Walls no longer boasted pristine stone. Stores remained unlit and deserted. Slowly I started to realize that they weren't closed because of the holiday.

We rounded another corner and it was there that we saw them: the blocked streets with workers in bright vests barring the entrance; the NYPD units parked outside soot-stained car parks; the sides of once-proud buildings covered in black blankets; the fences strewn with flowers, pictures, and letters scrawled in crayon by children; the cranes towering above the world, American flags dangling still from their metal teeth. And above it all reigned the woeful sounds of silence. No three-piece suits hurrying to and fro, no buildings teeming with life. The only noise marring the bleak landscape were the eerie, echoing beeps of construction equipment grinding and churning their gears to clear away the remains of our generation's greatest tragedy.

We'd found Ground Zero.

I had earlier wondered what was so different about New York in this post-September 11 world. The people seemed the same tough, gruff race I've always heard about on television and in the movies. The taxi drivers are still as crazy as they've ever been, the pedestrians continue their death-

defying walks through the City, and the souvenir vendors still stare warily at every movement made among their precious overpriced merchandise. Standing in 22-degree weather (that's way below freezing in case you didn't know) in a crowd of thousands of jostling strangers, I felt no welcoming love for the tourist. In fact, I was pushed to the ground by a rather not-nice New Yorker who considered my fall "not her problem." And yet, New York isn't entirely the hard-lined, hard-nosed city it claims to be.

There was the grandpa who saw our uncertain faces on 62nd Avenue and asked if we needed help. There was the restaurateur who greeted us with a bright good morning as he opened up his bagel shop. There was also the waiter in a cute 1950's diner who surprised us with a bowl full of individually wrapped, chewy pink gum. And I will never forget the Brooklyn-accented mother who excitedly pointed out Mayor Rudolph Giuliani with frozen, Times Square-New Year's Eve fingertips.

After the ball dropped in Times Square and countless confetti rained down on our heads, the eternal strains of Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York" crooned over the loudspeakers. It was a bittersweet song. Just a couple of miles south of the celebration was a gaping hole where jobs and lives used to be. And I was stupid enough to doubt that New York was really changed by it all. It is.

And so am I.

Living for tomorrow is the hope for today

By JENNIFER CASTILLO, STAFF WRITER

What would you do if your doctor one day handed you the "black envelope" with the news that you only had twelve weeks to live? Think about it.... That is only eighty four days to complete everything that you ever wanted to do in life such as sky diving, watching your 2.5 kids grow up in your house surrounded by a white picket fence, or even making that one difference in the world that you swore you would one day make.

I had the pleasure of meeting a charming and inspirational man, face to face. On January 19th, 2001, Benny Hernandez received news from his doctor that he had a brain tumor on the left side of his brain. Soon after, he had surgery performed on his medical condition. The doctor told him that he had twelve weeks to live. That was about one year ago and he is still coming on strong.

"I'm grateful for God extending my life" Mr. Hernandez said. He spends pretty much all of his time working with the community and involved with church. He has delivered his voice in various churches from Colton

to Los Angeles and even as far as Phoenix, Arizona. He handles his illness positively by being active. His attitude is "not to despair, but to be productive." He spends his time working for abused children and as a family counselor. Hernandez has also just recently announced his candidacy for mayor of Anaheim and he currently holds a seat as an elected board member for the Anaheim School District. His intention is to speak at every high school in the Anaheim School District.

Hernandez proudly attended LSU in October of 1975. He graduated four years later with a bachelor's degree in 1979. Benny spent his college life helping students and the community. He worked at a Crisis Hotline for about six years while completing school. He dormed in Calkins Hall where a Dean later made him an R.A. "to keep him out of trouble," Hernandez explains. He was involved in various sports and was also a peer counselor for other students at LSU.

Hernandez keeps a close relationship with his family. He feels his parents were wonderful role models and he and his brother, Henry, are very close. "We're always looking out for each other,"

Henry stated. Despite a positive attitude towards his medical condition, Hernandez is worried for his seven-year-old son and Benny's brother Henry explains "his biggest challenge is dealing with the thought that his son won't have him anymore." Benny does know that in Alex he will not be forgotten in memory.

All his life, Benny has unselfishly given his time to help others. His involvement with the community is greatly appreciated.

"Giving is the greatest satisfaction in my life," Hernandez stated. "[As college students] You're on the verge of getting a career, being a professional and a link to the world," he explained. "Do not forget where you came from. Get involved, be a mentor and touch someone's life. Just remember to give back."

Author's Note: *There is a trust fund campaign for those who wish to make a contribution to Benny's son, Alex, for his future education. If you would like to make a contribution please contact me at Angwin Hall and I will further direct you.*

POLITICS

The media, liberals, conservatives and Bush: a mixed bag

By JAY RAZZOUKS, POLITICS EDITOR

Arguably the most controversial freedom in the "Bill of Rights" is the Freedom of Speech. This unalienable right perpetuates the basic American belief that every person is entitled to his or her opinion. Often being the byproduct of emotion and bias, opinions can easily become accepted as facts. The political editorial in the last issue of the *Criterion* (TV Talking Heads Spinning Like Crazy—January 17th, 2002. Page 5.) was right about that fact. Hopefully you extracted the main point from the last editorial: that people must be cognizant of bias reporting and be able to discriminate shrouded facts from unfounded opinions.

I was very concerned as I read last issue's political editorial. Probably most students bought its skewed, liberal outpour. The essay criticized the media for persecuting Bill Clinton and Gary Condit by using their scandals as a means to slam the Democratic Party. Well, one thing was never mentioned in the article: the media is dominated by liberals. Liberals decide what stories to show, how to show them, and then present the stories as news. They claim that the news is unbiased. However, if you look for it, you can observe a liberal slant. Since the media is Democrat-dominated it can be assumed that it was not solely the conservatives who were criticizing and "ripping on" Clinton and Condit. Everyone knows that Clinton and Condit, by far, do not uphold the moral standards for society. The media can be harsh to anyone whether or not a person is Republican, Democrat, or even Independent.

In the last issue, the Republicans were accused of endeavoring to tarnish the Democratic Party by exacerbating the Clinton and Condit scandals. I will admit that there is some truth to that claim. But Democrats would most certainly have done the same thing had Bill Clinton been a Republican. Actually, Democrats are not as blameless as they would like you to think. Remember the

Watergate Scandal? Richard Nixon, the master of foreign policy, was ravaged by investigations and criticism for a scandal that he was mostly uninvolved with at the start. However, he was smart and resigned before Democrats could completely wound the Republican Party. Bill Clinton, on the other hand, only confessed to "misleading," but would never admit to doing great wrong.

After reading the last politics page, I could not help but laugh for a good thirty minutes. I was not laughing at the writer's attempt to make a joke out of Bush's pretzel incident. First off, let me clarify that although it was called the "Editor's Note and Disclaimer," I didn't write it. This footnote implied that Bush had the competence of a baby, being incapable of taking care of himself. Anybody can have a pretzel go down the wrong tube and pass out. Bush passed out from a triggered nerve, so said one of the best doctors in the nation. Bush's doctor also pointed out that this could have happened to ANYBODY. The fact that Bush walked away with nothing more than a bruise is evidence that he doesn't need the Secret Service to be at his side 24/7. And then, the writer of this "disclaimer" went on to criticize Bush for watching football in the first place, calling Bush a "slob," a snob, and an abuser of tax-payer's money. Why not criticize Bush for taking month long vacations at his ranch? The truth is that being the President of the United States is one of the most demanding, stressful, and difficult jobs on the earth. Everyone needs a break and a chance to relax, even President Bush. He is entitled to R&R like any of us. I would rather have a President who took time to relax and live a long, productive life instead of becoming debilitated after a heart attack from too much stress.

The biased media may be causing many fed up conservatives to turn to Rush Limbaugh, Bill O'Reilly, and Chris Matthews for their news. Although most of these hosts represent conservative extremism, they try to cover issues from the point of view that the liberal media

fails to provide. I do not want to defend these radical conservatives on all accounts, but they should not be completely discredited because what they say does not conform to mainstream media. What Peter Jennings, Tom Brokaw, and Dan Rather say should be just as scrutinized as Limbaugh or O'Reilly. However, since the big-name anchors speak in the common, liberal tongue, their words are considered to always be facts. Even when they state true facts, what the reporters choose to leave out spawns from their predisposed, liberal frameset.

NBC will soon be airing a new talk show that will be hosted by the former Presidential candidate, Allan Keyes. However, since Allan Keyes is a conservative, the network has been using radio advertisements as a disclaimer rather than a marketing tool. In the stereotypical advertisement voice, the speaker declares, "We don't always agree with Allen Keyes, but we think he makes sense." What is that supposed to mean? If he makes sense, one would think that the network would agree with him. However, because Allan Keyes is not liberal, NBC wants to make it clear that they disagree with what he says, even if it does make sense.

By no means do I think liberals are evil, conniving, conspiring tyrants. Deep down they believe that they are doing what is morally right. Most of those people are sincere in their convictions. Veteran CBS reporter, Bernard Goldberg, writes in his book, *Bias*, that the liberals in the media aren't only going with the flow, but they function in a tight-knit community where they validate each other's beliefs. Goldberg explains that the media does not see itself as biased because it really doesn't have anything to compare itself to. When all the people around them see things the same way, reporters assume that their opinions are actually truths. May you be able to rise above the ignorance of most Americans and be able to isolate facts from opinion.

Angry reader responds to editor's disclaimer on *Washington Post* article.

Dear Editor,

I read your editorial note on President Bush. And here is what I think; YOU ARE AN IDIOT!!! You need to start using that brain God gave you. Just because you are president doesn't mean you can't watch TV. Every one needs some relaxation, especially when you've got the most demanding job in the country. Next time YOU want to watch TV, why don't you instead spend a little extra time in writing more thought out and reasonable editorials, or else just eat a pretzel.

Jarrad Reiner (via email)

Editor-in-Chief's response:

Thank you for taking the time to write to the *Criterion*. I must note, however, that I've been called worst things but I do prefer Idiot Savant. Moreover, I believe that television is evil and it is Satan's way of humoring the human race and therefore do not watch it. I am allergic to pretzels and have grown afraid of them after President Bush's dark episode. As far as your comment about my editorials: I forgive you!!



Pretzel of the Damned!

ENTERTAINMENT

"Rokken like Dokken": All Together Separate tear roof off LSUC

By RUBEN D. LÓPEZ, MANAGING EDITOR

Many LSU students have a hard time figuring out what to do on a Friday night. Should they go home, fellowship in the dorm, or attend First Service?

On Jan. 18, those who went to 1st Service were there to worship with the band All Together Separate, a Riverside Christian rock band. Made up of lead vocalist and guitarist Dex Alexander, guitarist Andrew Shirley, drummer Ben Rayls and bassist Charles Rumahlewang, ATS began performing together in 1994 while they were students at California Baptist University. As word of mouth began to spread about their talent, they got invitations to perform at camps, conferences and events as well as concerts. With the help of Randy Williams, the guitarist of

Big Tent Revival, ATS landed a deal with Ardent Records. Ardent was wowed by the CD and arranged to have Skidd Mills, who worked with Robert Cray and Sister Hazel, produce the band's self-titled debut in the summer of 1999.

ATS's music has found acclaim with radio and audiences alike. "On & On" went to #2 on the Christian Rock Radio chart, and "Paradigm" went to #1. The video for "Paradigm" peaked at #1 and other singles have made it into the Christian Rock Radio Top Ten. In 2000, Ardent released their live

album, *Ardent Worship: All Together Separate Live* recorded earlier that year in California with over 3,000 fans in the audience. Spring 2002 hopes to bring another ATS album.

Some of ATS influences include Sting, Bob

to the audience that night. I couldn't help grooving along with the music. I'll be completely honest and admit I've never heard any of their songs before, but I was duly impressed by their set, skills and words.

Alexander's voice and incense wafted through the packed sanctuary during the amazing live performance. Colored lights and other gobos enhanced the stage as ATS performed songs like "I Won't Slow Down," "Paradigm," and "Coming Back Again" as well as other praise/worship songs. It was hard not to notice the energy of the crowd and the band feeding off each other.

"All Together Separate stands for something more than just a concert with loud music, trivial words or a relationship between friends and family.

They urge the importance of praise and gratefulness for all things/people/creatures, yet most importantly, towards our heavenly Father," said Rhonda Wines, a sophomore psychobiology/music major.

After the show, I was in awe. I never knew that a worship band would be "rokkken like Dokken."

(Ruben would like to thank Brenda Elrod in Campus Ministries for helping with this interview.)



Guitarist Dex Alexander thinks aloud for a moment. Photo by Ruben D. López.

Marley, Average White Band, Hour of Power, some funk, Chaka Khan, Dokken, Jimsahu, Sweet Comfort, Bryan Duncan, celtic worship, Rage Against the Machine, and Lenny Kravitz. With such diverse influences, it's understandable why the band is so unique.

"We want to express our relationship with Christ, to glorify Him via music," said Alexander, "the music we create has no ulterior motives; not to make a living, but to glorify our God. We create music people can relate to."

Opening the show with a prayer and a message about unity, ATS brought some life and worship

The wit and beauty of British Entertainment

By VANESSA NELSON, ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

British entertainment is fabulous. Why? The British are pure genius when it comes to using language. They have such a dry and subtle sense of humor that if you are not paying attention, you may not get their jokes. Many of their jokes rely on word play.

Another great thing about the British is their accents. From the lower-class Cockney dialect all the way up to the upper-class proper British speech, entertainment just sounds better because it is worded or said differently. A joke said in an American dialect does not sound half as funny as one said in a British dialect.

By watching or reading something British, you will inevitably pick up new terminology. You may start sentences by saying "Right" or find yourself using a British-slang word instead of an American swear word. Your friends will ask you where you heard the term and you can brag that you heard it in a British movie or read it in a British book.

A great place to find unique terminology is in Helen Fielding's book *Bridget Jones's Diary*. The movie was good, but the book and its sequel, *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason*, are far superior to the movie (as is usually the case when a movie is based on a book). By reading these books, you will encounter a very colorful term for members of the opposite sex who mess around with other people's feelings, learn the meaning of "Pashmincer" and similar words that start with "Pash," and find a creative way to lose weight fast. Bridget will make you laugh and make even the most awkward person feel like Ginger Rogers or Audrey Hepburn. It may not be realistic that one person could go through so many catastrophes, but it makes a really interesting and funny story.

Many Americans laud various things or people from the world of British entertainment, such as Monty Python, Billy Elliot, Dame Judi Dench, Sir Anthony Hopkins, etc. There is one television show, however, that does not get enough attention. The series was filmed during the late seventies and

early eighties. It is entitled "Are You Being Served?" The show is about the people working in a men and women's section of a large department store. Although the plots and set are simple, the characters bring such color to the screen and deliver their lines in such a way that you cannot help but roll on the floor laughing. One example is the character of Mrs. Slocombe, an older saleslady whose hair is always a different color (from green to purple to mauve) and who enjoys talking about her pussy (cat). "Are You Being Served?" can be found on many PBS stations.

Check out British entertainment. It is not very hard to understand, like some other foreign entertainment, and is generally quite funny. The British really are not that different from us, but you will still sound more intelligent to your friends when you say you were just watching or reading something British.

RELIGION

“Faces of Faith” promises to be challenging and informational

By Allison Lamon, Staff Writer

Having been raised in the Adventist church, I thought I had heard every evangelistic theme imaginable, but campus chaplain Sam Leonor's world religions theme was strangely refreshing. Called the Faces of Faith, February's week of evangelistic emphasis will feature interviews with clerics from several prominent world religions. I was curious how this idea came to be and why it was so attractive to him. Following, is Pastor Sam's scintillating and, sometimes, rambling reasoning behind this new approach.

How did this idea come to Pastor Sam?

It began when he first arrived at La Sierra University and discovered the usual assumptions about students at an Adventist university did not apply. Our campus is diverse in faith, as well as race and culture. Any ministry on campus could not simply assume students were from the same religious background. The idea to present other faiths to see the similarities and differences with Christianity was inspired by the Willow Creek church in Chicago and cemented by the tragic events of September 11. “We [Americans] suddenly realized we needed to know what other religions believed because it was having a direct effect on our lives,” said Pastor Sam. “We had been too sheltered for too long.”

What made this approach attractive?

“I kept encountering students and

community members who had deep spiritual experiences that were not Christian,” said Pastor Sam. This idea was born out of a desire to know what people of these other faiths believed. It was a chance to encourage Christian students to examine why they were Christian—to actually look at some of the alternatives and choose their faith.”

Will this approach be interpreted as an attempt to promote other religions?

This is not a real worry for Pastor Sam, “I am an ardent follower of Jesus Christ and I believe that Christianity is the true path to God.” The intention of the meetings is not to promote that Christians follow other religions, it is simply to see what other religions believe so that they can intelligently talk about faith with people of other religions.

How about the converse, will this be interpreted as Christians making other religions indefensible?

“In the end, I hope to present a compelling argument for Christianity because we are a Christian university. It is an opportunity to teach Christians how to share their experiences with other faiths, not to demean them,” said Pastor Sam. The goal of these meetings is to value, respect, and learn from other religions, to better understand them. We do not intend to compete, but to share.

How will this change our perspective?

In addition to gaining an understanding of what other religions believe and better ways to communicate on issues of faith with people from other religions, it is hoped that the meetings will demonstrate how Christianity is unique. “I hope that it will be a growing experience for all those involved and that students will be stretched in their beliefs,” said Pastor Sam. “We [Christians] cannot ignore the world beyond Christianity.”



Come & join the La Sierra University Campus from the 5th through the 8th of February for a discussion of World Religions with a Jewish Rabbi, Buddhist Educator, Hindu Priest, Muslim Imam, and a Christian Pastor.

Schedule of events:

Introducing the Conversations: Tuesday, February 5, 11:00am
 Conversation with a Priest: Tuesday, February 5, 7:00pm
 Conversation with a Rabbi: Wednesday, February 6, 11:00am
 Conversation with an Educator: Wednesday, February 6, 7:00pm
 Conversation with a Pastor: Thursday, February 7, 11:00am
 Conversation with an Imam: Thursday, February 7, 7:00pm
 Case for Christ: Friday, February 8, 7:45pm
 Case for Adventism: Sabbath, February 8, 10:45am

This schedule is tentative. For further information please be sure to contact the LSU CM Office at the phone number listed below. We thank you for your flexibility.

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Knock-knock knocking on peoples' doors

By Kristel Tonstad, Staff Writer

“Ay, how you doin’ man? My name is Saul. I go to La Sierra University, and have something to share with the community.”

When Saul Barcelo goes from house to house selling books, he never knows what to expect from the people on the other side of the door. Will they make a purchase? Or will he get kicked out? It takes courage, but Barcelo seems to get a kick from it.

Barcelo has tried to colporteur here in the area a couple of times, parking his car at the end of the street and carrying the books on his back. But his main experience as a colporteur has not been in the area. Five years ago, a friend invited him to go to Hawaii. A program is organized by the Hawaii Conference where students get to spend eight weeks of their summers selling books (cooling off in the ocean and in the shade of the palm trees...). There, he has spent five summers working



Saul Barcelo

and training other students. They go out for three hours, three times per day. Making a sale is a great joy every time. Some people even invite him in and ask for prayer or tell about their lives.

The books he is selling do not suit everybody's palate. He has everything from the *Great Controversy* to storybooks for kids. The fact that the books are available in both English and Spanish gives the customers no excuse to decline. The most popular are cookbooks for kids. *Steps to Christ* had to get a new title and cover. When people see it is something spiritual, they immediately pull away. Now the book has a picture of an eagle flying freely, rather than Jesus with long hair and open arms. The title is *Peace Above the Storm*. People want peace, not evangelism.

But it is evangelism. “I am selling something I believe in, it's not like selling chocolates.” It is meaningful work, and not only that—he

earns money. Being a student at LSU requires a healthy bank account, as we all know. Selling books, or colportering, helps pay Saul's tuition. Our school is generous enough to match what you sell, which can be anything from \$7-\$300 in a day. And he gets experience with what he is studying: Pre-Seminary and Business. “This job changed my life...it just got me closer to God.”

Ellen G. White called colportering “missionary work of the highest order.” My grandfather used to make his way through sleet and snow in the beginning of the previous century, searching for people who would subscribe to or purchase some of the Adventist Good News. According to Barcelo, colportering is not an outdated way of reaching people. It hasn't really exploded at LSU, but there is potential. Barcelo says that all it would take is time and commitment from people who are interested. It may not be easy work. It takes guts. But it surely is rewarding. I find it hard to imagine that anyone would slam the door in the face of somebody with such a sincere look and contagious smile. Just wait, he may come knocking on your door.

RELIGION

Adventist accreditors will decide if LSU is Adventist Enough

By PATTI POBLETE, STAFF WRITER

Will your diploma be worth anything? That question has driven the administration and faculty of La Sierra University to collaborate in the past year, preparing for the advent of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA) teams. Although students have heard WASC mentioned many times, AAA has slipped under the radar for many.

According to the General Conference Website, AAA is "responsible for worldwide quality assessment and denominational accreditation of Adventist secondary schools, colleges, and universities." The organization is responsible for deciding which schools SDA educational institutions recognize.

The AAA team visited La Sierra University November 26-29, during which time they

surveyed the documents collected in preparation for their evaluation, as well as for the WASC team. The "Document Room," located in the administration building, housed outlines of policies, curricula, and other information detailing how La Sierra University is run. The AAA team also met with the directors of several departments, as well as with various committees, including the Board of Trustees, the Faculty Senate, and the SALSU cabinet.

In general, La Sierra University did well and, in all likelihood, will be confirmed by AAA. The visiting team's report has been received but final confirmation is reserved pending the conference committee's approval. Once that is sent in, La Sierra University will be fully

Accredited—at least, until the next accreditation team comes to visit.

KSGN sponsors Larnelle Harris in concert

By ANDREW KASEMSRI, STAFF WRITER

Good News Radio (KSGN 89.7 FM) co-sponsored with Calimesa Community Concert and Loma Linda University Church for an unforgettable night with Larnelle Harris in concert this past Saturday, January 19.

Well known from his previous albums among Christians, Larnelle Harris was in town for a live concert. People of all ages waited for at least two hours before the doors opened at the Loma Linda University Church. Everyone was ecstatic to see Larnelle Harris and KSGN's Dawn Hibbard.

Harris entertained the audience with his personal testimony and how far he came. He poured out his heart to the people, just like the way God treated him. His songs inspired and filled each heart with joy.

In this special welcome for Harris, Dawn Hibbard also gave away a huge Valentine's basket to a lucky winner. As soon as the two-hour show was done, people raced to get a copy of his music as well as adopting orphans to support Harris' campaign.

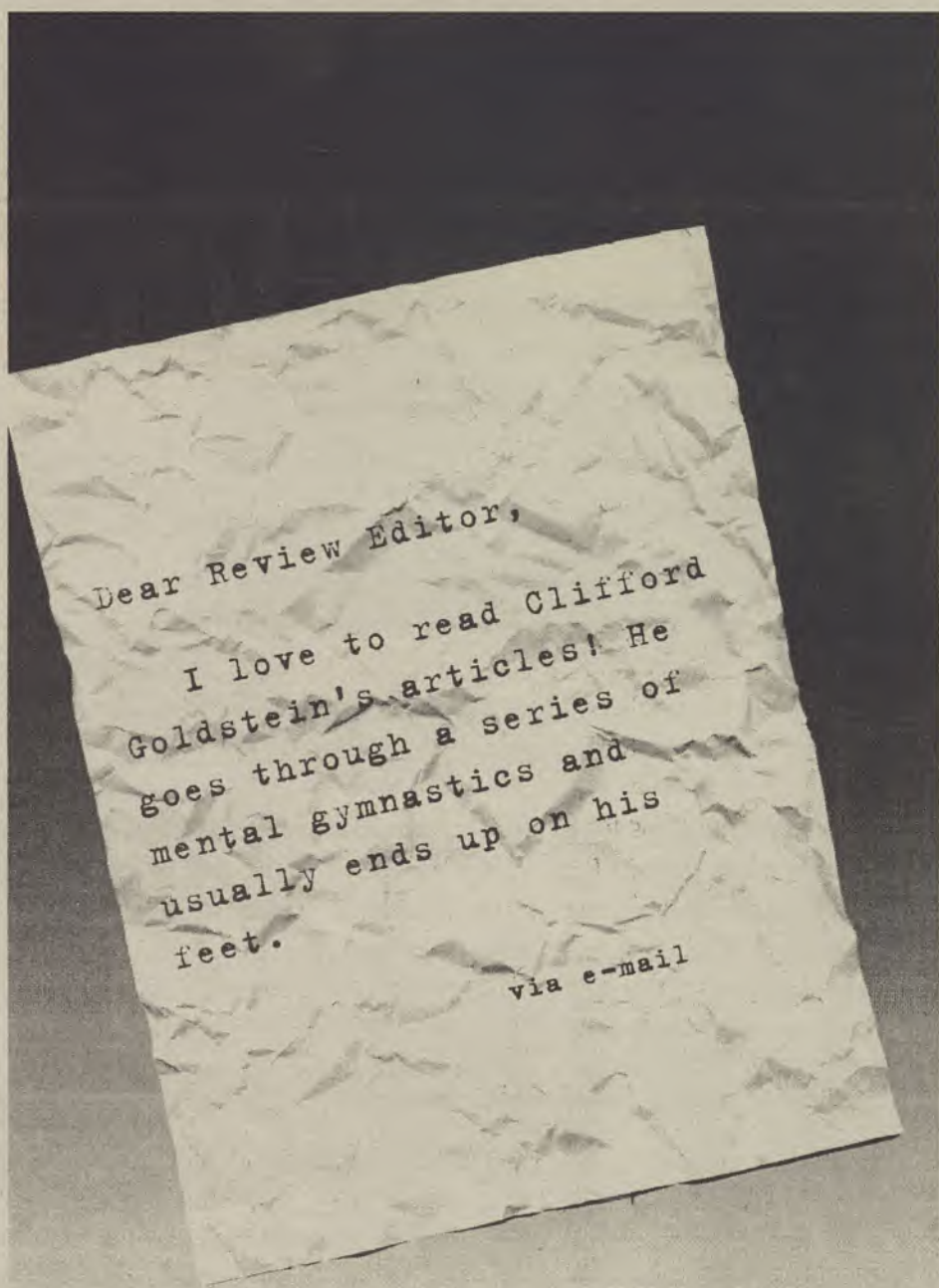
Love: What's God got to do with it?

By SCOTT ARANY, LAYOUT EDITOR

This February, as part of the yearly "Winter Blessings," Residential Life will be presenting a dorm worship series entitled "Love: What's God Got to Do With It?" Scheduled during the normal dorm worship hours, music and messages will be presented that asks, "What's God got to do with ... my life as a single person? My romantic relationships? How I should treat my brothers and sisters in Christ?"

"I know people are asking, 'what's God got to do with the world I'm living in?'" shares one of the coordinators, Senior Religion/Pre-seminary major Roy Rantung. "Our answer is to provide, as Pastor Sam says 'an irresistible option' to choose life with Jesus Christ; to show that God is relevant to our world and loves us no matter what we do."

Towers worship will be geared towards the men on campus, while Angwin worship will be focusing on the women's perspectives (anyone, of course, is welcome). Speakers for this month of worships will include Senior Religion major Steve Hemenway and Pastor Chris Oberg from La Sierra University Church, among others. The first week will address the issue of living in the world, with the second week focusing on honoring God as a single person. The third week explores the meaning of having Christ as the center of our dating relationships, culminating in a discussion on marriage during the fourth week.



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LEFTOVERS

Thinking... To dream, then shall I wake?

By C. A. MANARA, GUEST WRITER

Thinking...

I don't want to sleep. "To sleep, perchance to dream" does not apply to me. I'll lay in bed, thinking. There is no "perchance" to think, as perchance would suggest a randomness. I know my thinking to have a rhythm... each night my thoughts will stave off sleep one hour, two hours past the first darkness. "To sleep, perchance to dream" would be preferred. But for me, it is "To dream, then shall I wake." For my dreams are reliable tellers of awakening... just as thinking shows me that I won't be sleeping anytime soon.

How do I avoid these thoughts? Surely, thinking about thinking does nothing to resolve thoughts. Thoughts that are giddy, charmed, pleased, dreadful, unsure... above all, active.

There is less thinking when I sleep outside... I fill my senses and insides with nightbirds, yipping coyotes... a different rhythm of crickets and wind and lemon tree leaves. Chill focuses my body on warmth in the blanket... and my head does not think quite so much. It still thinks, though.

But! The natural thinking is vastly preferable to the nothingness of sound in my room. I do not listen to music, as the music would stir more thoughts, more thinking -- memories; hypotheses; impossible hopes; replayed injury. So I listen to emptiness.

I want to stop thinking... just for one night. To be able to burrow beneath my blankets close my eyes and be at peace.

That can't happen -- I know -- until the rest of my day my self my thoughts are at peace.

And that won't happen for a long while.

Criterion Book Club selection of the week

The Last Tycoon by F. Scott Fitzgerald, originally published in 1941

The Last Tycoon was the last book that Fitzgerald attempted to write. He died of complications from alcoholism before he could complete what would have been another epic novel like *The Great Gatsby*. The story follows Hollywood mogul Monroe Stahr who falls in love with a woman who looks like his dead actress wife. Of course, Stahr breaks a few hearts on his way to engaging in an impossible relationship. The novel simultaneously glorifies and criticizes the motion picture industry during its beginnings in Hollywood in the 1930's. There is plenty of good one-liners and as much wit as a famous drunken-writer could ever provide. A must read for all who like the old-Hollywood genre.

Skateboarding, cont.

in order to identify all potential safety risks. The insurance carrier would then, "discourage practices that they think would increase their liability," Brown added. Both the Directors of Security and Campus Safety seem to be in accordance that skateboarding is harmless and innocuous and is therefore not crime.

The conspicuous sign on C-Lot, however, reminds students otherwise. While other Riverside campuses either don't have students who prefer to skate other than walk or don't have to deal with problematic off-campus ruffians, LSU has made it their paternalistic duty to balance the safety of their students with their insurance carrier's liability

risks. Nophsker stated that many students who were concerned, addressed their grievances with a Student Life Committee and all the safety issues were discussed. Other ideas included using the now-defunct old tennis courts on Pierce Street as an improvised "skate park," which former Vice President for Financial Administration, Jorge Hyde, seemed to advocate. According to LSU's current Vice President for Financial Administration, David Geriguis, "No final decision has been made." Geriguis also stated that another option for the tennis courts would be to, "tear them down," but that the "skate park" idea can be considered if enough students are interested and vociferous about their desired outcome.

While the arrest of a disobedient skateboarding student is not likely in the near

future, an unfavorable "talk" with Student Life is eminent. If the risk of getting hurt is the question, Financial Administration made it clear that the \$50 (apart from tuition) will not cover students who sustain their injuries while skateboarding on campus either for leisure or transportation. "I have no problem if students use skateboards for transportation, if they would stay on the walks as other pedestrians," said Brown. He continued, "...this is usually not the case."

"This also encourages the skateboarders in the community to think of our campus as a park, but this again is up to the administration not me."



A special word from our Social Vice-President

BY MARITTESS JOY ASUMEN, SALSU SOCIAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Hi everyone!!! Happy Valentine's Day! I hope you've all had fun so far this quarter although some events have been cancelled or postponed, sorry about that. Anyway, what I really wanted to say was, I am finally starting on my article/column which I was supposed to have started on months ago (oops) and it involves you too. It's all about the students and the events! I will announce upcoming events and your part is to comment (you can be anonymous if you want) about an event that just happened or one that is about to happen. Tell us what you think about it. I will put up announcements of where you can drop off your comments. So we'll begin with whatever event has passed, like Broomball, Barn Bash, or the Winter Banquet. Write about what you think about it, and you can also send some pictures from the events (so people who didn't go will see what happened).

And now, for the upcoming events. Tonight was supposed to be a date-free Valentine's Day banquet (which meant you'll have more fun if you went without a date!) has been turned into a **Cheap-Night-Out** (not cheap date night—remember, it's not about dates, it's all about the fun, okay?!). For a couple of bucks you get to watch a movie and get something to eat. Also, don't forget about the **Talent Show!** It will be awesome! It's on Thursday, Feb. 28th, from 8:30-11 p.m. at the student center. Come and see your friend's talents or better yet, show us yours! There will be prizes! Well, there will be auditions (nothing to be scared about) for the Talent Show. We'll announce and post up signs for the auditions, and more details about the upcoming events, so keep your eyes and ears open.

Thanks a lot! I hope to actually hear from you soon, and have a great Valentine's!

The Festival of Nations returns again to LSU

BY RUBEN D. LOPEZ, MANAGERIAL EDITOR

The yearly Festival of Nations will occur this month, Feb. 24th, starting around 5 p.m. in the Alumni Pavillion (the gym). This year's theme, "Go for the Gold," will focus on Olympic pride. A vast majority of the clubs on campus will be featured at the Festival, providing games, activities and lots of food. The Pathfinders of Corona will also make an appearance. Come, and you may get the chance to see Pastor Sam wearing cultural clothing like last year.

Got Questions? We have the answers for you!

BY SCOTT ARANY, LAYOUT EDITOR

"If the fire alarm goes off while I'm taking a shower, how can I save my computer from flaming death without electrocuting myself?"

"Help! There was pork at the cafeteria, and I accidentally ate a piece. Will I ever be clean again?"

Questions such as these waking you up way too early in the morning? Beginning with our next issue, The Criterion will introduce a new column to deal with such pressing queries entitled, "Got Question?"

Submit your questions to our wise gurus via the official question boxes located in a campus building near you (Cafeteria, SBM, MICOL, HMA, LS, SO, etc.) or send an email to jbraun@lasierra.edu. All questions will be printed either be printed anonymously or with a witty, fictional pseudonym. With the exception of various pork products, please keep all questions kosher and in good taste.

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Winners announced for Valentine's poetry contest

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In January, *The Criterion* announced a Valentine's poetry contest open to virtually all students on campus. The editorial staff received many entries in the past few weeks, and from those poems we have decided upon the top three winners. As a reminder, there are prizes for this contest: first place receives \$50 cash and some small amount of fame; second place will receive \$25 and a group hug from our editorial staff; third place will be blessed with a hearty handshake and some free instant oatmeal packets (just kidding about the oatmeal). Here are the winners:

FIRST—Andrea M. A. Poblete, "Falling Deeper"

With all my heart, I say to you this,
Even though it hasn't been long,
I find myself longing for you.
I dream about us together.
Thoughts of our moments shared
Flood my mind and soul.
Wishing for you to say words,
Those precious words of love,
Yet I know you have not fallen
As I have fallen for you.
I cannot concentrate,
Nor can I sleep.
You've enchanted me with your charm,
Hypnotized me with your eyes,
And captured my heart with your lips.
Falling deeper into these emotions
But wanting to hesitate.
What am I to do?
I am scared that you may not
Feel the same as I do,
That your emotions are different
From what you say.
But you show me you care.
Your touch is warm,
Sending tingles all over my body.
But is it just a playful touch
Or something more?
You confuse me,
Yet I am still here,
Falling deeper in love with you.

SECOND—Elizabeth Zacarias, "You and Me"

I see you...
at all times
I wish you could feel my touch.
When I see you cry at times
I hold you tight
Then when you stand up
I am still by your back
You don't see Me
You can't hear Me
but I can
And I can't wait till the time
you will be next to Me.

-GOD-

THIRD—Jeremy Ramos, "Short Man in Need of Tall Woman"

I need a woman who is tall,
To help me reach for high things on a wall.
I want a woman to look up to in the night,
So I can see the stars shine behind her bright.
I desire a tall woman that stands out and loud,
So I can easily locate her amongst a crowd.
For a short man to have a tall woman is oh so right,
To have lots of children of average height.
But if there is one thing to include
in your lovely dating plan,
Is that it is okay for a tall woman
to hook up with a short man.

Our thanks to all who contributed! The winners should critterion@lasierra.edu to inquire about the prizes.

Heart and mind, timing and love in relationships

BY LOVELYN SAMPAYAN, GUEST WRITER

... if anything, both heart and mind should work together in a relationship. Neither extreme is good. The only thing that is wrong with your heart and emotions leading the way is the chance of vulnerability. When you put your heart on the line, you experience great things, wonderful and passionate moments, and oh-my-word-how-do-you-explain-it feelings, right? But also, when it's over, unless it's the person you intend to marry, you'll get your heart broken.

That cliché, "it's better to have loved and lost, than to never have loved at all," is overplayed, and out-right annoying. But when it happens to you, it's right. It hurts and it down right stinks. Only time can heal the pain—it may take a while, but that pang in your heart and stomach will fade. When you have a chance to recollect your feelings and look back and view the whole thing, the good will always outweigh the bad. Somehow, through all that drama, that one perfect moment of sheer bliss and happiness will cancel out all the junk that person made you go through. The tears of hurt will stop when you get over it and realize: that person did care about you at one point. At least that person cared! Some people don't give a care!

Not being on the same page stinks. It's important to be in the same spectrum. If you weren't, that's why you broke up. Once burned, it's hard to jump right back in. It takes time before you can let anyone "see" you again—let someone in. That's the game of love; you've got to take that chance of being vulnerable. Hopefully, there will be a happy ending and you won't go through the pain of being vulnerable. However, most will.

"Meant-to-be" is a funny term. No one really knows what that means—if you do, you can't explain what and why. Not everyone can fathom the true meaning of that phrase. Oh, how I want to fall in love; be on cloud nine; become "twitterpated." I guess, though, I'm not ready for it and God hasn't plopped the person I'm suppose to share love with down yet. One unknown person summed it up best: "Tell me about love, and I will tell you who you are."

New Feature: Where did that phrase come from?

BY WHITNY BRAUN, GUEST WRITER

Wearing his heart on his sleeve. This is a good one for Valentine's Day. A description of Valentine's Day during the 1700s tells how groups of friends met to draw names. For several days, each man wore his valentine's name on his sleeve. It has evolved to mean that someone's feelings are easily hurt.

A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle. How's that for a Valentine's Day sentiment? This is a feminist slogan that needs no explanation. It is often attributed to Gloria Steinem, but also to Flo Kennedy and also an anonymous author who spray-painted it on a wall at the University of Wisconsin in 1969.

Mind your 'p's' and 'q's.' This wonderful phrase had its origins in British pubs. Libations were sold in pint and quart amounts. This sign was frequently tacked on the pub wall to remind the barkeep not to charge the patron for a pint when he had actually consumed a quart. It evolved later into a temperance warning and ultimately became an oft-used general reprimand for school children.

The best laid plans of mice and men. It has come to mean that no matter how much planning or thought goes into an action, it can always go awry. The origin is Robert Burns' poem "To a mouse," written in 1786. The poem is essentially an apology Burns is making to a mouse whose nest he upturned while plowing a field. "[T]he best laid schemes o'mice an'men, Gang aft a-gley."

The acid test. This phrase denotes a certain proof of something. It originated during the California gold rush of 1849. Gold doesn't react to acids like other metals so acid was used to test whether or not the find was real gold.

This is going to be a new feature for the *Criterion*. We will be supplying our own phrase and/or word origins for your edification and entertainment. However, if you have a particular word or phrase that you would like to know the origin of please feel free to submit it to us via email. Send it to whitnybraun@hotmail.com.

Presenting: a brief history of Saint Valentine's Day

BY JIM BRAUN, SPECIAL TO THE CRITERION

What do you think of when someone mentions Valentine's Day? Is it little chalky heart-shaped candies you ate when you were a kid (or perhaps still do)? Is it the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, when Al Capone's gangsters Tommy-gunned seven of rival George "Bugs" Moran's boys in a Chicago garage on Valentine's Day, 1929? Or, are you more of a romantic? If you are a woman, you might imagine the flowers, chocolates and gifts that your Valentine will shower you with. If you are a man, you might think of the very same things, but perhaps in a totally different light.

Where did this day that brings joy, disappointment and overwhelming anxiety to so many originate? Valentine's Day has been around for so long, its origins are not clear. There are several theories regarding the genesis of this most romantic of days.

The oldest version goes back to an ancient Roman festival that just makes those candies and cards look pathetic. Romans knew how to throw a festival. Especially when it pertained to fertility. The festival was called Lupercalia. For you Biology and Latin students, the name should tell you what it was. Yep, a whole festival to make sure they were safe from wolves. The connection to Valentine's Day you ask? Well, men would whip women with strips of animal hide. Why? Perhaps you are more interested in knowing why the women put up with it. The explanation behind the flagellation ritual was that goofy Romans thought that it made women more fertile. All this great fun took place on February 15th. As if this were not foolish enough, when the Romans began their conquest of Britain in 43 C.E., the Brits thought it a brilliant holiday and adopted it. Thus, the date and connection with fertility leads many to think this might have been the beginning of the day of flowers and hearts.

So where did the Saint in Saint Valentine's Day come in? The early Christian church had at least two saints that thought Valentine was a cool name. In the 3rd century, Claudius II decided young men would be much more willing to die on the battlefield if they didn't have a wife and kids waiting for them at home. So, pragmatic fellow that he was, he forbade soldiers to marry. The first Saint Valentine secretly married young military couples and thus added to the romance of this day.

Another Saint Valentine seems to have befriended hordes of children. When the Romans threw him in the slam for not worshipping Roman gods, according to the story, the children threw him little notes of encouragement through the cell bars. Hallmark is eternally grateful to this guy. He is also the one responsible for the actual naming of Saint Valentine's Day. The Romans executed him on February 14th. In 496 C.E., Saint Pope Gelasius I named that day to commemorate his martyrdom. Romantic, isn't it?

You might think that would be enough. Oh no, there is still more. We cannot ignore the French connection. Ahhh, French, the language of love. Well, as you may or may not know, in 1066 the Normans, the people who became the French, decided that they were going to rule the English for a while. As a result, many English words today are loanwords from Norman French. For example, did you ever wonder why we call the animals cattle and sheep when they are grazing in the pasture but they become beef and mutton on the plate? The French. Uh huh...the French. You see, English servants waiting on their Norman conquerors had to use the words *boeuf* and *mutton* when serving them. Likewise, the Norman French word *galantine*, meaning "gallant" or "lover" (try not to think of Will Farrell and Rachel Dratch in a hot tub). So, since it sounded so much like Valentine, many people think that this little linguistic twist added to the interpretation of what Saint Valentine represented.

Stay with us, there is a little more historical perspective coming. The earliest record of Valentine's Day in English tells us that birds chose their mates on February 14th. Both Chaucer and Shakespeare make reference to this in their works. Chaucer, in *The Parliament of Fowls* wrote: "For this was on St. Valentine's Day, When every fowl cometh there to choose his mate." In *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, when Robin Goodfellow stumbles across two people in the woods who couldn't find a room, he asks, "St. Valentine is past; Begin these woodbirds but to couple now?"

People actually began to celebrate Valentine's Day in a form we would recognize as early as the 1400s. Charles, Duke of Orleans, who was captured by the British at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, sent his wife a rhyming love letter from the Tower of London. Many other customs that contributed to Valentine's Day involved ways that single women attempted to learn who their future husbands might be. In 18th century England, before women had the ability to call Miss Cleo for a free reading, they wrote men's names on scraps of paper, rolled them in a piece of clay and dropped them in water. The first to rise to the surface supposedly had the name of the woman's true love. They also pinned five bay leaves to their pillows on the eve of Valentine's Day so they could dream of their future husband.

