



LSU SIFE Team Captures World Cup!

by Heather Miller,
SIFE Faculty Fellow

It's no secret now that the La Sierra University SIFE team won the 2002 SIFE World Cup championship in Amsterdam on Sept. 24! From what we heard, that news spread like wildfire through campus, as well as lots of other places around Riverside, Southern California, and the USA.

But what does that win really represent?

First of all, it represents an incredible experience for our team to have competed on a truly world stage. What an honor it was for us to watch and listen to the presentations made by teams from other countries, such as Brazil, Ghana, South Africa, Australia, Poland, Russia, China, Malaysia, the Ukraine, and others. In all, the national champion teams from 23 countries competed in the World Cup. (Although teams from 25 countries qualified, two teams were unable to participate because they couldn't get visas.) The team from Russia was extremely strong in technology, while the team from Ghana started a soap-making business in a village to help people increase their income. Our team was both humbled and encouraged to see how free enterprise is taking root around the world, thanks to the efforts of college students involved in SIFE.

The win in Amsterdam also represents overcoming tremendous odds simply by the sheer number of teams that compete. From an initial field of more than 1200 participating university teams in 31 countries, 25 national champion teams earned the right to compete at the SIFE World Cup. Our team had already passed four levels of competition just to make it to Amsterdam. (Since nearly 800

of those 1200 teams come from the US, our country has more levels of elimination rounds than most others do.) Two more levels awaited us in Amsterdam. What an exhausting, yet exhilarating thing



competition is!

Of course, winning in Amsterdam also represents thousands of hours (more than 5,000 actually) that our SIFE team put into developing and implementing projects over the past year that form the basis of what competition is all about. (This number doesn't even begin to account for any of the time spent in rehearsing and other competition preparations!)

More importantly, though, it represents the quality and effectiveness of projects done throughout the year. One of the reasons, I believe, why our team came out on top, was because of projects like our welfare-to-work and Empresarias projects, and the business projects in India and Peru, that take business principles and translate them into real-life impact, actually helping others start and run businesses of their own. Through projects like these, we were able to demonstrate actual results, and not just talk about hope-to's. Our presentation also showed a well-rounded grouping of projects and documented our ability to meet each of the specific SIFE judging criteria.

While it is extraordinarily

demanding to progress through competition to the top, it is also very rewarding to be recognized for what our team has accomplished. Thank you to all those who supported our SIFE team this year, participated in

projects, gave us ideas, counseled us, offered your expertise, wished us well, prayed for us, and encouraged us. We were extremely proud to represent not only the United States, but also our very own La Sierra University, whose name in the SIFE world is synonymous with excellence.

I also want to say a special thank you to the members of our presentation team. Although the entire school year of projects is carried by more than a hundred people, when it comes down to competition, it is carried by just a few. Those few pour their heart and soul into the act of competing. For 24 minutes presenting, and five minutes of Q and A, everything rests on them. Their poise and confidence convey a truthfulness, belief, and knowledge, while their passion delivers the essence of what La Sierra SIFE is all about. The ability of the tech team to make the sound and projection work is paramount to the team's success on stage. Not only did they carry it off without a hitch, they delivered hands-down the best presentation there, a truly gold medal performance. I could not have been more proud! Thanks, guys, for making it happen!

Happy B-day LSU!

Founder's Day: La Sierra Celebrates Eightieth Anniversary by Tony Zbaraschuk
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Today, we celebrate the founding of the University eighty years ago, and all that has since risen on that first foundation. Or perhaps we should think of it as a road, leading from the past, a small and rocky path broadening and widening into today's LSU.

It began in 1920, when the two Adventist conferences that had operated San Fernando Academy for twenty years agreed that the place was too small, too crowded, and altogether just impossible to continue with. The search for a new location proved difficult. Each conference wanted the new academy to be located in their territory; sites from Ventura to Redlands were promoted. Then there was the question of land - General Conference President A.G. Daniells commented at one point "Why, out in Iowa or some other middle state, you could pick a good location anywhere, but in California, it is either a desert, or an orange grove costing \$4,000 an acre. I really don't know what you brethren are going to be able to do." Other disputes arose about whether a college was really necessary or if a twelve-grade academy would be sufficient.

Then, in April 1922, the search committee had a car crash. V.E. Peugh had to attend the next conference general meeting in a wheelchair, and J.J. Nethery was carried to the rostrum on his cot. The meeting approved a location at Rancho La Sierra, near the border of the conferences, and the construction of a twelve-grade academy.

The announcement of the new school called it only "The Academy

of the Southeastern California Conference" as no name had yet been agreed on.