Throughout the centuries, similar customs were added to the holiday and by the early 19th century, big business finally caught on and the first commercially printed Valentine's cards began to find their way into the marketplace.

There you have it. Now that you know the history of Valentine's Day, use it wisely. Guys...don't whip women with animal pelts...been there, done that. It doesn't achieve the desired results anymore. Girls, call Miss Cleo. At least you'll be laughing when your Valentine fails to live up to your unrealistic expectations. To everyone, avoid Robin Goodfellow at all costs.

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Congressman attends opening of new science lab

By JAY RAZZOUK, POLITICS EDITOR

On Feb. 19, people from La Sierra University, the local community, and the House of Representatives gathered at Palmer Hall for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new Biotechnology Training Laboratory.

"This is exciting," exclaimed Mike Gutierrez, one of a few students in attendance.

Welcoming the event's attendees, University President Lawrence T. Geraty joked that they had gathered to celebrate the coming of 20:02 02/20 2002, a rare time phenomena that has not happened for nearly a millennium.

Attending the event was Congressman Ken Calvert (R) of the 43rd Congressional District, who is the highest ranking official to ever enter Palmer Hall. Out of gratitude for securing a \$92,000 grant for the lab equipment, the Congressman was given the honor of cutting the ceremonial ribbon that was stretched across the door of Palmer Hall room 238. Dr. Geraty then took Calvert on a tour of the campus.

The idea of a Biotechnology Lab had been a floating

between the Department of Biology, the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and the Department of Physics. In January of 2001, the science faculty were finally able to make this dream of a biotechnology lab on campus become reality.

"We knew the techniques we wanted to be capable of but lacked the resources," says Associate Professor of Biochemistry Marvin Payne, commenting on the technological abilities the science faculty hoped to achieve for teaching and research.

Later, in a joint effort between chemistry, biology, and biophysics, the departments wrote the proposal for the \$92,000 grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE).

Congressman Calvert, serving on the Congressional Science Committee, ensured that the grant was approved. Describing the ever-increasing need for workers skilled in science when questioned about his overall agenda, the California Congressman explained the importance he saw in teaching science to "people at a young age." He has established the Science and Technology Education Partnership

(STEP) to help generate interest of science among the youth and help satisfy the demands for more science professionals.

Knowing several people who have come to the university, the Congressman said in his confident politician's voice that he feels La Sierra has a "well earned reputation." Eager to expand the capabilities of one of his constituent universities, Calvert took the grant before a congressional committee in which he claimed no opposition was encountered.

It did not take long for the grant to be approved, but it was designated solely for the acquisition of lab equipment. With orders already in process, Biochemistry Professor Payne, leading the purchasing, got on the phone and began to make bids on additional equipment. With more money than originally anticipated, Payne was able to acquire enough equipment to open the lab up for classroom use. The new Biotechnology Lab can handle up to 16 students at once.

Exciting times lie ahead for LSU's science departments as students get hands on experience using today's technology to find tomorrow's solutions. Payne puts it best, "We think it is a unique opportunity in the Adventist setting."

Faces of Faith sheds light on many beliefs

By FELIPE VIELMANN, GUEST WRITER

During the week of February 5 through 9 the campus was a part of an unprecedented event. Having been part of the School of Religion family since 1995, I had heard all about inclusiveness, social justice, grace, tolerance, and understanding of my fellow man. Towards these efforts, in the class of Comparative Religions students are allowed the opportunity to go to temples, mosques, cathedrals, and churches in an attempt to better understand other religions and denominations. Within our own church preaching calendar several years ago, Pr. Dan included a series dedicated towards world religions.

So what made the week of

February 5 through 9 so different from all of this that has happened before? We invited five clergy from five different world religions to come and speak about themselves, who they are, what they believe in and what makes them distinctively different. Among the religions and clergy invited were a Hindu priest, a Buddhist monk, a Jewish rabbi, a Christian pastor and a Muslim imam. What made this week so different from everything else was that rather than us talking about everyone else, we invited and gave everyone else an opportunity to come and speak for themselves and answer questions from an educational and eye-opening perspective. We had taken yet another step forward in

our talks of inclusiveness, social justice, grace tolerance and understanding of the person that sits next to me.

This event was open to more than just our student community as announcements were made to the local church communities as well as to our sister Christian institution, California Baptist University. Pastor Sam Leonor, in an interview published earlier, had mentioned how he felt such an intense need to better understand our fellow neighbor, particularly in the wake of the tragedy of September 11, 2001. In his opening talk on Feb. 5, he mentioned how there were some people in all sections of the com-

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EDITORIAL

Giving up without a realization serves no poetic justice

BY FABIAN CARBALLO, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"Now that I've met you, would you object to never seeing each other again?"

From song "Deadly" by Aimee Mann

In Anton Chekov's short story "The Bet," two lawyers were arguing about the moral dilemma that the death penalty imposed on society. An extremely wealthy and older lawyer argued that putting someone to death was the best solution for eradicating crime. A young lawyer, who was barely starting out and was modest in appearance and income, argued that leaving criminals imprisoned for years was the best solution because it avoided having to deal with the burden of a bad conscious. The argument became so heated that the older lawyer suggested that they settle their argument with a bet. The idealist young lawyer accepted the conditions of the bet: He was to spend seven years in jail without ever leaving although it was optional for him to stay imprisoned. If he succeeded, the older lawyer was to compensate him with his entire wealth. Of course, being lawyers, they wrote out a contract and signed it. The years went by and the older lawyer became worried because the young lawyer was going through with it. The younger lawyer had grown a beard and lost a lot of weight, he read books incessantly and learned about law, religion, biology, astronomy and everything else he could get his hands on. The night before the young lawyer was to succeed in completing his sentence and inheriting the older lawyer's fortune, the older lawyer went to his cell with a plan to kill him. Once he arrived, he noticed that the gate door was open. "Great opportunity to kill him," he thought to himself. Once he entered the cell quietly, he saw a skinny bearded man lying on a bed next to a candle and a note under it. He approached the almost lifeless body and read the note which testified to the fact that the younger lawyer was not going to go through with it and liberate himself the next morning, an hour before the bet had stipulated. The note stated that after reading all the great books of the world all those years in prison, the young lawyer felt that he wasn't missing anything. "I do not understand you," the note ended. The older lawyer was speechless and heart-broken. He didn't go through with the killing. The author then poses the question, "Who won the bet?"

I think that the question is relevant from many other contexts as well. For example, what if you worked hard during all your years of schooling, sacrificed and deprived yourself, went over the financial burdens, and passed College Algebra? Then, right before your last final on the week of graduation, you skip town and come one class short of graduating. It sounds like a horrible

joke but who is the joke on? In this vengeful world we live in, it seems that it is always easier to wage war than to build towards peace. It's always easier to bomb Afghanistan than to be diplomatic which would have been Ralph Nader's method of dealing with things had he been president.

It always seems easier to criticize our elected leaders than to work with them. If you want to criticize your leaders, ponder on the idea of not having them. I am disturbed by the many rumors circling campus in regards to impeaching some of their student leaders. It is always easier to quit than to work with what we have and persevere. Quitting for the sake of quitting is cowardly and serves no poetic justice. Quitting because of a realization that there are more important things in life is the ultimate statement of clarity and the gift of all gifts: wisdom. Or, as Steven Patrick Morrissey once said, "I don't care of what I'm missing. There is no room in my life for...revenge." Being a person of character means a lot more than having a title. Having character means surviving criticism and overcoming adversary while being true to the values and virtues that put us in that position.

I will never apologize to anyone for having an opinion. I can relate a bit too much with the young lawyer because the more I discover, the more estranged I become from this hurting world of criticism. It is far more important for me to stay true to the purpose of why I do things. I believe that the winner of the bet was the young lawyer. Even though he spent many years in jail, his eyes were opened and the ultimate Truth was learned thus, beyond that, nothing mattered. He no longer needed a fortune because his eyes were opened. He had an epiphany. He realized something that perhaps we all should aim to realize.

Ask yourselves this question: What is important to me in my life? If you aimed low, you may never get there. If your ambitions were set high, you might be closer than you think. One day our greatest gain will be to give up everything we have. Perhaps the professor of my last class at La Sierra University will be surprised to not find me during the last class final prior to graduation. My hope is to graduate from greater discoveries and experiences, to graduate from life so that my eyes may be opened, Jesus will one day ask us to leave everything behind to follow Him. To quit would serve no poetic justice and would teach no lesson. You must first give Him your life to take it back again. Don't give up on this hope and you'll see the abundance of joy that He wants to bestow upon you. You will inherit heaven; you can bet on that.

CAMPUS NEWS

COMPILED BY DAHLIE CONFERIDO, NEWS EDITOR

Cupid strikes at LSU

While Greek and Roman gods are no longer as influential as they once were in Western civilization, the baby cherub known as Cupid still comes out to play once a year and this year was no exception. His arrows were quite busy on this most sentimental of days—Valentine's Day.

Cupid's presence was evident in the number of red shirts girls donned on as they threaded their way through campus. It was also witnessed in the extravagant bouquets adorning the front desk of Angwin Hall, sent there by numerous boyfriends wishing to preserve the spirit of this much celebrated but unofficial holiday. Some mates, seeking more impressive ways to express their affections, went out of their way. Many chose public venues, as in the case of one boyfriend who delivered a colorful floral arrangement to his girlfriend in front of her entire class. There was also the bold declaration of love scrawled outside Towers, the vivid sidewalk chalk hard to ignore by passersby on their way to the parking lot.

For those who were not so lucky in the love department, there was the SALSU-sponsored event, Cheap-Night-Out (not Cheap Date Night as many still call it). And while there were some couples who took advantage of watching *A Beautiful Mind* and a \$2 gift certificate to McDonald's, the majority who sat in the United Artists theater off Magnolia Avenue were groups of friends celebrating Valentine's Day their own unique way.

All in all, Cupid was pretty satisfied. He's dumped his arrows back in his quiver and is reclining in his love seat (no pun intended), saving his strength for next year's Valentine's Day.

Drama returns!

Just when you thought LSU drama was done dealing with Greeks, here comes another one. No, it's not *Antigone* again. This winter, the English and Communication Department is hosting *Prometheus*, an original play written by LSU veteran playwright, director, and alumnus, Willie Price.

Don't be fooled by the title. *Prometheus* is not written in the Greek style. In fact, the Greeks would probably role over at the distinctly absurdist play. Willie Price, writer and director of the past LSU productions of *Jungle People* (1998) and *Hieronymous Goiter* (2000), is known for staging the out-of-the-ordinary. This time he's put four slightly crazed characters in a room, people who are trying—and not trying—to get out. Who put them there? Why are they there? Are they really crazy? And what does Prometheus, a Greek god, have to do with all of this? You'll have to watch to find out. With choreography by Paris Wages and Willie's unique talent on paper and on stage, it will be more than worth the wait!

Prometheus will run in Matheson Chapel, March 9–15 with Saturday, Sunday, Monday evening performances at 8 pm and a matinee performance on Friday at 2 pm.

Here's the cast breakdown:

Samantha	Jenny Shipley
Sam	Donavan Childs
Stephanie	Josi Pardenilla
Stevie	Paris Wages
Prometheus	Thomas Bell
Io	Andrea Gilkey
Jupiter	Amit Malaviya
Doctors	Aarika Chilson
	Vannesa Nelson

BSA Hosts Black Emphasis Week

In honor of Black History Month, La Sierra's Black Student Association hosted a week's worth of events that remembered the past, embraced diversity, and looked onward to the future.

They kicked off their impressive list of activities on Wednesday, Feb. 13 with an evening variety show on the mall featuring impersonations of famous African-American musical artists such as Destiny's Child, Yolanda Adams, the Supremes, and Lauryn Hill. The highlight of the night was a tribute to Michael Jackson with Marcus Turner, garbed in true MJ threads, popping on the cement and tearing his shirt in true MJ fashion.

Thursday's University Worship continued a celebration of black history but also integrated a greater theme, that of embracing diversity. Dr. Ella Simmons addressed La Sierra University's diverse community followed by Cedric Matheson, BSA's religious-vice and youth pastor of Rubidoux SDA Church. Lola Moore, Lissa Dorsainville, and Candice Crarey sang the stirring national black anthem, an inspiring song celebrating freedom. And the speaker, a last minute replacement after the original cancelled due to an unexpected emergency, continued the theme of diversity and added to it by illustrating how all of humankind is equal. He used such illustrations as racially tense Alabama where there are still churches for white people and churches for black people. Yet these separate congregations, the speaker pointed out, are worshipping the same God. His message is best illustrated by BSA member Latasha Murrell who quoted, "Our best history is our future." The homily stressed that yes, bad things happen. Yes, blacks have suffered as a people. Their history must never be forgotten. But acknowledge it, learn from it, and move on.

For Friday evening vespers, BSA hosted a black drama ministry's production of "Stupid Is As Stupid Does" followed by Sabbath's Soul Church featuring Angel Cohill, a Master of Pastoral Studies student at LSU. On Thursday the 21st was Rhyme Room, a recreation of a poetry/jazz café seen in the movie *Love Jones*. While similar to monthly LSU song-poetry-drama hangout Music, Muse & Mocha, the Rhyme Room is colored by a heavier hip-hop influence. "It'll be about noise and meeting people," Bukky Kola-wole described. "It's a place to express creativity and culture."

But what is the purpose of Black Emphasis Week? Michelle Sarsoza, when hearing that University Worship was to be hosted by BSA, was initially turned off. She admitted bashfully that what first came to her mind was a service about "oppression and black pride." But she was gladly proved wrong. "I actually really liked it," she enthused. "It was about pressing on to the goal. Bad things happen, but move on. Move on through Jesus." And that's exactly what BSA set out to do. Latasha Murrell said that this special week was not only about black history, but also about people's growth: red and yellow, black and white. "We want to share the beauty of our history, to educate, and to have everyone be more willing to accept each other." It sounds like they succeeded.

A word from Joy!

By JOY ASUMEN, SALSU SOCIAL V.P.

Hey! Hey! It's me again. Well, this week's been busy for everyone, it seems. I hope you're all having a great week anyway. I haven't gotten comments about events yet, but just so you know, the boxes where you can drop them at can be found at the cafeteria, Angwin Hall, Sierra Towers, and Gladwyn Hall front desks. I'll work on getting a box at the Student Center or the Eagle's nest and the Gym.

About upcoming events, don't forget to come and cheer your friends on at the Talent Show tonight at 8:30-11 p.m. at the Student Center. See the student Center transformed! Plus, there will be a special mini-show by your very own SALSU officers. Next week, for \$1.00, you can go ICE SKATING at Ice Town (get the feel of winter or the Winter Olympics!) from 10:30-12 mid. Notice, it's 10:30 p.m. because we want you to be able to watch this quarter's production, *Prometheus!* It's their opening night! And of course, the week after that is dead week, so there will be SALSU DELIVERS—that's FREE FOOD!!!! We'll post up signs, so look for them! Have a great week!

Random News Stuff

- SALSU elections were held on Thursday. Election results should be available today.
- Tuesday Tunes next week will feature Ryan "Sunshine" Froom. Come and relax to the tropical sounds of Bob Marley and Sunshine originals, among others.
- Don't forget! March 1 is the last day to drop that class you're struggling with and still get a "W" on the transcript. Any later than that and you get to take home a nice, wholesome "F."
- March 7–10 is Alumni Homecoming. On that Friday the honored alumni/alumnus will address those gathered at La Sierra for Homecoming.

FEATURES

Made in Mexico: micro-enterprise at work

By ALLISON LAMON, GUEST WRITER

Sometimes mission is looked at as a one time effort, something that provides that "I've-done-a-good-thing" rush. Other times it is a process, mentoring for more than a moment. La Sierra SIFE's projects in Valle de la Trinidad, Baja California, Mexico fit the latter category.

Over the course of the last two years La Sierra Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) has worked to create sustainable economic improvement in Valle de la Trinidad through

various microenterprises. During the fall and winter quarters of this school year SIFE has made three trips to help maintain projects started last year, expand them, and start new ones. Presently, SIFE has worked with three microenterprises and presented business

training to sustain the projects' success and promote self-management. Projects include: a chicken bank, bio-intensive gardening, and a bakery.

Also known as the Little Red Hen project, the Chicken Bank project was inaugurated last school year and has been enlarged and mechanized during subsequent visits so the facilities can accommodate 96 birds. Chicken coops were built at both the village's Adventist school and the orphanage. Eggs supplement the children's diets and the surplus is sold to the local community. La Sierra SIFE has helped construct the initial set of chicken coops as well as the enlargements and improvements, obtained chickens and feed, and provided technical and business training. Local project managers are trained so they can maintain this project independent of La Sierra SIFE.

In order to reduce dependence on other food suppliers and provide excess goods to sell to the community, SIFE taught students and staff at both the orphanage and school how to use bio-intensive gardening techniques. Bio-intensive gardening uses a double digging technique to allow people to grow a variety of crops even during chilly winter months. Crops include fava beans, peas, potatoes, radishes, cucumbers, tomatoes, corn and onions. To enable students and staff at the school and orphanage to manage this gardening enterprise more effectively, La Sierra SIFE provided technical training, in tandem

with planning, marketing, and basic free enterprise education.

Prior to La Sierra SIFE's involvement in Valle de la Trinidad, the school had a small bakery producing whole wheat bread. SIFE has been able to help the bakery purchase an industrial mixer so bakery workers would not have to knead all the dough by hand. With the addition of the mixer, the bakery has been able to increase both production volume and the variety of goods they can offer. In addition to



technical assistance, La Sierra SIFE continues to provide marketing consulting.

These projects combine elements of vocational, skill-based training and generalized business training. While SIFE worked with students and staff to create real life projects, there were also classroom projects for the children to communicate concepts like the power of a monetary unit and factors influencing global markets.

Because technology has become integral to business in the last few decades with the computer and internet revolutions, La Sierra SIFE is going to introduce a technology project at the school in Valle de la Trinidad later this spring. Loma Linda Academy is donating several Pentium I computers to this project at the end of their school year and SIFE has found an Internet satellite dish for the school. Students will have the benefit of learning to use computer and internet technologies. The school can also use this technology to sell internet time to the community in a method similar to the Internet Café model.

These SIFE projects illustrate that mission doesn't have to be a handout and a one time commitment, that it can instead be sharing knowledge and skills with a commitment to mentor for continued success.

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects or sharing ideas, please contact La Sierra SIFE at 785-2255 or stop by their office at SBM 107.

La Sierra Graduate Remembered

By JILL RASMUSSEN, SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND DAHLIE CONFERIDO, NEWS EDITOR

La Sierra University mourns the death of Ron Johnson who passed away Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the age of 54. This June 2001 Social Work-Evening Adult Degree Program graduate experienced his share of tragedies during his life, but worked hard to overcome those difficulties. Not only did he demonstrate great courage, but he also displayed a deeply felt advocacy for the rights of the mentally ill.

When Johnson was six years old, his father, 11-year-old brother, and two uncles died in a plane crash. This became the start of a long spiral of depression and drug and alcohol addiction that lasted for 20 years, leaving Johnson homeless and a patient of the mental health system. However, he slowly worked at turning his life around and finally defeated his addictions. By the time of his death, he had lived more than a decade independent from substance abuse. Grateful for the aid he had received during the dark period of his life, Johnson dedicated hours to helping the underrepresented members of society through work with such organizations as Riverside County Mental Health and the Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

Late in December of 2000, Johnson was a victim of an automobile accident (a car ran a red light, hitting Johnson's vehicle) that left him paralyzed in his arms and legs. But even then, Johnson did not give up. He registered for the two classes required to complete his social work degree and soon fulfilled one of his dearest dreams as he maneuvered his wheelchair up the graduation ramp and crossed the stage to receive his diploma, graduating with academic honors.

Johnson leaned heavily on God during his ten years of recovery from drug and alcohol abuse. His acceptance of his paralysis, refusal to be defeated, and his quest to discover God's plan for his life is an inspiration to many. As a memorial to Johnson and that of fellow student Monte Holloway who passed away last year, the Evening Adult Degree Program has set up a joint scholarship in their names. Johnson's legacy will live on. But those who were well-acquainted with his keen sense of humor, courage, friendly manner, faith, determination, advocacy for the underdog, and dedication to his family will never forget him. Shortly after his accident, Johnson remarked that God definitely had a plan and that he was going to do his best to meet the challenge. Clearly, Johnson met that challenge head on.

Ron Johnson is survived by his wife, Shelly, and their two sons, Jeremiah and Richard.

FEATURES

Nobel Peace Prize laureate to give commencement address

By PATTI POBLETE, STAFF WRITER

When you graduate, what congratulations do you expect to hear? What do you want to hear at the ceremony? Do you want to laugh? Do you want to cry? Or do you simply want someone with more experience to give you words of wisdom, and maybe encouragement?

For the graduation of 2002, La Sierra University has invited Dr. Oscar Arias, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and president to visit the campus. Also an inductee to the Path of the Just, the former president of Costa Rica has consented to give this year's commencement address.

Arias, who earned his doctorate in law from the University of Essex, began his career

in politics began as an activist in Partido de Liberacion Nacional, a major political party in Costa Rica. He subsequently held offices, culminating in his election to the presidency on a peace platform, an office he held from May 1986 to 1990. Under his leadership, Costa Rica maintained the highest economy and highest standard of living in the region, but his efforts toward a cease-fire are even more notable. In the months following his election, Arias made good on his pledge of peace, using Costa Rica's lack of an army as a symbol of its "moral authority," as the "Info Costa Rica" website proclaims. He promoted a Central America that presented a united front in favor of peace.

Arias won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1987 for

his efforts to bring a cease-fire to Central America. Among his chief efforts was the Arias Peace Plan, signed on August 7, 1987, by the presidents of Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, as well as by Arias himself. According to Phillip Bennet of the *Boston Globe*, "The agreement call[ed] for a cease-fire in the region, an end to outside aid to rebels and guarantees of political freedom in each of the five countries." Arias was determined that every Central American country enjoy the same freedoms, including the right to choose the government best for the economy and the people. This, of course, meant that totalitarian regimes would not be in power. In another interview with Bennett, Arias stated "a durable peace is possible only if there is democracy." He told Bennett, "In democratic systems, everything that is not prohibited is permitted, while in totalitarian systems, everything that is not permitted is prohibited. These two visions of the world do not easily coexist."

With the \$340,000 Nobel Prize awarded to him, Arias founded the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress, whose mission is "to promote justice and peaceful societies in Central America and other regions." The Foundation is active in increasing support for women's reproductive health, creating an international code of conduct for arms transfers, and raising public awareness of civil society organizations.

La Sierra University's first contact with Arias occurred when Lourdes Morales-Gudmundsson, chair of the department of modern languages, wrote to the Arias Foundation in 1999 requesting an interview. Coincidentally, a student Morales-Gudmundsson had once taught worked at the Foundation and immediately contacted her with permission for the interview, which she is in the process of translating from Spanish to English. "As a result of this contact," Morales-Gudmundsson said, "I suggested to Dr. Geraty that he invite Dr. Arias to be our commencement speaker." She also successfully lobbied to have Arias honored on the Path of the Just, along with other Nobel Peace Prize winners like Desmond Tutu and Mother Teresa.

Rather than recognition, however, perhaps the most important thing about Arias' visit to La Sierra University is edification of the students. Katie Parsons, a junior English literature and history major, has lofty expectations. When asked how Arias' visit might benefit LSU students, she replied that she thinks Arias will encourage students "to reach for goals that seem implausible."

The fact that Arias won the Nobel Peace Prize is inspiring to Parsons, simply because it seems unattainable. Even his very presence, said Parsons, might "broaden our sense of what success can truly be."

In Olympics, it's the spirit that counts

By VANESSA NELSON, ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Olympics: What are they truly about? Why is it that some of us are willing to stop everything in order to watch some people skate around a rink or ski down a mountain or sled on an ice track? The United States is doing an amazing job in this Olympics. Currently, we have 30 medals, due perhaps to the events of the past year or the "home court" advantage. (The most we have ever received in a previous Winter Olympics is 13 medals.) But, the Olympics aren't about the medals. They aren't about who wins and who loses. The essence of the Olympics is the trials of the human spirit. The stories of the people count more than the medals. Here are just a few of the stories that have made this Olympics memorable.

Chris Witty, USA Speed Skater: Expected to win the gold medal in the women's 1000m in the Nagano Games, Witty was edged out by Marianne Timmer of the Netherlands. She was not considered a medal contender for the event in Salt Lake because she had a case of mononucleosis. Witty overcame the sickness, not only to win the gold medal, but to set a new world record almost effortlessly.

Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, Canadian Pairs Figure Skaters. If you have not heard of this pair yet, where have you been? The biggest story of the Olympics occurred when Sale and Pelletier performed a better program than Russians Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze, but the Russians received the gold after a split decision by the judges. After investigating the incident, the International Olympic Committee discovered that the French judge had been pressured to vote for the Russians. Due to this, the IOC

decided to award a second gold medal to the Canadians. Justice was delivered. Both the Russian pair and the Canadian pair handled themselves with good grace during the entire ordeal, and both deserve the title of Olympic Champion.

Chris Klug, American Men's Parallel Giant Slalom Snowboarder: It is a great accomplishment that Chris Klug made it to the Olympics this year. In July 2000, Klug had an operation. He had a rare liver disease, the same disease that killed football player Walter Payton. Klug needed a new liver in order to survive and received one from a 13-year-old boy who had died. Klug regained strength and made it to the Olympics. When his event came, Klug had to deal with a very different kind of obstacle, a broken boot buckle. After all of the trials and obstacles, it is amazing that Klug won a bronze medal. He has the heart of a true champion.

Michelle Kwan, American Ladies, Figure Skater: No one had more pressure going into the Olympic Games than Michelle Kwan. After having the gold stolen in Nagano, Kwan worked hard for four years in order to stand on top of the medal podium. The last year has been full of trials. Kwan split with long-time coach Frank Carroll, decided to coach herself, and also switched choreographers. Her short program was breathtaking and put her in the lead, but in the pressure of the long program, Kwan fell. Fellow American Sarah Hughes skated a dazzling performance to gain the gold. Kwan had to settle for bronze. The finish was disappointing, but Kwan handled herself with as much grace and composure as anyone could under the circumstances. The bronze does not dim Kwan's achievements. She will remain a legend and the Champion in the hearts of Americans.

It's not about who wins or loses. It's how you play the game.

ENTERTAINMENT

Movie review: *A Walk to Remember* not typical teen movie

By VANESSA NELSON, ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Bad boy Landon Carter (Shane West) falls in love with good girl and minister's daughter, Jamie Sullivan (Mandy Moore). Sounds like the plot for a typical teen romance, right? Wrong.

A Walk to Remember, based on the book by Nicholas Sparks, has wrongfully been compared to such teen movies as *She's All That*. In that movie, the unpopular girl changes herself to become popular. *A Walk to Remember* goes much deeper than that. Jamie does not change. She knows who she is and is happy with herself. She does not care what other people think about her. Thus, the movie promotes a healthy self-image. Landon risks losing his popularity in order to

be with Jamie. She teaches him that he needs to know himself.

That is only the surface of what the movie can teach people. The movie could be called "realistically idealistic." The relationship in the movie goes much deeper than any teen movie and even deeper than most adult romances. The relationship that Jamie and Landon have is not based on sex. That is not even a factor. The characters are attracted to one another because of their personalities. They learn about each other and share their hopes and dreams with each other. They actually care enough to listen and delve into the other person's psyche.

The movie also talks about God. One reason why many critics have not liked this movie

is because it is a very moral film and does tend to preach a little. Jamie is a very spiritual girl. Not many movies in today's world share a good message, if any message at all, about God; God is important in this movie.

Another issue in the movie is how parents and children relate to one another. The most touching moments in the movie are between Jamie and her father and Landon and his father. Those moments touch the very core of the human soul.

The movie has its cheesy moments, but all romances do. Because the movie is so wonderful, the cheesy moments do not seem to matter. Also, although you may not think so, Mandy Moore can act. In fact, she acts a lot better than she sings. Never have two more adorable characters been created than those of Jamie and Landon. Their story might even make some people who have lost their faith in love regain it. Guys should go watch this movie just to take notes from Landon. Everyone should watch this movie, whether they are in love or not, because the movie is about more than just the love story. The themes of the movie are timeless and universal. If this movie does not affect you, then you should check to see if you still have a heart.

Stage review: *Unleash the Hurricane*

By AMANDA ESCALANTE, GUEST WRITER

A butterfly can unleash a hurricane. A single person can change the world. This was the message of the short and witty play presented by The Village Storyteller on February 17th as its premier performance. An original production written by Julia J. Clarke, a secretary in the School of Religion, and her long time friend Joel R. Garbutt-Quistiano, "Unleash the Hurricane" carried its audience through highs and lows, as profound as it was humorous.

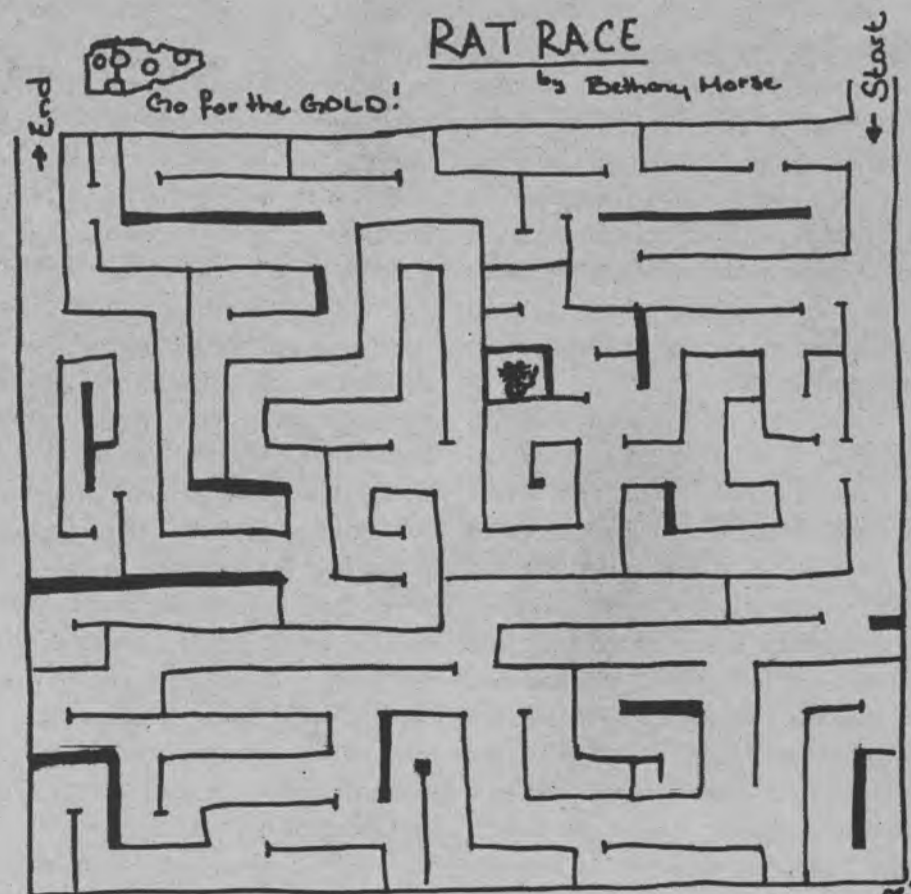
The play opens in a coffee house not far from here. Three old friends, Mickey (Heath Nicola), Mac (Donavan Childs), and Val (Joel Garbutt) are planning to open a production company to perform their political play "Spin". However, cute and goofy Mickey refuses to do it without a girl. They proceed to hold auditions there on the stage, using members of the cast who have been posing as audience members. The result is a hilarious sequence of unlikely prospects including an actress obsessed with death and a pre-med student who has no time to rehearse until at least 2005. They eventually decide on a girl (Julia Clarke) who had been sitting on the stage the whole time. She proceeds to musically and intellectually put to shame the male members of the cast as she explains the power of a single voter. She paints the picture of the sequence of events in which a butterfly flapping its wings somewhere in the world can eventually result in a hurricane. The men get into the spirit, realizing their own individual potentials. The scene ends with the woman running off and the men realizing that they don't even know her name.

One can feel the tension as the second scene opens. Darkness envelops the room. The setting, though still the same, appear different somehow. This is their play, "Spin," and angst-ridden account of the struggles of three men—Paul, Sam and John and their roles in the Boston Massacre of 1770. John is to defend the soldiers that shot into the mob. Sam uses the event to stir the colonies

into revolution. Paul is caught in the middle, torn, neither side seeming to be right. The audience has an inside look at how situations can be twisted to manipulate feelings and usher in political change. Following this short but intense scene, the girl reappears and puts a larger spin on the ideas presented in the play using as examples actual historical figures such as John Adams, Paul Revere and Samuel Adams. The mystery girl reveals her name is Villa and before the final scene ends, she hands Val a small gift and disappears. Val opens the tiny box and a butterfly flutters out with the sounds of a storm rumbling in the background. The question hangs in the air, "What are you going to do?"

The production was impressive. It began promptly at 7:00 and ran only an hour. Amusing monologues, musical interludes and light banter dominated the majority of the play. The three lead characters held their own in

the emotionally charged play-within-a-play. Though blatantly political, it had a subtlety about it that led the audience to think, not cringe. Without costumes, intricate lighting or imposing props, the actors made this play work magnificently. One had the feeling that the audience walked away with the revelation that perhaps their individual acts can make a significant difference.



RELIGION

Faces of Faith

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munities that had been invited that felt uncomfortable with the idea of inviting other religions to come and spend time in this type of setting with us. He went on to quote the golden rule, as spoken by Jesus: "Do unto others as you would like done unto you. How do we expect other people to listen to what we have to say, if we aren't willing to hear them first," Leonor said.

Some people have thought that the fact that the number of people in attendance to the non-mandatory sessions of the evening was proof enough that this is not something that we should be doing as an educational community – or church community for that matter. I would like to believe that there was something completely different that could be said. During each of the three evening sessions, there was an average of 75 people in attendance. This group that did come, was comprised of the different cross-sections of communities that form a part of this church: students, church members, and community members. The fact that church members and community members attended the morning sessions also tells me that there is room for

interactive talks between different religions in which many people are willing to partake.

I would like to close this article by talking about what I learned during that one week. After all, as my father once told me as a kid: "a day gone by without learning has been a wasted day." I learned about Spirituality from the Hindu Priest. Perhaps not in the same way the he as a Hindu would understand Spirituality, but within my own Christian context. I learned how important understanding the Spiritual nature of God's interaction in my everyday life is. From the Buddhist monk and his student I learned the importance of taking time out of my busy life to meditate upon God and how He interacts in my everyday life. The Jewish rabbi taught me how important it is to wrestle with the difficult questions that face me in my everyday life concerning how God interacts with me day to day. The importance of Spiritual Discipline was what I walked away with from hearing the Muslim imam. From the Christian pastor, I came to understand how important it is that our lifestyle reflects what it is that we believe in. And from all five clergy I learned the following word: "tolerance." It is what allows us to come to a table together to be heard and understood.

Did I walk out of this experience doubting my Christian faith? I would say most assuredly not. The reason is that although I learned many good things from each different religion, I realized that within all of them we the humans are the doers and deciders of our fate and end. It is only within our Christian tradition that we see that there is nothing left to do because God has already **done** it all. All that is left for us to do is to respond to a love that has already been extended out for each of us, individually.

Do not covet thy neighbor's wife/husband/spouse.

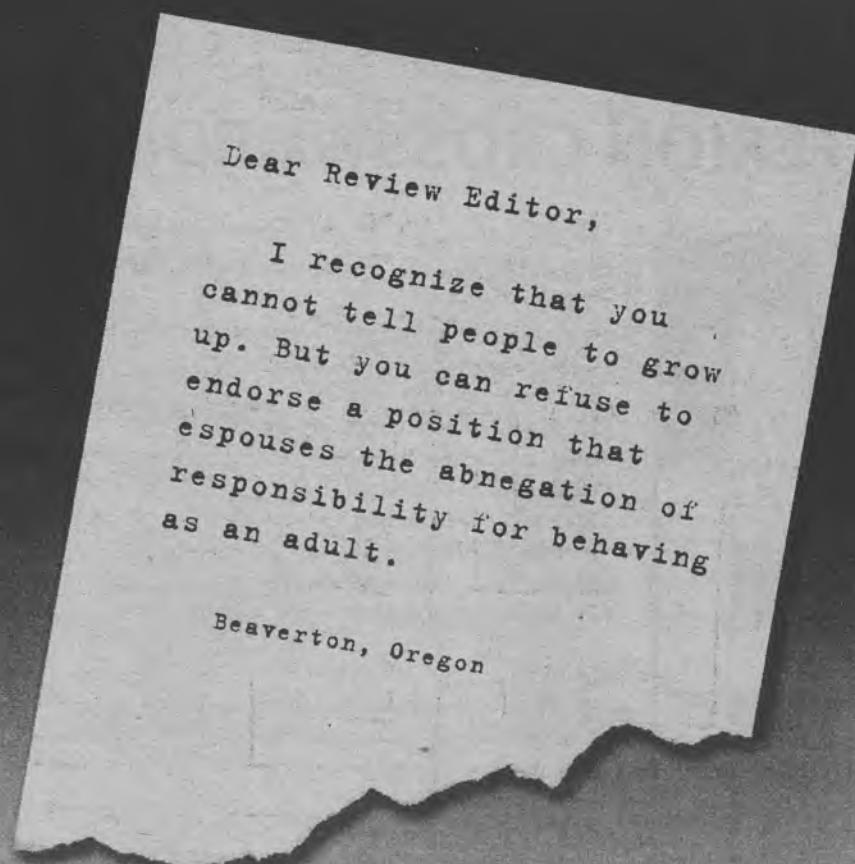
By WYLAND CHANG, STAFF WRITER

Matthew 5:9 no longer reads "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God." Now the peacemakers are the "children of God," or least according to a new version of the Bible. The International Bible Society (IBS), publishers of the popular New International Version (NIV) are now publishing the Today's New International Version (TNIV). The TNIV of the Bible differs from the NIV translation in only seven percent of the text. The minor changes are to clarify terms used in the original Hebrew or Greek, or to use more colloquial and less archaic words. For example, Mary is described as "pregnant" instead of "with child" and "Jewish leaders" is used instead of the more general "Jews" in certain passages.

The most controversial alteration is the gender-neutral translation. Generic language has been used to include both males as well as females. Fathers are now parents and men are people. Some critics have seen it as a politically correct agenda, though the International Bible Society would claim that is a more accurate translation, since it is inclusive of all.

Pastor Sam Leonor shared a few comments. He does not feel that the changes have been wrong. The Bible was inspired but written by humans with their own cultural, including patriarchal, biases. Since each version of the Bible will reflect some bias, depending on solely one ironclad version is detrimental. It is also important to understand that God is above notions of gender. It would be truly limiting to say that God is a man or a woman.

The TNIV version of the New Testament will be available in the spring. A preview is available at <http://www.tniv.info/>. The full Bible will be completed by 2005. The New International Version will continue to be published alongside the Today's New International Version.



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LEFTOVERS

Where did that phrase come from?

By WHITNY BRAUN, STAFF WRITER

Basket Case

Meaning: Someone who is distraught to the point of not being able to function. Origin: Civil War phrase, referring to soldiers who had lost limbs and were confined to wheelchairs, which at that time were made of wicker.

Blue Blood

Meaning: Someone who comes from aristocratic lineage. Origin: A literal translation of the Spanish Sangre Azul. Aristocrats from Castile used this phrase to denote the fact that they were not "tainted" with Moorish, Jewish or other blood. The concept referred to the fact that veins appear with a deeper blue hue in those with lighter skin.

Close, but no cigar

Origin: Almost achieving something without quite pulling it off. Meaning: In the early days of slot machines, cigars were often the prize.

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The Editorial Staff

J-Walking with Joy and Jay; this week's word: swanky.

By JOY ASUMEN, SALSU SOCIAL-VICE PRESIDENT AND JAY RAZZOUK, POLITICS EDITOR

Welcome to J-Walking! The English language is full of fun and colorful words which at times can sound so similar, but may have completely different meanings. Joy Arsuman (check spelling please) and Jay Razzouk have set out on a mission to use words with easily confused meanings to see what definitions the students of LSU will come up with. The ultimate goal is to find the most creative, enlightening, or even hilarious responses possible. This trek will be featured as "J-Walking." Be study-

ing your dictionary well, for Joy and Jay may approach you soon.

Swanky

1 : characterized by showy display : OSTENTATIOUS <a swank limousine>

2 : fashionably elegant : SMART <a swank restaurant>

Roy Rantung—Kind of fashionable in a retro kind of way, but it's a good kind of retro...reminds him of Austin Powers.

Gabriel Martinez—A loose feeling, carefree; also, the word feels like "sleazy."

Johnny Sawyer—A type of person like a pirate, the kind who has a parrot on his shoulder.

Brenda Vingoe—A mood, a cross between cranky and swell.

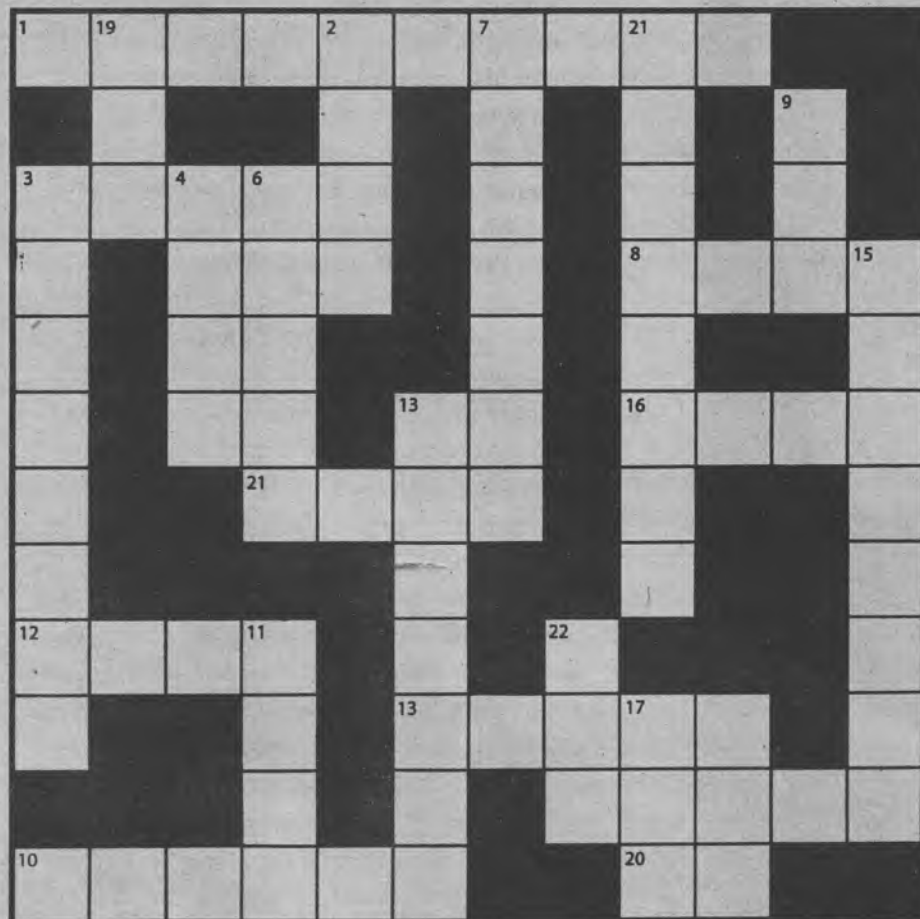
Carla Capulupo—Like skunky, like skinny, a dance or a sexual position (maybe we shouldn't include the last part).

Dean Kurts—luxurious/ fancy.

Dean Henes Guerpo—A swagger...also means funny

THE FANTIBULOUS CRITERION CROSSWORD PUZZLE!

By MERCY KAGODA, STAFF WRITER



ACROSS:

1. Courses offered by an educational institute of one of its branches. (10)
3. Having a frequency within the audible range of the human ear. (4)
5. Abbreviation for Titanium (2)
8. Capital city of Norway. (4)
12. To take away as a right or authority. (4)
10. A contrivance designed for testing ingenuity. (6)
16. Bandit, an outlaw. (4)
14. Love / Greek for love. (5)
18. Muscular strength. (5)
20. Not Pacific Standard Time, but _____. (abbr. 2)
21. Homework assignments have a specific due-_____. (4)

DOWN:

19. Three letter abbreviation for flying saucers. (3)
2. Members of the Quechuan Peoples of Peru maintaining an empire until the Spanish Conquest. (4)
3. A kitchen helper. (8)
4. A piece of paper money. (4)
6. Greek epic poem attributed to Homer. (5)
7. Small, four-stringed guitar of Portuguese origin popularized in Hawaii during the 1880's. (Sunshine plays one too!) (7)
21. Rare, unusual (8)
9. A close friend (3)
11. Cartoon character that eats anything in a whirling frenzy. (4)
13. To say or do again. (7)
15. Greco-Roman being of superior attainments. (8)
17. Before-hand. (3)
22. Popular soda from the 1980's.

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One of the "Little Rock Nine" visits La Sierra

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On September 23, 1957, nine black high school students stepped into Little Rock High School in Arkansas, marking the first time public schools in America became integrated. On March 4, 2002, Dr. Terrence Roberts, one of those students, visited the Stahl Center to tell his story.

Invited to lecture to students from Global Issues, taught by Charles Teel, as well as any other interested visitors, Roberts discussed the events of

those turbulent years, as well as the repercussions that he has felt since then. A tall and unassuming man, Roberts waited in the corner of the room as Wonil Kim's Old Testament Prophets class joined Teel's students. To introduce newcomers to the subject at hand, Teel presented a video clip of "Eyes on the Prize," a documentary about the civil rights movement. After the video clip, Teel introduced Roberts, who now practices psychology in Pasadena. "I think you will see a transparent soul," Teel said. Following his short talk, Roberts

participated in a lengthy question and answer session, as the students and their professors discussed the



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Today

The Little Rock Nine; Terrence Roberts then and now

events in Little Rock, as well as the more general issues of racism and segregation.

Roberts quickly outlined the background of school integration, referring specifically to landmark Supreme Court Case *Brown v. Board of Education of 1954*, which declared mandatory segregation unconstitutional. This case overturned *Plessy v. Ferguson*, which Roberts stated made it "constitutional to discriminate." Surprisingly, said Roberts, "There was no cry of protest from the people," and while there was a number of cases appealing the

ruling, until 1954 there was no real overturn.

In regard to his own childhood, Roberts, born in 1941, said that the segregation of schools told him that "You do not count." With the ruling on *Brown v. Board of Education*, "My optimism took off," Roberts said. "It was premature." The public outcry, Roberts said, was for "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever." Although he and eight other students did integrate into Little Rock High, Roberts felt the odds were stacked against them. "Nine

of us, 1900 of those other kids," many of whom demonstrated their protests verbally, if not physically.

Roberts and his peers did receive support, however. He described receiving letters from all over the world, some addressed to "Terry Roberts, USA," that encouraged and congratulated him. In addition, he stated that his parents supported him one hundred percent. "They were not politically active people," he explained, but they knew there was an "element of

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LSU's diversity makes it a unique community

By DAYANE SOUZA, STAFF WRITER

"From Diversity, Community" states La Sierra University's mission statement. But what does that mean? Well let's take student Farnaz Pirayesh for example: she has been among the LSU student community for about two years now. The reason why she perfectly represents LSU's statement is because she is distinctive in the sense that she has a unique cultural background.

This biochemistry major was born in Iran, where she lived for many years until her family followed her brother to Zambia, Africa. For years she resided there until a close friend, who had gone away to school in Southern California, influenced her to do the same.

On Jan. 16, 2000, Pirayesh moved to Riverside to attend La Sierra University. "The United States was not what I expected," said Pirayesh. "All that we see of

the US in Zambia is Hollywood stars and how rich people are, when I got here I didn't think it was all that."

Being Muslim, Pirayesh quickly found that she would learn many new things about other religions due to La Sierra University being an Adventist school. Having to attend a weekly worship service is one of the school's requirements. "The only problem that I have with chapel is that there are students of many other religions so they should respect them and not enforce Adventism on everyone," stated Pirayesh. "Other than that I don't mind it."

Lorena Salto, an English major at La Sierra University, is also a culturally diverse individual. Being of Mexican culture, this young lady finds La Sierra to be a great school. "It made my relationship with God stronger," proclaimed Salto.

Salto expresses a great spiritual thankfulness toward LSU; she learned many things about herself and her faith in God due to the classes and activities offered at La Sierra.

Pirayesh and Salto are only a few of the many LSU students who come from different countries and have different cultures. "In terms of our student body, there is no majority ethnic group at LSU," stated Lawrence T. Geraty, university president. "Our aim suggests that we want to take advantage of this diversity, learning from this richness, to build community on common ground. And, of course, the diversity that exists here goes beyond ethnic diversity."

"We want to recognize and benefit from it all," proclaimed Geraty. "The result will be a much stronger community, one in which students will learn how to make diversity 'work' for them in their jobs, professions, and relationships."

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EDITORIAL

Academic Truth

By JAMES BRAUN, FACULTY ADVISOR

In January, an editorial by Paul Craig Roberts in the *Washington Times*, entitled "Discarding Truth" addressed some dismaying attitudes prevalent in our society. Even more disturbing was the fact that Roberts ended his piece by claiming that universities are the primary villains in this.

Roberts states there have always been liars but until recently, they were rare among scientists and scholars. Now, he claims, the new trend seems to be toward pushing political or ideological agendas. It is disheartening to realize that his examples are impossible to deny.

He cites scientists employed by the Federal government whose aim was to close two national forests to commercial and public use. Apparently thinking that the end justifies the means, they planted evidence to indicate that these particular forests were inhabited by a species of endangered lynx. The fact that this is not true did not seem to matter.

Roberts also cites the work of Michael Bellesiles, an Emory University historian. Bellesiles' politically-correct book, *Arming America*, so completely stood conventional knowledge of antebellum America on its head that it was awarded the prestigious Bancroft Prize. At first glance, historians with a reasonable sense of how to analyze sources sensed that there was something very wrong with Bellesiles' conclusions. He based his study primarily on probate records to demonstrate that the idea that a significant number of American citizens owned firearms prior to the Civil War was a complete fabrication. At first, only his conclusions were suspect. However, because the conclusions were such a revolutionary view of what had been previously understood historians began to examine his sources. However, those that found fraudulent citations were dismissed as rabid pro-firearm fanatics and essentially ignored.

As the investigations proceeded, it became alarmingly clear that Bellesiles believes so strongly in gun control that he was willing to invent history for his own political agenda. He argued that firearm ownership was so rare among colonial Americans that the Second Amendment would not even have been an issue for them. He claimed to have studied 11,000 wills and found almost no evidence of firearms in any of them. When skeptical scholars checked his sources and found that where Bellesiles had discovered 13 percent firearm ownership, they found 51 percent. That was only the beginning. The more his sources were examined, the more the inconsistencies appeared to be deliberate fraud. He claimed to have studied wills of people in Colonial Rhode Island who were known to have died without making wills. Worse yet, he cited probate records from the San Francisco area from 1849-1859. Oops...those documents were all destroyed in the earthquake and subse-

quent fire in 1906. The fraudulent citations go on and on. A reporter for the *Boston Globe* interviewed Bellesiles about the San Francisco records and other non-extant records that he cited. His response was that all his original notes were destroyed in a flood in his office at Emory and he will make it his "hobby" over the next 10 years to try and reconstruct his research. Emory has had no choice but to charge him with academic misconduct. Yet, even as the deliberate fraud became undeniable, historians are in large part shying away from the controversy. His dishonesty seems to be becoming more and more accepted in our society and perhaps even encouraged to some degree in American universities. It serves a political agenda and that seems to make it acceptable.

Roberts places the blame, perhaps unfairly, almost entirely on universities. He states, "Indeed, education is already being pried loose from any relation to truth. Marxists denied the existence of any truth by claiming that 'truth' was nothing but the expression of class interests—a claim that allowed Marxists to ignore facts that undermined their arguments."

There are disturbing elements of truth in his assertion that history is being transformed into politically correct fantasy. He cites the controversy over the bronze statue of the firefighters raising the flag over the World Trade Center. The statue was based on an actual photograph. The problem? All the firefighters in the photograph were white. The commissioning of the statue required that the races of the firefighters be changed. They are to show one Hispanic, one African-American and one Caucasian. Is this really how we should be handling ethnic and cultural sensitivity?

This approach has dismissed reality to the extent that we cannot truthfully represent in a public monument the defiant response most of us felt to what happened on that day. Roberts asks: "Is the next step to put us in re-education camps and erase our memories? Or is that what the universities are doing?"

As a university, we are concerned with the need to be inclusive and sensitive to groups and interests that have not traditionally had their proper voice. At the same time, we have to actively take notice of these trends in truth. Sometimes the truth is harsh. In fact, it usually is. Does not mean we should ignore it, or worse yet, change it to suit our wishes?

RETRACTIONS: There are a few errors for which the Editorial staff would like to extend our apologies. In the previous issue (Feb. 28, 2002) Joy Asumen's last name was incorrectly spelled on Page 8. Additionally, we would like to apologize to Jarrad Reiner in regards to the issue published on January 31, 2002. We realize that your letter to the editor was inappropriately printed without your permission.

—The Editorial Staff

CAMPUS

A note from SALSU PR

By RAENELLE TAURO

SALSU PUBLIC RELATIONS SECRETARY

Hi! Greetings from the SALSU public relations secretary. This year's SALSU is really interested in hearing what you (the student body) have to say. We want to let you know that we are open to any suggestions. Please feel free to e-mail me at raentaur@lasierra.edu anytime, and I will pass along the message to the rest of SALSU.

Here's an incentive for you to get to know SALSU a little better. The first five people to e-mail me the answers these questions will get a \$10 gift certificate to Claim Jumpers.

1. Who are all the SALSU officers and what positions does he or she hold?
2. Who is Canadian?
3. Who are two of the SALSU "boyfriends or fiancées?"
4. Who has played the violin since the age of five?
5. Who is a junior broker?
6. Which of the officers speak Spanish fluently?
7. Who went to six different high schools?

E-mail Raenelle Tauro with the answers at raentaur@lasierra.edu. Sorry SALSU members, you cannot enter.

LSU welcomes alumni

By DAHLIE CONFERIDO, NEWS EDITOR

It's 6:15 p.m. You're on break from class. You're also starving. You run down the hill from SBM to catch the cafeteria before it closes only to find out that it already has. Why? Homecoming weekend!

The annual four-day weekend in which La Sierra University bends over backward to welcome back its alumni began Thursday evening, March 7 with a banquet themed "A Night in Old Venice." It was the first event in an impressive line-up of activities from Music Department programs and e-mail lessons to building dedications and a concert featuring the Loma Linda University Men's Chorus 25th Anniversary Reunion. Alumni milled about the campus, exploring old haunts between scheduled events and even stopping to talk with current students, letting their past memories mingle with new ones.

So the upheaval on Pierce Street did not dampen the spirits of homecoming weekend. In fact, optimism was the name of the game. Through the construction dust and heat of March afternoon, former students got to see the many diagrams detailing plans for the new School of Education building, the Science Center, and the Path of the Just. They got a vision of the future, a future that will soon become our present but was started long ago by those who came before us: our alumni. With that new take on things, the occasional early closing of the cafeteria seems a very small sacrifice indeed.

CAMPUS & WORLD

World, state news at a glance

By JAY RAZZOUK, POLITICS AND NEWS EDITOR

Chief of Homeland Security Thomas Ridge released last Tuesday a new ranking system to signal the severity of potential terrorist attacks. Under the new color system, green will represent the lowest level of potential danger, followed in increasing order by blue, yellow, orange, and red. Ridge has currently placed the nation on "yellow alert." Sounds a bit like Star Trek lingo.

B1-Bombers are pummeling from above while Afghan troops backed by U.S. troops continue to tighten their grip on the scattered pockets of Al-Qaida troops in the last days of Operation Anacanda. An army official described the battle plan as shrinking a pizza box around a pepperoni pizza with the toppings being the Al-Qaida positions. Army officials have commented that stronger resistance was encountered than anticipated, but the ultimate outcome has been the same.

As the war in Afghanistan appears to be deescalating, the United States and Great Britain are making their stand against Iraq. Vice President Dick Cheney and Prime Minister Tony Blair pledged last Monday to suppress any threats from Iraq. As the British government tries to prove its case to its people, Tony Blair has pledged his full support of Bush's efforts to reinstate U.N. inspections in Iraq. At the first stop of his Middle East tour on Tuesday, Dick Cheney was urged by Jordan's King Abdullah to avoid attacking Iraq and focus on settling peace in Israel.

Violence between Palestinians and Israelis continues as terrorist attacks and military retaliation are mounting. Last Tuesday, 31 Palestinians were killed in Western after one of the largest Israeli military operations which involved an estimated 20,000 troops. This comes after Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has become increasingly under pressure to by the Israeli Cabinet and large demonstrations to use a tougher policy against the Palestinians. Anthony Zinni, the U.S.'s mediator has been dispatched to the region to help work out a solution between the two people.

Carbaugh sings in Calimesa

By ANDREW KASEMSRI, GUEST WRITER

Good News Radio (89.7 FM KSGN) announces Dámaris Carbaugh's free concert, sponsored by the Calimesa Community Concerts, at Yucaipa Christian Church, on Saturday, March 23. Seating for this freewill charity event is first-come first-serve, so show up by 6:30 p.m. when the doors open. For directions and information, call 1-800-321-KSGN, or online at <http://www.ksgn.com/events.html>.

Famous from her previous eight albums, Carbaugh has recently released her ninth recording, *No Apology*. Throughout each song, she shows distinctive, contemporary yet heart-felt lyrics about Jesus Christ whom she has given her life to since eight years old in Puerto Rico. Today, Carbaugh still pursues her dreams to express God's love through ministering as Christ's servant. "I want to be faithful," says Carbaugh, referring to her heart's desire in serving the Lord.

WEIRD

Also moose throws tantrum

By KRISTIN STOLTENBERG AND JONATHAN TISDALL, REPORTERS FOR AFTENPOSTEN NORWAY

Terrified onlookers hid behind trees after an apparently peaceful moose suddenly went into a rage and knocked a cross-country skier over. Witnesses said a forest full of holidayers drove the animal crazy.

At first the moose was a kind of attraction for skiers and families out walking Saturday near Oslo's Frognerseteren. But with the woods overflowing with families enjoying the final days of winter break, one skier too many plowed by the beast's muzzle.

On Sunday a group of about a dozen children and adults were watching the moose when a dog appeared and began running around the animal, annoying it.

"Just after that a three-year-old threw a bun at the moose. That was when it obviously had had enough," said Tord Jordet, who was out skiing with his family.

The moose wandered out into the ski track just as two skiers whizzed past. Now clearly provoked, the moose snorted and knocked the back skier to the ground.

"Panic broke out. People started running. I went over to the moose and hit it with my skis and poles so it wouldn't trample the skier on the ground," Jordet said.

Then Jordet headed for safety in a nearby slope while others ran behind trees. But the moose was apparently satisfied and regained its calm.

Jordet criticized dog owners that let their pets run loose, especially now that moose are not a rarity in the area. "We get some terrified Americans here after they run into moose," said Nancy Holmboe of the Frognerseteren restaurant, who said she had never seen one behave aggressively.

Expert advice is clear: Be careful and keep your distance.

"Moose are not cuddly toys. They aren't on display. The only reason they accept people near them is because they are hungry," said wildlife expert Stein Strømme, who warned that moose will attack when under stress.

"Moose will give clear warnings before they attack. First they run at you, brake sharply and tramp on the ground. The idea is to scare you away. And the smart thing to do is leave," said Strømme.



Photo: Knut Snare

The king of the forest.

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Why my kids won't be taught by Wonil Kim **The Little Rock Nine**

By RICHARD DANISTON, SPECIAL TO *CRITERION*

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As a student at LSU, I feel compelled to respond to the coverage given to Professor Wonil Kim and his anti-American sentiments in the December 6th issue of the *Criterion*. I certainly acknowledge Professor Kim's First Amendment rights. However, I would like to exercise my Constitutional rights and respond to his statements regarding the state sponsored terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11.

In the interview, Professor Kim stated that, "we have to put things in a perspective and in an historical context." He then proceeded to rewrite history and seemingly misstate factual information. He referred to the United States as "a bully nation." Perhaps Professor Kim would do well to rethink his definition of what a bully is. A bully is one who singles out those who are unable to defend themselves and perpetrates harm. When Osama Bin-Laden's terrorists killed thousands of innocent men, women and children on September 11, they gave new meaning to the word "bully."

Professor Kim feels that America is responsible for the deaths of "500,000 to 1,000,000" children in Iraq and Afghanistan. Professor Kim would do well to consider two issues. First, apparently he needs to find better sources for statistics than Baghdad and Kabul. Second, Professor Kim needs to understand the nature of war. The United States does not intentionally kill innocent civilians. If it were possible to conduct war without collateral damage, then American soldiers would not have died in Afghanistan as a result of bombings gone astray. Using Professor Kim's logic, it would be prudent to leave totalitarian dictators in power and suffer of the havoc they wreak so as to avoid being responsible for loss of innocent life. Saddam Hussein is the one who put those hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqis out in the desert to act as cannon fodder. America's choice was to either take on the unpleasant task of dealing with the consequences of stopping Hussein's rape and pillage of not only Kuwait, but his own people as well, or to sit back and watch as he did his deeds.

If American attacks were responsible for the deaths of some innocent Afghans, they also put an end to the Taliban. Would

Professor Kim prefer that the Taliban remain in power so that they could use their United Nations-built soccer stadium for the execution of innocent women on a daily basis?

Professor Kim also charged that the United States is a "terrorist nation" and the President Bush is no better than Bin-Laden: "The world agrees with neither Bin-Laden nor Bush." By calling the United States a terrorist nation and our President a terrorist, Professor Kim is calling all Americans terrorists. He is using the freedom our "terrorist" Constitution affords him to scandalize our elected officials, our military and our police and firefighters. In fact, he is calling each and every one of us that support our nation a terrorist.

Kim suggests: "We should study and address the historical causes of this tragedy." The "historical causes"!!! This wording states that, in essence, the United States caused and deserved what happened on 9-11. Is this really the kind of subversive, anti-American idiocy that our university wants one of our professors to infect young, impressionable minds with?

The United States is not a perfect nation. It is a government by and for the people and is going to be inherently flawed because people created it. It is however the most democratic and humanitarian nation in human history. America maintains this position despite the fact that we are now the unchallenged world power. The restraint America has demonstrated should be applauded, not ridiculed. If Professor Kim equates Bush with Bin-Laden and America with terrorism, then let him show where the United States or any of its representatives have made declarations that all Arabs and Muslims should die the way Bin-Laden and his cohorts have toward Jews and "infidels."

Professor Kim is obviously not making these claims out of ignorance. He is an extremely well-informed man. That is what makes his claims even more deplorable. He is using the First Amendment freedom to disseminate his apparent hatred of America. This *Criterion* interview was not just Professor Kim being taken out of context. I have been a student in two of his classes and been harangued by his anti-American diatribes countless times. If I had a son or daughter attending LSU, I certainly would not want them exposed to Kim's views.

danger" to Roberts' endeavor. At the time, Roberts himself was naïve, and didn't expect the continuing protest from the community. The federal government provided for his safety however, as President Eisenhower sent the 101st Airborne Division to Little Rock. "They were great," Roberts said. "They kept us alive. They'd look out for us."

Although their physical well-being was, to some extent, guaranteed by this, their learning experience was not. Although Roberts denied that teachers actively tried to fail him, he declared, "I never depended on teachers for my learning. Teachers don't know much," he joked. He explained that he took charge of his own learning. His favorite haven was the library, although there was often limited space there. Teachers were "noise in my environment," Roberts said. Simply going to school required him to assume "ultra-vigilance," as he couldn't even bring school supplies to class without getting them stolen.

His efforts were not enough, though, as Governor Orval Faubus had all Little Rock public schools shut down to end the integration. Although this legislative act was eventually overturned, Roberts' family moved during the interim, and Roberts continued his high school career in Los Angeles High School, where he graduated. He now acts as a consultant in the Little Rock school district, where they are still trying to implement integration. "We still haven't gotten any closer," he stated. Although schools themselves are integrated, the increasingly segregated neighborhoods have a "devastating impact" on the community. Central High School itself, Roberts said, would have "crumbled" by this time had it not been designated as a national park.

When asked whether he still kept in touch with his eight compatriots, Roberts stated that they had gone so far as to start a foundation together. The Little Rock Nine Foundation (<http://www.littlerock9.com/>), provides scholarships and raises awareness of de facto segregation in educational systems. Roberts encouraged the listeners to look it up online. "We want your money," he laughed. Scholarships are their primary focus, but they do have plans for consultation on school programs, like what Roberts does in Little Rock.

Although Roberts sees himself as self-reliant, he said that he came to a point of understanding the "Team Universe," in which "everybody counts a lot." Even racists, he said, shouldn't be written off, according to his "bridge-building theory of life." He proclaimed that he would build a bridge up to anyone's threshold, and would continue to do so. This pursuit is an extension of his experiences in Little Rock High School. Although he didn't consider it a religious clash, it was, he stated several times, a clash between good and evil. In this way, Brenda Katz, a student from Kim's class, said Roberts and his peers were "called," and are "unique in the annals of heavenly history as well as earthly history."

A word from Joy Asumen

By JOY ASUMEN, SALSU SOCIAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Wow! Can you believe winter quarter is almost over? It went by really fast. Well, last week we had ice-skating. It went great! More than a hundred people showed up. Although, some had skates that didn't fit well, or the not-so-smooth ice, or the unavailability of "free food," everyone had fun, even those just learning how to skate.

Good luck on your finals and have a great spring break! Be ready to have a blast with SALSU in the Spring Quarter.

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The Victicratic mentality; pressing issues face black community

By Aaron Matlock, Special to the *Criterion*

Although racism still exists, it is not the most pressing issue blacks have to face in America today. Racism is nothing compared to the days of slavery or the Civil Rights movement. Blacks have come a long way and have made great strides. However, in spite of these strides, racism is still looked upon as being the number one issue that affects blacks. There is a victicratic mentality that is permeating the black society and is overshadowing the real issues that face blacks today.

A "victicrat" is one that blames all ills, problems, concerns, and unhappiness on others. In respect to blacks, most problems, if not all, that blacks encounter are blamed on the so-called "white society." White racism is said to be the cause of the woes within the black community. Jesse Jackson, Kweisi Mfume, Maxine Waters and many other renowned blacks wrought this idea. Instead of looking inward, blacks are looking outward to whites in order to stay free of culpability.

Two of the main problems that exist within the black community that transcends racism and that are overshadowed by the victicratic mentality are illegitimacy and black-on-black crime. In a span of about 30 years, the percentage of black children born out of wedlock has risen to nearly 70 percent (*National Center for Health Statistics, 1998*). Larry Elder, an author, radio talk show host, and television personality, states that, "The

absence of a father in the home increases the odds of a child going on welfare, dropping out of school, getting involved in crime, or becoming a teen parent." With this in mind, there is no wonder why illegitimacy is one of the biggest problems that blacks face. This is not to say that other races do not face this issue, but this essay is exclusively on the black community because unfortunately, many blacks have failed to deal with this issue with the same type of fervor that is manifested when dealing with racism.

The second problem that the black community encounters that transcends racism is black-on-black crime. Approximately 46 percent of U.S. murder victims are blacks (*Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2000*). However, black criminals were the perpetrators of 90 percent of these murders. Many people, whose sociological ideas are victicratic, would love to blame racism for this phenomenon. However, there is no escaping the fact that the ones who are culpable are blacks. While Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton are currently pushing for reparations for slavery, blacks are killing each other in their communities.

Many pundits would like to link poverty as the leading cause of black-on-black crime. Larry Elder refutes this idea by stating in his book, *The Ten Things You Can't Say in America*, that, "In 1998, over 26 percent of blacks lived below the federally defined level of poverty, as opposed to about 10 percent of whites. This disparity allows some black leaders to blame crime on poverty,

or even better, 'root causes' of poverty, stemming, of course, from racism. While superficially appealing, it is quite wrong." (*Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2000*). Elder continues on by stating that in "Roxbury, Massachusetts, a predominantly black and impoverished area, sits next to South Boston, a predominantly white and impoverished area. Both contain the same percentage of single parent households, and public housing accounts for the same percentage of the population. Yet, the violent crime rate in Roxbury, the black area, is four times the rate of that in South Boston. If poverty caused crime, one would expect the numbers to be closer to equal."

It is time for blacks to take notice to these more pressing issues facing their communities. It is time for blacks to abolish the victicratic mentality and start taking responsibility for many of the negatives that are permeating the black community. The "white man" is not the cause of the illegitimacy and the black-on-black crime issues among blacks. Until blacks take responsibility for these issues and address them, these problems will continue to be a detriment, to not only the black community, but to all of American society.

29th annual Festival of Nations reaches for the gold

By Jennifer Castillo, Staff Writer

Decorative booths and a variety of food filled the gym Feb. 24 2002. Many cultures shared their traditional meals and entertained the community with their traditional dances and attire at the 29th annual Festival of Nations.

Clubs from the Pre-Med Society to Club Towers and Hispanic Ministries best supported this year's theme of "Go for the Gold" in honor of the Olympics which took place last week.

Besides the fact that we got a break from the cafeteria food, everyone appreciated the mountain-sized haystacks that were served at the Corona Pathfinders booth and the piña coladas that the Senior Class booth was serving. For dessert you could have strolled on over to the Club Towers booth for a snowcone or the "Everyone Loves Ice Cream" booth that was run by Student Life and you might have found yourself taking home a pet goldfish while enjoying some Ice Cream.

Hispanic Ministries filled your tummy with Cuban and Mexican food and we had a variety of Asian food served by the Asian Culture Society or you could have had a taste

of Brazil at the Brazilian Club booth.

Congratulations to all the booths and clubs who had participated this year. They were all wonderfully put together and entertaining. A



The LSU Eagle and eager students leaving for Festival of Nations

special congratulations to all the clubs who won like best-decorated booth which went to Hispanic Ministries. The best food award was given to the Brazillian Club and the booth that best supported the theme was given to Club Towers. Let's not forget the President's Choice Award, which was given to Home Base and their beautifully decorated booth. One student, two staff members and two community members decided the winners.

A man of the name Richard T. Orri-son, who was Dean of Men, originated the Festival of Nations almost thirty years ago in 1963. You were able to take up to ten

dollars off of your meal plan and receive tickets to spend as money at the festival. All profits made will be going directly to the clubs who participated at the Festival of Nations. So, not only did you eat and be entertained, but also you helped out your campus clubs at the same time. It was also opened to the community so students of La Sierra weren't the only one's who enjoyed themselves. If you are a member of a club and your club did not participate, next year get up and earn your club some

money (one year a club earned up to five thousand dollars in profit).

Diversity, food and entertainment was another way of bringing our community together with the Festival of Nations and it's always fun watching Dean Henes Guerro playing the ukelele and dancing in front of a lit torch.

ENTERTAINMENT

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Writings and art: begun and imagined

By EVA ERHARD, SALSU PERSPECTIVES EDITOR

*Before the night folds over you,
Rolls down its shadow, makes me
love's widow...*

These two lines may be the start of a poem. It's hard to tell if that poem will be a serious study of diminished love, or a dramatic, yet entertaining, dive into the self-indulgent world of love-gone-wrong writing.

We can almost begin to imagine the scenes that may have prompted someone to jot these lines. A boy and a girl have spent an afternoon running errands around town. She drove and hummed while he flipped through the CDs, singing the perfect driving-to-run-errands songs. Somehow the tasks of the day were joyous—yes, tasks made joyous through good company. Eventually the day ended and the girl drove the boy to the dorm, they exchanged conversation for an hour in the car. He got out, walked under the tree's branches and away from the day, the girl, and their time. Only a perfect day can make one feel so close to being "love's widow," right?

Or maybe that is not what motivated the two above lines at all, but who's to know except the writer of that thought? Little things happen on a day-to-day basis that can serve as fodder for a poem, story, song, painting, or any number of creations. These little things can be, and often are, romantic in nature, but there are a million other creations to be made or written about. We can probably say there are even more than a million inspirations floating around out there, waiting to be noticed. What we need to do is pay attention to our observations and our reactions to those things we see. Then, with equal parts abandon and thoughtfulness, we ought to record those things and share them; give birth to creative communication.

*His father mowed the lawn obsessively
with precision and care unmatched by any
middle aged man he knew. Each Friday
afternoon the ritual would begin: edge
trimming first, cutting grass to a uniformed
length second, and evening sprinkling
fertilization last. It was almost as if his
father thought a perfectly manicured lawn
reflected a perfectly manicured home. The
boy knew what he must do, and it began
with one shovel, seven stakes, and slightly*

devious plan...

This paragraph is the beginning of a story, a story that does not exist yet. What does the son of the landscaping obsessed father have planned? Will the boy shovel holes in the lawn and fill them with litter? Will the boy drive stakes into the moist earth with clever little hand-made signs attached that read things like: "Chop off growth, cut down the healthy spears of life..." We do not know.

Everyone can write, draw, collage, take photographs or do something creative. Some people write or draw things they know about while others write and paint ideas and situations they imagine. Creating things can serve as a way to examine others and ourselves. But it can also be entertaining, amusing, or a mere way to pass time. Creating can have lofty goals or very personal ones, but the result is usually rather intriguing to both the person who created and those she/he shares with.

So, next time you see or hear something curious, find a way to make note of it. If you are watching fleshy women in a music video and it makes you want to be rich and famous too; write about it. If it makes you angry and concerned; write about it. If you flip to the next television station and you see the face of George W. Bush and it makes you cringe, play with the idea of collaging his image. If it makes you feel patriotic, find a way to collage your patriotism. If you are sitting in class and the teacher is droning on and on, make up scenarios about him or her. Imagine a story about your professor, give him a strange quirk, and put him in an environment he can't lecture in. See what happens. Think. Be creative.

And after you have written or drawn something, submit it to *Musings*, a publication of the English and Communication Department. Share your work by getting formally published this spring quarter. Submission guidelines and forms can be picked up in the English and Communication Department office in South Hall and the Art Department office in the Visual Arts Center, building 1. The deadline for this quarter is March 20. Submissions will also be accepted during the first couple weeks of spring quarter, but don't wait until the last minute.

Crossroads: studies in navel-gazing

By NANCY HUTAGALUNG, STAFF WRITER

Britney Spears, the Lolita of the prefab showbiz sensation, offers more of the same of her real-life persona as Lucy in *Crossroads* in her film debut. Spears, whose greatest onstage assets include her bare midriff (among other things), features—as expected—gratuitous navel shots. Such gems include: prancing in her skivvies to Madonna's "Open Your Heart;" ultratight teeny-weeny shirt worn on the karaoke contest in Louisiana; the bikini-clad beach bum; and more exposed torso in the L.A. recording company audition.

Writer Shonda Rhimes follows a painfully formulaic teen flick scenario in this coming-of-age tale. *Crossroads* entails a reunion of three estranged childhood friends soon after high school graduation. Lucy, a goody-two-shoes honor student, teams up with Kit (Zoë Saldana), the slightly ditzy popular Southern belle in school, and the pregnant trailer trash Mimi (Taryn Manning), to embark on a road trip to California.

Despite the obvious teen-movie pitfalls, *Crossroads* fortunately doesn't venture into the familiar territory of raging adolescent hormone cases à la *Varsity High*. There are a few delightfully goofy moments in *Crossroads*. These moments contain classics like the vain Kit in fat curlers, always primping herself even while camping out in the open air as Mimi mistakes a mosquito bite for snakebite and Lucy's reluctant attempt to lose her virginity to the geeky Henry (Justin Long), her lab partner. Lucy the v(aled)ictorian finally gives her chastity badge to hunky ex-jailbird Ben (Anson Mount), who joins the girls in their across-the-state-lines adventure.

Crossroads also adds weighty matters such as date rape, family abandonment and betrayal to the plot mix, but the treatment of those subjects is shallow against the backdrop of stock characters and situations. Spears, however, lives out and absorbs her on-screen character quite well, fleshing her out (pun intended) throughout the storyline. Spears is certainly not a girl, not yet a woman, but almost a thespian—here's hoping that in her next possible big screen appearance, she would do her image justice by assigning herself to roles outside her usual art-imitating-life circle.

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BSA brings soul to La Sierra University reunion church

By LOLA MOORE AND NORITA THORNE,
SPECIAL TO THE *CRITERION*

For almost two decades, "Soul Church" has been held in a tradition of lively worship and fellowship created and maintained by the Black Student Association of La Sierra University. Soul Church's purpose is to provide a worship experience for all students on the LSU campus. As it reflects the black worship experience it also embraces and seeks to display BSA's commitment to La Sierra's motto: "from diversity, community." It is open to everyone regardless of race or ethnic background and it is inclusive to anyone who is in need of a spiritual uplifting.

In commemoration of the long-standing institution of Soul Church, a "Reunion Soul Church" is going to be held on April 13, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. at the La Sierra University Church. One of the original participants of Soul Church, Brian Neil, Commitment Director and Young Adult Director of the Southeastern California Conference, is working with the Executives of the Black Student Association to make this event happen. Soul Church legend, Dr. Alan Woodson, D.D.S. (who is also the Director of "Another Peace," a choir that was born out of Soul Church and the Black Student Association of LSU) is also assisting with the planning so that the Soul Church Reunion will be an event to remember. The guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. D. Emil Peeler who was the first President of the Black Student Association and now serves as an Evangelist for the North Pacific Union.

Hundreds of alumni and friends from the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and of course the new millennium will be gathered here to celebrate a mountain of memories. If you happen to know any alumni of the "Soul Church" tradition or the Black Student Association, please help us in our efforts by making sure they are aware of this event and ask them to attend. This is an evening that no one will want to miss.

Soul Church worship meets once a month at La Sierra's campus.

Renowned speaker Steve Russo coming to Mt. Rubidoux for Eastern Sunrise

By ANDREW KASEMSRI, SPECIAL TO *CRITERION*

Good News Radio (KSGN 89.7 FM) will present the 93rd Annual Mt. Rubidoux Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, March 31, at 5:30 a.m. at the Frank A. Miller Mt. Rubidoux Memorial Park.



Steve Russo

As the oldest continuous Easter sunrise service in the United States, everyone is invited to hike to the top of Mt. Rubidoux on this occasion. To commemorate this celebration, pastors from Riverside Community Church will perform baptisms for people who want to commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

The guest speaker for this year is Steve Russo, KSGN's host of the program *Real Answers*, a co-host of the popular Saturday's *Focus on the Family* call-in program for teens *Live On the Edge—Live*, and the founder and president of the Steve Russo Evangelistic Team. Russo is also a best-selling author of the book *Why Celebrate Easter?*

Along with this exciting program, an acoustic praise and worship group named Scarlet Hope will perform the favorites from their recent album. Their group's name is inspired by the story of Rahab from Joshua 2:1-12, which reminds us of our need for Christ.

For more information regarding this spectacular event, please call 1-800-321-KSGN or visit <http://www.ksgn.com/events.html>.



Praise and worship band Scarlet Hope

Selah overflows with fans and great music

By ANDREW KASEMSRI, SPECIAL TO *CRITERION*

Good News Radio (89.7 FM KSGN) presented contemporary Christian trio Selah on Sunday, February 24, at the Riverside Community Church.

Although the tickets that cost \$10 and \$12 had been sold out since February 1, the station still offered some "limited overflow seats" for \$5 a person. With this new option, there was a live video feed from the sanctuary projected to the overflow seating room. Listeners were encouraged to call the station at 1-800-321-5746 for the overflow seating reservation until it was packed. Selah even dropped by to greet and sing an acappella version of their hit single "Press On."

"The concert was wonderful! I even saw 'radiance' in their [Selah's] eyes," said Jackie Neff, promotion and donors' director of Good News Radio.

The concert lasted a little over two hours. In this special event, Dawn Hibbard, general manager and program director of Good News Radio, also gave away a gift basket from Tabacca Bay during the short intermission.

"It was the best concert yet," said Nilsa Padilla, data entry clerk at Good News Radio. Many fans have called and e-mailed to thank the station for the special presentation of the group Selah and complimented them on their inspiring, encouraging, and engaging concert.



Selah in concert, courtesy KSGN

LSU Vocal Octet releases new album

By MARK TATUM, SPECIAL TO THE *CRITERION*

Three years since they declared *I'm Gonna Sing*, the La Sierra University Vocal Octet is once again stepping out to say *I Can Tell the World*. The group is once again releasing a new album, this time with the bold message that the world needs to know about the blessings that Jesus brings to all of our lives. The group is excited about this new release, as well as this new opportunity to minister. Along with its title track, the CD will contain songs like "My Jesus, I love Thee", "Above All Else Your Name Be Praised," and "Great Day," totaling 16 songs in all. The Octet is selling these CDs for \$15, which will go toward funding an upcoming tour to Brazil. So find an Octet member or head to the Campus Ministries office to purchase your copy.



LEFTOVERS

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Are the SALSU elections too funny? Also, results are in

BY ANDREA GILKEY, SPECIAL TO THE CRITERION

Give me an S, give me an A, give me an L... What does that spell? SALSU! Yes, that's right! The Student Association of La Sierra University (SALSU) elections were up, off and running, as students rushed to the gymnasium to cast their votes for next year's officers. If there was ever a time when your opinion mattered at all, it was on Feb. 26. But the most controversial element of SALSU elections isn't usually the outcome, but the actual campaign process that takes place during student assembly.

Upon asking students how they felt about the elections, plenty of students such as freshman Emily Tong, enjoyed the silly Q&A session which required each competitor to display a talent (such as belly dancing, best radio disk jockey voice, male walking in high heels, and cheering). This helped show the more humorous side of those candidates running for office. Sonya Vega, sophomore, stated that "the brief speeches made the elections more appealing" as well. She added that no one wants to hear long speeches because basically everyone says the same thing and it's better to get straight to the point.

Conversely, other students, such as second year student Carol Sankey enjoyed the entertainment, but thought that it was not appropriate for a college-level election. Senior Joana Hernandez was sadly disappointed with the whole event. Feeling that it was more akin to high school than college, some were disappointed that we did not take this event more seriously. "As a student body," Hernandez said, "we are more concerned with the Social V.P. Instead of

political concerns, we are more interested in what events are taking place next Thursday and if there is going to be any food. The silly questionnaire was not on a college level." Hernandez expressed the need for more debates and more preparation time. She pointed out that candidates should have been giving speeches and holding debates rather than filling out applications the Friday before University Worship.

SALSU parliamentarian Donovan Childs defended the silly requests, citing their importance in revealing candidates' personalities to the student body. Childs also added that if competitors were given an opportunity to make longer speeches, there would have to be more than one student assembly session set aside for the elections. An anonymous SALSU officer supported the idea of having each candidate be allotted more than just one minute. The person expressed the need for being more serious about the offices candidates are running for, adding that some are not very great public speakers. If we had public debates, they would be more prepared to give a successful, final speech, addressing the student body.

When asked what quality counted most in a candidate, a second year student stated that they had to be a well-organized student. In addition, Jacquellane Horton, a freshman, said, "It helps when the candidate is very sociable on campus." And then pointing to herself she added, "especially to freshmen." Involvement in extra curricular activities, leadership qualities, great communication skills, dependability, as well as great looks and popularity were other elements students saw as necessary in a good candidate. However, because candidates only had about one minute to summarize their speeches, Sara Seaman, a sopho-

more, pronounced that votes were cast based on popularity or how funny each candidate was. Also of concern were "put-downs" by other candidates. Freshman Ben Thanteeraphan did not think it was appropriate for the candidates to degrade each other down publicly. Another student, Mario Ramirez, called for a more organized election process.

In conclusion, next year's election could possibly be more professional by allowing candidates to have public debates before the day of elections. As third year student Leilah Dali remarked, one should not totally base their opinion on a one minute speech. Only after public debates and a final speech should the traditional comedy questions arise. The best officer is one who wins because of his or her professional and recreational talents.

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J-Walking with Joy and Jay: conventicle

BY JOY ASUMEN, SALSU SOCIAL-VICE PRESIDENT AND JAY RAZZOUK, POLITICS EDITOR

Welcome to J-Walking! The English language is full of fun and colorful words which at times can sound so similar, but may have completely different meanings. Joy Asumen and Jay Razzouk have set out on a mission to use words with easily confused meanings to see what definitions the students of LSU will come up with. The ultimate goal is to find the most creative, enlightening, or even hilarious responses possible. This trek will be featured as "J-Walking." Be studying your dictionary well, for Joy and Jay may approach you soon.

Conventicle:

- 1 : Assembly, Meeting.
- 2 : An assembly of an irregular or unlawful character
- 3 : An assembly for religious worship; especially : a secret meeting for worship not sanctioned by law
- 4 : Meetinghouse

Natan Vigna— "a vehicle nuns use to get to a convent"

Karina Burotto— "scientific name to a part of a body of an animal"

Josh Grijalva— "Something modern and very high tech."

Sam Vale— "Something really convenient; appealing to everyone; simple"

Obed Olivarría— "Mix of a convention and an article"

Sara Stoddard— "Able to be turned into a nun and stuffed in a convent."

Bryant Aparicio— "Ventilate an area that is confined"

Steve Kramer— "A convalescent home for monks."

Cathy Arai— "a convent convertible; a convertible that monks and nuns can drive"

Branden Stoltz— "A wing in the convent where nuns go to sleep"

What's that phrase?

BY WHITNY BRAUN, STAFF WRITER

This phrase is a request from Chelle Webster:

"It's raining cats and dogs!"

Meaning: Raining very heavily

Origin: This phrase, most idiomatic expressions do, has a number of associations involved in its inception. It seems to have eventually come into the English language in England in the 17th century. Its origin may make you cringe a bit next time it rains heavily. The phrase came into being because city streets were filthy and heavy rains would from time to time wash away the carcasses of the dead animals that had accumulated. Richard Brome's *The City Witt*, in 1652 has the line "It shall rain dogs and polecats." In addition, cats and dogs both have ancient associations with bad weather. Witches were supposed to ride the wind during storms in the form of cats. In Norse mythology the storm god Odin had dogs as attendants.