The construction crews arrived in the middle of a watermelon patch on July 5. When the 84 students began arriving on October 3, the boy's dormitory (which included the school rooms) was barely ready, and the girl's dormitory still unfinished; the occupants had to climb a ladder to their rooms while the carpenters finished the stairs. Students lit rooms with candles for six weeks before the electricity was connected.

The next year, the faculty was alarmed when only half the students showed up at chapel; investigation uncovered that while the wakeup bell was at 5:45 AM and chapel at 6:00 AM, there were not enough washbasins in the bathrooms for all the students to clean up in the allotted fifteen minutes. The students undertook to raise the money for the necessary plumbing, and did so in a week.

The first yearbook came out in 1924: El Serrano, or "The Mountaineer."

In 1927, the school changed its name and function, from La Sierra Academy to Southern California Junior College; the year also saw the founding of the first campus newspaper, the College Cushi. Since nobody liked the name, or even understood it, it became the College Criterion two years later, and has retained that name to the present day and the issue you have in your hands.

In 1933 the school became accredited for the first time, despite the economic turmoil caused by the Great Depression in the world outside. In 1939, a new yearbook (the Meteor) joined the school's new name of La Sierra College; while the school's name lasted, the Meteor promptly suspended for six years

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GUESS WHO'S BACK?

BY SAUL BARCELO,
SALSU PRESIDENT

You've probably noticed that the weather has changed which means there is a new season ahead of us. I'm not talking about the NFL or the NBA season. What I'm talking about is the Season of Learning. Yeah, even if you are not ready to type papers and study, it's time to go back to school. Its time to exchange those long days of summer free time for 8 o'clock classes. But don't worry because that also means that there is a TEAM who is committed to helping you throughout this season. That's right, Team SALSU is here with some crazy and interesting ideas to make your learning season a memorable one. I won't guarantee you that you'll remember all the reading for this school year, but I will guarantee you that you'll remember all the SALSU events. This year we have some cool officers who have joined the Team with one purpose, to make it a fun year for you. They have been working hard during the pre-season, getting acquainted with each other and planning the events for each quarter. As you know, they all come from different backgrounds and that's what makes this group interesting. I want you to remember that this season you are here to learn but if you have any free time come to the events and check out the Team. This season, Team SALSU is here to work for you!!!



"Hi! My name is Saul and I love to talk! If you see me on campus, let me know how things are going. And remember SaulSu is here to work for you!"

EDITOR'S PAGE

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Jesus Found in Topock Gorge

BY WHITNY BRAUN,
CRITERION EDITOR

It is tradition for the SALSU officers to take a trip together before the start of each new school year. It is meant to be a bonding experience, an opportunity for the officers to get to know each other and discuss their pie-in-the-sky dreams for the future of the school. This year I had the distinct pleasure of going on the SALSU officers' retreat and I really had no idea what to expect. You see, I have never been very good at the whole teamwork thing and I am much too cynical to stand for any bonding exercises. Fortunately, or not, for me we didn't perform any contrived bonding rituals on this trip, unless you consider kayaking seventeen miles down the Colorado river a bonding experience. In fact most of the trip is sort of blends together in my memory except for the last day of it.

We all awoke up that morning of September 12th and packed our bags, loaded up the van and braced ourselves for a five hour drive through the desert during the hottest part of the day. We were crammed into a fifteen passenger van and a small rental car. I was smack in the middle of the van and settled in for a long hot drive. Just as I was settling into a stupor, cruising along through a canyon, Kim Odle exploded with a scream filled with horror.

Kim thought she had seen a man on the side of the road covered in blood. Natan Vigna whipped the van around and a few moments later Kim's vision was confirmed as we pulled up alongside a young man slumped on shoulder of the road, shirtless and dripping with blood. I jumped out of the van and ran over to him. He was alive, but obviously seriously injured. He was able to explain that he had been riding

the train from Dallas, trying to get to Needles where his truck was in an impound lot. Apparently his exiting strategy was not well planned. He had jumped off the train and rolled down the hill to the bottom of the canyon where he was hit by a car. He started to cry a little and asked me if I would hold his hand. OK...yeah, I know... AIDS, Hepatitis, cooties, whatever...this guy needed help. I mean, he was a human Wylie Coyote and the Roadrunner hadn't even been there.

Dwight Barrett, our CABL director, came over and began pouring water over his head. He was so drenched with blood we couldn't even begin to locate the individual cuts all over his head and neck. His right arm and left ankle were broken and as his shock wore off and his pain increased he squeezed my hand tighter and tighter. After a few minutes he turned to me and said that I needed to help him find his backpack. I asked him what was in the backpack and he began squeezing my hand tighter and tighter and then said to me that he needed his Lithium. He told me his backpack had fallen off when he was rolling down the hill and he needed to find it desperately.