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Is LSU a Gateway to LLU?

By DAYANE SOUZA
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For years now there has been a myth that students attend La Sierra with the hope of gaining easy acceptance into one of Loma Linda's pre-professional programs. This is due to the fact that La Sierra University used to be linked to Loma Linda and some still get the impression that LSU is just a spot in the road to Loma Linda University. "I don't think so," said Becky Connell, pre-professional coordinator at LSU. "Just because you come to LSU doesn't mean you will apply to LLU."

"It used to be that a student could only get to Loma Linda by first going to La Sierra, PUC or another Adventist school, now students can be accepted into one of Loma Linda's programs straight out of a community college," stated Iris Landa, director of advising and orientation.

Out of 1,390 students at La Sierra University, approximately one-third are pre-professional students. "Most of the pre-professional students who attend La Sierra want to go to Loma Linda (University)," said Landa. Many students do choose to study at La Sierra University because of its close relation to Loma Linda University but are not misled into believing that by doing so they will receive a free pass to LLU.

"I remember the days when the only reason students came to La Sierra was because they'd get a spot in Loma Linda," said Landa. "Many students still come here thinking that Loma Linda is their next step, however coming to La Sierra does not guarantee acceptance into Loma Linda." The only way of actually getting into LLU is to study hard and achieve good academic standing. During an undergraduate's years at La Sierra University, the primary goal is to prepare them for their graduate program and educate them in other areas as well. "If a student takes their education seriously they will benefit from their classes," said Connell. "The education potential here is very good, we've got some really strong programs." The student has to be serious and willing to work hard in order to achieve good academic standing.

La Sierra may not be an easy way to get to one of LLU's pre-professional programs, but if willing, a student can certainly be accepted to LLU or any other school. "To my knowledge of our senior year students who applied to pre-medicine and pre-dentistry programs, about 50% got accepted to the schools that they applied for," said Connell. "Loma Linda is not the only place that our students apply to nor is Loma Linda the only place that our students get accepted to." Not all pre-professional students apply to Loma Linda University for graduate programs; many opt for University of California (UC) schools. Others choose a school closer to their home state or families. "The more I talk to students they always tell me that they want to come to LSU because we have a good program here," proclaimed Landa. "I ask many students why they come here and it's not because they want a spot in Loma Linda but because many feel that La Sierra offers more complete campus programs that they can be a part of." "La Sierra is a great place to be if you want to make connections with people at Loma Linda because of the proximity," said Connell. Students can make connections with professors, councilors and even doctors from Loma Linda University and Loma Linda Medical Center because Loma Linda is very close to La Sierra. Students can volunteer at the Loma Linda Medical Center, or they can become involved in the Loma Linda University Church where many faculty

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WASC Reaffirms Seven-year Accreditation

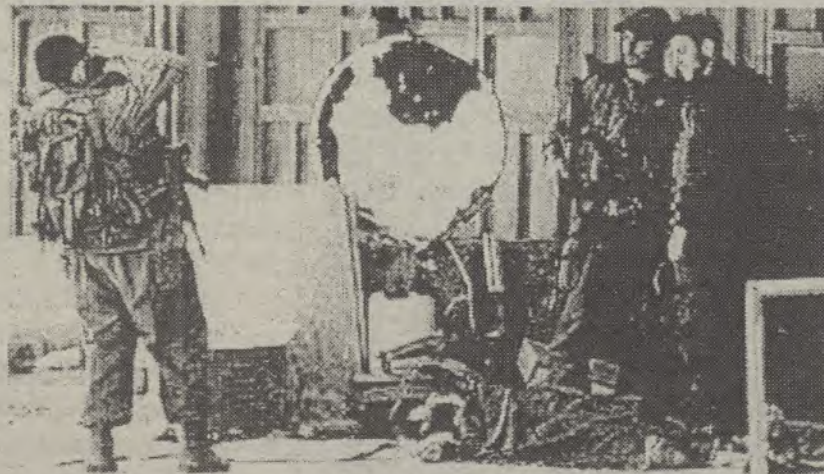
By LSU PR OFFICE

In a "Commission Action Letter" addressed to President Lawrence T. Geraty, dated March 1, 2002, and received March 4, Ralph A. Wolff, Executive Director of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), informed La Sierra University that its accreditation had been reaffirmed for a full 7-year cycle without interim report or visit. The Commission stated, "reaffirmation of accreditation indicates that the Commission has found an institution has met or exceeded the expectations of the Standards. It is granted for up to ten years and may be accompanied by the request for interim reports and visits [which was NOT LSU's case]. When accreditation is reaffirmed, institutions are most often placed on a seven- or a ten-year cycle." Such a reaffirmation may be accompanied by a formal Notice of Concern, which, again, was NOT LSU's case.

Wolff said, the visiting team "wrote an exceptionally comprehensive report and provided a significant number of suggestions and recommendations intended to be helpful to the University. As such, they are not all to be taken as Commission mandates. In addition to the team's [five] major recommendations contained on the team's report, the Commission wishes to highlight three concerns: setting clear priorities, planning and sustaining financial development, and Educational Effectiveness at the University." In other words, these three concerns

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Philistine Persecution



What a sad day it is to see such a photo. Three criminal Israeli soldiers stand by each other to take a photo of their kill. If you look closely at this photo, you will notice that the kill is not a deer or any other animal but for a human being! Israelis wonder why Palestinians are behaving the way they do.

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All articles must be submitted in electronic format. Microsoft Word .doc format is preferred. Acceptable forms of media include: floppy disc, Zip disc, CD-R or e-mail.

There are certain length constraints for articles, with four different sets of length. When writing, please keep these constraints in mind. Small articles: up to 250 words. Medium articles: up to 500 words. Large articles (half a page, three columns): up to 750 words. Feature-length articles (three-quarters of a page three columns): Maximum of 1000 words.

All articles must be received a minimum of one week in advance of the next issue's distribution date. That means Midnight on the Thursday before the paper is distributed. Please keep this in mind if your article is time-sensitive.

Finally, be aware that *The Criterion* supports and upholds the academic and spiritual standards of La Sierra University. These standards will be considered when reviewing submissions.

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EDITORIAL

Every Road Leads to Rome and the LSU Church

By Fabian Carballo
Editor-in-Chief

"I've been saved by the power of the Lamb. And I just want to thank you Lord, thank you Lord."

—Bob Dylan from *SAVED*

The recent summon of all of the American Cardinals by the Pope has been a constant reminder that every road leads to Rome. Sometimes the road to Rome is complicated by sexual abuse or years of concealing the truth. Although I am not a Catholic, I am appalled as the rest of the world is. It is important that we don't let the perpetrators off the hook even though the media is making sure of that. We cannot judge all Catholics by the recent events but our worldview must undoubtedly change in light of these heinous and atrocious acts committed by American priests. We must not let our social structure be shaken by those who conceal and obscure the truth. It is sinful to conceal the truth as Christ reminds us in the gospel according to Luke that the, "Truth shall set you free." In this sense, we must surely place ourselves individually in the context of truth seeking.

In other news, it seems to me that every road around La Sierra University leads to the LSU church. While Pierce Street looks like Beirut in the 80's, it has gotten more and more frustrating to reach the campus by car. Some parts of Pierce St. look like Ground Zero and are downright dangerous. A few days ago I was nearly plummeted to the ground by a certain administrator. I was coming down the sidewalk with my skateboard on Sierra Vista Ave. when a car pulled out of the LSUC parking structure, a major transit area during construction, and continued onto the street without looking. I couldn't stop due to my own speed and hit the hood of the car with my hands as I attempted to maneuver a last-minute stunt in order to save my legs. The bump of the car was not enough to stop my momentum or the driver of the car. He continued on as if nothing had occurred. I know who this person is and I know that he works in the Administration building. I wonder if he knows me or if it occurred to him as to inquire whether I was okay or not. Somehow I wish I could apologize for being a pedestrian or a commuter but it seems an inadequate response based on the premise that we all find ourselves under. If students could vociferously complain about something, I am more than certain that it should be the current road conditions around the University. If it was not embarrassing enough to have an Alumni Weekend with the streets looking like a Middle East battle site, then it seems that no other aesthetic pressure will be consuming enough to put an end to this entire construction nonsense. However, there is one positive outcome of this entire construction fiasco: every road leads to the church.

Whether you are coming to LSU from La Sierra Ave. or Pierce St., you will certainly come to a bunch of road signs that

will lead you directly into the La Sierra University Church parking lot. It is unclear as to whether this was done purposely in a conspiracy to lead all runaway lambs back into the fold or just a humorous coincidence. The fact of the matter is that you cannot access or go past LSU without encountering the church on your way. Maybe God is trying to tell us something. Maybe the constant reminder is there for a reason. And church is not the worst place to be on campus unless you're being ran over by somebody's BMW. I took advantage of this "constant reminder" and allowed the Lord to do His work. A few Sabbath afternoons past, the Soul Church reunion took place in a jam-packed LSUC that displayed worship full of voices you don't normally hear. It was a true blessing for all involved. Moreover, a recent stop at First Service displayed the likes of Pastor Sam complaining about the inhumane treatment of whales in Sea World; his usual social commentary. It was a great time to receive the Sabbath and maintain the covenant and communion with God that only comes when we spend time with Him. Going to church instead of just going through it was exactly the blessing that I needed; a total rest from the madness of the world and the atrophy of the surrounding construction. Thank you Lord.

Student Employment Week Banquet

The National Student Employment Week Banquet was a hit, again!

Maggie Carrillo of the College of Arts & Sciences/Dean's Office was winner of the Student Employee of the Year Contest.

Thank you to each department that submitted a nomination from their department. The following student nominees each received a certificate of recognition:

David Lucero	Patricia Poblete (x 2)
Benjamin Torres	Maritza Molina
Michelle Sarsoza	Denyve Mendez Gomez
Susie Galaviz	Kirk Cabezas
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Amery Drummond	Kristie Lowry
Dean Gallego	Lena Abella
Ivan Sunico	

We hope for next year each department will nominate a student to encourage all students to perform as "Student Employee of the Year".

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and effort to make the banquet and Ice Cream Feast a big success. Your creativity and hard work were inspiring. We could not have done it without you!

— The Human Resources Department

CAMPUS NEWS

Student Senate Forgets Politics, Means Business

By JAY RAZZOUK, STAFF WRITER

Unlike Capital Hill, which has become slowed by parties and politics, results are indicating that this year's Student Senate means business. Leading the charge, S.A.L.S.U. Vice President Ryan Holcomb wants this Senate to leave its mark. Having accomplished more in one quarter than was accomplished in all of last year, Holcomb exclaims, "This is a more active Student Senate this year than we have had in the past 10 years!"

This Senate started the year at a fast pace. By their second meeting, the Senate had established a Bylaws Board, one of many things unaccomplished last year. Also, a Proposals Committee, comprised of 4 senators and two S.A.L.S.U. officers, was formed to draft legislation.

The Student Senate has been working hard to address the issues on campus. One goal of this Senate is to bring about a better campus life to the seemingly long and boring weekends for those who dorm by making the Student Center, and the Gym accessible on Saturday nights. On February 19, the Senate met with representatives from the three facilities to discuss the gym's availability on weekends. The cost of labor, worsened by the increase of minimum wage, was the primary hurdle to be jumped. There appeared to be agreement among both students and faculty as they discussed options and potential solutions.

Nighttime security around parking lots has also been of the Senate interest. Currently, they are drafting legislation that would improve lighting at parking lots, especially those near the School of Business and Management, to reduce theft and vandalism. Also, Ryan Holcomb ardently stated that he would like to see the Southwestern gate, which gives drivers access to SBM, MICOL, and the Library, remain open later for the convenience of students with late-night classes. However, at a recent meeting the representative for Campus Security noted potential problems including complaints from local residents for the increased traffic.

The cafeteria, a favorite campus topic, is also of concern. Like all students, the Senators are striving to reduce prices and work out better times between the cafeteria and the Eagles' Nest. Holcomb claims that the senate is trying to make arrangements to allocate unspent money in student meal accounts to improve the cafeteria. Holcomb claims that inadequate space and poor equipment is handicapping the cafeteria staff from preparing the food at the quality that they would like to serve.

Another goal of the Senate is to improve supervision of non-campus students at MICOL. The computer lab is currently open to the public as a service to the community. Many parents have taken advantage of this opportunity and have turned MICOL into a babysitting service. The Senate would like to address the complaints of several students that these young teenagers are not only preventing campus students from using the computers,

but are disrupting the environment with a loud music and violent videogames. Instigating age requirements, establishing an I.D. system, requiring guardian supervision, or using a quota system are all possible solutions being carefully contemplated by the Senate. Holcomb says the Senate is also considering the creation of a special section where the community guests can have fun without being at the expense of campus students.

This Senate sees few problems but many solutions. However, Holcomb still feels that most of what is being done by the Senate is just "house keeping" and "changing small things." He would like to see even more power given to the Senate so that the students would have more power in return. He believes that if the Senate had a greater influence to solve problems, that students would take a more active role in their school government. Right now the Senate needs the backing of the student body. Students are strongly encouraged to email Ryan Holcomb at doctordiver@yahoo.com, or Dwight in Student Life at dwrightb1@yahoo.com, and express their support or concerns.

The Battle Continues

By ANDREAS ANDREOU
GUEST WRITER

After reading the article "Why my kids won't be taught by Wonil Kim", on the March 4 issue, I would like to respond to the opinions stated by the author. First I would like to make clear that I am not trying to defend Dr. Kim. Both sides seemed to be on the extreme.

Before I start my critique I would like to raise an issue that we take for granted. One of the words used regularly since the 9-11 attacks is "anti-American". Even though we hear it on a daily basis I don't think a lot of people know what it really means. When we use the word we usually refer to people that hate anything that involves the United States. This is where it gets confusing. All the people that we label as anti-Americans are not. U.S.S.R was anti-American. They were the exact opposite of the U.S. Having that in mind, think of the current situation in the world and the individuals mentioned in the article. Dr. Kim is not anti-American; he just disagrees with some actions of the government. Every citizen of this country one way or another disagrees with certain policies of the U.S government. We are not labeled as anti-American though. The biggest anti-Americans at the moment are Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden. Are they anti-American? No. What a lot of people don't understand is that Osama and Saddam don't really care about the average U.S person. What they care about is certain policies of the American government that affect them. That is why they orchestrated the attacks on the WTC and the Pentagon and not an "average citizen place". Killing innocent people was a secondary goal for them. They could find other places with more people if they wanted more death. Their primary goal was the destruction of what the West was standing for *in relation to them*. Should they have resolved to actions that killed innocent people? NO. Should they stay unpunished for what they did? NO.

The author raised several points that I felt were not made with much thought. He attacked the characterization made by Dr. Kim of the United

By KANDI WHITE

SPECIAL TO THE CRITERION

La Sierra University's School of Business Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team continued their impressive history of regional wins, competing and receiving first place in their league at SIFE's Regional Competition on Monday, April 8, in Universal City, California at the Sheraton Universal Hotel.

This competition was one of 21 regional competitions to be held across the US by SIFE, the "world's preeminent collegiate free enterprise organization." First-place winners from each league of regional competitions move on to the national competition to be held in Kansas City, May 12-14. The overall winner of nationals will proceed to the international competition, SIFE World Cup, to be held in Amsterdam next September.

La Sierra SIFE's 18 projects and 2,977 contributed hours impacted more than 1400 K-12 students not only internationally, (Mexico and Peru) but also in several Inland Empire communities, such as Riverside, Rubidoux, Redlands, and Loma Linda.

Other projects the team implemented, such as the Welfare-to-Work Childcare Capacity-Building Business Course, impacted community members of Riverside County, including Riverside, La Sierra, Rubidoux, and Mead Valley. The team's micro-enterprise projects also impacted Mexico, Peru and India.

La Sierra's SIFE team, led by Heather Miller, SIFE faculty fellow and School of Business director of special projects, includes 54 participants, 11 of whom represented the team in the competition, and four of whom were team presentation speakers: Leslie Lardizabal, junior marketing major, Moses Chambi, senior risk management, Jessica Bearden, senior religious studies, and Luke Robinson, MBA finance program student. The latter two members, Bearden and Robinson, hail from the Inland Empire, Corona and Loma Linda respectively.

SIFE students value the idea of seizing their opportunities and making a difference. They aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and get involved. Through a collaborative effort between business and education, SIFE Teams improve the quality of life and the standard of living around the world by teaching the principles of market economics, entrepreneurship, business ethics and personal financial success (see www.SIFELink.com).



La Sierra University SIFE Team

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FEATURES & OPINION

I Love Europe, But I Love America More

BY KRISTOPHER CABREIRA
GUEST WRITER

I have tried to figure out why I love the United States so much; I was born and raised in California and never really traveled much outside of California until recently. I guess I have been secluded, of sorts, in the America that I have grown up in, without first-hand experience of what other countries experience. I only know what I have learned from books and classes, so I wanted to visit another country with different political views, a different lifestyle to sum up.

During Spring Break, I visited London, England and Paris, France with a group from San Diego Adventist Academy on an educational tour. On this tour of two of the most popular and historical European cities, I paid attention to many different things. For instance, the roadways (especially in England with the roundabouts), with traffic turning from the left, having to turn round a circle-shape divider, and then just having to take the right-hand street. Also, the traffic does not stop for pedestrians. I even noticed the small cars such as the Mini-HaHa (that are unsafe based upon United States road and safety laws), red and green traffic lights only, and the sidewalks ending right at the edge of the street with an inch or two gap above the roadway. Just one step off the sidewalk and I would have been like a fly on a windshield.

In Paris, I realized smoking was permitted in every single restaurant, bedrooms and hallways of the hotel we stayed at (on the bed I slept in for a couple of nights was a comforter that just reeked with cigarette smell). And one Parisian souvenir shop owner was really rude to me, so I dropped the T-shirts I wanted and walked out. In almost all of the restaurants we ate dinner, we were cramped like sardines. After pondering over the above examples, I realized I took America for granted.

I appreciate that America has laws against smoking in restaurants, because if I wanted to destroy my lungs with tobacco, I would actually go one step further by sticking my face in front of a car exhaust pipe. If I wanted to get run over by a car, I would stand in the middle of the 91 freeway. From what I gather, America has more safety standards, better and roomier restaurants, and less rude people than the countries I visited.

The other aspect of the United States I love is democracy. Just last night, in my American Masterpieces class through the Evening Adult Degree Program, we read over some of Walt Whitman's poetry. Understanding "One's Self I Sing," I believe that Whitman said that we are all part of a group (en masse) and democratic. My professor commented how America accepts everyone under a democracy; whether you are a Republican, you are accepted, if you are anti-abortion, you are accepted. Let me take the approach further, if you dislike President Bush, you are accepted, if you disliked

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Israeli Persecution of Philistines



First Israeli soldiers arrest Moh'd Saleh, a Plastinian aged 23.



Then they pin Moh'd on the floor suspecting he had bombs attached to him.



They have him on the floor still, and they try to question a second Plastinian on the

scence. They seem to have definitely overpowered him and have full control over the situation.



That's not enough? Now they have to strip him to make sure he doesn't really have any bombs on him. As we can see he is almost naked on the floor, (at least they had the decency to keep his underwear on), he is obviously overpowered and unarmed, there is no sign of a bomb or any resistant. So what would a democratic country such as Isreal, a country which claims to respect human digintiy and life do? Take him to prison?



This picture speaks for itself!

CAN WE BLAME ISRAEL FOR RETALIATING?

BY AARON MATLOCK
POLITICS PAGE EDITOR

Israel is in undoubtedly under terrible distress. Every week the tension between the Israelis and the Palestinians increases. The whole world is watching to see what the outcome will be. Many nations are concerned about the political, religious, and economical implications. The United States is extremely concerned due to the connection it has with the Arab countries and their oil. President Bush and his administration are working profusely to ease the tensions in Israel. However, can the tensions be alleviated? Can we blame Israel for fighting against the Palestinians?

When the World Trade Center was attacked on September 11, 2001, the United States was ready to avenge against the perpetrators of the atrocities asserted on that infamous day. The government did not hesitate to implement a plan of attack against the Taliban and Al Queda forces in Afghanistan, as well as come to a firm decision to fight all terrorist threats from other countries. In comparisons to the few instances of terrorist attacks in America, it does not amount to what Israel has had to go through for centuries. Like the U.S., the Israelis have every reason to retaliate and more so. While it is good that the United States is trying to bring peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians, even if it is for political purposes, there is a time when enough is enough. The only way this event can come to a conclusion is if the

Israelis do what they are doing now. They need to avenge against the Palestinians until one side wins or until they come to a decision to negotiate a peace deal with the Israelis. Ideally, it would be appropriate for these two entities to battle amongst themselves. However, in reality, if the fighting continues and escalates, the whole world may be involved, with the United States being at the helm on the side of Israel. God forbid that it comes to that point, but Israel needs to continue to fight until the Palestinians decide that they want to make peace with Israel.

To get a better understanding as to why Israel is in the right, let's take a look at part of their history. In 1917 the British and French forces occupied Greater Palestine. When this occurred, the British issued the Balfour declaration, that promised a Jewish state in Palestine. In 1922, the League of Nations and the United States endorsed the Balfour declaration. However, in 1923 the British altered the size of the promised Jewish homeland, offering the Jews less than what was originally promised. In 1939, Britain issued the White Paper restricting Jewish immigration, thus reneging on its promise expressed in the Balfour declaration. In 1947, the United Nations approved the plan to partition British-ruled Palestine. The Jews accepted it, but the Arabs rejected it and revealed their opposition by force. In 1948, the State of Israel was created, but not without an ensuing war. It was in this year that

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FEATURES & OPINION

Reader Responds to Article on Diversity

BY KRISTOPHER CABREIRA
GUEST WRITER

I am responding to the article entitled, "LSU's Diversity Makes it a Unique Community," posted on the front page of the March 14, 2002 edition. It shocks me that LSU believes it is the only place that sees itself as a diverse community. Pacific Union College is a diverse community and it too is unique as well as Columbia Union College, which also seems to be a diverse and unique community. Furthermore, after a visit to Newbold College, I've concluded that it is also a diverse community. What makes LSU the "only place" that is a diverse and unique community? UCLA, UC Irvine, RCC, UCR, among more popular and larger public universities are more diverse than we are, or are they? Diversity is difference, is it not? Since it is, then all places: universities, hospitals, elementary schools, major corporations, etc. are all diverse and have diverse employees, students, patients, clients, etc.

In addition, since I am a 5th generation Adventist and have grown up in the church, it disgusts me to hear from a "diverse religious person" that an Adventist institution is enforcing Adventism upon them. According to Farnaz Pirayesh statement, she has a problem with University Worship and she feels that "they should respect them (students of many other religions) and not enforce Adventism on everyone." I was outraged to read this because if a person decides to attend an Adventist school such as LSU, they agree to attend to the University's religion, laws, bylaws and regulations. Besides that, we're not enforcing Adventism on anyone. If we were, we would be forcing everyone to be baptized into the Adventist church, requiring that all students be Adventist, requiring everyone to attend Sabbath services, forcing everyone to attend ALL religious services, including First Service and Sabbath afternoon vespers at the church. I don't see or hear of us doing such a thing. Requiring students, of all religions or non-religions, to attend University Worship, a religious service once per week and an assembly (which isn't really considered to be all that religious in some cases), are pretty light loads of requirements that the university asks ALL students to keep.

It is part of the religious education and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church, which LSU is a part of, and the mission of LSU itself. Besides this fact, whenever I attend University Worship or other religious required programs, no one discusses Adventism exclusively, rather they're discussing and sharing the love of Christ and the way we should obey Him. I don't really hear anyone discussing Adventism or the Adventist church and it's God in general who the Adventist church teaches about.

If I were to attend a Catholic university, I would be required to attend mass and if I were to attend a Muslim university, I would be required to attend their religious services. I don't believe in Catholicism or in Middle-Eastern religions but I would still, most likely, have to attend their religious services. So,

Faculty Wins Addy Silver Award

Art alumni win 2000-2001 Addy awards

La Sierra University art department and graphic design alumni, Kathleen Khoo '01, Kar-Yee Yung '01, and Rhonda Buess '96 (all of whom have Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees), were honored with eight Addy awards at the recent 2002 Inland Empire Advertising Club's award ceremony at the Mission Inn. Many Inland Empire design firms were represented, from Palm Springs to Ontario. Two hundred and thirty entries were submitted covering all facets of design from corporate brochures to annual reports to stationery packages, posters, web sites, etc.

The La Sierra University winning entries were:

Addy Silver Award
La Sierra University Art Department
University Yearbook
Kathleen Khoo, Editor/Designer
Kar-Yee Yung, Assoc. Designer

Addy Silver Award
La Sierra University Art Department
Student Directory (Perspectives)
Kathleen Khoo, Designer
Kar-Yee Yung, Designer

Addy Silver Award
La Sierra University Art Department
Cultural Awareness Package
Kathleen Khoo, Designer

Addy Silver Award
La Sierra University Art Department
Magnolia Bird Farm Corporate Identity Package
Kar-Yee Yung, Designer

Award of Merit
La Sierra University Art Department
Cultural Awareness Poster
Kar-Yee Yung, Designer

Because these entries were done by Khoo and Yung while they were students, they were considered student entries, which limited them to receiving (at the highest) only Addy Silver Awards. However, the ranking of all 230 entries, made available for viewing on the IEAC web site, revealed that the University Yearbook ranked #6 (and would have received a Gold Addy), Perspectives ranked #22, the Cultural Awareness Package ranked #22 and Magnolia Bird Farm Package ranked #82.

Much to our surprise and pleasure, the second, third and fourth ranking entries were posters designed by another LSU graphic design alumna Rhonda Buess, for the Arthritis Foundation and entered by the Landon Agency. These posters received Addy Gold Awards plus Print BEST of SHOW!

Special thanks goes to Peter Erhard, MFA, professor of art, who worked hard to get the entries prepared and submitted for Khoo and Yung. Congratulations to these three outstanding young women. We are proud to claim them as our alumni.

Israel Retaliating

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the British mandate over Palestine ended and the armies of five neighboring Arab states (Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Transjordan, and Egypt) invaded the State of Israel. These Arab states were not able to prevail. However, the tensions continued between them and Israel. In 1964, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) emerged with Yasser Arafat at the helm. On June 5, 1967, the Six Day War began. Arab forces came to the borders of Israel threatening again to attack. Israel launched a preemptive attack, capturing the Golan Heights, the Sinai Peninsula, and the Gaza Strip. Jordan decided to get involved and attacked Israel, but to no avail. Israel captured the West Bank and unified Jerusalem. Israel offered to negotiate peace with the Arab states, but they refused and issued the Khartoum declaration that revealed that the Arab nations would have no peace with Israel, would not recognize Israel, and would not negotiate with Israel.

From 1969 to 1972 Israel and the Arab states fought in the War of Attrition. In 1972, Palestinian terrorists murdered Israeli Olympic athletes at the Munich Olympic games. In 1973, Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack against Israel. However, Israel prevailed again. In 1979, the Camp David Accords were signed, bringing peace between Israel and Egypt. In 1982, the Lebanon War began and Israel launched a defensive attack. In 1993 the Oslo Peace Accords were signed, bringing peace between Israel and the Palestinians, or some thought. In 1995, Israel and the PLO signed a second peace accord that expanded limited Palestinian self-rule to nearly all Palestinian towns and refugee camps in the West Bank. In July and August of 2000, Israel offered the Palestinians 94% of the Occupied Territories and part of East Jerusalem. Yasser Arafat rejected the offer. In September of 2000, the Palestinian militia groups and terrorists attacked Israeli outposts and citizens. Car and suicide bombings against Israel became the norm. In January and February of 2001, Israel offered a concession that would create a Palestinian state on nearly 100% of the Occupied Territories and give the Palestinians control of most of East Jerusalem, including a land swap with Israel. The Palestinians once again rejected the offer and continued the violence against Israel.

With this said, Israel needs to retaliate. Since, the Palestinians want to use force, Israel must counteract it with force. The Israelis have tried to negotiate and make peace, but it has consistently been turned down. We cannot blame Israel for taking the defense.

In addition, the Palestinians are targeting not only Israel's military, but innocent people. The Palestinians have victimized Israeli men, women, and children who want nothing more than to live in a country where peace abounds. Week after week, we hear of suicide bombers killing innocent people in the streets, stores, and other public places. This nonsense needs to end.

Israel must continue on battling for the sake of establishing peace and safety. It is unfortunate that the tensions escalated to this point. It is also disheartening to realize that the turmoil does not appear to be anywhere close to being alleviated. Nevertheless, at this juncture, Israel must not back down.

ENTERTAINMENT

California Cool Cuisine

By ROSS PENDER, GUEST WRITER

Welcome to the world of Rex's, a place where surfboards hang from the walls and a sound of a ringing bell means your food is ready. If you're interested in something different, it is a safe bet that Rex's Big Daddy Cafe is a place for you. The pleasant eatery has something for the adventurous and something for the homebody. People in the know understand why the nondescript restaurant is always busy: the food is just too good to pass up.

Rex's is located just north of the Galleria at Tyler on the right hand side of Magnolia Avenue. You can miss Rex's Big Daddy Cafe if you don't look carefully, however the giant long board out front usually gives the place away. Pull on into the driveway where most of the parking is in the back.

Rex's Big Daddy Cafe appeals to all five senses. Going to Rex's is an experience and a half. The owner and cook, Rex, has surfed huge waves at the big wave break of Todos Santos and has prepared food for past presidents (the food is that good!).

The atmosphere of Rex's is casual with surfboards, posters of surf movies, and other surfing memorabilia hanging on the walls. The ceiling resembles the sky, with fluffy clouds peacefully floating about. For those looking to impress that someone special with a unique place to wine and dine at, Rex's is the perfect place. Hey, there are definitely plenty of conversation pieces in the joint! Two years ago I took the lady of my dreams to Rex's on our first date and she has stuck with me since. Who knows maybe the same could happen to you.

The menu is perfectly priced for the college student with dishes ranging from \$3.50-\$6.95. The menu selection has something for everyone. Vegetarians can

choose between the garden burger, a pleasant variety of salads or order from a vast breakfast menu. For the quasi-vegetarians there are also fish sandwiches and salads. The menu also features such entrees ranging from burgers, soups, and a variety of hot and cold sandwiches.



First-timers will be overwhelmed with the portions Rex's gives. Sandwiches and burgers come with a choice of salad, potato salad, or 'long board' French fries that even I was not able to finish. The

Tropical Garden Burger is mouth watering and very filling served with various fixings. Even Dr. Teel of La Sierra University's Religious Department has an item on the menu! 'Professor Teel's Salad' as it is featured on the menu is a large delicious salad that features sauté mushrooms, bell peppers, onion, cucumbers, asparagus spears, and feta cheese with Greek olives. You'll have to ask Dr. Teel why he has an item on the menu.

Breakfast food-lovers can inhale stacks of pancakes, waffles or my personal favorite French toast, light, fluffy and sweet as pie. Rex's gigantic stuffed omelets also satisfy your hunger with a variety of choices to fill them with: I recommend the vege-omelet with onion, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mushrooms.

Patrons in neighboring booths were heard to use the word "phenomenal" in reference to the food. It goes to show that in

Riverside there are still undiscovered treasures yet to be found. Be forewarned: Rex's dishes up addictive meals. There's no stopping the munching once a plate of delicately sugared and syruped French toast is on the table. It can be a little self-destructive, but that's why it's great!

Rex's Big Daddy Cafe
9948

Rex's Big Daddy Cafe
9948 Magnolia Avenue
(East of Hole, North of the Galleria)
Hours: T-F (7-3), Sat & Sun (8-4)
Phone: (909) 359-4740
Entrée Price Range (\$3.50-6.95)

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FELINE ASSAILS INNOCENT STUDENT

By JILL JIUTZY
PSEUDO STAFF WRITER

Dean of pet and animal affairs Ms. Havisham has a lot of explaining to do lately. Her pet cat "Smoky" escaped his leash and viciously attacked a student. Shawna Faunna, a Biology student and Angwin Hall resident, was attacked on Monday, April 1 during a walk to class at 1 PM. Ms. Faunna was walking to her class when the mad feline sized her up and attacked her in broad daylight. "It was horrible," Ms. Faunna stated. "He just wouldn't let go. He sank his teeth in and bobbed his head back and forth." Witnesses saw the yellow-striped cat earlier as he paraded around with foam at the mouth. One of the witnesses said that it was frightening to see the cat so demon-possessed. "It's no wonder that Dean Havisham always kept her cat on a leash," one shocked observer said. As for Ms. Faunna, it was fortunate that she was still alive. The Campus Nurse said that Faunna was treated for serious wounds to the back, arms and face as well as teeth marks in the thighs and legs. Stitches were necessary to hold pieces of flesh together in the upper leg areas. Once taken to the hospital, Faunna asked for the presence of her pastor and her lawyer. Family members were notified when Faunna's condition was upgraded from serious to critical. In an interesting turn of events, Faunna allegedly turned Dean Havisham away when she visited the hospital. Harvey Lipschitz, ER Physician at Riverside Community Hospital, said that Faunna would "make it" but that the immediate response by campus officials cost Faunna too much blood. "I would have done more than just put a bunch of band-aids on her face," explained Dr. Lipschitz.

A witness, speaking in anonymity, stated that Dean Havisham could have prevented the fiasco if she wanted to. "She could have called out, 'Smoky', 'Smoky!' but instead she watched from afar," the witness said. Dean Havisham has been known to take her slightly overweight cat for a walk almost every afternoon. The leashed feline is always observed by passers-by as he marks his territory in the area. Although Dean Havisham could not be reached for comment, she was seen driving away after her cat "Smoky" was taken away by the Riverside Animal Control Authority. Officials said that Smoky's future is uncertain. "He will probably be sedated until he learns to behave like a normal cat. If he continues his moaning and intimidation tactics towards other animals, he will have to be put down," the official stated. From her hospital bed and in constant pain, Faunna is wishing for the same fate.

RELIGION

Greetings from Pohnpei!

By MARIE BARTON
SPECIAL TO THE CRITERION

Hi La Sierra.

I have been in Pohnpei for eight and a half months now and wanted to share with all of you what life is like for me here. I have missed all of you and I hope that your year is going well. End it with the best. I can't wait to get back to see all of you and hear all the stories I've missed. Here is mine so I hope you enjoy it.

It tastes like Ramen... and Kool-Aid.

"Uck!", you are probably thinking. What are you talking about? A person with somewhat normal eating habits doesn't mix a 3-minute meal with a colorfully artificial substance. This is what I thought as I saw my first case of cherry Kool-Aid being poured and mixed into a bowl of ramen. I observed a local grubbing away with satisfaction on the luscious-looking ruby water. They slurp up the noodles with the ruby juice peeking out of the corners of their mouths. After 8 months, I have finally gotten used to seeing my students devouring their ramen meals during lunchtime. I've even coaxed myself to try the concoction and wondered, "Who ever thought of this?" It's taken some getting used to and that's not all. During my 8 months here in Pohnpei, I have learned many valuable lessons and experiences aside from the infamous ramen.

I rather imagine someone pushing the fast forward button on my "experience" level in life. It's like two to three years of experience shoved into one year. Welcome to missionary life. I know I can reach out to many different types of people, learn new cultures, try new things and ideas as well as new ways of eating (sorry to mention the ramen so soon), and how to survive without the everyday luxuries. Believe me that the saying, "you don't appreciate something until it's gone," is true. Nevertheless, life must go on. Soon you realize that you CAN live without every little commodity and learn to look at things through another perspective. It's more than making lesson plans, telling kids to sit down, and kicking kids out of the gym when they swear they only want to make ONE more basket (yeah right). I have learned my weaknesses and strengths. I've learned how to handle different situations; ones that I would have never thought I would be in. It's about living in close quarters with many different people. In my case, being a student missionary, I live with 23 other people who have also decided to give a year of their life to come and help others. We're definitely helping. We came here because we wanted to. Not to say that whatever each of you is doing in your life does not have a purpose, but there is nothing quite like coming out of your comfort zone and experiencing what the world has to offer. Experience it!

Discovering that I did have some hidden talents, I've tracked my way through my new schedule. My schedule consists of Karate class on Tues/Thurs, Hula lessons on Friday afternoons, and vespers Friday and Saturday nights. These are some of the extra activi-

ties I am involved with, not to mention the school duties. Preparing lesson plans (ugh.), making sure I have varsity practice ready to go, grading (now I know what you teachers go through, Thank you Jesus for Readers.). Wait! I have to go shopping for food and reach out to the local people. In addition, while I'm trying to juggle several things at once I have to stop and think what a gift I have. I'm here for a year out of my life. A year that goes by fast and might never come by again. Cherish it!

The first time I heard, "Ms. . . Ms. Barton." I was like, "WOW! This is me." People call me "Marie," "Maria," "Mary," or "The G," but never something like Ms. Barton. It sounded so old and adultish. That's not me. I always saw myself as a student/kid. Here I'm a TEACHER. They come to ME for the answers. They come to ME for support and direction. I AM an example. They watch ME. Therefore, I have learned to make decisions in my life that I will value and live by. I learned what it means to really stand for something and to teach it.

I remember trying to decide last year if I should be a missionary. Now, I'm here living as a missionary and glad that I made that decision. I admit that it's not all 'fun and games' and very challenging. I am learning things and having experiences that I would have probably had to wait a couple years down the road to have. Instead I am able to reach out to others and share with them what I already have and what I have learned. Although, I probably won't ever ask for another bowl of ramen with Kool-Aid in it, (Actually, I don't EVER want to see another bowl of ramen), I will always remember what has been special about my experience as a student missionary: I experienced it and cherished it. But, most importantly, I had the opportunity to teach it.

Peace and Love to you LSU,
Ms. Barton AKA Marie

Marie Barton is a Student Missionary serving in Pohnpei.

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members and LLU students attend. Also, quite frequently representatives from the pre-professional programs at Loma Linda University come to La Sierra University and talk to the students about the programs that they are interested in. If anything La Sierra University does provide a foot in the door to LLU because of its resources and location. But whether or not students get accepted into LLU or any other school is by their own efforts, relationships and use of the resources provided them by LSU

Female Big-time Investigator visits Campus

By KRISTEL TONSTAD
FEATURES EDITOR

FBI - these three letters may not have the sweetest ring in some of our ears. When we hear the words Federal Bureau of Investigation we may picture buff males dressed in black with sunglasses, following people around, hiding in the bushes, seemingly up to some mischief. We may imagine somebody aggressive or at least mysterious. Marla Talbot, retired FBI-agent, does not quite fit with this stereotype. For one, Talbot is a woman. She is Hispanic and she is a Seventh-day Adventist.

"God helps those who do not try to take over his work" was the title of Talbot's talk in University Worship the second Thursday of the quarter. She has tried everything from working undercover to recruiting students to the FBI. As someone born in Puerto Rico and graduating from Andrews University, the FBI was perhaps not the most obvious career choice for Talbot. But Talbot never seemed to go with the obvious, nor did she have a master plan for her life. Her motto has been to apply faith at every stage, and applying this faith when she was looking for a job in 1979 was what brought her to the FBI. Out of 9,000 special agents, 140 of which were female, she was one of only four Hispanic women. She was trained physically and in firearms. Men would tell her that she didn't belong in the bureau, but they were proved quite wrong by the fact that she can lift a full-sized male with one arm (she did not actually demonstrate this; we will have to take her word for it).

Some people may scratch their head when they hear of an Adventist working for the FBI as most Adventists do not believe in carrying a gun unless it is necessary for earning a living. Talbot was the only Adventist in the FBI, but does not feel any moral or religious standards have been compromised. On the contrary, she feels her work has only been uplifting for herself and other people.

Talbot has learned much over the course of her life, as a student at Andrews University, as an FBI-agent, as a mother, and as a spouse. She has learned to ask God for patience and understanding, not for things. She has learned to deal with men. She has seen the tragedy of life and that the only way to deal with it is to search for happiness. We can also learn much from her. She is an energetic, charismatic and driven woman. She has used herself and her gifts to the utmost. She stands for what she believes while inspiring us to do the same: no matter who we are and what we choose to be.

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are a more comprehensive way of incorporating the team's five major recommendations (reevaluating our Strategic Plan; considering alternative approaches in our budgeting efforts, capital construction, and development initiatives; addressing issues related to our SDA identity; reevaluating and systematically installing assessment plans for all academic and support programs; and reviewing our technology and computing needs in both academic and administrative areas).

Among the commendations in the four-page letter, the Commission noted that LSU "has taken significant steps since the last visit and has used the self-study process to examine thoughtfully its progress over the past decade. . . . The Commission noted the team's recognition of the high quality of the University's advising system and commended the University for its exemplary approach to advising. This is a clear indication of the University's commitment to supporting student learning within the La Sierra educational environment."

Commenting on LSU's attempt to address Educational Effectiveness as a focus of the self study, the Commission had this to say, in part, about the three thematic emphases chosen:

1. "The University is to be commended for the high quality and thoroughness of the review of its graduate programs."

2. "The team found that the University had taken commendable strides in the development of its rhetorical learning program (critical thinking and written and oral communication)."

3. "The Commission commended the University for its strong commitment to service-learning as evidenced by its inclusion as a required element of the curriculum; strong faculty initiative in developing and modifying courses to accommodate service learning; strong community support for the program; and by the testimony provided by community agencies about the value added by service-learning students to their program operations."

The Commission concluded, "While there are many positive elements within the areas of emphases and the overall academic program, the University lacks a comprehensive approach to Educational Effectiveness. The University will need to demonstrate that it is able to implement and maintain an evidence-based, systematic process of quality assurance which includes periodic program reviews, collecting and analyzing student learning results, and, where appropriate, student work, and the desegregation of data to determine that the University's educational goals are being achieved consistently for all student groups. The University will also need to show that it is incorporating the results of its quality assurance system into planning and decision making." [Drs. Simmons and Geraty note that this sounds like a mandate for LSU's new Office of Institutional Effectiveness recently voted by the trustees and headed up by Dr. Nathan Brandstater.]

The next scheduled comprehensive review of the institution will occur in the newly required two-stage review process under the "2001 Handbook of Accreditation" which involves significant new Standards and substantially different expectations for Institutional Presentations. The "Preparatory Review" based on our own Proposal (due May 1, 2006) will take place in the fall of 2008 and the "Educational Effectiveness

Review" in the fall of 2009.

President Geraty concludes, "LSU owes a debt of gratitude to all its faculty, staff, and trustees who pulled together to produce this positive outcome, but we want to recognize that the foundation for success was laid by Adeny Schmidt and Warren Trenchard, followed up in a comprehensive and thorough way by Ella Simmons with the assistance of many, notably Ed Boyatt, Prudence Pollard, Annemarie Hamlin, Jeff Kaatz, Elissa Kido, and Jennifer Tyner, to name only the most obvious. Finally, 'to God be the glory; great things He hath done!'"

Diversity

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when students decide to attend an Adventist university or college, guess what! The students are expected to attend Adventist-based religious services and programs. Do you have to believe in Adventism? No. Do we "shove it down people's throats"? No. It's a choice that an individual makes to believe in Adventism; we may talk about it but we can't make the individual believe in Adventism. It's like leading a horse to water but it can't be forced to drink the water.

If people, such as Pirayesh do not enjoy this "enforcing" as she describes it, transfer to CLA, UCR, UC Irvine, or some other non-religious university where they don't "enforce" religion upon students of different religions. Pirayesh may be happier and so would I because I wouldn't have to hear non-educated opinions regarding LSU enforcing "Adventism on everyone." If you want to be a part of this university and "don't mind it", then be a part of what the mission and religious goal of this university is. It's not just to seek, to know, to serve ourselves or other people, it is also to seek, to know, and to serve the Lord who has sacrificed Himself and loves us.

I Love America

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Clinton and his "affairs," you are accepted, if you believe that America should not have retaliated against the Taliban, you are accepted. No matter our own individualistic opinions, we are ONE nation, under God.

I hate politics and ~~hating~~ to hear about certain issues. I even dislike politics within the Adventist church, but that is another story. Each time I comment about Adventist politics, someone responds by stating that politics are everywhere. That is true. I agree with this position and I have learned to accept politics in everyday life. If it was not for politics, we would not be able to figure out what we individually stand for, or en masse, what we believe in. I now appreciate America more after visiting Europe. Do not misunderstand me, I do not dislike Europe. I plan on visiting this part of the world again. However, politics, rules, and regulations, strict as they may be, do actually protect me and help me form a distinctive self-identity as an American. I know that I am accepted in a democracy that let's me mold my own identity, let's me wear my Atlanta Braves home-jersey without heckling me about it, let's me visit Europe, let's me read the Bible when and where I want to, let's me be a Seventh-day Adventist church member, and the list goes on and on. With all this said, I am proud to be an American.

The Battle Continues

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States as a "bully nation". Maybe that was not the best portrayal by Dr. Kim. The U.S. government may not act as a "bully" but certainly arrogant. The Bush administration has probably been the most arrogant of all the past administrations. A good example of that have been the abandonment of the ABM (Anti Ballistic Missile) treaty that prevented countries with ballistics missiles to be used on other nations and the abandonment of the ICC (International Criminal Court) that was created to prosecute individuals for war crimes. The U.S. officials disregarded the rest of the world on their pleadings to stay part of the agreements. Because the U.S. government has the military power, they ignore the rest of the world.

Another point that was raised in the article was the deaths of the children in Iraq. The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization reported that 564,000 Iraqi children died because of the war and the sanctions. At the same time though, I agree with the fact that in war death is inevitable. According to the author "the United States does not intentionally kill innocent civilians" I would like to ask a few questions based on that statement. Since the U.S. government is so blameless, why did they use uranium bombs in the Gulf War but especially in the war in Serbia while any bombs of that nature are illegal to use? Furthermore why did the military officials report an 85% accuracy rate of "smart bombs" while actually being below 40%? Why did the U.S. military attack civilian life during the Gulf War?

Professor Kim never suggested that Saddam Hussein or any of his kind should stay in power. Everyone appropriately accuses Saddam and Osama as the most dangerous people on the planet. People like them should never obtain any kind of power. But how did these individuals come to power? Both of them were created and put there by the United States Government. I urge the students to go and search the history of Saddam and Osama and most of the students will be astonished by the findings. For several reasons the two most wanted men were given power by the American Government. Whom should we blame now? That is partly what Professor Kim meant when he said that "we need to address the historical causes of this tragedy". No one said that the United States deserved what happened on 9-11. But short-minded policies by previous administrations, as well as the present one, had a responsibility on what happened on 9-11.

The United States is not a perfect nation. At the same time though as the world leader it has more responsibility than any other nation. If they don't want that responsibility they can step on the side and someone else will be willing to take over. Bush has been trying to be more isolationist than any other nation but at the same time demands submission by the rest of the world. They have been closing their eyes in the massacre that is happening in Palestine while asking the rest of the world to assist them in the war against terrorism. Personally I wouldn't mind having Professor Kim as a teacher for my children. I would prefer him over someone who is close-minded that cannot see beyond what he is told.

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The facts on the gender wage gap

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"Women earn 75 cents to every dollar a man makes." This is the usual rhetoric that many feminists and liberals spew out when expressing their discontent of the so-called "income gap." They proclaim that discrimination is the major cause of this gap and that there is no sight of an immediate end to this form of discrimination. While credible sources may prove that there is some validity to this notion of an income gap, they do not disclose all the reasons for it.

Economist Anita U. Hattiangadi and attorney Amy M. Habib, authors of the book "A Closer Look at Comparable Worth," say that the gender pay gap has been exaggerated. They also state that the national census data does not take into account factors that affect

wages such as age, education, and experience. DJ. Nordquist, former Vice President of the Employment Policy Foundation (the publisher of the aforementioned book) states that, "The way that number is calculated, it's basically throwing everybody into the same pool. Essentially comparing apples to kumquats. It's comparing, for instance, a 22-year-old female college graduate to a 55-year-old male who's had 30 years of work experience."

Vicky Lovell, study director for the Institute for Women's Policy Research says that when factors are taken into account, such as industries that are dominated by one gender, years of work experience, education and training, the income gap lessens to 88 cents for every dollar a man makes. She states that the 12 cents difference is subject to speculation. It could be a

result of discrimination or even productivity difference between men and women that the researchers could not measure. Other studies show that when correcting for multiple factors, the gap narrows to between two and 15 percent.

According to the Employment Policy Foundation full time workers between the ages of 21 and 35 who live alone, there is no wage disparity. In addition, there is a three percent pay gap among full time employees who are married but childless. This three percent may or may not be due to discrimination, but if it is, it is definitely not the major cause of the gap, as a plethora of liberal pundits would like many to think. In addition, women in dual-earner couples with children take on most of the childbearing responsibilities. Thus,

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Orange Flower Power

BY KRISTEL TONSTAD
 FEATURES EDITOR

Visions of fresh-squeezed orange juice, the sweet smell of fruit blossoms, and an endless supply of these juicy golden citrus filling the streets, enticed us to trek over to downtown Riverside on Sunday, April 21, for the annual Orange Festival. Homework would have to wait. We craved oranges. Driving through the streets in search of parking, we quickly realized that every other inhabitant of the county had entertained this same dream.

At first, we encountered everything but oranges. People, booths displaying everything from patchwork dresses to spinach dip and pretzels, music, more people, kettle corn; there was no end of things to absorb and enjoy. But we observed these things with only passing interest. We had one thing on our minds. And then we spotted them, those gleaming jewels of deliciousness. And there was not just one type of orange. They were red, green, yellow, small, large, sour, and sweet. We were provided tastes of every mutant orange the palate could desire: navel, valencia, even the new lequat variety. Our taste buds were tickled and our stomachs satisfied.

Although the orange was at the

center of our attention, the festival is more than the celebration of a common yet scrumptious fruit. It is a historical event.

The original Orange day took place on April 21, 1895. It was created by the owner and builder of the Mission Inn, Frank Miller, and designed to bring people to Riverside to celebrate the orange crop industry as well as show off the hotel. This lasted until 1930. In 1994 Stater Bros. decided to carry on the celebration of the citrus fruit heritage.

This year, the festival covered 30 blocks and an estimated number of 200,000 visitors freely wandered the streets, tasting oranges, browsing booths, enjoying music, and seeing people. There was a grove for everybody: Technology grove, children's grove, heritage grove, arts and crafts grove, and fiesta grove. Live bands could be heard from seven different stages in the streets. We had heard

rumors that Big Face Grace was performing, and there was no way we would miss the opportunity to do some serious head-banging in front of the stage of our favorite band. Our very own Pastor Sam looked ecstatic to see his little fans bouncing up and down, shouting out his name, ready to catch him if he should decide to make a dive into the crowd.

Hundreds and hundreds of volunteers got together to make this fun, colorful event happen. The festival would not have taken place without all the dedicated hands of helpers, nor would it have been such a success without all the people who poured out from their houses and cars into the streets. Stater Bros. and the Press-Enterprise should also be mentioned for the generous contributions from their corporate pockets. But credit should be given where it is due. It was the orange that managed to bring people together and carry on the heritage of a county. That's not a bad accomplishment for a fist-sized fruit.



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EDITORIAL

'Porno Star' no longer shines

BY FABIAN CARBALLO
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"I went to London and I...booked myself in at the Y-WCA. I said I like it here can I stay...And do you have an opening for a back scrubber?"

—Morrissey

Meet Ronald Hyatt, a former special education teacher who turned to pornography seeking the fame and money that his relatives had achieved. And so begins the poor excuse of a documentary film entitled: "Porn Star: the Legend of Ron Jeremy." I thought that all porno films were documentaries on the demoralization and degeneration of sexuality across America. It seems as though it would be redundant to create a pornodocumentary, but the film stands as the threatening reality that pornography has achieved a disheartening mainstream appeal. The 1998 film *Boogie Knights* took viewers behind the scenes of the porno world where relationships were presented in the dynamic of family values, hence the statement made was clearly an illustration of how the abnormality known as pornography is suddenly a very human part of suburban America. This attempt at humanity is also evident in the film that documents the life of Ron Jeremy from his humble beginnings to his monthly HIV tests and his approach towards his job and life in general. "Everyone in my family is either an ambassador or politician and I'm like a porno entertainer," Jeremy quipped at the beginning of the film that set out to categorize him as human in a glamorized world of adult films. In interviews with friends, co-workers, and family members, the life of someone who had potential to be a law-abiding citizen unfolds in the backdrop of porno scenes that are as humiliating to watch as they are complex canvasses of a world that many of us don't understand but have to accept. Ron Jeremy (changed his name at the request of his father because, "there's a Ron Hyatt already") is now the number one hero of fraternity boys nationwide who grew up with "Ronnie" getting their sexual education and party motivation to relate with women the way they do. In some footage of 'Porn Star,' Jeremy is invited to a frat party where he is crowned as an "honorary member" as barely post-pubescent boys chanted, "Ronnie, Ronnie, Ronnie." It was a high in Ron Jeremy's life. But there's also the lows that include getting tested for HIV every month and waiting nervously in the clinic as the results come in. Throughout the film, Ron Jeremy is characterized as a witty, personable and funny guy that everyone wants to be around. However, the reality is that he can count his friends with his fingers (of one hand) and his Jewish family is reluctant to associate with him. So how can pornography reach the levels of mainstream to the degree that it has? We've seen documentaries about

aging people in Cuba who share a love for music but why was a documentary about a porn star characterized as "legendary" and deemed necessary? The answer lies beneath and more increasingly within our cultural structure. The truth of the matter is that pornography is as mainstream as our supermarkets and department stores and all other places where we consume. Consumption is America's main characteristic and pornography's best friend. According to a U.S. News and World Report article (1), over \$8 billion is spent in pornographic material every year since 1996. Hotels make about \$150 million a year through their pay-per-view materials. And what about the strip clubs that have become more conspicuous in our very own backyards of Riverside County? We cannot ignore them as we drive by. Furthermore, the same U.S. News and World Report article reported that one third of all the pornography in the world comes from Southern California in the San Gabriel valley. According to Leone and O'Neill's "Sexual Values," (2) in the business of sex, it is the women who become victims of stereotype. "Sexual Values" argues that prostitutes are a target for stereotyping by members of the same sex. While it is considered wrong for women to prostitute themselves, "Men who purchase the services of prostitutes are still considered normal (nondeviant)..." (Pg. 125). Men in this country are definitely to blame but so is our culture that permits anything to happen in order to increase consumerism. Even our own Supreme Court has decided in favor of child pornographers. A few weeks ago, Justice Anthony Kennedy whom I've met during my recent stay in Hawaii, wrote that "virtual" child porn should not be illegal because, "These images do not involve, let alone harm, any children in the production process" (3). It seems to me that if I could meet Justice Kennedy once again, I would relate to him that the Internet consumption of such images is just another form of capitalism gone unchecked. May God grant us the strength to not only protect our children from pornography but also from the consumerist culture that engenders it.

(1) "U.S. News and World Report" Feb. 1997.

(2) Leone, Bruno., O'Neill, T.M. (1983). *Sexual Values: Opposing Viewpoints*. St. Paul, Minnesota: Grenhaven Press.

(3) "Time" Magazine, April 29, 2002.

Corrections:

The April 25, 2002 issue contained a mistake. The article describing the LSU alumni who received awards should not have been titled, "Faculty wins Addy Silver Award." No faculty won the award. Rather, it was 3 LSU alumni who were honored. Furthermore, the information came from Professor Susan Patt, Chair of the Art Department and Director of the Brandstater Gallery although it was not noted in the article. We apologize for the error.

CAMPUS NEWS

EN malfunction incites frenzy

BY KRISTOPHER CABREIRA
GUEST WRITER

I learned an unusual concept with the Eagle's Nest a few weeks ago. As students wanted to buy something caffeine-ish, the register was broken and therefore students were refused customer service. When I learned of this situation, I called the Eagle's Nest immediately and asked why they don't write down the information, students' ID numbers, name of item purchased and price. I was told that the manager advised them not to do that. I had a student call me

when I was working the front desk at Sierra Towers who wanted to call The Eagle's Nest and complain; I mentioned to the student that I already called and let him know of the answer I received. He was ticked because he wanted/needed caffeine to help keep him awake.

Moral of the story? For the outrageous prices students sacrifice via meal plans at La Sierra University, shouldn't there be better, faster registers and card machines? There is technology; we can rebuild it! (Play-off from Six Million Dollar--Bionic--Man.)

Mad Cow Disease on campus

BY SAL MONELLA
PSEUDO STAFF WRITER

Riverside, CA—Thousands of Worthington and Morning Star products have been recalled from local supermarkets and removed from the storage rooms in our campus Cafeteria. State health officials have deemed all vegetarian beef products from Worthington Farms and Morning Star farms as infected with the infamous Mad Vege Cow disease. Many European nations have been affected by the same disease and have resorted to destruction of infected animals.

Now, a few months removed from the carnage, many restaurants in England ask their patrons to sign a waiver releasing the eatery from liability in case the patrons fall ill after eating a big steak. Unfortunately, La Sierra University officials could not get their students to sign waivers before eating at the Cafeteria because they either refused or brought their own waivers holding the University responsible if they are to fall ill with the bacteria. One student confessed, "I don't mind the vege scallops but it was about time they removed all the other junk from our diets." An administrator speaking on conditions of anonymity stated, "This is far more serious than students are willing to admit. People on campus have been acting a little mad. The last thing we need is another Cafeteria-related lawsuit."

Cans of vegetarian beef, steak, chicken, chili and even fish were thrown out by the thousands. The huge waste is preferred to having a significant number of student illnesses and deaths thus bringing down the enrollment numbers for the year. "We

can't afford to lose any more students to the Mad Vege Cow disease," stated an official from the Recruitment office. Authorities have dumped all the dead vege meat behind the soccer field and hope that it will be biodegradable and can be used to fortify and beautify the flowers around the Riverwalk structure. Members of the La Sierra Market staff have seen their sales numbers plummet like an injured seagull. "It is unfair to the vege cows that all this is happening," one official said.

Although there are no cases of reported mad vege cow contraction, several students have been acting rather strange. One student has reported to campus health officials that he hears continuous voices at night saying, "I need your immunization records mijo!" over and over again. Other students have also reported insomnia and a deep desire to eat at Los Amigos (A Los Amigos spokesperson has reported that their restaurant is not vegetarian and that they don't use vege cows or their derivatives). Furthermore, one unidentified student has been observed dancing through the sprinklers while yelling, "MOO, MOO, MOO!" Another isolated case reported a young male student sleeping at La Sierra Hall before his 8'o'clock class. As he woke up he appeared to be sleepwalking and speaking some weird language as he said that "all vege cows are holy." None of these cases have been confirmed as Mad Vege cow disease but officials are speculating that it might be too late. "We just cannot afford to lose any more students for next school year," the same official from Recruitment stated.

Security installs new safety phones

BY BETHANY MORSE
STAFF WRITER

Last year the inevitable occurred, though not directly on our campus it hit close to home. You may remember hearing about the assault that happened during an early morning walk just outside Sierra Vista apartments. Steven Hemenway took this opportunity to approach the administration about increasing security measures. His persistence gained the university its first security pole, located just behind the library. Last week a second safety phone

was installed outside of the laundry room there at the Sierra Vista apartments.

Keeping our campus safe is the number one priority of our security department. Unfortunately doing just that is rather expensive. The wall phone alone cost over three thousand dollars. Safety poles can run anywhere from eight to ten thousand dollars per pole. Chief Doug Nophsker, director of security, said they plan on installing a new pole every year should funds allow for it. So keep your eyes open you never know where the next new pole might pop up.

LSU SIFE Team presents Entrepreneurial Freedoms

BY JESSICA BEARDEN
GUEST WRITERS

La Sierra SIFE has been out on elementary and junior high campuses this spring with an inspirational project called "Entrepreneurial Freedoms". This project was designed to stimulate the entrepreneurial spirit and awareness of free enterprise in the community, while focusing on the freedoms we enjoy in our every-day lives.

In addition to having interactive discussions about our freedoms, such as freedom of speech, freedom to learn, freedom to create, and so forth, we also invited the kids to tell us what freedom means to them. We captured some of their thoughts on tape and have made them into Public Service Announcements, which will be running during the month of May on KSGN.

In addition, we handed out more than 600 five-inch fabric squares to the kids, which they are decorating and contributing to our Freedoms Quilt. Constructed on the theme of an American flag, the nine foot by 17 foot Freedoms Quilt is a celebration of our freedoms and is being presented to Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge on May 8.



Hey Seniors, Classifieds!

Wanna say something cool to your pals? Say it in the Criterion for FREE! Remember the girl that you've always wanted to hook up with? Well, it's time to let her know. Unfinished business with your roommate? Time to clear it up. Relieve your heart and soul of the unsaid, let your friends know you love them, tell your boyfriend goodbye. The final issue of the Criterion is dedicated to our beloved and departing seniors. It will be an issue you can treasure forever. Submit to fabicarb@aol.com by May 22. Please no profanities and limit to three sentences per person.

Social Events

So what's coming up? More cool SALSU Stuff. Something that everyone's been asking about - the Spring Banquet!! Yes...it's going to be on May 23rd, a Thursday night, from 7-10 pm and it's in the Disneyland Sheraton Hotel. It will be a formal banquet. That's all for now... we'll post up more info and sell tickets soon.

FEATURES & OPINION

What is the true adventist example of diversity?

BY MICHAEL GUTIERREZ
GUEST WRITER

In response to the article entitled "Reader Responds to Article on Diversity" (April, 24, 2002), I feel that Mr. Cabreira's "rebuttal" was anything but that. The main purpose of a rebuttal is to educate and NOT to attack or bring down another person. I was appalled to read that Mr. Cabreira would rather have Farnaz Pirayesh attend "UCLA, UCR, UC Irvine, or some other non-religious university," and that he would be happier for it because he "wouldn't have to hear non-educated opinions regarding LSU enforcing 'Adventism on everyone.'" Mr. Cabreira, if Farnaz Pirayesh's statement was "non-educated" then what do you call your statement? You claimed to be a 5th generation Adventist, but where was the love of God in your statements? You claimed that the religious goal of La Sierra University was "to seek, to know, and serve the Lord who has sacrificed Himself..." but does serving the Lord include turning away those who have *different* and *diverse* opinions? Does knowing the Lord include pushing away those who need to know the very love that Christ demonstrated on the cross? Does seeking the Lord include turning your eyes away from those who need to see the love of God *in action*.

I am a non-Adventist Christian and most of everything that I have experienced on this campus has made my walk with God even stronger. But what kind of example was Mr. Cabreira setting through his remarks? If such is the Adventist example, I am inclined to think twice before wanting to follow such an example. And what if a non-Christian were to read Mr. Cabreira's remarks? Is this how the love of God is to be shared to those people? I certainly hope not because Mr. Cabreira's remarks *were* directed towards a non-Christian. And I wonder what picture of Christ has Farnaz Pirayesh been presented with lately?

Blood Drive

BY ANNA SCHALKWYK
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This is just a quick reminder that we are having another blood drive May 9 in the Student Center starting at 12:00pm until 4:00pm. I want to thank all of you that gave blood. Eighty-two people came to the last event and we were able to help 180 patients. This is very important and you have another chance to make a difference! We are going to have more people helping with the blood drive so you won't be waiting or turned away. Save a life, give blood

Can campus politics be saved?

BY CARTER WOLVERTON
GUEST WRITER

What could be more boring than politics? After all, it is just a bunch of old white men arguing over things like whether or not Gary Condit should stay in office. What does that have to do with our daily lives? Why bother paying attention to politics? I know that many harbor these questions in their minds, but are they legitimate?

Apathy about politics has even trickled down to our school elections where only a fraction of students voted this year. And this was an election where many of our friends, such as Maritess "Joy" Asumen and Saul Barcelo, among many others, asked to be elected into positions of our local student government. Yet, many did not even care to vote much less show up at the assembly.

While others and I have pondered over why people do not seem to care about politics, I venture to say that it is because people simply do not know what is going on. How many students know that the student senate is working on a plan to get the student center open on the weekends, or keep the library open longer hours? I doubt that many students, other than the student senators and members of SALSU, know anything about these plans.

While I fault myself, as well as other members of the senate, for not getting the word out of what the senate is working on, I also fault the general public for not wanting to know what is going on. We as senators have failed the student population when it comes to disclosing the information on what we are voting for, and the student population have failed themselves for not searching for it.

So what do we do to make politics more exciting? Put the candidates in their swimsuit and have them pose for pictures for their campaign posters? Or do we get down and dirty by putting up flyers that show a picture of someone with the comment under them saying "This person doesn't want the student center open on the weekends!" We could do all of these things and more, but what benefit would it have. While I am sure more of the student body would pay attention to this type of advertising, after a while we would become tired of it, just as the general public got tired of it in the real world of politics. After all, how many people want to see Al Gore in a swimsuit? I, for one, do not.

I suggest that we do a few things to increase voter turn out. 1) Make sure that the student body has access to what is brought before the student senate. The student body needs more than just notes in the library. 2) Increase club involvement in student government. Miss Kim Odle, Student Activities Coordinator, has tried to do that this year. 3) Reduce the size of student government. While I am glad that we have good people in all our student offices, a few of them, such as Criterion Editor and Perspectives Editor, in my humble opinion, should not be part of student government. The English, and Art departments should select these positions.

Now that I have rambled on enough with my ideas of how to increase voter turn out, let me repeat to you the same question asked earlier. Do you really care? I hope and pray that you do. When it comes down to it, it is really up to you. You must make the decision to care.

Why is it O. K. for the Deniston kids not to be taught by Wonil Kim? LSU is a small big place!

BY WONIL KIM
PROFESSOR OF OLD TESTAMENT AND RELIGION

I read Richard Deniston's article, "Why my kids won't be taught by Wonil Kim" (March 14, 2002). I do not wish to debate Mr. Deniston on the pages of the *Criterion*, but I believe a short response would be in order. I would welcome a conversation with Mr. Deniston or anyone else on the subject, publicly or privately, in which we can deal with the specifics of the issue. Here, please allow me to say just a few things that I believe may pertain to our perception of LSU as an Adventist institution of higher learning.

I do not have any "subversive anti-American idiocy" up my sleeve as a hidden agenda. I am openly critical of any oppressive, unjust system and practice -- whether of American or of any other society, including Korea, the country of my origin. I once wrote a letter to Mr. Deniston to this effect in response to his criticism of my teaching while he was taking a class from me. Anyone can read the letter upon request.

The LSU students may have "young and

impressionable minds" as Mr. Deniston describes them. They are nonetheless independent thinkers and free decision-making agents. The pedagogic principles that I hold dear to my soul and try to practice the best way I can mandate that I unequivocally respect my students' right to think and decide on their own on any given issue. Mr. Deniston's definitions of "diatribe" and "harangue" must differ substantially from the definitions of these words that my dictionary offers.

It is perfectly fine for the Deniston children, or anyone else, to not be taught by me while attending LSU -- although the decision should be the students', not the parents'. LSU has a wide enough range of sociopolitical and theological perspectives and ideologies to which students can expose themselves and from which they can learn. LSU may be small in size, but it is a big place with a broad spectrum of views and practices accompanied by a passionate commitment to the best of the Adventist ideals. It is a "small big place."

SPORTS

NBA playoffs predictions

BY FABIAN CARBALLO
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The NBA Playoffs are here again and, for the most part, there haven't been any surprises. The Los Angeles Lakers are still the dominant favorite and none of the last place teams in the West or East have advanced to the second round. One highlight of the Eastern Conference Playoffs was the match between the New Jersey Nets and the Indiana Pacers. The Pacers are the owners of the first loss to a current Lakers Championship team as well as the youngest team in the league. The Nets coming in at first place in the East were forced to play in a game 5 at home to advance to the second round. An exciting game that went into double overtime finally concluded with the Nets as the victors.

Reggie Miller, a Riverside native is to be commended for his three-point superiority that kept the Pacers in the game. Isaiah Thomas' team showed a lot of posture and

tenacity as they survived a complicated series where every youngster stepped up as the veteran Miller lead his team. The West saw less complicated bouts as each team swept or nearly swept their opponent. The Lakers swept the Blazers in an uninteresting series that culminated in Portland. Game 2 was particularly exciting for those who were fortunate enough to attend like our very own Aaron Matlock. The energy at the Staples Center was enough to show that Los Angeles is the city of the defending champions and that they're all just waiting for the next victory so that they can destroy more stuff and cause havoc.

The Dallas Mavericks swept the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Sacramento Kings dropped one at home but finally won their series in four games against the Utah Jazz. Interestingly, Utah's John Stockton is still playing with the best of them at the tender age of 40. This is a feat that many other players are still trying to accomplish including Michael Jordan

who underestimated the rigors of playing in a league that is increasingly younger. The Kings and the Mavericks are now confronting each other in the West's second round with the Kings leading the series 1-0. Moreover, in spite of Tim Duncan's loss of his father and David Robinson's back injury, the San Antonio Spurs prevailed over the Seattle SuperSonics in an emotional Game 5.

In the East, the Detroit Pistons and the Charlotte Hornets survived and advanced to play the Boston Celtics and the New Jersey Nets respectively. The Boston Celtics recorded 10 three-pointers in the 4th quarter against the Philadelphia 76'ers in a decisive game 5. The 76'ers, last year's Eastern Conference winners, went home defeated and reanalyzing why the Celtics were so unstoppable from behind the arch. Our predictions for this year are based on first round results and previous historical data:

Round 2 West:

Kings vs. Mavs=Kings in 7
Lakers vs. Spurs=Lakers in 4

Round 2 East:

Nets vs. Hornets= Nets in 6
Pistons vs. Celtics= Celtics in 6

Round 3 West:

Kings vs. Lakers= Lakers in 5

Round 3 East:

Nets vs. Celtics= Celtics in 6

Championship:

Lakers vs. Celtics= Lakers in 6



Lakers bring the championship spirit

BY AARON MATLOCK
POLITICS EDITOR

Los Angeles rush hour traffic could not damper the Lakers playoff frenzy that was prevalent in this wonderful city of angels. Laker flags were gracefully blowing in the air, as cars were driving by on the freeways and on the surface streets surrounding the Staples Center. A true Lakers fan could not have asked for anything more.

Game 2 of the first round of the Western Conference playoffs was about to get underway between the World Champion Los Angeles Lakers and the Portland Trailblazers. On the way to the Staples Center every Lakers piece of clothing was in sight to show that true Lakers spirit. The stars were in sight, with Jack Nicholson at his usual floor seat. Adam Sandler and Denzel Washington were also in attendance. The arena was packed with a capacity crowd of 18,997. The arena was filled with excitement with about twenty minutes left before tip off, and everybody knew it was going to be an intense and exciting game.

The Lakers took off quickly with the first basket and never looked back. Samaki Walker had an incredible dunk following a miss by one of the Lakers. Shaquille O'Neal dominated the inside as Kobe Bryant did his usual by being the playmaker, accumulating a total of 19 points and five assists to go along with his two steals. The "Kobe Stopper" Reuben Patterson could not contain Kobe as he lit him up the moment Patterson entered the game. If that was not enough for the

woeful Patterson, there was a deafening sound of "boos" that flooded the Staples Center the moment he entered the game. This would continue the rest of the evening with half the crowd chanting, "Reuben sucks! Reuben Sucks!"

The game was not without some controversy and dirty play by the Trailblazers. A fight almost ensued between Kobe Bryant and Scottie Pippen as they got tangled up going for a loose ball. Dale Davis was ejected from the game, drawing two technical fouls in a span of 27 seconds. The crowd unabashedly cheered his departure ceremoniously. Robert Horry fell into the Blazers' bench going for a loose ball, and as he was trying to get back into the game that was still in progress, Pippen held his wrist, inhibiting him from entering immediately. Many fans in the stands saw this and started yelling at Pippen. Rasheed Wallace picked up his technical foul in the fourth quarter and Patterson picked up a flagrant foul. I suppose one could say that it was typical Trailblazers basketball... lack of class and composure.



The Lakers appeared to be in command of most of the game. However, the Trailblazers cut into a 20-point deficit with a 16-2 run to put them within six points with 1:43 left in the game. All the fans were on their feet cheering for the Lakers to get back into

the game and pull off the win. The Lakers turned on their defensive prowess once again to stop the Trailblazers, and came back on offence, scoring and putting the game out of reach. With this, the crowd stood to their feet in pandemonium, with many chanting, "Three-peat! Three-peat!" The Lakers won 103-96.

Shaquille O'Neal ended the game with 31 points and 14 rebounds, shooting 8 for 9 from the free throw line. Derek Fisher and Rick Fox also scored in double figures. Wallace led all Trailblazers scorers with 31 points and accumulating 11 rebounds. Pippen added 20 points and 9 rebounds. Bonzi Wells and Derek Anderson contributed by scoring in double figures.

ENTERTAINMENT

101 Brilliant Ways to Stay Awake In Class*

By Bethany Morse and Other Master Minds

1. Write an article for the criterion.
2. Count how many around you are falling asleep.
3. Sneeze loudly and see how many you can wake up.
4. Doodle on the margin of your notes.
5. Make loud crunching sounds while eating a bag of peanuts.
6. Observe the teacher for any reoccurring patterns... constant usage of right hand... speaking out of one side of mouth... missing button on shirt, etc.
7. Loudly agree with what is being said.
8. Laugh for no apparent reason.
9. If female twist your hair.
10. Excuse yourself to go to the bathroom.
11. Bring a baby bottle to drink out of.
12. Try to catch the eye of the hottie across the room.
13. Start a continuing story and send it around the room.
14. Use your palm pilot to beam secret messages.
15. Practice making weird faces.
16. Write an anonymous love letter.
17. Send a pass-it-on note.
18. Play M.A.S.H.
19. Bring a coloring book and crayons.
20. Read the info sheet.
21. Write your mom a letter.
22. Set your watch to go off every 5 min. and look around to see whose watch it is.
23. Start a beat by rapping your fingers and tapping your toes.
24. Read the criterion.
25. Try writing a letter sdrawkcb.
26. Flare your nostrils at anyone you make eye contact with.
27. Drink Caffeine.
28. Put on makeup.
29. Wiggle in your seat.
30. Sigh heavily.
31. Wink at strangers.
32. Look around in a daze.
33. Stare at the ceiling and point at nothing. (See how many people you can get to look up.)
34. Take a squirt gun and shoot those people who are sleeping.
35. Do origami.
36. Whisper "sweet nothings" to the person next to you.
37. Play Tic-tac-toe.
38. Play hangman.
39. Stand up and stretch, then sit back down as if it were nothing.
40. Raise your hand and wave it wildly about then say, "Oh, I forgot."
41. Raise your hand again and say "Oh, yeah now I remember... wait... no I don't."
42. Raise your hand again and ask, "What is your middle name?"
43. Gasp loudly and give the person behind you a dirty look.
44. Make paper airplanes.
45. Suddenly develop an "uncontrollable" twitch.
46. Bring a book to read.
47. Bring a pillow and a blanket to class; maybe your professor will get the hint.
48. Hum the Brady Bunch theme song.
49. Clap when your teacher finishes a thought.
50. Do homework for another class.
51. Bring your laptop and watch a DVD.
52. Smirk at your teacher.
53. Raise your hand and ask them to repeat what they just said or expand on it. (This way they think you are listening.)
54. Take notes with large arm motions.
55. Take a whoopee cushion.
56. Count your teachers hair plugs.
57. Fall out of your chair and play dead.
58. Untie and tie your shoes.
59. Then do it to your neighbors.
60. Start scratching slow at first then get faster.
61. Pat the person in front of you on the head and say "Good Job."
62. Raise your hand and ask to make an announcement. (Be creative.)
63. Floss your teeth with your hair.
64. Mimic your teacher's movements.
65. Raise your hand and ask your teacher to please spell "that."
66. Wear glasses, blink rapidly and scream "Don't anybody move... I can't find my contact."
67. Sit up straight and practice your posture.
68. Dig in your backpack and pull a "Mary Poppins" (pull out weird objects).
69. Lay a knife, fork and spoon on your desk and ask if anyone has any food.
70. Take off your socks and shoes and give yourself a pedicure.
71. Yell "Blasphemy" and random during your teachers lecture.
72. Count down the last 10 minuets of class as if it is New Years.
73. File your nails on your jeans.
74. Pluck eyelashes and make wishes.
75. Call the cell phones of people in your class.
76. Draw finger puppets on your hands and give plays.
77. Draw on the neck of the person in front of you.
78. Braid you hair.
79. Play cell phone games.
80. Write a new fairy tale.
81. Practice Ventriloquism.
82. Once mastered try throwing your voice, then look innocent.
83. Highlight the bold words in your textbook.
84. Bring perfume and squirt it until everyone in the room smells like you.
85. Write your obituary.
86. Plan your dream wedding.
87. Sit with a blank stare and drool on your desk.
88. Get up and move to a new seat periodically.
89. Get teary eyed and when asked if all right say, "Yes, it is just that this lecture is so moving" (sob).
90. Make a paper fan and fan yourself and those around you.
91. Smack your gum.
92. Make a list of names to name your future children.
93. Bring crushed ice to throw at people. (Hey, it's perfect! Your evidence melts.)
94. Write your will.
95. Do your taxes.
96. Fill out your FASFA form.
97. Balance your checkbook.
98. Make a list in alphabetical order of your favorite TV shows.
99. Eat garlic and breath on people.
100. Design yourself a new wardrobe.
101. Write a sequel to this list.

*Use suggestions at own risk.

Wash away stress at Mikki's

BY BETHANY MORSE
STAFF WRITER

Ever wish you could wash your stress away? Friday afternoon I stumbled upon a heaven in disguise, Mikki's. Hidden across the street from Smart and Final on Tyler, sits a little piece of paradise. The walls are bright purple with a spongy painted look; the room opens up so even the most claustrophobic feels at home. I was greeted from every angle with a smile and a welcome. Sitting at a little table sat Mikki herself chatting away with one of her clients; stopping for a moment to look up and greet us with a smile, Mikki asked us what we were in the mood for.

Not being too much of a girly girl, I opted for the \$5 French manicure. I was ushered over to a comfy chair and my hands found themselves being pampered. Soon my ordinary hands were transformed to look like something out of a lotion advertisement. Thrilled with the results and service I vowed to bring back a friend. After little convincing I was able to get someone to accompany me on Sunday.

I was never a big fan of communion just because of the foot washing so pedicures never appealed to me. I took the leap of faith and I am now a believer. Either my estrogen was kicked into overdrive or this place really has something! Again, I was swamped with friendliness when I stepped through the door. I was shown to a huge leather massage chair where my feet were submerged into a mini Jacuzzi bath. While the chair was massaging my back and bum, my feet were getting the same treatment and a lotion bath. The stress began to melt away with the mellow music and friendly chatter.

Mikki's Hair and Nail Boutique has a number of regular customers, many from the local high schools and a few from the colleges. They cater to men and women; you can get everything from a hair cut to a full massage. Mikki feels that customer service and happiness is the most important thing in running a business, which is why she personally says hello to everyone who walks through her door. She gets to know them while offering a drink to refresh them from the hot California sun.

When I asked her if I could write an article for our school paper, she was thrilled and asked if she could give me a free manicure and hand massage. She proceeded to tell me all about how she came over from China in 1987 and did not speak any English, but through hard work she now has this store. If you want to hear more of her success story, please stop by her shop, she loves to visit! Present you LSU ID card and get two dollars off any service, (told you she was nice). So what are you waiting for? Go wash away your stress at Mikki's Hair and Nail Boutique.

RELIGION

Dear LSU, caffeine is a sin

BY PAUL YOO
GUEST WRITER

Caffeine is an addictive drug that 90% of world is hooked on. It's in many of the products we consume, most commonly found in coffees, tea, chocolate and sodas (such as Coke). How can something that seems so good and harmless be the exact opposite?

Beverages and snacks containing caffeine have gained popularity amongst many college students. It is often used as an "energy booster" or to keep students awake into wee hours studying for an exam. Have you ever wondered why it works and how?

For those wondering, I'll try to enlighten you. In a nutshell, similar to other addictive drugs such as cocaine, heroin and amphetamines, caffeine operates through the same mechanisms to stimulate the brain. Obviously, caffeine's effect on the body and mind is considerably mild compared to these illegal drugs, but the same channels are manipulated to give it its addictive qualities.

Our bodies have strong affinity toward caffeine and other drugs such as heroine and cocaine because it increases and manipulates dopamine production levels. Dopamine is a neurotransmitter that activates pleasure and makes us "feel good." Usually some of the immediate short-term effects of these drugs are alertness, increased heartbeat, tense muscles and feelings of excitement. But, as we continue to consume it, our body becomes addicted to it; such is the case with most people. Without it they face fatigue and depression.

With this in mind, why is it that at LSU (an institution supported and funded by the Seventh-day Adventist church, claiming to have the truth and the health message) is selling this addictive drug (coffee, Coke, energy drinks, chocolate, etc.) to our future doctors, educators, businessmen, pastors, missionaries, etc., of the future? Why the inconsistency? How can LSU claim to have the truth and be a light to those seeking the truth with its hypocrisy? How can LSU distinguish itself from other secular schools when it is slowly conforming to the patterns of the world? How can LSU share the health message when it doesn't even live it? Some of us are concerned because at this rate I prognosticate meat, cigarettes, and alcohol on campus in the near future. I also wonder how many Adventists around the world are aware of the hypocrisy of LSU?

It is a sad period in time that the deceitfulness of sin has infiltrated into the heart of God's university. It is not just a matter of coffee, coke or a chocolate bar, but far more importantly boldly living out our **beliefs** (truths) faithfully through **actions** not just in words, especially during periods of heavy opposition and unpopularity. LSU should not compromise the Adventist beliefs (truths) for the sake of pleasing the students or to make a few bucks off their ignorance. And if it is for the sake of making money, demand or popularity, then why not serve meat and sell beer too?

This is my first year on this campus and I chose LSU (an Adventist institution) so that I

can receive an education in an environment where my values and all my beliefs could be supported, not opposed. LSU needs to either choose to completely follow the Adventist beliefs or don't claim to be associated with Adventism. Keep it real!

The following are biblical excerpts that support my point of view:

"Know ye not that . . . ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6: 19, 20.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers in view of God's mercy, to offer your body as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God- this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Roman 12:1,2

Indulging in a drug (caffeine) that is clearly addictive, harmful, and that alters our natural behavior, is clearly not what God desires. As it is written, we were bought with a price and we are not our own but God's. Remember it is a privilege and an honor to serve the almighty God and it is not possible to be a living sacrifice if we continue to indulge in everything that just tastes and feels good. Our temple (body) needs to be kept clean, abstaining from anything that is harmful because the Holy Spirit cannot reside in a body filled with harmful substances.

We serve a God of tremendous love, mercy, grace, patience, power and truth, but also a God who is responsible. He loves us too much to keep us at our current state; therefore, He has granted us the power to abstain from everything of the world and especially of the things that are harmful to the body and mind. Our body and mind are our only means of communication with God and they need to be clear and sharp, free from anything harmful at all times. This is expected out of each and every one of His followers.

As representatives of the Lord we have hope and can claim all of His promises. It is impossible to represent God with our own strength and understanding. We must continually draw our power from the Lord and allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. He also has provided sufficient alternatives in replacements of these harmful products, so that we can more effectively, with a clearer mind and body, represent Him in accordance to His will. If we continue to resist and compromise the truth and doubt God's transforming power, we will fall and continue to taste defeat in our walk with the Lord. God's plan is to never hurt or harm us, but to give us abundant prosperity, hope and a future, but we must trust, obey and be truthful. (Jeremiah 29:11)

"Tea and coffee drinking is a **sin**, an injurious indulgence, which like other evils injures the soul." E.G. White, Counsels on Diet and Foods pg.425.

"Tea, coffee, tobacco, and alcohol we must present as **sinful indulgences**... not to be taken moderately, but discarded." E.G. White, Selected Messages pg. 287.

M & M's

BY BETHANY MORSE
STAFF WRITER

The time has come you are being called to pick up your arms and go to war! M & M's are looking for new recruits. Here at LSU it is not a physical war but a spiritual one that needs to be fought.

Every RA has an M&M to assist them with the mentoring of their residents. Ministers in Motion are not limited to just their hall, they are able to get involved in a variety of ways. They lead out in peer counseling groups like the circle. The circle is a group that meets in various locations with anonymous attendees. If someone is dealing with an addiction whether it is chemical dependency or an eating disorder, the circle is the place to go for support.

Bonuses for signing up to be an M&M for next year include:

- Year of Service learning academic credit.
- Chance to move into your dorm room before the big crowd hits!
- Free "Mountain High" get away, one last fling before school.
- Exclusive M&M weekend extravaganza.
- LSU Leadership Scholarship
- And much, much more.

A friend in need is a friend in deed. If someone is in need of a listening ear or a shoulder to cry on, M&M's will be there. Applications for next year will be available in Home Base, located in Angwin Hall.

Campus-wide sabbath revival, May 11, 2002

Representatives from **Campus Ministries, Black Student Association, HomeBase, Hispanic Ministries, SALSU, and Student Life** have been meeting to plan a campus-wide Sabbath Revival for Saturday, May 11, and YOU are not only invited, but URGED to come! There promises to be something for everyone, no matter your taste. Please put the following events on your calendar and SAVE the date:

- 9:30-10:00 a.m. Breakfast on the Campus Mall**
- 10:00-10:45 a.m. Praise and Worship on Campus Mall**
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. Foot Washing in Matheson Chapel/Student Center**
- 11:15-12:30 p.m. Praise, Worship, Drama, Gospel Choir, and Sermon by Sam Leonor in HMA**
- 12:30-2:00 p.m. Potluck (Agape Feast) in the Dining Commons**
- 4:00-5:30 p.m. Special Concert in the LSU Church**

According to the chair of the organizing committee, Samuel Acosta, "It will be a time to focus as a University Family on what God has done in our lives with an opportunity to recommit to Him! Students have been planning this for some time but we are especially anxious to have faculty and staff join the students."

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Wage Gap

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they work fewer hours than their husbands. Nordquist thinks that the best way to address the pay gap is to start focusing on the gender roles that are played in the family. She also states that, "Until men work the same amount at home as their wives, or work less at their jobs, there's always going to be this issue."

Nordquist states that another reason for the income gap is that women are more apt to pursue liberal arts degrees and go into lower-paying jobs, while men are more apt to pursue engineering and computer-science degrees, thus landing higher paying careers. Some may believe that this is a result of the dominance that men have in such higher paying jobs and that women may have a sense of trepidation of pursuing these jobs. However, the National Center For Policy Analysis: Idea House, states that, "In 1970, only 12 percent of pharmacists were women; by 1998, the percentage had jumped to 44 percent. Between 1970 and 1998 women's representation increased from 5 to 29 percent of lawyers, from 27 to 66 percent of public relations specialists, and from 39 to 62 percent of psychologists." Women are not avoiding these higher paying, male-dominated jobs. Also, their interests may fall in other facets, which would partly account for the lack of women present in certain occupations. Thus, the victicratic mentality of "let's blame the men for gender discrimination" holds no ground, at least not today.

It is time for all of America to take off the veil covering their eyes of discernment and see the bigger picture in regards to the income gender gap. Feminists and liberals have not looked at all the facts that contribute to this gap. The media feeds American society this nonsense, and many ignorant, naïve, and victicratic individuals fall into the trap of believing it. The more truth that comes out in regards to this issue, the more society will realize that the rhetoric about the income gap is nothing more than an exaggerated farce.

May Maddness

BY ANNA SCHALKWYK
CABL DIRECTOR

The runners have started! This month is the beginning to a healthy lifestyle. We should all be enjoying the benefits of exercise. Unfortunately, some of us just can't get around to doing it. Well, I have hopefully found that motivator! FREE SHOES!! Yes, you can get free shoes if you jog every weekday with the CABL director (me). Now, I know you guys are saying, "What kind of shoes?" and "Oh, they're just giving us cheap Wal-mart specials." The truth is that I want you guys to have quality running shoes to continue your journey in exercise, so I will give quality and nothing else. You must stick to the rules and run everyday! If you miss a day you can still run with the rest of us but you just won't qualify for the shoes. However, other prizes will be given throughout the month. Please meet at the blue mail box at 7:00am sharp. See you there!

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Where did that phrase come from?

BY WHITNY BRAUN
STAFF WRITER

As Pleased As Punch

Meaning: Very happy

Origin: From the Punch and Judy slapstick puppet character. Punch originated from Punchinello, an Italian puppet with similar characteristics.

As Mad As A Hatter

Meaning: Totally insane

Origin: Hat makers used mercury in the making of hats. This affected their nervous system and because of the tremors they experienced, they were labeled as mad. The Hatter in Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* is not described as mad in the story, although he can hardly be viewed as sane. Lewis Carroll may have been doing his share of mercury as well.

The Oldest Phrase In English?

The oldest phrase that has been in constant usage from its coinage to the present appears to be "woe is me." The origin is Biblical. Job 10:15 uses it in the form "woe onto me." Job is one of the oldest books in the Old Testament, dating from about 1200 BCE, making the phrase 3,200 years old...just slightly older than my Dad.

Obviously, that wasn't English, so the first time it appeared in English was Wycliffe's translation in 1382.

Shakespeare used it in Hamlet. (Shakespeare seems to have used just about everything.)

It's time for Spring Fling Poetry Thing!!!

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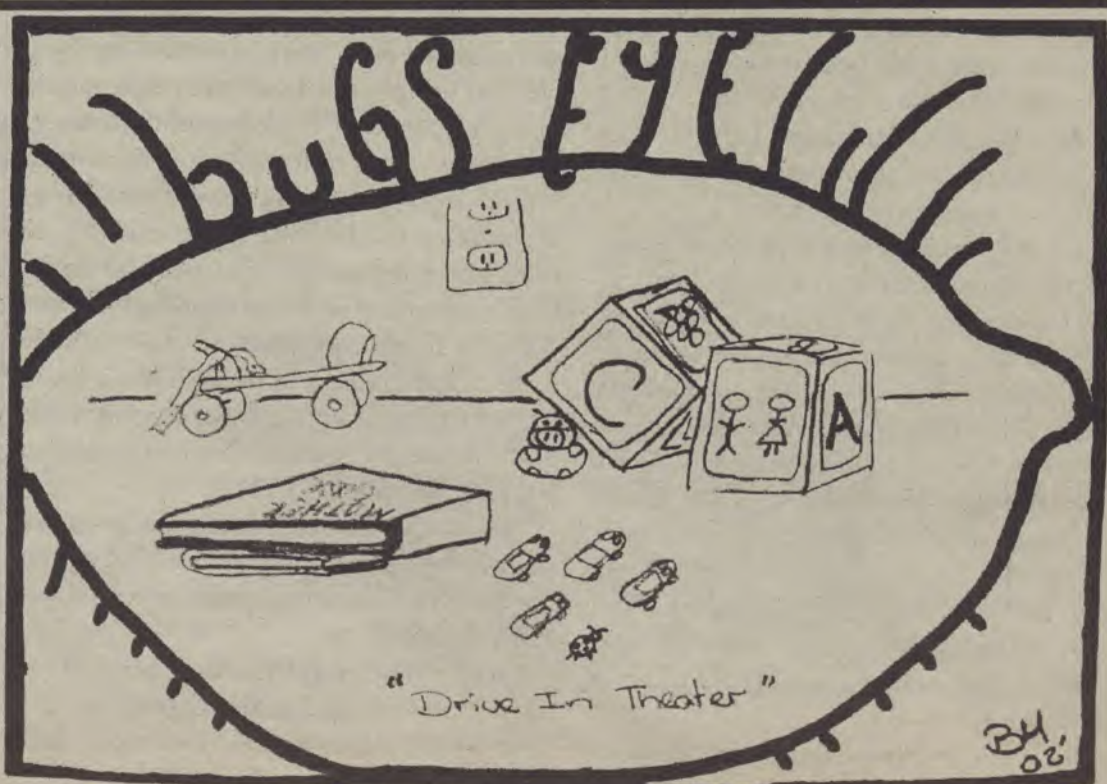
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Campus revival? What revival?

BY FABIAN CARBALLO
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As Campus Pastor Sam Leonor began his homily on Sabbath, May 11th, the crowd was pumped after singing the triumphant lyrics of a worshipful song about redemption and salvation. A unison of voices stronger than any fear had intricately worshipped as hands clapped, drums and cymbals echoed through the Hole Memorial Auditorium and the Holy Spirit was manifested like no other time at the La Sierra University campus. "Revival," Pastor Sam exclaimed, "What Revival?" The Campus Revival was a cooperation amongst all the campus ministries including: Hispanic Ministries, Black Student Association, Homebase Ministries, Student Life, Campus Ministries, and SALSU. The day began with a succulent breakfast provided for free, to all students and visitors in front of the Commons. Later, religious studies student, Iki Taimi spoke about the meaning and purpose of

the rite of humility or "foot-washing," in laymen terms. Subsequently and after an outdoor worship session with an eclectic band with members of different campus ministries, those who understood the message about humility and did not find it beyond themselves to participate proceeded to the area designated for the washing of the feet.

Physics professor Richard Bobst, after two rejections from seemingly confused students, finally found a partner to participate in the foot washing. "I find it interesting that so many young people tend to be shy about this sort of thing," Bobst stated. Dr. Bobst was an exemplary member of the faculty that found it quite appropriate to participate in the utmost act of humility with a student.

After the humility participants arrived from their designated areas (women and men were segregated inasmuch as could be seen as a denial that men and women need to humble themselves towards

each other daily), the worship band with over 10 members was ready to "rock the house" at Hole Memorial Auditorium. The Redemption song created a raucous so loud that Pastor Sam asked for the song to be sung again before everyone departed for lunch (which was also on the house). The day ended with a concert at the LSUC.

The sermon was like no other. Instead of admonishing the stereotypical stagnant qualities that most Adventists have come to be known for, Pastor Sam chose to praise the LSU campus for its fervent ministries and unquestionable involvement with the world community. "Revival? I ask what revival," Pastor Sam stated. "We need to go to the next level," he added. The next level is definitely closer than most think; the crowd that gathered at the HMA was louder than bombs and instilled a loving peace that hasn't been recently felt throughout the world.

Adventism and Homosexuality: An unlikely marriage

BY FABIAN CARBALLO
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

La Sierra University, like many other Adventist organizations, has been dealing with the question of homosexuality, Adventism, and marriage. "This is a new issue," University President Lawrence Geraty told the Criterion.

"Society has presented an unknown [homosexuality] issue and the church has ignored it for a long time," Geraty added.

The reality is that there are Adventists in both extremes of the issue. The debacle transcends the usual spectrum of Adventist thought and poses a very interesting polemic that affects LSU as much as it affects the residents of the campus and community.

Geraty assured the Criterion that LSU students, regardless of sexual preference, must uphold the university's expectations of "high standards of sexual

behavior." In other words, as Adventist parents and prospective students search for a morally edifying campus to pursue an education, they should understand that LSU is not a hub for moral misconduct. In fact, the university's position on the issue of homosexuality, regardless of what side the institution takes, is inherently problematic once the support of parents, ministers, and the Adventist church as a whole is factored in.

On one side of the polemic are those who would prefer the "problem" didn't exist and prescribe to a strict interpretation of the Bible. Because the issue of homosexuality, as a social dynamic that requires doctrinal change, is so new, the Adventist church has officially adhered to the classic sin perception of same-sex relations. Many Adventists that arguably form the crux of the church doctrinal body are vehemently

against the practice of homosexuality. For example, Max Torkelson, president of the Upper Columbia Conference, has postulated a classically Adventist view against homosexuality (1), usually quoting Paul's writing that deemed relations between men as "perversion" that received its "due penalty" (2). Other texts seem to be perhaps more unforgiving of the homosexual lifestyle, such as Leviticus 18:22, TLB, which states, "Homosexuality is absolutely forbidden, for it is an enormous sin." The Apostle Paul, in the New Testament, provides other terms such as, "immoral," "sinners," and "impure," in order to describe homosexuals (3). Many other texts point to the sinful nature of promiscuity.

Bearing more weight than the Torkelson Bible question Website is the Adventist church's official view on marriage. The

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EDITORIAL

Is George W. Bush a Freemason?

BY FABIAN CARBALLO
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"I don't know why I'd rather be dead than cool."

— Kurt Cobain

I recently met a Freemason. He was an older gentleman with a positive aura about him. His humongous triangular ring loomed from his finger. I quickly engaged in conversation making my own triangular signs with my fingers and referencing the familiar terms of the "organization." Once a particular confidence had been built between the two of us, I ventured to ask him a series of Socratic questions to determine the answer to a very important query.

"Is George W. Bush A Freemason?" I asked. The gentleman lowered his dark glasses and answered, "I can't tell you that." "I really don't know that," he added.

It seemed suspicious to me, since Freemasons have historically controlled politics in the United States and 15 out of 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were freemasons as well as 28 out of 40 signers of the U.S. Constitution (1). W. Bush's own trajectory and ascendancy to power constituted a very peculiar chain of events. We know that his father, George H. Bush, a former CIA head (that could be considered a secret society on its own), was U.S. president just 8 short years before the 2000 elections. Moreover, we know that W. Bush lost the elections and the popular vote. We also know that the Supreme Court decided to "select" him as president. Furthermore, the most recent stories in the news relate to the American public that president Bush had knowledge of the possibility of a terrorist attack before it actually occurred on 9/11. An unrelated news item circling around the news networks has to do with the U.S. suing the state of Florida because of the 2000 elections impropriety. And what about those rich scoundrels at Enron and Bush's Houston links to them?

You may be asking yourself what all this

has to do with Freemasonry. The same question could be posed to former freemasons that include: Jefferson, Franklin, Gerald Ford, Voltaire, von Goethe, "Buzz" Aldrin, John Marshall, Earl Warren, Thurgood Marshall, Mark Twain, Alexandre Eiffel, Jonathan Swift, Ty Cobb, and a variety of statesmen, historical figures, and American presidents (2).

The thing is that with secret societies we'll never really know what Bush's connection to those in power might be. Indeed, in a memorable *Simpson's* episode the germs on Smithers' face read, "Freemasons run the country" (3). In another episode, Homer joins a fraternal order and demonstrates the American incredulity and naivety of secret societies.

They exist, all right. The Internet provides a plethora of information sites (although most are more amateurish than historically accurate). In fact, for a little over 50 Australian dollars, anybody can receive "A Diploma Of Masonic Education" through a correspondence course (4). The idea is to legitimize masonry in view of general public opinion. A skeptic and true listener of reason will not fall to these antics that will eventually attempt to legitimize everything else that Bush and others like him do. Maybe the next president will be his brother or nephew or sectarian friend of the family that wishes to remain anonymous at this point.

- (1) www.rapidnet.com/~jbeard/bdm
- (2) www.digiserve.com/masons/famous
- (3) <http://www.snpp.com/episodes/1F08.html>
- (4) www.freemasonrysaust.org.au/dipmased.html

CORRECTION:

In a previous editorial, the San Gabriel Valley was misidentified as the capital of pornography, producing one-third of the porn in the world. San Fernando Valley is the actual location in Southern California that can boast about such perversion.

America, the world is watching

BY ROBERT JOHNSTON
GUEST WRITER

After Iran won an important soccer victory, revelers filled the streets. The ministry of vice and virtue attempted to bring order and control. One woman, without covering her face, shouted to the police, telling them she hoped that American bombs would fall on his head next. Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez, after narrowly being removed from office by a coup, ordered a truth commission to determine what events led to the military's rebellion. The results indicate that the rebellious officers were in close contact with United States military advisors. While they claim that the advisors did not encourage the coup, it is well known that George W. Bush does not like the Chavez government, and has sought to replace him. Those rebellious officers have since fled to America to

seek asylum. Kim Jong-il, president of North Korea, was subtly warned last month in a visit from the president of South Korea to tone down its anti-American stance or risk American military intervention. North Korea has now reopened talks with America and South Korea.

There are American military advisors in the Philippines, Georgia (the country, not the state), Colombia, and Pakistan. There are rumors of an invasion of Iraq by U.S. forces by early next year. There is an undying support for America from England. There are violent anti-American protests in Indonesia. The world is at this moment looking toward America, with one thought in mind, "what next?"

The American empire has the world's attention like it has never had it before. How-

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CAMPUS NEWS

LSU wins SIFE Nationals in Kansas City!

by Kandi White
PR Office

La Sierra University's School of Business, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team kick-started their former legacy of national championships on Tuesday, May 14, by winning the RadioShack SIFE USA National Championship in Kansas City, Missouri, edging out 122 competitors in the four-year college division and claiming \$4,000 in prize money.

The team now looks forward to competing in the SIFE World Cup, to be held in Amsterdam in September 2002.

La Sierra SIFE also placed first (earning a \$3,000 prize) for Business Week's best in-depth educational project for their Welfare to Work Childcare Capacity-Building Business Course, done in collaboration with the SIFE team's community partner, Family Service Association of Western Riverside County.

To qualify for the nationals, La Sierra SIFE won their division of a SIFE Regional

Exposition held in Universal City, California in early April.

La Sierra SIFE's 24 projects and 5,171 contributed hours impacted over 4,600 children and adults both internationally, (Mexico and Peru) and in several Inland Empire communities, such as Riverside, Rubidoux, Mead

as the Welfare-to-Work Childcare Capacity-Building Business Course, impacted community members of Riverside County, including Riverside, La Sierra, Rubidoux, and Mead Valley. The team's micro-enterprise projects also impacted individuals in Mexico, Peru and India.



LSU SIFE celebrates on stage moments after being named SIFE USA National Champions in Kansas City on May 14.

La Sierra's SIFE team, led by Heather Miller, SIFE faculty fellow and School of Business director of special projects, includes over 100 participants, and four team presentation speakers and one alternate: Leslie Lardizabal, junior marketing major, Moses Chambi, senior finance, Felipe Vielman, religious studies graduate student, and Luke Robinson, MBA finance program student, and alternate Jessica Bearden, senior religious studies. The latter three members, Vielman, Robinson, and Bearden hail from the Inland Empire; Riverside, Loma Linda, and Corona respectively.ail from the Inland Empire; Riverside, Loma Linda, and Corona respectively.

Valley, Redlands, and Loma Linda. Other projects the team implemented, such

SALSU Goes to Michigan

By JOY ASUMEN
SALSU SOCIAL VP

Last year, LSU hosted the annual AIA convention. AIA stands for Adventist Intercollegiate Association and it is composed of Student Association officers from all the Adventist colleges and universities in the North American Division. Your very own SALSU (Student Association of LSU) is part of that AIA.

So this past spring break, some of the incoming and outgoing officers, Daniela Vilchez, Saul Barcelo, Ryan Holcomb, Andrew Garrett, Joy Asumen, and Maritess Gay Asumen, and an adviser, Kim Odle, went to Andrews University in Michigan to attend this year's AIA convention.



Now back to the topic, this convention is held especially for you, the students, because we want you to be happy and have an enjoyable year! At AIA, your SALSU officers went to a bunch of seminars, meetings, workshops and worships that will help them serve the students better.

Each person goes to a workshop intended for him/her. Gay and I went to one called "Who cares? Inspiring involvement instead of being hampered by apathy." Andrew and Ryan went to "How to run an effective meeting". Then there were meetings by position. Imagine this... in one room,

nearly 25 energetic Social VP's meet each with hundreds of ideas, but willing to provide a network of support for each other. And the outgoing officers are there because they have the experience. They reassure the incoming officers and give advice on what works and what doesn't, what is the most effective way of doing something, what to be ready for, who to turn to, and a lot more. It is really great!

Then there was a worship and agape feast to help us realize that even in our busy lives, we shouldn't "edge God out", that we should remember that it's still all about Him, and that whenever we need anything, we can always turn to Him.

It wasn't all fun, Friday's elections and constitution meetings were a pain, and I'm sure, so was the fact that the presidents had to go to Futures committee at 6 a.m., (that's 3 a.m. California time!), but we did have fun. We got to meet new friends, play cool games, go cosmic bowling, do karaoke night, have a banquet and we even got to go to a beach! (Yes, Michigan does have a beach-- Lake Michigan Beach.)

Maybe the best thing I've learned from this is that our school is not so bad after all. After hearing about the "more-serious" problems other S.A.'s were having and the kinds of events they had, we all realized LSU is a pretty good place after all.

Rhyme room is back!

By ANDREA GILKEY
GUEST WRITER

What did you do Saturday night? If you weren't at *Rhyme Room*, then you missed out on a big treat! What a night; it was a total hit! Only the second time around, *Rhyme Room* crowded the Commons. The event was headed by Olubukonla Kolawole "Bukky" and Sheldon Perry, under the Black Student Association (BSA). This function allows students to experience, appreciate, and demonstrate poetry in its different varieties along with hip-hop. As students sat at candle-lit tables listening to artists and impressionists, snapping their fingers, bopping their heads, and even "C-walking" across stage, enjoyed the vivacious evening. *Rhyme Room* was poppin' with mad talent from guest poets, music artists, and disc jockeys. Joy Jones, the featured guest from Los Angeles, impressed students with her tasteful and unique style of poetry and song. Also, other poets who were discovered at *Open Mike and Den Lights* at Tacos Nazo were behind the spotlights. Attendees watched in great excitement as the "breakers" (break dancers), Jermaine Brunson, Mike Wogu, and Marcus Turner hit the stage. Patty Cabrera (famous Christian artist) was even in the house and was delighted with the event! Although, plenty of guests were on the list, familiar faces were seen that night too. If you have never heard Donovan Childs freestyle, then you missed his tight Christian rap that ministered to plenty of students as he played

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FEATURES & OPINION

Aaron Matlock mimics Larry Elder

Dear Criterion Editors:

Aaron Matlock, author of "The facts on the gender wage gap," on the front page of the May 8, 2002, issue, would have been better served by the title, "My strong opinions that the gender wage gap is nonsense."

He might be excused if the article had appeared as a column, or op Ed piece. However, with its placement as a lead news article, the title is unfair and misleading.

His words and phrases that express opinions--not facts--include expressions such as: "some validity to this notion of an income gap," and "plethora of liberal pundits," or "the rhetoric about the income gap," and "nothing more than an exaggerated farce."

His point is well taken that many factors contribute to understanding the gap between what men and women earn. Child-bearing, child rearing, housework, liberal arts education, and lower paying jobs may be chosen by more women than men. It's also true that many women put the overall good of their children and husband before their personal career advancement or wage-earning ability. Altruism is a factor that Matlock neglected to note.

It is encouraging to see the statistics that Matlock cited from the National Center for Policy Analysis--that women accounted for 44 per cent of pharmacists in 1998 compared to 12 per cent in 1970, etc. It's also the case that women continue to face discrimination.

For example, of all the presidents of Adventist colleges and universities in North America, only one is a woman--one out of about one dozen. There is not a woman president among the 60 Adventist conferences or nine unions in NAD--and, as far as I know, not anywhere in the entire Seventh-day Adventist world church. Only in the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists do women pastors make up 10 per cent of the pastoral work force. Women with top qualifications as theology students are routinely passed up when conferences hire new pastors. Only a few Adventist women are currently serving as principals of academies. And currently, the Seventh-day Adventist Church maintains an official, gender-exclusive policy on ordination--males only.

The Adventist Church is no place to get rich. But it is just one example of attitudes and hiring practices that discriminate against women and demonstrate that the gender wage gap is neither a figment of a "liberal pundit's" imagination nor "an exaggerated farce."

KIT WATTS, DIRECTOR WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY

Reader Responds to Incriminating Israeli Photos

Regarding your April 25 issue: has it ever been established that the "criminal Israeli soldiers" in your front-page photo have committed any crimes? Even suspected "war criminals," if one wishes to regard them as such, are entitled to due process, but apparently not in the Criterion. Whether or not dated photos from the Middle East constitute pertinent *campus* news is not something I'm not prepared to address, but I would not advise adding editorial remarks to newspaper photos, as it severely diminishes the credibility of your publication.

Israelis may "wonder why Palestinians are behaving the way they do," but tell me this: does an obscene photo-op by Israeli soldiers necessarily justify suicide terrorism, as you suggest?

An anonymous letter writer also lashes out at the United States for "closing its eyes" to the "massacre" in Palestine, but does he offer any evidence FOR THIS "MASSACRE"? Of course not. Even the UN did not bother to collect any evidence before it condemned Israel for "war crimes," while letting such

nations as Iran and Zimbabwe off the hook and just barely passing a resolution to condemn Cuba.

Israel bashing, it seems, has become an international blood sport. It is typical, predictable and terribly uninteresting, and it is sad to see that the Criterion has become a forum for such libel. It may not occur to the editor that modern-day sniping at Israel is nothing more than a secondary form of anti-Semitism, but I would expect a student leader of a paramount of diversity like La Sierra University to exercise a little more responsibility.

Evan Graham
CAS 2000

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The photos printed in the April 25 issue came to our publication via the Internet. The captions under the photos were already included in the electronic version they came in. We found it appropriate to print them in the same issue that a pro-Israel editorial was published in order to maintain a balance of perspectives. Of course, someone who is no longer a student at LSU is not privy to this type of unprivileged information or our particular style of editing.

Consuming caffeine is not a sin

BY JOSHUA PARSONS
GUEST WRITER

This article is in response to the claims of Mr. Paul Yoo in his article "Dear LSU, caffeine is a sin" which appeared in the last issue of the Criterion. While I admire Mr. Yoo's boldness in stating his opinions, I find many of them to be miss-informed, blown out of proportion or downright outrageous. This article is a summary of my objections.

First and foremost, caffeine is not a "sin". While I will willingly agree that consumption of caffeine is not the healthiest lifestyle choice, it is far from being a sin. A "sin" is a moral rebellion to a law of God, punishable by death. It is a very serious matter, and should not be taken lightly. However, consumption of caffeine does not fall into the category of "sin". There are no commandments against what an individual should eat or drink, and scripture is very explicit about food and righteousness. While 1 Corinthians 6:20 stresses the great value of our bodies, Paul in 1 Corinthians 8:8 states explicitly that:

"... food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse." (NKJV)

And again in Romans 14:17:

"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." (NIV)

Jesus himself, in contrast to the rules of the Pharisees, states in Matthew 15:10, 11, 17 & 18:

"Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean', but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him unclean... Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach

and then out of the body? But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart and these make a man 'unclean'." (NIV)

It is evident over and over again in the scripture that righteousness before God is a matter of the spirit and not of what one consumes. While eating unhealthy food, not getting enough exercise or drinking coffee may not be the best way to take care of your body, or show God you appreciation for it; they are not rebellious acts against God's laws punishable by death.

Second, caffeine cannot be reasonably compared to heroin, cocaine, or alcohol. While caffeine is a drug with very mild addictive qualities, I find it absurd to categorize it with drugs such as heroin, cocaine or alcohol. At its worst, caffeine may cause a headache, but it will not kill you. Furthermore, a headache does not even compare to the life-destroying and manipulating effects of illegal drugs or alcohol. While the side effects of caffeine may be cured with a few Tylenol, it takes years of counseling, rehabilitation and forgiveness to even come close to rebuilding the lives torn through substance abuse. The reason for this is that unlike illegal substances and alcohol, consumption of caffeine does not impair a person's ability to reason or think clearly. There have never been any incidents of individuals mistreating their families, losing their jobs, crashing their cars or selling their mother's furniture for a Frappuccino.

Inebriation is not a side-effect of caffeine. It does not impair us from loving one another, dull our senses or hinder us in any way from our relationship with God. While Paul discourages alcohol in Ephesians 5:18 for "leading people to debauchery", the same cannot be

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SPORTS

For whom the bell tolls

BY JOEL SIMEONE

SPORTS ENTHUSIAST AND GUEST COLUMNIST

As the second round of the NBA playoffs have gone on these last few weeks, people have looked at the series between the Dallas Mavericks and the Sacramento Kings as being reminiscent of the old Wild West. Think about it, you have two famous groups of gunslingers, deadly snipers (see Dirk Nowitzki and Peja Stojakovic), a new sheriff in town (Mike Bibby) and, of course, cattle drives.

Wait a second. This is basketball we're talking about, isn't it?

Well, yes and no.

This thrilling shootout has been marred by an ongoing war over fans ringing cowbells as part of their efforts to cheer on their team and hopefully distract the visitors. But how did that get started?

If you really want the truth, you have to dig all the way back to the 2000 playoffs, and the start of the current Laker dynasty. After taking the first two games of their first-round series against Sacramento, Los Angeles Lakers Coach Phil Jackson was not his usual Zen-like self, proclaiming his disdain for the city of Sacramento, referring to our state capital as a farm town. With the Sacramento airport and Arco Arena both being out in the middle of nowhere, surrounded by open fields a good twenty-minute drive outside of town, one can see the humor in the statement.

But when your town is the one getting dissed, you're going to fight back any way you can. When the series resumed in Sacramento the following weekend, Kings fans were handed out some 18,000 cowbells in an effort to let Jackson and the Lakers know just what these "farmers" were made of. The Kings got the message, as well, winning both games at home and sending the series to a decisive game 5 before the Lakers regrouped and won the series en route to their first title in 12 years.

The ringing of the cowbell has become a

Sacramento playoff tradition in the following years, and this year, someone finally decided to try and beat them at their own game. After the Mavericks' coaching staff complained to the press and the referees about how the noise made it impossible to communicate with their players (and sent one of their coaches to the hospital with his ear still ringing long after the game was over), the impulsive Dallas Mavericks owner, dot-com billionaire Mark Cuban, swore vengeance when the series moved to Dallas. He claimed "[Kings' coach Rick] Adelman will wish he'd never seen a cowbell in his life!"

Never afraid to put his money where his big mouth is, Cuban, backed with a generous donation from Taco Bell, proceeded to give all patrons at the America Airlines Center their own cowbell for Game 3, and 20,000 strong put them to good use that night. But it was to no avail, as the Kings, already accustomed to the incessant ringing from their own building, proceeded to hand the Mavs two disheartening losses in Dallas, sending the series back to Sacramento for Game 5 with the Kings leading, 3 games to 1. The Kings won the series back at their cow-bell drumming home.

So it seems that all of the cow jokes and the bells will be back for one more series, at least. Phil Jackson had better be ready for more bells and cheap shots from his team's new rival to the north. After all, they, like the rest of us, "are part of humanity; and therefore need not send for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee."

EDITOR'S NOTE:

For all the doubters and outraged sports enthusiasts, let me remind you of my NBA Playoffs predictions. I predicted, The Kings over the Mavericks, the Lakers over the Spurs, the Celtics over the Pistons, and the Nets over the Hornets. For the Conference Finals, I chose the Lakers over the Kings and the Celtics over the Nets. For the Final, I chose the Lakers over the Celtics in 6 games. Mark my words because so far I have not failed. Ed.

The world is watching

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ever, how are we carrying the responsibility of being a world leader? On July 4, 1999, I attended an Independence Day celebration in Koahsiung, Taiwan. The first part of the program was presented by the Kaohsiung city government, and consisted of "traditional American dances" and a parade that played American band music to honor their American friends. The second half was presented by the American commerce department, which brought in a rapper to host a beer-drinking contest. With the one chance we had to represent our self to the people of Taiwan, we held a chugalug contest, and then carried out the rapper, who became too inebriated to stand up.

The world has not changed, but the way we perceive the world and the way the world perceives us has changed. The fighting that has gone on in the Middle East has gone on

for centuries. America has always interfered with the affairs of other nations. Wars and intrigue have always been a part of human nature. But now when we are faced with a foreign threat, the world becomes very close to us.

What can we do? Well, if you are like me, you are most likely too lazy to do anything. I will probably never start some powerful grass roots movement to eliminate world hunger or bring peace to the Middle East. So what can we do? The least we can do is try to understand what the world out there is like. We live in a completely different world than the other 6 billion people do. We should take a moment to try to figure out why Nepal is busy fighting Marxist rebels and why American attack helicopters are shooting planes down in Colombia. When we can identify with the "other" we are one step closer to understanding our own problems.

Dodger pitchers are on fire!

BY AARON MATLOCK

POLITICS AND OPINIONS EDITOR

Every true Dodger fan must have been wondering what General Manager Dan Evans was thinking when he traded Gary Sheffield for Odalis Perez and Brian Jordan. Remember when the Dodgers traded Mike Piazza for Gary Sheffield, Bobby Bonilla, and Charles Johnson? Many Dodger fans were astonished at the trade, and even a little irate. Later, Bonilla and Johnson were let go and, up until this year, Gary Sheffield was all the Dodgers had to show for the Mike Piazza trade. Thus, when Sheffield was let go during the off-season it seemed as if we gave Mike Piazza away for free. However, Odalis Perez has proven that the trade was worth it. He has done what the rest of the Dodger pitchers have done all season long... Win games!

This season for the Dodgers has been all about the pitchers. With the arrival of the Japanese phenomenon Kazuhisa Ishii, Odalis Perez, Hideo Nomo and Andy Ashby, to add to the great pitching of Kevin Brown, the Dodgers have arguably the best starting rotation in the majors. In addition, the bullpen has done a remarkable job holding on to leads in order to give Eric Gagne the opportunity to close out the game and make his mark as one of the premier closers in the game.

The Dodgers lead the majors with an earned run average (ERA) of 2.93. They are second in hits, third in strikeouts, and second in runs. These statistics are no surprise. Ishii is 6-0 this season (third in the majors). Odalis Perez is 3-1 with an ERA of 1.75 (fifth in the majors). Eric Gagne is tied for second in the majors in saves with an ERA of 1.00.

Unfortunately, while we have a plethora of excellent pitching, the hitting has been atrocious. The Dodgers have been unable to score runs to compliment the great pitching. At least last year with Sheffield in the line up, the Dodgers had a consistent hitter. In addition, Shawn Green's numbers were good because opposing pitchers were forced to pitch to him since they opted to pitch around Sheffield. Brian Jordan has not been superb taking Sheffield's position, but he has not been a bust either. If the Dodger hitters can score some runs, the team could end up having the best record in the league, or at least in the National League.

If the pitching can hold up, and the hitters get on track, the Dodgers will definitely make the playoffs for the first time since 1996, and make a run for the World Series. The pitchers will keep this hope in the minds of the fans and keep that Dodger Blue alive.

ENTERTAINMENT

An Open Letter to Dr. Laura

Dear Dr. Laura,

First, I want to express my profound appreciation for your efforts in educating people regarding God's Law. I have found your advice to be extremely helpful in a number of debates I have had with those who are not properly informed when it comes to the pure understanding of God's Word with respect to social issues.

For instance, your statement regarding homosexuality has been such a benefit to me when discussing the issue with those that attempt to defend that particular lifestyle. As you pointed out, Leviticus 18:22 clearly states that "to lie with a man as with a woman is an abomination." So, now when people try to justify homosexuality to me, I can just refer them to that Bible verse, define "abomination" to them and...well...end of discussion.

Because you are so knowledgeable about God's Law and how it applies to modern society, I would very much appreciate some additional insight. Some of the Laws I find in the Old Testament are not as clear cut at the homo issue. By the way, I am quoting from *The New English Bible* in these references. My Hebrew just isn't what it should be. I am certain that will not be a problem because surely God would not allow something to be taken out of context from His divinely inspired Word through some error in translation.

First, I am planning to sell my daughter into slavery. Exodus 21:7 deals with this very specifically—no room for doubt. "When a man sells his daughter into slavery, she shall not go free as a male slave may. If her master has not had intercourse with her and she does not please him, he shall let her be ransomed." My question is: In the current

market, what would be a good price for her? Further, if she is not pleasing to the guy I sell her to and I have to ransom her, am I going to lose money? The thought of this is very distressing to me.

Another thorny one here: According to Leviticus 25:44, "Such slaves as [I] have, male or female, shall come from the nations round about [me]." This seems to apply to Mexicans, but it doesn't seem to be as easily accomplished with Canadians. Personally, I prefer Canadian slaves. Why can't I own Canadian slaves?

Also, my neighbor insists on working on the Sabbath. Every Saturday, there he is, out mowing his lawn. Again, Exodus 35:2 leaves no question here. "Whoever works on that day shall be put to death." So, while I know he has to be killed, I am confused as to whether or not I am morally obligated to kill him myself. Also, unlike other situations, the prescribed method of death is not spelled out. I would hate to kill him in a manner displeasing to God. Oh, yeah, he also blasphemes...a lot. In Leviticus 24: 1-10, everyone who hears him must take him out, place their hands on their heads and then stone them to death. Is this correct? I'm just not sure I have time for all of this. It also seems kind of redundant. I really need help on this one.

Lastly, as I read in Exodus 19:19, God speaks in peals of thunder. I hear God speaking frequently but I don't speak Thunder. Do you know where I could take lessons? Then perhaps I wouldn't have to bother you with these questions.

Thank you once again for reminding us all that God's Law is eternal and unchanging.

Sincerely,

Jim Braun

Rhyme room

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the devil's advocate. Jarod Savory, although not a student attending La Sierra, who is no stranger on the campus, had ladies in a daze as he sang and played his own original piece. Amery Drummond was behind the beat of everyone's music at the first *Rhyme Room*; this time Amery finally demonstrated his lyrical skills. Other performers appeared from Loma Linda University such as *Jemai* and the Riverside community. It could not have been any more comical if Dexter Arfiles did not hit the stage! He had just about everyone dying of laughter as he gasped, leaped, and attempted to dance as he sang and even huffed *Rappers Delight* by the Sugar Hill Gang.

Saving the best for last, behind the hoopla, excitement, success, and everything else that is wonderful, the band *Decree* was fantastic! The talented group consisting of Edwin Mendoza, Sid Cabrera, Randy Romero, and Keith Tutt impressed all in attendance, especially performing poets, as they were not able to rehearse together, yet setting the perfect tone for each piece.

Although, students had to be reminded once that La Sierra University represents a Christian environment, Lola Moore (BSA president), still stated that the event was a great success and experience.

So many were amazed at the famous students in the making we have here alone at La Sierra University. If you missed this *Rhyme Room* this past weekend, you missed a major noogie in your university experience. Be on the look out for the next *Rhyme Room* headed your way! Thank you, to everyone who made that weekend a great success and those who assisted in resetting the cafeteria.

Swing low, sweet notes

BY NANCY HUTAGALUNG
GUEST WRITER

Originally began as an experiment in 1993, Low, led by the husband-and-wife team of guitarist/vocalist Alan Sparhawk and drummer/vocalist Mimi Parker, along with bassist Zak Sally, took the road less traveled in the grunge-infested music scene by crafting sounds appropriately descriptive of its own name. Dubbed the godparents of slowcore, Sparhawk, Parker, and Sally concoct their tried-and-true formula that consists of bare-bones instrumentation using minimalist song structure at glacial speed, reminiscent of the bleak wintry landscape of their hometown. Throughout its eight-year career, Low's true genius lies in its ability to stretch the content of its songs with so little material, creating tension and release with moments of silence. The weight of every note is suspended in the floating expanse of airy space, as evidenced in the terrifically soporific "See-Through" and the heart-rending "Shame" of 1995's *Long Division* and "Laser Beam" of 2001's *Things We Lost In The Fire*.

As time progresses, Low adds more instrumentation (strings, keyboards, and tape loops) almost to the point of Swirliesque background noise on "Don't Understand" (of 1999's *Secret Name*) and the delay-drenched "Do You Know How To Waltz?" (Of 1996's *The Curtain Hits The Cast*). The band still maintains its two- or three-note/chord patterns, albeit there are more extensive progressions in other songs. Though pensiveness and slow pacing are what makes Low readily distinguishable from others, it still consistently features sweeping mood and dynamic changes (yes, they do exist in rock music!) in *Things We Lost In The Fire*: unsettlingly quiet "Whitetail" peppered with

slight dissonance and repeated cymbal brushing, the hope-versus-hopelessness of "July," and the postpartum depression anthem "Embrace." Sparse tinkling piano chords accompany Sparhawk and Parker's rich gospel harmony on "Medicine Magazines." The feel is unmistakably spiritual—a hardly surprising fact considering that Sparhawk and Parker are devout Mormons who often insert biblical references and events of church history in their lyrics. Aside from sporadic tours in England, the band is currently there finishing their next record to be distributed later this year. This should keep any longtime, new, or potential Low aficionados on their feet in the meantime.



RELIGION

Adventism and Homosexuality

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Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh-Day Adventists states that, "Marriage was divinely established in Eden and affirmed by Jesus to be a lifelong union between a man and a woman" (4). Other advocates of Adventist doctrine are adamant about the fact that homosexuality is a sin and all those who promote its practice are heretical (5).

The other extreme of Adventist views on homosexuality come from self-proclaimed open-minded Adventists, some of which reside in our campus. Many students feel embraced by LSU and the homosexual support group that the Counseling Center provides. Other students have come to terms that their classmates and, perhaps their roommate may be gay or lesbian. Organizations such as the SDA Kinship, a gay support group that it is international as much as it works locally, not only embraces homosexuality as normal but insists on a gay congregation of Adventists. There are, undoubtedly, gay church leaders and even pastors. As a modern response to homosexuality, gays can find an array of online support groups that cater specifically to Adventist gays. Adventist Today, one of LSU's own publications, devoted an entire issue in 1999 to the homosexual issue so that readers would at least "listen to their stories" (6). Carol Grady, a minister's wife and mother of a gay son, has responded to Max Torkelson's Bible answers to homo-

sexuality by reanalyzing the same texts contextually and therefore taking away their credibility.

Other prominent Adventists that have come to terms with the issue of homosexuality include professors on our campus. Dr. Fritz Guy, Professor of Philosophy and Theology and a former LSU president related to the Criterion that, "I'm sure that God is concerned with many other things." Guy also recognized that he enjoys the friendship of many homosexuals as well as heterosexuals.

For someone like Dr. Guy, a seasoned Professor whose tenure at LSU has expanded several decades, perhaps the issue of same sex marriage may not seem new. Indeed, other denominations such as Methodists and some branches of Presbyterians are already offering same-sex marriage. Some Adventist advocates of the same may be losing their words on deaf ears. Geraty explained that homosexuals did not enjoy the same privileges as heterosexuals did and perhaps that is why they are considered sinful.

"Personally," Geraty stated, "I cannot condemn two gays who wish to be united."

One thing that is certain is that there are an obvious number of gay Adventists that are currently enrolled at LSU. It is apparent that there isn't a stigma associated with homosexuality on campus. Moreover, Geraty suspects that LSU has become the

home for many homosexual Adventists because many homosexuals are traditionally attracted to the healthcare professions. For obvious reasons, there isn't any reliable or qualitative data to show the exact number of homosexual students at LSU.

Conversely, there isn't a "don't ask, don't tell" policy either. In fact, there is a certain openness that transcends all campus life. Geraty stated to the Criterion that the university is not prepared to dictate what students should do with their lifestyle as long as it is not harmful or intolerant.

"Let's not proscribe movies and books," Geraty added. "We don't want to be hypocritical."

Perhaps LSU will not be able to ignore the issue of homosexuality like the SDA church has generally opted. However, a marriage of the homosexual lifestyle and the Adventist doctrinal message is not likely. Even at LSU.

Footnotes: (1) <http://www.bibleinfo.com>

(2) Romans 1:26-27 NIV

(3) I Timothy 1:10-11, TLB.

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(5) <http://www.sdadefend.com>

(6) McClarty, John. Let's Talk About Homosexuality. Adventist Today: Magazine Archives: Jul/Aug 1999; departments: Inside Adventist Today. Available at: <http://www.atoday.com/magazine/archive/1999/julaug1999/>

TED found guilty of sexual and racial harassment

THE FOLLOWING IS A COMPILATION OF NEWS REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FOUND ONLINE:

Valerie Eccles, a black IT co-ordinator for the (Adventist) Church, told an employment tribunal she had been victimised after making her complaints of racism public. Yesterday, she described to the tribunal in Watford how "flashbacks" of her treatment by senior white members of the Trans European Division of the Church had led to suicidal thoughts, depression and sleep deprivation.

In the Decision dated April 8, the employment tribunal found the Church guilty of both sexually and racially discriminating against Ms. Eccles. However, complaints of breach of contract and direct sex and race discrimination were not upheld.

The president of the European branch of the Church, Dr. Bertil Wiklander, was said by the tribunal to have made her "life a living hell" and to have "set out, mercilessly, to destroy her". Ms. Eccles was finally dismissed on unproved allegations of gross misconduct last year.

The tribunal said the Church engineered a "hostile environment" in a "continuing campaign to break [her] will ... Dr. Wiklander set out to ensure that [Ms. Eccles] was dismissed in direct retaliation to her

having made a complaint of race discrimination". The tribunal also likened parts of the Trans European Division to a "despotic institution".

It added that the attempt to remove Ms. Eccles' "delegate status" amounted to an "excommunication" and that Dr. Wiklander "deliberately" set up a situation "in which every member of the Church would act to crush the applicant".

Ms. Eccles had first complained that her managers had shouted at her and criticised her for over-dressing and being too assertive.

Ms. Eccles said yesterday: "After I complained, the Church treated me like a leper. I was cast out. I was horrified to find that the Church I believe in was racist and vindictive".

Yesterday, the tribunal declined to award punitive damages but is expected to order compensation running into tens of thousands of pounds at another hearing.

The church has said in an official press release that The Employment Tribunal case involving one of our former employees has been a painful experience for all involved and we are truly sorry it ever took place. We apologise for the hurt that we have caused the Applicant. It was never our intention to victimise her or to dismiss her unlawfully. We continue to uphold her

in our prayers, hoping that we may share mutual forgiveness and reconciliation.

We are sorry that it was not possible to settle amicably outside of the Tribunal and that internal church procedures were not exhausted by the parties. We are already reviewing our internal policies and procedures and will be updating these as necessary so that we embrace current British employment law and practice.

Responding to the TED statement BUC President Pastor Cecil Perry made these comments: "For many months now we have been looking forward to the conclusion of this case. We know that it has caused a lot of hurt within the Church and we are all anxious for mistakes to be acknowledged and damage to be repaired. Now it seems that the end of the legal proceedings is in sight. However we know that it will take longer than this for the wounds to heal and for the relationships to be restored. We urge all of our members to pray earnestly that the great Healer will be able to do what may seem to be humanly impossible."

The TED statement, together with Pastor Perry's comments, is available on <http://www.adventist.org.uk>. The Independent (UK) article by Robert Verkaik is available online at <http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/legal/story.jsp?story=288295>.

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Not a sin

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said, nor applied to caffeine.

Third, the writings of Ellen G. White are not scripture

At their best, the writings of Mrs. White are not, and were never intended to be, an addition to or replacement of scripture. While Mrs. White in her many books provides great insight into Christian beliefs, her words are counsel; not sacred text. To take passages out of her writings and hold them up as scripture, without consulting God's word, is blind ignorance.

Finally, it saddens me that we as a church fight so much over miniscule counsels.

While I firmly believe that the health message is a valuable asset, it is troubling to me that it is so often blown out of proportion and taken as law. The world is too corrupt, and the gospel too important to be held up by petty infighting over what a person eats or drinks. If we continue this, then we are no better than the Pharisees in Matthew 15:12. As the Lord stated in Luke 12:22, 23, 29 & 30:

Then Jesus said to his disciples: Therefore I tell you, do not worry about what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. *Life is more than food*, and the body more than clothes... And do not set you heart on what you will eat or drink; for the Pagan world runs after all such things and the father knows that you need them. (NIV)

Did you know that...?

TRANSLATED FROM ORIGINAL TEXT BY
FABIAN CARBALLO

- It is impossible to suck on your own elbow
- Coca-cola is originally green
- It is possible to force a cow to climb upstairs but impossible to make them go down stairs
- American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987, just by eliminating one olive from every salad served in first-class
- The percentage of rainforest in Africa is 28% whereas the percentage in North America is 38%
- A duck's quacking sound does not create an echo (and no one really knows why)
- Multiplying 111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321
- It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open
- Right-handed people live an average of nine more years than lefties
- Cockroaches can live up to nine days without their heads before dying of hunger
- Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump

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Big brother is watching you!

BY KRISTEL TONSTAD
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"The world has not been the same since September 11". This phrase has been expressed time and again after the tragedy that took place eight months ago. Perhaps people in countries outside the United States would disagree with these words. They know what it is like to live every day on their toes, uncertain of what the next day will bring or whether it will come at all. But September 11 did change the world-view of most Americans. Life seems more precarious. People are afraid to fly, fearful of leaving the country and increasingly suspicious of foreigners. Safety has become a more central concern than ever. A number of measures have been taken to relieve people of their worries, such as more controls and body searches at airports.

Now authorities have identified another problem as the ease with which the hijackers of 9/11

were able to enter and travel in the country. This has led the U.S. Department of Justice to implement a system that will track students studying in the US. They no longer want people to be able to come and go as they please. Students will have to accept that information about their registering, being expelled from, or drop-



"1984" Apple Commercial

ping their studies will be sent to immigration via the Internet. The program will provide tracking, monitoring, and access to accurate and current information on non-immigrant students. The project is called Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and

will begin in July, with voluntary co-operation from colleges and universities across the country. One million international students will have their whereabouts in the educational system supervised. Certain students have already had their actions tracked by authorities, but by next year everybody will be included in the project. Attorney

General John Ashcroft, says this system will be required in all schools from January 30 next year. Failure to upgrade to the system will result in the college not being allowed to have international students on their campus.

Natan Vigna, director of International Student Services at LSU, says they are doing all they can to "make sure our international students continue their education" at LSU. "We are now in the process of purchasing the upgrade of our current database to be SEVIS complainant, and should be ready

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Santa Monica Boulevard

BY CHEREE GILKEY
 GUEST WRITER
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 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A Los Angeles reporter narrates the story in memory of events in 1999 that conspired to take the life of a woman who lived on the streets of Los Angeles, as Santa Monica Boulevard was brought to Matheson Chapel by the department of English and Communications. Thus, it was dedicated to her, along with the 12 million Americans who are believed to be homeless at one time in their lives. Dr. Bruce Gilman directed the play. "I wrote the play 3 years ago, within a month or so of the real tragedy which happened in Santa Monica in the spring of 1999," Gilman stated in an exclusive interview with the Criterion.

"The story follows real events quite closely; the woman's name was actually Margaret Laverne Mitchell. She did, in fact, suffer from paranoid schizophrenia, did work at a bank, was "lost"

by her family," Gilman added.

Many La Sierra University students, guests, friends, and family saw the drama on May 9th-12th, 2002.

Surely, most of the students on campus have seen plenty of plays and skits with happy endings this school year. However, that was not the case of Santa Monica Boulevard. There was no curtain call nor were attendees rowdy or excited during or preceding the show. Instead, discomfort, disbelief, and solemnity filled the space of the audience's facial expressions. Many attempted to hold back tears. From an actor's perspective and through the personal connection with a mother who is diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic, one of these reviewers was almost overwhelmed and could totally feel Mr. Jackson's confusion, tension, anxiety, and disturbed emotions. Standing out as significantly poignant was the scene when Rose came out with a shopping cart of stuffed animals.

"And since there is such a great disparity between the rich and poor, the enfranchised and the disenfranchised in Southern California, the story seems an apt symbolic metaphor for the crises in human relations suffered by our neighbors each

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EDITORIAL

Capitalizing on the 9/11 attacks, part of the American Dream

By Fabian Carballo
Editor-in-Chief

There are many deplorable things that Americans will do in order to cash in on the nation's gullible and willing public. One of the most unforgivable things a human being could do is originate his own religion. L. Ron Hubbard did just that in 1987, years after being quoted as saying, "The only thing a man must do to become a millionaire is begin his own religion." When Hubbard wrote the book "Dianetics," he envisioned his best seller as a way to revolutionize the status quo. When the IRS sued the Scientology movement because of tax evasion, they argued that they were exempt because they were a "church," hence the name Church of Scientology. Today, the "church" enjoys other moneymaking privileges other than tax exemption. For example, on any one day, the Church of Scientology Celebrity Center in Hollywood will sport the likes of Tom Cruise, John Travolta, and other less known TV personalities.

Perhaps more shameful than beginning a religion that directly prospers from the naivety of people, is the idea that we can make money from the September 11 tragedy. George W. Bush has done just that. In a recent fundraiser for the Republican Party, president Bush used a picture of himself as the heroic American patriarch during the 9/11 tragedy. The image was used to raise funds for a political party, not for the families of the victims.

Perhaps, president Bush is not the only venture capitalist benefiting himself or his party from the horrendous images of the 9/11 attacks. Endless newspapers, newsweeklies, books, and magazines, are still producing images at the same speed that MTV produces videos and factories produce material things that Americans can't live without. The most troubling fact is that 8 months have gone by and the media is not allowing us to forget the gruesome images of terrorism that have now been spun into the American ideals of heroism and organization that no one in the world may be able to match. This is what America's citizens like. This is what they are willing to pay for.

The capitalistic machine is such that 9/11 images have arguably become the driving force behind the economic upturn. President Bush knows that you can't lose by playing into the sensibilities of the American public. In Bush's view, turning feelings of victimization into a manufactured heroism does not only uplift the nation but it is also a money-making idea. Americans are non-conformists in the economic sense of the word. The American Dream is designed for those who want more and desire incremental growth from their investments. The times of trouble and uncertainty, especially after the attacks and the anthrax scare that ensued, were an investment in the possibilities that are now

reaping the cash. Is it worth it? For the politicians, it is a great opportunity to focus on something other than their shortcomings. For the media, it is a never-ending opportunity to feed images that will keep the public fearful and buying their news products. This is what Noam Chomsky would call "manufacturing consent."

The consent that America manufactures is the media's control of ideas. Capitalizing on tragedy is as American as cherry pie and the relentless outlets of imagery will not stop simply for the sake of the thousands who passed away. Ironically, the medium that was designed as a reminder of the history that could "repeat itself" is the largest contributor to the forgetfulness of a nation who watched astonished on that fateful September morning. This is a morbid and unpardonable reality.

In the wisdom of the biblical red letters, Jesus tells us, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God" (Matthew 5:8). Those of pure heart cannot watch the world that won't listen while being part of the consuming machine that will inevitably consume our country as well. Jesus was a true revolutionary because he spoke the unpopular truth of His time that universally reverberates today. In the name of what is righteous, I ask you to take a stand against the consumption of 9/11 images. Be patriotic and don't forget the tragedy. But have the heart to not profit or help others profit from the killing of thousands of innocents.

DEAR FABIAN & CRITERION STAFF,

I happened to come across the May 23 issue of the *Criterion* and I want to tell you that the paper looks great, the stories are very interesting, and you are addressing real and meaningful issues in my opinion. I thought your response (in the Editor's note) to Evan Graham's article was spectacular! I graduated from LSU in 1999 and wrote a good deal for the *Criterion*, including articles that specifically countered Mr. Graham's misinformation. Keep up the great work!

Great job!

FADI NAHAB

RETRACTION:

In Jim Braun's "Open Letter to Laura Schlessinger" the word "homo" inadvertently and inappropriately appeared. The *Criterion* recognizes that the word was not being used derogatorily and that the writer was being sarcastic. In the context of the Dr. Schlessinger's anti-homosexual stand, the letter was intended as a counter-argument for the biblical inerrancy view. The word may be offensive to some of our sensitive readers and we firmly retract it from our publication. None of the views presented in the *Criterion's* Opinions, Features, and Politics pages necessarily reflect the views of the publication as a whole.

CAMPUS NEWS

The value of a college education

BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND EMPLOYERS

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER TYNER

VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT LIFE

Is a college education worth it? Many in this year's class may be disappointed at their current job prospects, but their future is brighter than their counterparts who opted out of advanced education. Over the life of their careers, their education means higher salaries and lower unemployment than their non-educated counterparts can expect.

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- Doctorate
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Unemployment rate: 1.4 percent
- Professional degree
Annual salary: \$80,200
Unemployment rate: 1.3 percent

(Salary information reflects median earnings for year-round, full time workers ages 25 and older, by level of educational attainment. Source: Occupational Outlook Quarterly, Spring 2002. Unemployment rate source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.)

Big Brother

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to go by September". He has already attended two training sessions in order to have the skills to operate the database.

He thinks the new system is a good idea but that the transition will be "long and tedious". He also thinks students are already one of the most monitored groups in the U.S., and doubts this new measure will stop terrorists from attacking America.

Safety is a real concern today. We don't want to have to worry about never seeing our loved ones again when they step on an airplane. But perhaps we should make sure that what we do in preventing tragedies like 9/11 from happening again really is worthwhile. Will greater supervision of students really serve to improve our safety, or will it merely increase suspicion of foreigners and build up greater walls between countries? The world may not be the same. This system will ensure that America is never the same again.

The Mikado was a sure winner

BY NANCY HUTAGALUNG

STAFF WRITER

Probably the most fascinating and elaborate opera LSU Music Department has produced so far, Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Mikado* was a true crowd-pleaser. It was generally better prepared than the rough set of Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* in 2000. *The Mikado* was a fine abdominal exercise, never failing to deliver chuckles throughout its total running time of three hours.

Set in feudal Japan through the perspective of Victorian England, the dizzying plot revolves around Nanki-Poo, the son of the Mikado of Japan, who is disguised as a street musician (quite interestingly, a second trombone) to avoid detection from Katisha, his elderly fiancée. Nanki-Poo sets off to find his love, Yum-Yum, who at the time is engaged to Ko-Ko, a "cheap tailor" condemned to death for flirting. By a twist of fate, Ko-Ko rises to the post of Lord High Executioner of Titipu.

Amid the minimalist yet exquisite backdrop of a giant sun-and-moon banner, two pots of plants, and a bridge complete with torii, *The Mikado* bore no resemblance to actual Japanese life. Rather, like other G & S works, it was a satirical jab at British political and cultural conventions.

In this rendition, Gilbert's sophisticated dry wit was replaced in favor of practical, accessible humor. Courtesy of stage director and La Sierra alumnus Eli Villanueva of L.A. Opera, the juxtaposition of stately grandeur and a hearty dose of slapstick were potent enough to induce fits of laughter, particularly in the first five numbers of the male chorus. These portions showcased the creative uses of the parasol: demonstration of boat-rowing on dry land, a decapitation tool to slash across the neck, and a handy device to club the hapless Ko-Ko (Abdiel Gonzalez), who was always in a splay position.

In contrast to the calm yet forceful Pish-Tush, Tom Kjeldgaard, Gonzalez brought his delightful

signature tomfoolery he honed in his past role as Papageno in *The Magic Flute* through his over-the-top facial and bodily contortions in memorable numbers such as "Willow, Tit-Willow" and "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring." He undoubtedly owned the show, though there were also strong actors and actresses. Opposite the confidently relaxed Luis León as the smooth-voiced Nanki-Poo, Amanda Hall's portrayal of Yum-Yum was a hilarious mix of Japanese demureness and prim-and-proper English etiquette. Together with Hall, the perky Ramona Rivera and Rhonda Wines as Pitti-Sing and Peep-Bo, respectively, provided "girlish glee" to the max. Kimberly Sogioka, as



the sneering Katisha, was superbly haggish. As the snot-nosed megalomaniac aristocrat Pooh-Bah, Erick Ramirez spat out a crisp and impeccable British locution, much to everyone's amusement. Christopher Elston-Hurdle was perfectly cast as the Mikado in his imposing 6-foot-7 stature with a commanding stage presence, always indulging in cruelty with gusto.

Anachronism, a typical element in Gilbert & Sullivan works responsible for comic effects, was minimally and/or unintentionally present at times in its contemporary twist, unlike productions of other companies that deliberately incorporate it. For instance, Ramirez's Chinese regal robe con-

trasted with his chunky high-heeled shoes, which exactly suited his uppity character. Although the wardrobe of the principals was well done, the chorus costumes seemed to be out of place, looking more like graduation gowns and Middle Eastern garbs rather than Far East attires. There were no authentic Japanese obis, which were turned into simple bows and clumsy waistbands fastened with safety pins. The color schemes of the costumes appeared to be mismatched at first, but they finally achieved a visual pleasure under lighting.

In other places, incongruence fit into the fiber of the plot. Tummy-tickling Gregorian chant, a snippet of a Mexican folk song arrangement, and a reference to Loma Linda as a locale were an icing on the droll cake.

While the manipulation of G & S scores is common, the orchestral overture was curiously missing. There was a rather questionable omission of the schoolgirls' chorus on "So Please You Sir, We Much Regret." The reduction of the entire ensemble to a mere quartet on "The Criminal Cried As He Dropped Him Down" seemed to minimize the importance of the chorus, especially the female chorus. (Words to the wise: if true their roles, restore their parts.) Nonetheless, the entire chorus, the backbone of the program, gave constant animation and flavor – with a precise diction to boot – to the story line.

A few onstage misses did occur. The obi of one of the male chorus members snapped out and another chorus singer accidentally knocked down the plants. There were also quite a few orchestral tempo slip-ups and undesirable sound effects resulting from inaccurate notes. Somehow, the orchestra, composed of several LSU Sinfonia members under the baton of Andrew Robinson, managed to sail smoothly throughout, bringing the show to a deliciously jubilant end.

FEATURES & OPINION

Who Is Culpable? Bush or Clinton's Administration?

BY AARON MATLOCK

POLITICS/OPINIONS

On May 16, 2002, a report stated Bush's administration was cautioned last August about the possibility of Osama bin Laden planning a hijacking attack. The assessment came from a C.I.A. report indicating Bin Laden was planning the September 11 attacks. Because of the disclosure of this information, President George W. Bush is under fire by the Democrats in Congress; and they want answers. They want to know why the administration withheld this information about President Bush's C.I.A. briefing for eight months, and since they had this information prior to September 11, why preventive measures were not taken.

Condoleezza Rice, the president's national security advisor, said any information given last summer was general and appeared to be directed towards possible attacks overseas. Rice continued by mentioning that this government did everything it could in a period when information was very generalized, when there was nothing specific. She added that the details in the report were ambiguous and the word "hijacking" was used only twice, thus making it arduous to characterize the disclosed information as a warning.

In addition, White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer stated that the information was not clear enough to have prevented the September 11 attacks. According to Fleischer, the President was warned about hijackings in the traditional sense, not as bombers using airplanes as missiles.

Nevertheless, the Democratic Party will pursue this issue for a while in an attempt, some believe, to discredit the President and prove that he was incompetent in dealing

appropriately with the report he received from the C.I.A. Criticisms of the President initially came from people who will be running for the presidency in 2004 and who want to acquire a temporary political advantage.

Can the Democrats justifiably attack President Bush for not taking appropriate action once he received a generalized report that gave no mention to specifics? This is not a time to play the blame game. However, if any administration or president is culpable for not taking appropriate measures to ensure safety on American soil it would be former President Bill Clinton and his administration.

Mansoor Ijaz, an American of Pakistani origin and a New York financier has consulted regularly with the United States government for years in the areas of nonproliferation, counter-terrorism and the Islamic world. In December of 2001 Ijaz said that "President Clinton and his national security team ignored several opportunities to capture Osama bin Laden and his terrorists associates, including one as late as last year. I know because I negotiated more than one of the opportunities."

Ijaz goes on to say, "From 1996 to 1998, I opened unofficial channels between Sudan and the Clinton administration. I met with officials in both countries, including Clinton, U.S. National Security Advisor Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger and Sudan's president and intelligence chief, Omar Hassan Ahmed Bashir. President Bashir, who wanted terrorism sanctions against Sudan lifted, offered the arrest and extradition of Bin Laden and detailed intelligence data about the global networks constructed by Egypt's Islamic Jihad, Iran's Hezbollah and the Palestinian Hamas. "Two of the hijackers piloting the planes crashing into the World Trade Center were a

part of this network." Ijaz adds, "The silence of the Clinton administration in responding to these offers was deafening." He refers to this as representing "one of the most serious foreign policy failures in American history."

Who can argue that Clinton and his administration did very little to deal with terrorism? On February 26, 1993, six people were killed and thousands were injured as a result of a car bomb detonated at the World Trade Center. On June 25, 1996, 19 Americans were killed and hundreds more wounded as a result of a terrorist attack of the U.S. military complex and Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia. On October 12, 2000, 17 U.S. sailors were killed due to the USS Cole being bombed by terrorists in the Yemeni port of Aden. All of these attacks have appeared to have some connection with Osama bin Laden, and President Clinton did nothing more than give his sentiments and lip service as he displayed time and time again his passivity in dealing with terrorist groups. If Clinton had used his presidential powers to capture Osama bin Laden and exhibited aggression against the terrorist groups, the infamous terrorist attacks on September 11 would have never occurred. When he had these opportunities staring right at him, he did absolutely nothing.

If the Democrats want answers, they should first contact former President Bill Clinton because he received more information on Bin Laden than President Bush did. Furthermore, since Bush received generalized reports on possible terrorist attacks; it would make more sense to put this issue to rest than to try to fault him for some sort of irresponsible act. After all, Bush is just dealing with the nonsense that is a reflection of the Clinton administration's failure.

The heart of the caffeine matter!

BY DAVID KENDALL

GUEST WRITER

There has been a lot of debate recently around campus regarding issues of faith, works and salvation. Most recently Paul Yoo (May 8, "Dear LSU, Caffeine is a sin") and Josh Parsons (May 23, "Consuming Caffeine is not a sin") debated the issue of caffeine. What more can I say about it? The lines have been drawn, and minds made up. Anything I add would just be another opinion. Or would it be? I am going to use the words to a very popular Cradle Roll song as a springboard to what I believe is "the heart of the matter."

Jesus Loves Me—I could actually end the article right here. There is nothing else to be said after these three powerful words. The fact that God, Ultimate, Creator, is interested in me, a speck of dust living on a speck of dust, is enough to make anyone speechless. Obviously, it won't, because I'm going to write much more. This principle ought to put all other principles, doctrines, dogma and beliefs in proper perspective. If we realized that this principle was all that mattered, what use would we have for arguing over small matters, particulars, and

ultimately, minutiae? If Paul said, "the body is more important than clothes, and life more important than food," I would say, "Jesus is more important than dogma, and God more important than doctrine." Revolutionary, you may say? It should be. It sure freaked out the Jews in Jesus' time.

This I Know—So, is nothing now important? Are we free to do anything we want because Jesus loves us? Before you stop by the local Circle-K to pick up some booze, smokes and prime rib, think about something. On one hand we have "Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit...therefore honor God with your body." On the other, "All things are permissible for me, but not all things are beneficial...I will not be mastered by anything." Almost seems contradictory, considering they were written by the same guy. What does that mean? I have no idea, but a wild guess would lead me to this conclusion: don't get involved with things that may cause you to forget the Lord. You know what things may be a problem for you, and if you mess up, Jesus loves you, and He's in the business of helping out people with problems (also

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Dear Criterion Editors:

I want to commend Robert Johnston for his article "America, the world is watching." It is a level-headed call on us, not only as Adventists, but as Americans to consider the impact of our words and actions on the rest of the world. Every privilege carries with it a responsibility, and the privilege we have of having so many freedoms invites us to exercise a responsible use of them. And as Christians, we are called to an even higher exercise of that responsibility.

It is easy to play the victim and see ourselves as the innocent "sitting ducks" of wicked peoples "out there." We can't understand why "they" hate us. Our greatest enemy is not out there, but "in here," in our own hard hearts and unjust ways.

We must acknowledge our own mistakes before pointing out those of others; we must be as grace-filled in our dealings with our neighbor as we wish him/her to be with us. It's a high calling that gives meaning to our 27 or 127 fundamental beliefs, because there will never be an Adventist belief more important than "Christ in me, the hope of glory." I believe Mr. Johnston is calling us to live "hopefully," with deep soul-searching and much integrity.

LOURDES MORALES-GUDMUNDSSON

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SPORTS

The NFL is coming back to L.A.

BY AARON MATLOCK
POLITICS/OPINIONS EDITOR

In the spring of 1995 the Los Angeles Rams moved to St. Louis and the Los Angeles Raiders went back to Oakland. For many L.A. fans it was a slap in the face by Raiders owner Al Davis and Rams owner Georgia Frontiere. However, there were many apathetic NFL fans that were content with these two teams leaving, which allowed them to watch football games on television without a blackout.

In 1999 the city of Los Angeles put in a bid to bring the NFL back to the second largest market in the country, but they lost to Houston who ended up with the expansion team, the Houston Texans, which will make their NFL debut this upcoming season. Many were surprised that L.A. did not acquire the expansion team, but life went on and so did the rumors of possibly acquiring a team.

Now, it appears that it is almost inevitable that L.A. will get a NFL team, whether it is a current team or an expansion team. On May 14, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue appointed a committee of five owners to look for alternatives for returning pro football to Los Angeles. The next day, the L.A. City Council voted 11-3 to establish the City

Center Redevelopment Project, which many critics believe is an indirect move to build a football stadium in downtown L.A. If this is not enough to prove that pro football is coming back, take under consideration the move the San Diego Chargers made last week. The organization signed a five-year deal to train at a \$120 million complex being built on the campus of California State University of Dominguez Hills, just minutes from Los Angeles.



While acquiring an expansion team is an option, L.A. will most likely receive a currently established team. Some of the teams considering the move are the San Diego Chargers, Minnesota Vikings, Indianapolis Colts and New Orleans Saints. However, the San Diego Chargers at this juncture appear to be the most aggressive team.

It will be a couple of years before a team comes to Los Angeles, but the likelihood of it happening is huge. L.A. fans will finally have the opportunity to attend professional football games. Except this time it would be nice if the fans actually take advantage of this golden opportunity that may come, unlike before when sold out seats at Raiders and Rams game were a rarity.

World Cup almost here!

BY FABIAN CARBALLO
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The sport that is most played throughout the world (besides Badminton) is Soccer or Futbol or Futebol or Balon pie. Whatever you call it, you have to wait four years to watch the world festival of soccer known as the World Cup. That is a lifetime. The problem is that Korea and Japan, the host nations, have not adapted to "western" standard time. That means that the games will be shown between 2:30-4:30 AM throughout the months of June and July. For the real fans that have waited four years for the tournament, this is a minor inconvenience.

Not to be missed is the opening day this Friday, May 31st, when France and Senegal play the first match. The World Cup goes through the same bidding process that the Olympics have to undergo with countries competing for the opportunity to host the sport. The South Korea-Japan team will not be complacent in their inaugural shows and organization.

My favorite team this year (and probably every year) is Uruguay, the country where I was raised and currently maintains my citizenship. Uruguay was the host and winner of the first World Cup ever in 1930. Their second World Cup title came in 1950 as they beat Brazil at the legendary Maracana Stadium in Brazil's home field. The World Cup's 100th Anniversary will also be celebrated in Uruguay, the place where the magic began, in the year 2030. I hope to be there physically as well as in spirit.

Kobe Bryant prays

by Fabian Carballo
Editor-in-Chief

The Press-Enterprise from the Sports section from 5/3/01 quoted Lakers star player Kobe Bryant as saying that he prayed during the tough times. Bryant mentioned the fact that prayer has helped him cope through his injuries and the tough criticism that the media as well as his own coach and colleagues had brandished in the wake of the 2001 NBA Playoffs. Bryant isn't the only major athlete who has been public about his religiosity. Many others have followed what the apostle Paul called for when it comes to being shameless about the gospel (Romans 1:16). New York Knicks point-guard Mark Jackson is probably the most notorious for invoking the presence of the Lord during games and thanking God publicly for all his personal and team achievements.

A few years ago, Jackson became famous for his customary crossing of the zms implying an actual Christian cross every time he hit his deadly three-pointer. With the Indiana Pacers and former Riverside star Reggie Miller, Jackson enjoyed a conference title and just came short of the NBA Champion title, losing to the LA Lakers. This year, with the New York Knicks, Mark Jackson has not enjoyed much success. If success were measured by each team's relation-

ship with God thus encouraging and fostering a positive relationship with each other, the Knicks have proven to be ill fated. Many times, the team would meet in the locker room with ministers and have a prayer session before the games until former coach Jeff Van Gundy protested and said it was a distraction to the team and that it would no longer be allowed. Many in the media such as Howard Stern, a New Yorker, joked that Van Gundy preferred his team to be prone to hookers and drugs rather than the gospel.



In a sense, watching our favorite basketball players like Kobe and Jackson and seeing their devotion to what helps them get through, helps us to meditate on the importance of prayer. In an environment of permeating wealth, fast cars, promiscuity (let's take America's hero Magic

Johnson for example), mansions and exaggerated contracts for players who can't even make free-throws, it is refreshing to see that some athletes are standing up for their beliefs and allowing their relationship with the Lord be the thing that fans can identify with, not some egocentric penchant for being the best paid and the best-placed player.

A few years back when Evander Holyfield claimed the heavyweight title in boxing, a TV reporter asked him immediately what helped him win the fight. Holyfield said that he praised God and gave all the glory to Him and that Christ had made him a warrior and that through His grace he could win any fight. The disinterested reporter attempted to sway the conversation to the gory details and the violence of the fight. Holyfield kept answering every question in relation to God. For reporters, this might be a nightmare: a bunch of millionaire athletes who don't do drugs and don't employ prostitutes and give glory to God for their victories. This will equal to nothing to write about. For guys like Kobe Bryant, Mark Jackson and Evander Holyfield, winning has everything to do with God. For Kobe and the rest of the Lakers, this year may prove to be like no other and their dependence on God will be even more accentuated.

ENTERTAINMENT

Santa Monica

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day," Gilman later told the Criterion.

Aside from paying the mortgage in their Long Beach house, caring for a growing baby, and transporting via one vehicle, buying a new car or continuing their education are no longer Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jackson's main concerns. Dismayed and concerned about his mother's psychotic well being, Mr. Jackson goes out on a limb in search for his mother on the streets of L.A. after hearing of her absences and strange behavior at work. Upon finding her, Alex is startled as his mother Rose mistakes him as being a man who has been dead for twenty years and whom he has grown to hate from childhood. But for her, he is a good friend whom she claims pays her daily visits. Mr. Jackson discovers that his mother suffers from a mental illness. Unfortunately, the couple is unable to help Rose Jackson. Continuing to live on the streets of L.A., Rose's condition worsens and becomes her downfall when police officers perceive her behavior as being a threat.

The director, cast members and crew did a superb job portraying a real life story that takes place everyday in America.

"The cast performed beyond my greatest expectations. I hope more of the La Sierra students and faculty will see their work in the future," Gilman stated after the drama.

There were many dimensions to Santa Monica Boulevard, as it subconsciously aroused emotions of our ambivalent views of the homeless living on the streets of not only Los Angeles, but also everywhere.

Poem of Encouragement

BY BRITNEY SPEARS

pathetic as this truly sounds, i'm the model for hopelessness
 i'm pining after my perfect guy, someone who probably could care less
 i cross my fingers eagerly, i even sit and pray
 but i tell myself don't hold your heart...
 i will never see that day
 i sit on the side like the idiot i am with a goofy look on my face
 but then i realize, what's the point?
 he doesn't even notice we're in the same place
 finally, i get up the nerve... i walked up to him and he actually says "hi"
 but then... oh, no! a mental block! why me? why now? why?
 as time goes by... i finally talk and eventually we are friends!
 but just my like, we're "good buddies" now
 when will this nightmare end?
 so there's my story... sad... i know, but this is my life.
 but hey...! first step friends, next step his wife!

Reader and Alumni reacts to production of "Mikado"

TO THE EDITOR, LA SIERRA CRITERION:

I had a choice between two performances of the Mikado Sunday evening. I'm glad I didn't go to Cal State Fullerton. The La Sierra performance was far more satisfying. The omission of the overture is understandable given the formidable number of notes the violins had to perform this evening. The first chorus of only five men produced a stunningly big sound--something I would expect to hear in a major city opera.

Having recently seen a D'Oyly Carte production of the Mikado at the Savoy Theater in London, this reviewer brought a high bar, and had admittedly low expectations (knowing La Sierra for the past 35 years). I was delightfully surprised. Amanda Hall, particularly, sang her role with skill and passion, yet soared with luminescence.

Given the conservative roots of this college, the enthusiasm and choreography, and even the on-stage kissing (gasp!) were a breath of fresh air. Would that something like this was attempted back when I tooted in the La Sierra Orchestra.

Of this sparkling success, one hesitates to be a "diminutioner". First, the orchestra was a bit timid. Even the simple solid chords of fanfare were tentative in the brass. A few more violins would have been nice. True, this is a tough job for those in

the pit; a lot of work and little recognition. Secondly, the role of Koko was played with more kinetic animation than I am used to. Most patrons of the Savoy might not recognize the character.

I did notice that the song, "So Please You Sir We Much Regret" was done without a backup chorus of women. Perhaps the articulation challenges "Tra-la-la-la (at great speed)" were too much. But the long number closing the first act made up for that omission. Indeed, the total choral ensemble was the most professional sound I have ever heard so close to Pierce Street.

A final disappointment was, given all the effort or preparation, and the talent exhibited, that the hall was not packed for this performance. All Riverside should have been beating the doors down. And two performances are not enough. Load all this talent onto a bus and do a tour.

Bravo, La Sierra. Bravo!

MICHAEL SCOFIELD (CAS 1969)

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Perhaps the most complimentary word from this reviewer was the adjective, "conservative" when describing our institution. Surely it isn't 1969, the year after Che Guevara was murdered and student riots were protesting the Vietnam War across American campuses. However, "conservative," I am sure was well intended and well taken by all those involved. Indeed, good job La Sierra!

Morella's Forest: noise with poise

BY NANCY HUTAGALUNG
 GUEST WRITER

All too often, the CCM scene seems to be densely populated with run-of-the-mill mainstream pop and derivative straight-ahead pop rock. On the contrary, Dayton's Morella's Forest, on the Seattle-based Christian indie label Tooth & Nail, serves a brand of abrasive yet warm fizzle/noise pop à la My Bloody Valentine on "Lush of Spring" and "Curl" along with a dash of Cocteau Twins on "Fizzle Kiss" off their debut Super Deluxe. The album packs yin-and-yang forces of fuzzed-out noise melding with Sydney Rentz's honed vocals that float in the sea of grating, buzzing effects. Balancing the noise equation are Shawn Johnson's sparkly, shimmering guitars on the lullaby like "Oceania" that are also alternately sandwiched between bursts of distortion on "Glowing Green" and "Star Gazer." "Pasty White," off the Hang-Out EP, similarly starts with Sean McCorkle's hushed and pumping simple bass line, gradually merging into swirling, quiver-

ing mad slide guitar riffs against the background of drummer Nate McCorkle's steady, aggressive pummeling.

From Dayton With Love, MF's third full-length effort, is a descent-or rather, degeneration-into candy pop territory. The band seems to have lost its edginess here, though those who find instant charm in radio-friendly hooks would

consider this album a gem. Gone is the shoe gazing factor, yet its vestiges can be found in the notably driving tracks "Water's Overhead" and "Falling." MF trades in its fuzzy drone for bubbly New Wave synth wonderland on "One Glorious Night." While this instrumental novelty suits the style

well, the ensemble of acoustic guitar and strings seems anomalous on the cover of Kim Wilde's "Kids in America."

On the whole, MF has succeeded in using catchy shiny-happy songwriting approach without cloying sweetness. Whether the band will effectively reinvent itself remains to be seen on Tiny Lights of Heaven, slated for release on August 25.



RELIGION

The heart of the matter

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known as "sinners").

For The Bible Tells Me So—It is interesting that we bible-believing Christians, with our sola scriptura and infallibility doctrines, fight with each other from the same book. For example, Christian rock advocates and apologists often quote Psalms 150 as proof that loud drums and cymbals (the ancient "trap set") were encouraged in ancient Israel. Anti-Christian rock activists will quote from other psalms, proving that these are misinterpretations, and God only accepted worship in a quiet, reflective manner, accompanied by music on the psaltery and organ. Do you see a pattern forming? Who is right, the Pro-Rock or Anti-Rock believers? Yes. So it seems that we need a better "measuring" stick, but what can we use?

Little Ones to Him Belong—"I am not willing that any of these little ones should perish." I grew up in a very conservative Adventist church. It was Arizona, and it was the early

80's. Backlash against a "pernicious" 70's liberal movement was in full swing (helped by a healthy financial scandal) and the church was seeking to re-establish its long held distinctive doctrines on the younger generation. I can remember plugging my ears through end-time sermons, complete with "if only one sin is left on the record..." singing "Almost Persuaded," and having nightmares about being tortured by the evil Sundaykeepers or having Jesus come after accidentally sinning (these dreams persist to this day). I only mention this because it is the background from which many of us were raised. My personal opinion? I think it did terrible violence to the Gospel and drove a generation of kids away from God for fear. Why do I bring it up? Because it will help support my point later on!

They Are Weak, But He Is Strong—Here we come to the point, more or less. We are human, and that word is synonymous with frailty, imperfection, weakness, and messing up a lot. I know that no amount of me abstain-

ing from caffeine, meat, sexual sins, murder or genocide is going to qualify me for acceptance by God. No amount of debate or argument about the irrelevance of keeping the Mosaic Law will make Jesus love me more. So what is the point, Dave? Those of you who know me well realize that I often talk, at length, with no point in mind. But here is the "heart of the matter," to me. "If I have not love, I am a booming gong or a clanking cymbal." There is no other surer measuring stick we can use. It's love, or its nothing. And if I was forced to relate to you what I was hearing around campus, I'd be sorry to say that LSU is noisy with booming gongs and clanking cymbals, a fact that I know that I am partly responsible for. So, LSU, though winning an argument is easier than loving an enemy, it has to be done. I admit that this entire article has been an outlet for my personal opinion, but I will not be persuaded any other way. Why? Because Jesus has shown His love to me, and I don't ever want anything else.

Why a grace orientation is not a "slippery slope"

BY MARK TATUM

GUEST WRITER

A struggle exists today which concerns me greatly. It is a question of what the main message of the Gospel is. Law versus grace orientations seem to divide us at the root, and the problem isn't getting better. Many people shrug it off, but I cannot dismiss it when I know that we are called to be one in Christ, representing His beautiful character to the world. It seems that if we can't come to a consensus on this point, then the further step of showing Jesus (and being Jesus) to the world loses most, if not all, of its potency.

The question of "How are we to live our daily lives, in light of our beliefs of Jesus Christ and the Bible?" is a center of disagreement among committed Christians, particularly among Seventh-Day Adventists. We are prone to this because we believe in following Old Testament laws and beliefs more closely than most denominations do. These include, namely, keeping the Sabbath, eating only clean meat, and belief in the state of the dead as actually dead. Our Adventist pioneers in the past had said, "Because we love God, we want to follow scripture as closely as possible," we will develop a belief system. But the harm that has come is that many people in later generations have interpreted this as: "We have to sin as little as possible to win God's favor!"

Some emphasize the seemingly sweeping verses in scripture regarding the importance of obedience and law (1 John 5:3, Matt. 5:17-20, Rom. 2:9-11), while others stress the verses that state that faith and love, rather than works, are what matter (Matt. 22:37-40, Rom. 3:21-24, Gal. 2:16). What it boils down to is a debate as to what exactly God wants from us, even to the extreme of who will or won't be saved!

What is in question is what God wants

us to do: where He wants our priorities to be. Both would agree that faith and actions matter, but which comes first (chicken or egg paradox)? Which flows out of which?

I have tried to read the Gospels and New Testament objectively. I have done my best to take away my grace schema that I was brought up with, and see what the scriptures really say, taking both types of verses seriously. I agree that there is a dichotomy in scripture, and I can see how legalists can form their orientations from it. It is obvious that obedience is important to God. But overall, I have to come to the conclusion that scripture smacks twice as loudly of love, faith, and grace than it does law, commands, and strict obedience. I do not see how one can read our scriptures as a whole and not come out with a grace orientation! What can be wrong with the train of thought: "God loves me. God has saved me via the cross. Now what am I going to do about it?"

But this is exactly what legalists would call a "slippery slope." It's too easy to fall into "cheap grace" they say. Cheap grace is saying, "God has saved me based on faith alone, so I can do whatever I want." This is not a true statement, and a person with a true grace-orientation wouldn't say it. Admittedly, it is easier to fudge a grace orientation than a law one, so claiming a grace orientation can sometimes be a cop-out. Many can make a claim to have Jesus in their hearts, but only He knows the truth, and that is all that matters in the end. Those who falsely claim it gain nothing by it!

I love it when Paul says "Everything is permissible to me, but not everything is beneficial" (1 Corinthians 6:12, 10:23), for this outlines a true grace orientation. I love God and He loves me, so I know that what He wants for me is only what will be beneficial to me, so therefore I want to do it! All of God's laws for us are based on what

is good for us versus what is harmful for us. The Ten Commandments are God's way of freeing us and showing us how to live happier, fuller, more authentic lives! God wants the best for me! Is this not exciting? This is why David can exclaim all over the place, "Your law is a delight to me!" (Psalms 119, etc). I truly delight under God's law also, and I think that only under a grace-orientation can one truly do so. Under this orientation, grace is by no means a slippery slope. Paul discusses this in Romans 6:1-2. He gets downright frenzied in talking about it. Read it yourself, and see if you don't become overwhelmed!

This ecstatic, contagious, bubbling-brook type of joy comes from being saved, from knowing God. And good actions will come out of this ecstatic love, but ecstatic love does not necessarily follow from good actions. A grace-oriented motivation is thus a positive one, not a negative one. The fruit of good works comes from the tree of faith and love; it doesn't work the other way around. We will be excited for Christ and that will motivate us to act out of pure joy.

In this type of an orientation, mountains we have created turn back into the molehills they really are. Debates about dress, jewelry, movies, caffeine, and even women's roles and day of worship cease to overshadow the purpose of the Gospel. Love will encompass all, and all conversations that we have will take place within this shelter, this sanctuary. They are not issues to get hung up on.

Paul says to live joyful, abundant lives in Christ, and to not get tripped up in differences you have with other people (Romans 14). Rather, rejoice in your similarities. Differences will all be ironed out in time with God's love. Our job as Christians is to say "God loves me, God has saved me via the cross, now what am I going to do about it?" And that is not a slippery slope.

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Summer's coming
Birds are humming,
All the world's aflame.
Clothes are dwindling
Love is kindling,
So begins the game

Did you know that...?

TRANSLATED FROM ORIGINAL TEXT BY FABIAN CARBALLO

- The four kings in a deck of poker cards represent real kings:
Spades: King David
Clubs: Alexander the Great
Hearts: Charlamagne
Diamonds: Julius Cesar
- The statues in a park mean the following:
If the statue of a horse has both feet in the air, it means that the hero died in battle.
If the statue of a horse only has one frontal leg suspended in the air, the hero died from injuries suffered in war.
If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died from natural causes.
- According to the law, the interstate highways in the U.S. must contain one straight mile from every five miles. These straight sections of the highways are designed for emergency airplane landings and war...
- The name Jeep comes from the abbreviation that the U.S. Army gave to General Purpose vehicles, G.P...
- Mosquitoes have teeth...
- Thomas Alba Edison was afraid of the dark...
- Cervantes and Shakespeare, considered to be the greatest exponents of Spanish and English literature respectively, both died on April 23, 1616...
- The word cemetery derives from the Greek word "koimetirion" which means: "dormitory."
- A normal person laughs approximately 15 times a day (we should improve that...).

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Criterion Book Club selection of the week

Occupation: Skateboarder by Tony Hawk with Sean Mortimer, 307 pages, published in 2000

Nobody has done more for the sport of Skateboarding than Tony Hawk. Now, as a videogame character and ESPN reporter, Hawk can take an in-depth look in retrospect towards the miser beginnings of skateboarding and its current wave of popularity. The autobiography includes very humorous moments and many sad ones as well. For instance, Hawk was saddened to be on tour during the subtle death of his father, Frank Hawk, founder of the National Skateboarding Association. His life as a teenage wonder boy allowed him to see most of Europe and Japan, his favorite vacation spot because of the gadgets. Tony Hawk comes across as a very humble high-achiever always mentioning how much greater all the other skaters were. He never



failed to mention how poorly he performed or how he didn't come close to the competition. The only man known to history to land the 900 (insiders will know, outsiders will have to research the Disney Tarzan commercial), Tony Hawk's obsession has always been with skateboarding. In spite of having two kids and being a devoted family man, Hawk's life still revolves around skateboarding. This book manages to rise above the stereotypes of skateboarding as a whole to provide a brief history, spanning the entire 25-year career of Hawk, the ups and downs of the industry and why it never really mattered to the average skater what happened with the industry. Highly engaging, *Occupation: Skateboarder* was a page-turner that once again did more for the sport of skateboarding than for Tony Hawk himself, "the Michael Jordan of skateboarding."

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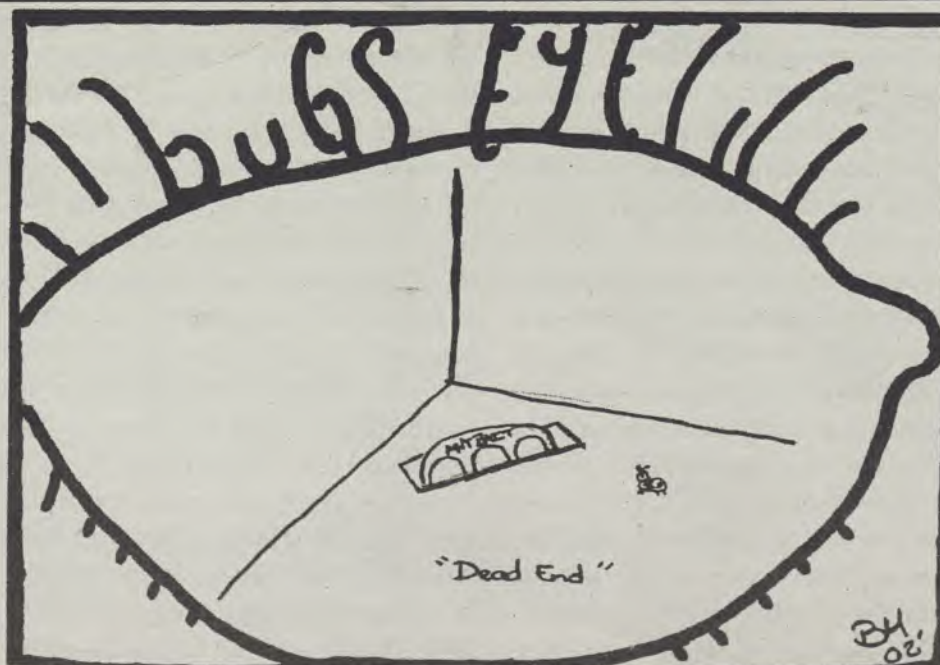
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What now, Seniors?

BY KRISTEL TONSTAD
 FEATURES EDITOR

The end of the year has come and it is time to say goodbye to our dear Seniors. But where are they going? What are they going to do? And what will they take with them as they exit our campus and enter the world? I talked to some of our soon-to-be alumni and gathered some of their plans and experiences.

Nathan Hummitzsch, who will be receiving a BS in Exercise Science, plans to spend his summer working and thinking about what "I want to do for the rest of my life." Next year he is not quite sure what he will be doing, but is considering farm school. Dave Kendall will have completed his degree in music and plans to spend his summer working at MICOL and the Towers desk, before he poses as best man at his friend's wedding in Virginia. Next year he is going off to teach in Taiwan as a stu-

dent missionary. Lindsay Daily, Religious Studies major, will be moving to Denver and plans to work as a pastor there. Gaddiel Gonzales, a business major, plans to look for a job that will make "me lots of money to repay student loans." Getting a job seems to be a central concern. Others have plans for further education. History/Political Science major Mike Lezcano hopes to be enrolled in the Masters in History program at Cal State Fullerton. Karl Northrup, Biology major, will be attending Dental School in Loma Linda next year, after a trip to British Columbia. Raenelle Tauro's plans for next year are still somewhat up in the air but she is looking forward to a mission trip to Thailand over the summer.

Knowing some of what they will be doing in the future, I wondered what they will miss most, and least, about La Sierra. Being

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Caffeine ruins Temple of God

BY PAUL YOO
 GUEST WRITER

Let me make it clear that I am not responding to tear apart, criticize, or knock brother Joshua's response to my article titled "Dear LSU caffeine is a sin", for that is what the adversary would want. Yes, we must first focus on Christ and learn about His great love, but LSU (supposedly the pillar of truth) must help support its very own beliefs, so that we can follow. I do not want to spend my time and energy diverting from my initial purpose of writing the article, which is to inform those innocently consuming caffeine of the harmfulness of caffeine and how it ruins the Holy temple of God, and to ask the leaders (people in power) of LSU to simply walk the talk.

Just to recap, if we as believers (Adventists or non-Adventist) acknowledge that our body is a Holy temple of God and that we

are not of our own, but were purchased for a price (by the blood of Jesus), then can we safely say that consuming something harmful (small in quantity and harmless it may seem ie. Caffeine) is going against the will of God in keeping our Holy temple clean. Can you say that you are drug free when you take a small dose once a year? No! Therefore taking something deemed harmful, such as caffeine, is detrimental regardless of when and how it's taken.

My article titled, "Dear LSU caffeine is a sin" was never written to knock the students or anyone who knowingly chooses to consume caffeine for a God of love grants choices and it's their personal problem with the Lord. Rather, it was to inform those who innocently consume caffeine, and to tell the leaders of this "Adventist" University to be REAL and simply walk the talk.

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President responds!

Dear Editor:

In my opinion, Fabian Carballo's cleverly-titled front-page article, "Adventism and Homosexuality: An unlikely marriage," promised more than it delivered in the May 23, 2002, issue of *The Criterion*. I applaud him for attempting to investigate and deal with a legitimate issue but I was disappointed in his treatment's scope, understanding, and accuracy, including the lack of context for many quotations attributed to me.

First off, he says "LSU, like many other Adventist organizations, has been dealing with the question of homosexuality, Adventism, and marriage," but rather than presenting evidence for this assertion, he cites the opinion of a couple of interviewees which - at least in my case - came out garbled. Here are some quotations attributed to me:

1. Geraty explained that "homosexuals did not enjoy the same privileges as heterosexuals did and perhaps that is why they are considered sinful." I don't understand the logic, therefore doubt it is mine.

2. Geraty stated "Personally I cannot condemn two gays who wish to be united." After making clear the denominational position on gay marriages, I said that based on the biblical principle enunciated by Paul in 1 Corinthians 7:8.9 ("To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is well for them to remain single as I do. But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to be aflame with passion," RSV), how could I condemn gays who choose monogamy over promiscuity when celibacy is not possible.

3. Geraty "suspects that LSU has become the home for many homosexual Adventists because many homosexuals are traditionally attracted to the healthcare professions." I did say the latter but not intending it to relate to the number of homosexuals at LSU since I have no idea of the sexual orientation of our students. How-

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Spring Fling Poetry Thing Contest Winners Announced! (see page 3)

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EDITORIAL

Goodbye, and thank you!

BY FABIAN CARBALLO
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"Oh, God, if I'm anything by a clinical name, I'm a kind of paranoiac in reverse. I suspect people of plotting to make me happy."

— Seymour Glass in *Raise High The Roof Beam Carpenters* by J.D. Salinger

It seems unfathomable that this is our last issue. What a survival this year has been! We began the year with the greatest uncertainty that a college student could possibly foresee in their lifetimes. We honestly didn't know how to respond to the September 11 attacks. We offered an informative perspective as well as prayers for all those who felt alone or frightened (I was the most frightened by any account).

My personal battles in editing this newspaper and taking it in the direction that I had envisioned were incredible obstacles. Fall quarter, I nearly gave up, as the pains of my clavicle snapping out of its socket were too much to bear. Winter quarter, I saw my spare time in Hawaii completely invested in editing the *Criterion* in absentia. I knew that no one had ever attempted such a feat and that the challenge would be a defining moment in my life. It seemed like I pulled it off until I came back on campus for spring quarter, only to find that the people that I had personally appointed to lead the publication while I was gone, had filed a letter with the Student Senate asking for my impeachment.

Needless to say, if I survived a nerve-shattering shoulder dislocation, a quarter of running the paper from the middle of the Pacific Ocean, and a variety of other complications that are too lengthy to list, I could surely overcome this. The Student Senate, in their dutiful attempt to better serve their constituents, decided, almost unanimously, to allow me to remain as your editor and bringing you the various campus perspectives that you deserve to know about. So why am I telling you this? The truth, Ellen G. White once said, is always unpopular. When you tell the truth, you will always create either fear or anxiety among those around you.

If there was an agenda this year concerning the *Criterion*, it was to tell the truth at all costs. The truth can also be represented through language that is individualistic and personal to the respective storytellers. Truth does not cease to be, simply because someone or I disagrees with it. Moreover, truthful statements can be polarized on the same spectrum of issues that these statements readily approach. Whether caffeine or homosexuality is sinful is less important than the dialogue they create. If anyone was not ready to tackle these issues and view them as they are, unavoidable ideologies that are neither right nor wrong, the Editor of this publication stands unapologetically without a reason-

able doubt that talking about these issues was the right thing.

And so, "the truth shall set you free," Jesus once stated victoriously to the same group of men that would later suffer persecution because of His name. It all makes sense to me at the end of this school year. I had been broken all along, finally seeing His hand in it all. This brokenness led me to unbelievable heights that I reproachfully accepted. This acceptance has done more than increase my faith in Christ, the only one who believes in me as much as I believe in Him; it has saved me and set me free all at once. I want to thank you Jesus for being an overcomer and teaching me the way to be set free.

I could not have completed this year or my college career without the help of and unconditional love from my wife and family. I am also grateful to the following people: Our advisor Jim Braun for coming in late and personally dealing with the numerous ups and downs; special thanks to Jeff Dupee for your friendship, counsel, wisdom and patience; Dr. Geraty for taking 10 minutes to pray with me alone a few years ago, that was a defining moment; Dr. Schoepflin for helping me get through the internship and making my classes sufficiently stimulating; Dr. Dudley for helping me see myself face to face without the smoky mirrors (I am indebted to you for a long time); Jennifer Tyner for doing her best to keep me out of trouble; Daniela, Kim and all my SALSU sisters and brothers who supported me unconditionally (I'll miss you guys especially); the English and Communication Department, everyone who supported and read the *Criterion*, all those who wrote or made the news, and lastly, our current crew who is awesome and professional (you guys know who you are — you will all be famous one day). Thanks to the Lord Almighty who knows my heart and the hearts of all you who are listed and all those who should've been listed. I never thought I'd say it but I love LSU and I will miss this place. Goodbye. and Thank You!

Condolences

The LSU campus would like to offer the Smith family our deepest condolences for the recent death of Pastor Smith's father, Kenneth Smith. On behalf of the student body, the *Criterion* would still like to offer our prayers and joyful hope of seeing our loved ones again in heaven.



The Criterion Staff poses for an end of the year picture.

CAMPUS NEWS

Spring Fling Poetry Thing Contest Winners

The Criterion would like to thank all of those who participated in the Spring Fling Poetry Thing Contest. Here are the winners!:

First Place is You by Kevin Straine

Second Place is William Shakespeare by Ani Ogesayana

(Please claim your prize by emailing fabicarb@aol.com.)

William Shakespeare

BY ANI OGANESYAN

Shakespeare, a man of talent,
a man of skill,
With his writings did he thrill
To keep our attention

And keep us in suspension.
Tragedy, comedy, history he did write
With such magnificent insight.
If he were alive today,
What would he say?

From his plays we learn a lot
Like setting, characters, and plot—
Each play and poem so very smart
That it is truly a work of art.

He left us with his famous quotes
From all his plays that we do note,
He truly was the greatest playwright,
And in my opinion I think that I am right.

Free New Criterion T-Shirt for the first 175 people to present this paper at the SALSU office today at noon. Go get it NOW!!!

What now, Seniors?

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around friends and the close-knit community were popular responses for what is dear to them. Mike Lezcano will miss University worship, Lindsay Daily will miss the warm weather and intellectual stimulation in her classes. The cafeteria food naturally came up, both as something that would and would not be granted fond thoughts.

When asked about their favorite La Sierra memories, some of the Seniors giggled and blushed, obviously having things they were not about to share with me. Karl will fondly remember snowboarding with his friend Allen. Nathan had trouble counting his happy memories. Hille Shan, Biology major, will never forget his friends with whom he has shared many meaningful tree-experiences. Lindsay will warmly remember girls-night and white-water rafting with SALSU. Interacting with professors in the History department has made a lasting impression on Mike.

The Seniors also have words of advice to share, or lessons they will take with them

You

BY KEVIN STRAINE

You
My wonderful you
You make me think that everything in
spring is always new

I paint a picture of you
In the back of my mind
So I can always find
A place in time
Where I can stop, drop...
And mop up all my feelings for you

For you and I will never come true
Or feel the hue
Of skies so blue
Because I can never find myself
Or ask for any kind of help
...in light of you

It's something of a tragedy
The irony of seeking me
Is somewhat of a thing to see
Thinking I can't wait to be
...next to you

Quite funny how I'm kind of like Poe
Feeling so low
Not willing to grow
I don't want to believe
There's an Annabel Lee, for me
Quoth the Raven: "Who is she?"

To be honest and to be true
If I knew, would I tell you?
Maybe not, but here's a clue:
You could be familiar
Or maybe brand new...
My wonderful you
My only you...

into the world from La Sierra. Karl has learned how to study, and that numbers aren't everything. Mike brings with him the experience of integrating Adventism into the world and learning about social responsibility. Lindsay has learned that it is always worth being open-minded, and how important it is to watch out for the Eagle. Dave has had much practice in time-management and has picked up the valuable skill of how to scrounge in the dumpsters and alleyways for food. Gaddiel has figured out that procrastination is not a good thing while Nathan has learned that there is more to life than school. Hille proudly exits LSU with a degree.

Finally, Raenelle left us with these wise words: college is what you make it. The same may be said for life. Seniors graduating this year have certainly showed this in their hard work and involvement. Let us congratulate them as they go out into the world, thank them for what they have done here, and hope that they, and we, will make the most of every day to come.

The beat goes on

BY ANEESAH MOORE

GUEST WRITER

What could have been a normal Sabbath afternoon for some, turned out to be a enjoyable day for others, filled with the upbeat tunes of local and non-local Christian rock bands. The New Generation Festival of 2002, kicked off over at California Baptist University. It featured the bands: Blackjack, Jay Soria, Twenty Bucks, Big Face Grace, Modus Dei, and to put an end to it all, The Elms. All the bands were wonderful. I really enjoyed how Twenty Bucks wanted to get the audience more involved. They told the crowd of people sitting down on the grass that, whoever walked up to the stage, would receive a free CD. The response from the crowd was immediate. The keyword had to be "free," because as soon as they said that, a whole flock of youth rushed over to the stage to be given their reward of the bands recent album.

There were concession stands there for each band, so that fellow concertgoers could buy whichever bands merchandise that they wanted. If you were hungry, you had the choice of Thai food or hot dogs to soothe your grumbling stomach. They also had a ticket raffle there, and whoever's name got pulled won two tickets for the Jam Festival for June 8th.

Overall, the festival was successful. I wish that the audience could have been livelier though, because it would have made it more energetic and full of life. Other than that, it was nice to see different Christian bands get together, and sing their hearts out to God, because it showed that He is the beat in these lives.

Top Jobs for the Class of 2002

COMPILED BY JENNIFER TYNER

Currently, management trainee positions top the list of jobs offered to 2002 graduates, according to NACE's Salary Survey data base. Last year, consulting jobs topped the list; in fact, only project engineering and design/construction engineering were listed among the top five jobs both last year and this year.

Management Trainee (Entry-Level Management)

Average starting salary offer: \$33,256

Top employers: Rental/leasing services; retail/wholesale trade; transportation services

Design/Construction Engineering

Average starting salary offer: \$44,378

Top employers: Engineering services; building/developing/general contracting; state and local government

Accounting (Private)

Average starting salary offer: \$40,210

Top employers: Accounting services; petroleum and coal products manufacturers; communications Project Engineering

Average starting salary offer: \$47,107

Top employers: Engineering services; building/developing/general contracting; petroleum and coal products manufacturers Teaching

Average starting salary offer: \$29,296

Top employer: Educational services

(Source: NACE Salary Survey data base, May 29, 2002.)

FEATURES & OPINION

President responds to article

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ever I can see how Fabian would have made that connection based on my comments.

4. Geraty stated that "the university is not prepared to dictate what students should do with their lifestyle as long as it is not harmful or intolerant." While there is a literal truth here in that the university doesn't dictate behavior, it does, however, proscribe certain behaviors as inappropriate for our campus. I said specifically that university policy doesn't relate to sexual orientation but rather sexual behavior. For all students and staff, our policy is no sex before marriage and monogamy afterwards and that public display of affection is discouraged. There is a time and place for expressing intimacy but such is inappropriate out on campus. The truth is LSU has much to say to students about lifestyle and in that regard we are often counter-cultural.

5. Geraty added "Let's not proscribe movies and books. We don't want to be hypocritical." In fact I believe I said we do not proscribe movies and books, but rather talk about discrimination and discernment so that students learn how to educate their wills on what to see and read and what not to. We advocate the advice of Philippians 4:8, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

6. Geraty added, "Society has presented an unknown [homosexuality] issue and the church has ignored it for a long time." Rather than ignoring the issue, the SDA Church has consciously taken a stand. More than twenty years ago, as Fabian later acknowledges, it adopted wording for Fundamental Belief No. 22 as follows: Marriage is "a lifelong union between a man and a woman."

I have a few other comments apart from the quotations attributed to me:

7. I'm not aware that "LSU has been dealing with the question," nor is there evidence

reported to justify its being called a "debacle." I don't understand the logic of a sentence that reads, "The university's position on the issue of homosexuality, regardless of what side the institution takes, is inherently problematic. . ."

8. ADVENTIST TODAY is not "one of LSU's own publications."



9. Carol Grady's contextual analysis of biblical texts doesn't "take away their credibility," but rather makes them understandable.

10. The official spelling of our church's name should be "Seventh-day Adventist," rather than "Seventh Day Adventist."

11. The statement, "Many students feel embraced by LSU and the homosexual support group that the Counseling Center provides," suggests a formal University approval of a homosexual lifestyle, something that is not the case.

So how *does* LSU relate to those of homosexual orientation in its midst? Hopefully as Christ would do. We do not inquire as to a student's sexual orientation and, as Fabian correctly stated, we expect all students will uphold the University's expectations of "high standards

of sexual behavior." If a student is conflicted with regard to his/her sexual orientation, the Counselling Office is a welcome resource.

Fabian's closing paragraph begins, "Perhaps LSU will not be able to ignore the issue of homosexuality like the SDA Church has generally opted." If we HAVE been ignoring it, Fabian's article may well be the catalyst to change that!

LSU knows that few students choose their sexual orientation and for those who find themselves homosexually-oriented, the world and sometimes the church, can be a hostile place. We desire LSU to be a safe place for all of God's children. All of us have sinned, none of us should throw stones. At the same time, as Fabian correctly said, "As Adventist parents and prospective students search for a morally edifying campus to pursue an education, they should understand that LSU is not a hub for moral misconduct."

Again, I thank Fabian for discussing a pertinent issue in THE CRITERION even while I wish he had been more accurate, careful, and contextual in dealing with this sensitive issue. I appreciate his offering me the opportunity to clarify my views in this forum.

Yours truly,
Lawrence T. Geraty

The Criterion would like to thank Dr. Geraty for his comments on the article regarding Adventism and Homosexuality. His response reasserts the fact that whatever position the university takes, regardless of what it is, will be a problematic one because there are so many factors involved. I insist on the inability to ignore this issue and many others that we've covered this year. Hopefully, the dialogue will continue in future years and the student body will not be complacent in formulating their opinions. Silence is a greater evil than misinterpretation or inaccuracy.

Mo, Gad and Ani,

I love you guys and I will miss you so much! Congrats!

With a hug and a kiss, Jessica Palma

Kirk,

I will miss our trips to the Eagle's Nest.

;))

Love, Mona

Dahlia Tamba-

"I'm upset that there really is no such thing as a dead week or a dead day!"

James Sarasua-

"Um, uh, keep your goals in mind, and never settle! And then, PARTY ON DUDES & DUETTES! God bless you all."

Kirk Cabezas-

To Kevin Hood, Ricky, Aarika, Ani, Jessica, Michelle, Sunshine, and George "You guys have been the BEST friends I've had these past 5 years! I love you all!!"

Melisa Reinmuth-

"Live Long and Prosper _\\// (BVulcan sign)"

Michelle Perrywinckle - I'm done!!

Aren't you proud!! Yes you were THE best roommate. Remember coffee = wrinkles, stop the MADNESS. - Mag

Nishana & Annie - Why did you make me laugh so much? Thanks for relieving my stress. Good luck next year! - Mag

Daniel Son - Aren't you happy? No more data collection. Keep in touch, Maggie

Stevie (Pheobe) - I owe you a warm fuzzy!! I give one to Melissa too. BTW: you to are so cute...- Maggie

Kirsten, Valinda, Ruben - What can I say? Best of luck, keep in touch. Luv Maggie

Shilhi - No goodbye's for you, I will call you later. Love you sister-friend. Mag

Carlos C. - Suerte!! Keep in touch and let me know how the honors project works out, you will be a great psychologist!! - Viva Mexico!! Maggie

Sister Velda - What would I have done without you?! PS be nice to Bobby and make him a great dinner tonight. - Maggie

Aaron Matlock-

To Amery Drummond "I enjoyed the times lifting weights with you in the gym."

Eva Erhard-

"No one to say goodbye to. No advice to give. But K.C. is making me write SOMETHING, so: Goodbye to the concrete slab table at the top of the hill by VAC. Warm and sunny, it's a good place to nap. A tip and a goodbye. Happy K.C.?"

Kristopher Cabreira-

"I've been in college for 7 years, so I would say, 'try to do the 4 year program in less than 7 years. Because LSU will drive you nuts, literally...just look at me!'"

Hi Aarika:

It's been blast having you as a co-social V.P. and a sister. Thanks for the love and care you have shown to me over the past 5 years. I wish you the best in life as you move forward and do the things you want to do.

Love always, Kevin "Sexyman" Hood

SPORTS

Michael Bibby: The King's Missing Link

BY AARON MATLOCK
OPINIONS/POLITICS EDITOR

Last year the Sacramento Kings knew they were one point guard away from contending for the championship trophy against the Los Angeles Lakers. During the off-season, the Kings traded the sporadic Jason Williams for the then obscure, but consistent, Michael



Michael Bibby out dribbles Laker's Derek Fisher.
Picture Courtesy of NBA.com

Bibby. This trade had to have been the trade of the off-season as we now look at the cur-

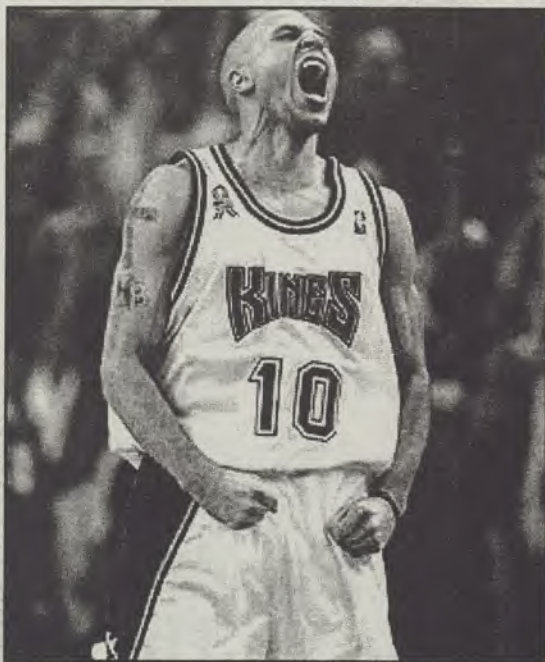
rent situation with the Kings because they have improved immensely and have turned themselves into one of the elite teams of the NBA.

The Kings improved by six games and had a better home and road record with Michael Bibby being the key to their offense. They advanced from being third in the Western Conference to being first and achieving the best record in the league. Bibby has been able to do with the Kings what the organization was hoping Jason Williams would do. Williams was a player with a lot of potential with spurts of greatness. However, his "razzle dazzle" way of playing was overshadowed by his lack of intelligent plays at crucial moments in a game as well as his inconsistency.

Bibby is the antithesis of Williams. Knowing about championship basketball play from his college days at Arizona, Bibby has emerged as one of the soundest players in the NBA. He is not known for his turnovers that force the Kings to lose momentum, unlike the point guard he replaced. He is known for controlling the offense under the system that has been implemented and coming up big at crunch time when the Kings need a boost or a big play in their offense.

This playoff season has been no different

for the new comer. In fact, his scoring and assists have improved during the playoffs. This is just what the Kings' organization was hoping for. Now they have competitively gone toe-to-toe with the reigning champion Los Angeles Lakers as they covet what they have. This time, the Kings have a chance at the championship trophy thanks to the



Bibby shares his enthusiasm after making a score.
Picture courtesy of NBA.com.

now well-known and emerging star Michael Bibby.

3-Peat! 3-Peat! 3-Peat!

BY AARON MATLOCK
POLITICS/OPINION EDITOR

The reigning World Champion Los Angeles Lakers are on their way to a third straight NBA title. They beat the Sacramento Kings 112-106 in overtime. Game 7 of the Lakers-Kings series lived up to all the hype and expectations. It had the drama, excitement, intensity and thrills that kept the fans on the edge of their seats. This was arguably the most exciting playoff game in recent years, if not history.

The game was close from the first tip of the ball. The Lakers had to go back to the basics, which were allowing the offense to flow through Shaquille O'Neal, then getting everybody else involved. It worked superbly! Because of this basic strategy, Vlade Divac fouled out and Hidayet Turkoglu ended with five fouls. They could not defend Shaq. When he did get double or triple teamed, the intelligence of Lakers forward Rick Fox came through and he drove to the basket for easy lay-ups. Derek Fisher caught on and did the same. The Lakers offense was running on all cylinders for most of the game.

Free throw shooting is what hurt the Kings. They made 16 of 30 free throws while the Lakers made 27 of 33. Like most of the games this series, it came down to which team would shoot the most free throws. The Lakers won this category, and thus set themselves up for a third straight NBA title series.

The Lakers supporting cast came through in Game 7. Robert Horry finished the game

with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Rick Fox contributed with 13 points and 14 rebounds. Derek Fisher had 13 points, two of which were clutch free throws in overtime which



gave the Lakers a four point lead with 14.6 seconds left to play in the game.

The dynamic duo of Shaq and Kobe was phenomenal as usual. They combined for 65 of the Lakers 112 points. Shaq ended the game with 35 points, 13 rebounds, and 4 block shots. Kobe had 30 points, 10 rebounds, and 7 assists.

Michael Bibby was the glue that kept the Kings together and in the game. His running

of the offense and clutch shooting performance were nearly unstoppable. He found ways to put the ball through the hoop, even with Shaq being in the lane. However, even though he led the Kings with 29 points, he could not put them over the top en route to their first NBA Finals series.

Webber ended the game with 20 points and 11 rebounds, but was quiet throughout most of the second half. He was two for four from the free throw line. This was indicative of his atrocious free throw shooting throughout this series.

Champions know how to win big games and the Lakers proved this on Friday and Sunday. Having to win two consecutive games against a team that has a lot of depth and talent was a feat that many deemed impossible to accomplish. However, the Lakers proved to the world why they are world champions. They kept their composure and maintained their confidence. This Lakers squad is truly a dynasty. Now they are just four games away from a third consecutive title. Let us all chant 3-PEAT! 3-PEAT! 3-PEAT!

Jo (Jo-Funk) & Lynn (Lyndamere)

– We've had a blast, you have been great sister-classmates. I will miss our constant note passing. Love you both (P.S. remember Corky!!!) luv mag

Heidi – you are a great co-worker! I will miss our laugh attacks. Watch out you might end up with a Lopez or a Martinez girlie – Love Maggie

ENTERTAINMENT

The Axis Epidemic

BY SILL E. MANN
GUEST WRITER

Angered by snubbing, Libya and China form "Axis of Just as Evil." Cuba, Sudan and Serbia form "Axis of Somewhat Evil." Other nations scramble to form their own clubs.

Bitter after being snubbed for membership in the "Axis of Evil," Libya, China and Syria announced they had formed the "Axis of Just as Evil," which they said would be way eviler than that stupid Iran-Iraq-North Korea thing Bush warned of in his State of the Union address.

Axis of Evil members, however, immediately dismissed the new axis as having, for starters, a really dumb name. "Right... They are just as evil... IN THEIR DREAMS!!!" declared North Korean leader Kim Jong-il. "Everybody knows we're the best evils... we the best."

Diplomats from Syria denied that they were jealous over being excluded, although

they did ask if they could join the Axis of Evil. "They told us it was full," said Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

"An Axis can't have more than three countries," explained Saddam Hussein. "This is not my rule, its tradition. In WWII you had Germany, Italy and Japan. So you can only have three... and a secret handshake. Ours is wicked cool."

International reaction to Bush's declaration was swift. Within minutes, France surrendered.

Elsewhere, jealous nations rushed to attain triumvirate status. Cuba, Sudan and Serbia formed what they called the "Axis of Somewhat Evil." This forced Somalia to join with Uganda and Myanmar in creating the "Axis of Occasionally Evil," while Bulgaria, Indonesia and Russia established the "Axis of Not So Much Evil Really as Just generally Disagreeable."

With the criteria expanding and all the

cool clubs filling up, Sierra Leone, El Salvador, and Rwanda applied to be called the "Axis of Countries That Aren't the Worst but Certainly Won't Be Asked to Host the Olympics."

Canada, Mexico and Australia formed the "Axis of Nations that are Actually Quite Nice but Secretly Have Nasty Thoughts About America." Spain, Scotland and New Zealand established the "Axis of Countries that are Allowed to Ask Sheep to Wear Lipstick." Scottish Executive First Minister Jack McConnell declined to explain.

Thomas Bell – I have a secret: You will be next year's student employee of the year, I will give you my crown. Lucky you huh? – Maggie

Marlene – I'm closing this chapter and starting a new one. Thanks for always being a part of the story. (PS Console Wonil) Love Maggie

Back by popular demand, Nikolai Ecoli escapes his hiatus! Episode 4 – The Basketball Diaries: Making the team

BY NIKOLAI ECOLI
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Last episode ended with a horrible injury to my wrist and an uncomfortable wedgie. Of course, you are learning of the latter right now. As I waited for the ambulance and watched my dreams of making the Varsity team crumble down like a sand castle, I thought of former LSU player Shaquille O'Jordan. I have grown fond of Shaq throughout the years and have developed a lot of sympathy for the man.

On top of being the largest human being in the building, Shaq has had to deal with what is called the, "Hack-a-Shaq." This condition of his really worries me. The doctors thought that it was laryngitis or gingivitis or syphilis complexis tracheonomia, but they found no cure for his "hacking" and thus that puts him at the foul line all the time. He is by far my favorite player because Karl Stockton, Michael Bryant and Kobe Malone still have nothing on him. My fate was going to be a miserable one.

On the way to the hospital I was allowed to inhale oxygen. Unfortunately, they connected the wrong tank. As I opened my eyes 15 hours later, I realized that the tank had a sign on it that said, "ether." I felt much better though and the pain had gone away. If I could check out from this mad-house right away, I could go back and show coach Handyman that he can't fix me, because I have the heart of a warrior and the soul of a wild boar. I could also show my new nemesis, Esteban Dormidos, who's the boss of the Russian empire and who reached California first; it wasn't his ancestors, you know.

Esteban has become my enemy by being my competition. That lazy narcoleptic is going to pay for it! He was supposed to be my wingman, not get all the attention.

Esteban has rapidly taken out the letter "r" from the word "friend." He's no friend of mine and I already have the KGB working on his file. They will find out where he lived in 1987, who his siblings are and whether or not he likes green sauce in his burritos. And when they find his body at Rosarito Beach, his kidney organ will be gone. But that's because he was a donor for a Loma Linda transplant.

I managed to escape the hospital by posing



Some female ballers take it up. Photo courtesy of WNBA.com. as a cook. Working in the hospital kitchen reminded me too much of La Sierra's Cafeteria and I had to hold back the vomiting sensations. The effect of the ether had gone away, mainly because I was allowed to self-regulate my morphine vault. One expensive stay at the hospital and you walk out of there an addict for life. Only in a capitalist country they do that; when I rejoin the rebels in Chechnya, I will tell them that drugs in America are free. The reason why I had to escape the hospital was because I had no

insurance and no INS "papers."

Basically, I don't exist like many other Eastern European taxpayers. I had signed my name as Ivan Denisovich and this was surely one day in the life. I had Dean Body Cuervo pick me up from the bust stop. He appeared to be inebriated but I later found out that his breath is always kicking. He attempted to convince me to quit. That was unacceptable. I quit smoking, I quit peeping through the windows at the girl's dorm and I quit manipulating MICOL's computer mouse with my tongue, but I will never quit the Basketball tryouts until all hope is gone.

I showed up the next day, on a cold October night with a broken wrist and two socks from different pairs. I had done laundry and apparently lost some socks. I soon found out that Coach Handyman had retired to his office because he wanted to fix his bookshelf. I staggered into his office only to find that Coach Handyman had a prosthetic leg. It was lying on top of his desk with his "Don't mess with Texas" coffee mug and his lingerie. Now I had enough ammunition to blackmail him. I did just that. I was fair about it. I told him that all I wanted was a chance to try-out, or else I would tell the Administration about his lingerie habit. He conceded but informed me that there was only one spot left for the team.

On my way out, I noticed that everyone had been cut except for Esteban Dormidos and now, myself. This was going to be an all-out war. Russia versus Mexico. Rocky versus the tall blonde guy. Van Damme versus crazy Karate guy. Clippers versus Lakers. Men versus Women. Roe versus Wade. I was prepared to go all the way and beat Esteban out of the last spot on the Team. Stay tuned for the next episode and see how I boycott Esteban. Remember, I know where he lives.

RELIGION

"Suicidal tendencies; Jonah, the Prophet"

BY PASTOR CARLOS CAMACHO
SPECIAL TO THE CRITERION

Jonah was the type of guy that couldn't sit still. He was not just someone with an opinion but also a pretty highly intellectual individual. He spoke because he knew what he was talking about (from the human perspective at least). We miss so much when we qualify his writings as mere narrative or history, or like in many cases allegory. We heard the story when we were growing up and decided that we were going to go wherever the Lord sends us... but we've encountered a problem. God is not talking, or better yet, we're not listening. However, nobody is moving.

The Jonah story is being neglected and misused; if you don't believe me, take a look at a recent e-mail one of my friends sent me:

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah didn't go to heaven?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".

I'd like to invite you to dive into the beauty of this book; a symmetric, poetic narrative. A

book that was written by the messenger of the Lord; Jonah, the Prophet. I'm going to propose an introduction to the book from a literary point of view. I'd like to suggest a Kiasm* for the first chapter of the book of Jonah:

A. God is in control (He sends Jonah...) 1:1-2

B. Jonah's stubbornness (He won't go) 1:3

C. The Sailors have questions (What's going on?) 1:4-8

D. Jonah makes a confession of God 1:9

C'. The Sailors still have questions (What did you do?) 1:10-11

B'. Jonah's stubbornness (He still won't go) 1:12-16

A'. God is in control (He sends the fish...) 1:17

Let me tell you a little about Kiasms: There is a sequence that's followed in the narrative; we go from "A" to "D", making "D" the climax of the story, but not forgetting the importance of the C', B' and A'. In other words; although it is very important to understand the climax of a story, the elements that brought us to such climax play a very important role; therefor we have to see closely the relation between A & A', and the same with B & B' and C & C'.

The rest of the book (context) is also important. We will come to those climatic confessions at least twice more by Jonah (2: 9 & 4:2), but as far as I'm concerned the Sailors (pagan idolaters), make their own confessions to God at least twice and after

that a whole city is bound to make a confession before God. Confession is not prayer although prayer can be a confession. Prayer itself is a big issue in the book of Jonah. Everybody prays for different motives (fear, trust, anger, repentness), but all of them pray.

So what's left for me to say is the following:

A & A': God is in control from beginning to end

B & B': Jonah is not just being a rebel; he really knows Who God is, and what He's (God) willing to do to "heal the land". He gets suicidal just because he's afraid of the results.

C & C': A contrast with Jonah's decision and a lesson for him by the sailors: "You're better off doing what God has commanded you to do."

D: What God asks us to do is fairly simple: *He's looking for people that are willing to confess his name to all peoples.* This first chapter places the platform where the rest of the book will be built on and it becomes vital to understand the first chapter and to keep in mind that God is concerned with what we confess; We seem to be good at "confessing" everything to everybody, *but who are we really and what do we believe!*

Perhaps we can learn from the little smart girl of the story and begin to just take about any opportunity to confess with assurance that we too "fear the Lord, the God of heaven..."

Final Episode: Caffeine ruins the Temple of God

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Perhaps the leaders of this "Adventist" institution forgot that parents send their children to this "Adventist" University not just for an education but, far more importantly, for an education reinforced with Christian beliefs. We all know that the cost of attending LSU is not cheap, but it's worth every penny if a student can grow in Christ. LSU is a place where the Christian beliefs are supposed to be upheld regardless of the popularity, opposition, or costs of those beliefs. Again, I simply want honesty.

The only reason why I am responding to brother Joshua's response is to clearly reiterate the truths again. The truths of the bible are very clear (for those who read the entire context of the bible will understand this) and I agree with brother Joshua that we should NEVER take the truths out of context for that is of the devil. By doing so, we are distorting and diluting God's instructions for our life, ultimately misguiding His children.

A very popular scripture many Christians take out of context is Matt 15:11 "Not that which goes into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man." From reading this, it may seem as if it's referring to food, but brothers and sisters, we must go deeper and read the context behind it. For Jesus was not referring to food. "The Jews had a tradition requir-

ing that the hands should be ceremonially washed after each contact with a Gentile. They chided Jesus and His disciples for not following the custom. Christ responded with the words of verse 11. In verse 15, Peter said to Jesus, 'Declare unto us this parable.' Please notice that this is a parable and should not be literally applied. In fact, Jesus explained the parable so that we need not speculate about the meaning. Get the picture. The Jewish leaders were upset about the custom of ceremonial washings of hands, while at the same time they had murder in their hearts toward Christ. Jesus was exposing the absurdity of their posture.

The ceremonial uncleanness was only an imagined defilement. The evil thoughts were true defilement. The question of the diet was not involved at all. There was no eating or drinking at the heart of the issue. It was ceremonial washing of the hands versus murder in the heart. One defiled, and the other did not." Joe Crews, Answers to Difficult Bible Texts pg. 29,30

Our beloved Sunday brethren often use this scripture to argue against the dietary laws upheld by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, such as eating unclean meats and drinks. God's instructions become very clear only when we first pray, and study His words and not taking anything out of context.

Brother Joshua, when I quoted that caffeine

is a sin, those were not of my own, but from Mrs. White (which you even claimed as someone who provides great insight and is a counsel). You also stated that you firmly believe the health message as a valuable asset. Well brother, you are on the right track, all you need to do is trust what you already believe. Lastly, you stated, "A sin is a moral rebellion to a law of God, punishable by death." Yes indeed, if we acknowledge that our body is a holy temple of God, and knowingly consume caffeine and continue to ruin the temple of God, then can we say it's a rebellion against God? I'll just stop there.

It is very true that Mrs. White's writings were never meant to be placed above or even equal to the bible, but the instructions that she presents are not of her own, but directly from God. "I do not write... expressing nearly my own ideas. They are what God has open before me in vision - the precious rays of light shining from the throne" (5th Testimonies for the Church pg. 67).

We have the privilege to have counsel, which helps us to clearly understand our Father, His plans and His love for us.

"Tea, coffee, tobacco, and alcohol we must present as sinful indulgences... The former- tea, coffee, tobacco, beer, wine, and all spirituous liquor should not be taken moderately, but discarded." (3 Selected Messages, pg. 287).

THE BACK PAGE

Professors Retire After Years of Service at LSU

On behalf of the student body, the Criterion would like to congratulate and warmly thank all those professors who are "throwing the towel" along with the graduating class of 2002. Dr. Walt Hamerslough will be retiring after many years of service at the Department of Health, Exercise Science & Athletics. Joining Dr. Hamerslough in the retirement ranks will be Dr. Bob Rice from the Education Department. The School of Education will also see the retirement of Dr. Melvin Campbell. From the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Dr. Roy Kryger will be retiring this year as well. Congratulations on all of your retirements and thank you for your abnegated years of service to LSU.

Deep Thoughts

Three's a Crowd

Winks are flashing,
Smiles are dashing.
Love is like an art!
Lies are spinning,
No one's winning,
Two loves have torn my heart!

Did you know that...?

QUOTED FROM 2002 INSPIRATION CALENDAR

- A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- The *Mona Lisa* by Leonardo Da Vinci has no eyebrows.
- Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points in a basketball game on March 2, 1962.
- Confederate General Robert E. Lee didn't own any slaves - he didn't believe in slavery.
- The only creature known to have been killed by a meteor was an unlucky dog at Nakhla, Egypt, in 1911.
- This one is for Loren: The official state sport of Alaska is dog mushing. Now, we know what she does in her spare time.
- In Albania, nodding your head means "no" and shaking your head means "yes."
- Most lipsticks contain fish scales.
- Scientists say that sex can relieve arthritis pain for up to 6 hours.
- A quarter has 119 grooves on its circumference. A dime has one less.
- The White House had a telephone before it had an indoor bathroom.
- Fortune cookies were actually invented in America in 1918 by Charles Jung.
- K.C. Hohensee is a snobeast that all girls love!!!

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Dr. Love's Dating Advice

Dear Dr. Love,

I like this girl, but she has a boyfriend. A couple weeks ago she dumped him. I thought we were going to hook up, but she got back with him. Should I pursue?

-Confused Secret Lover

Dear Confused,

If she still shows any interest in you, never let anyone or anything stop you from pursuing your interests with her. Obviously, this girl has dumped her man once and will do it again if she sees a valid opportunity. As for her getting back with this guy, here are a few possibilities for this short term arrangement.

The first possibility is that she is "testing the waters," so to speak. She has her feet

in the water but doesn't know whether to jump in or pull out of your relationship. But if she does jump in, she would like to know if she should go swimming with or without her "water wings." These are dangerous waters for anyone in this sort of scenario. If she realizes that you are still interested in a relationship, she may cut her losses with him and go for you.

Whatever the situation is you don't want to make her feel bad for what she has done. You want to be someone whom she can come to. By opening the lines of communication you have the ability to dig your paws in, in the situation that is. Please write back and let us know how it goes.

-Love

What's up Brando (B.D.):

Well, you're finally here graduating and it only seem like yesterday since we were graduating from high school. Good luck in life after you leave La Sierra. Thanks for all the good memories and fun times we've shared. Thanks for helping me pass college algebra. You will be missed.

Your homeboy, Kevin "Sexyman" Hood

Kirk:

The Latin lover of the La Sierra University campus. Thanks for all the things you have done for me and thanks for always being there when I needed you. I have seen alot of people come and go, but at the end, you are still here. Best of luck in life, but remember me when you make it rich in Beverly Hills.

Your friend, Kevin "Sexyman" Hood

To Sergio:

Thanks for all the help in Math and helping me pass. You have been there to encourage me in life, and you helped me to continue to do something that I thought I didn't want to do anymore. When you make it as

a big business, don't forget that you told me that you would come back and give me some money so I can make it in life. You will truly be missed.

Your friend, Kevin "Sexyman" Hood

Iki Taimi-

"Goodbye Calkins! Enjoy your summer! I've enjoyed the last 6 years with you folks, but I'm done. Enjoy your lives & remember to live up every moment for the Lord. He won't EVER let you down! God bless you all!"

Dave (Dude) - you have put up with this roller coaster ride of mine for 3 years. Are ya ready to go on it again? Thanks for being ready and willing. I love you (more)

- Mag

Craig Beeson-

"I love you all, I'll miss this place, umm, live your dreams."

Greg Webster-

"If at first you don't succeed, lower your standards! Remember, if you're not living on the edge you're taking up too much room! Those who claim to make something 'foolproof' underestimate the ingenuity of fools!"

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