He looked at me with tears in his eyes. His voice began to take on a hysterical tone as said he couldn't go on. I tried to calm him down and reassure him but he began to scream that he was the Prince of Peace and that he had come to save me. As I felt the bones give way in my hand under his vice-like grip Dwight did his best to calm him. It wasn't going to happen.

A half hour or so had passed when the ambulance arrived from Needles. The paramedics took control of the situation at this point but he still didn't let go of

my hand. He told the paramedics what he had told me earlier, his name was Christopher Howard Alpert and he was twenty-nine years old. One of the emergency medical technicians put an oxygen mask over his face. He began to relax and loosen the grip on my hand. I told him I had to leave him and he nodded. I looked down at my hands which were covered in his blood and I could see where he had been squeezing my hand so hard that his fingernails had broken my skin. Maribel Aguilar came over to me and began pouring alcohol on my hands. I got back in the van and we drove back to La Sierra.

A couple of days ago I was putting on a pair of shoes, the same pair I was wearing that day, when I noticed that there was a reddish brown spot on the laces. It was Christopher Howard Alpert's blood. I have been thinking about him ever since. I wonder who he is and if he is okay. I tried calling the emergency room he was taken to in the hopes I might learn how he was doing but it was to no avail. I hope that wherever he is he's safe and somebody is taking care of him.

In telling this story to people, I have been harangued and scolded for doing what I did. People have recoiled in horror and run off endless lists of diseases I probably have contracted from being so foolish. OK...so I didn't save his life. I'm not the Good Samaritan. But even if I have contracted a disease from the experience, I must say that I hope I will not react differently if a similar situation presents itself. How do I know Christopher Howard Alpert wasn't who he said he was? Even more importantly, even if he was just Christopher Howard Alpert... should that have made a difference?

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NEWS & VIEWS

THE WORLD AT A GLANCE:

UNITED NATIONS,

Oct 2 (Reuters) - U.S. diplomats lobby for support at the United Nations on Wednesday for a tough draft resolution that makes extraordinary demands on Iraq to open every inch of its territory or face military action.

PROKUPJE,

Yugoslavia, Sept 19 (Reuters) - Two former Serb policemen charged with committing atrocities against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo will face Serbia's second domestic war crimes trial next month, a judge said on Thursday.

PRAGUE,

Oct 1 (Reuters) - Prague officials said on Tuesday damage to the capital caused by record floods that ravaged much of the country and killed 17 people will be around 24 billion crowns (\$779 million), well above previous estimates.

YAMOOUSSOUKRO,

Ivory Coast (AP) - France deployed scores more soldiers to Ivory Coast on Tuesday, bolstering a Western military machine of U.S. special forces, the Foreign

Legion and others ahead of threatened full-scale war between loyalist and rebel forces.

TOKYO,

Oct 2 (Reuters) - A major fire on a huge luxury liner being fitted out at a Japanese shipyard for Britain's biggest cruise operator was brought under control on Wednesday, some 19 hours after it broke out, shipyard officials said.

KABUL,

Afghanistan (Sept. 29) - A blast that jolted Afghanistan's capital, shattering windows and causing minor injuries, was likely caused by a homemade bomb placed in a drain near a military compound, an international peacekeeping spokesman said Sunday.

JERUSALEM,

(AP) - Israeli police detonated a bomb Wednesday that they believe Palestinian militants planted at a gas station in northern Israel.

HONG KONG,

(AP) - Democracy activists marked China's National Day

on Tuesday by burning the Chinese flag - a crime in Hong Kong - as they demanded an accounting for the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre.

BUKAVU,

Congo (AP) - Rwanda began pulling out 6,000 troops from a border province Tuesday, the latest stage in a withdrawal of all its forces from war-ravaged Congo that Rwanda hopes to complete by week's end, a top commander said.

LIMA,

Peru (AP) - Foreign Minister Allan Wagner said Tuesday that Peru's war on drugs will not succeed without U.S.-backed interdiction efforts - including renewing a program to shoot down planes used for drug smuggling.

RIO DE JANEIRO,

Brazil (AP) - Stores and schools across Rio cautiously reopened on Tuesday, a day after they closed reportedly on orders from the city's most powerful criminal gang protesting prison conditions of its jailed leader.

We Gotta Be Prudent

BY JAY RAZZOUK

The prospective war with Iraq has no doubt become the dominant focus of American politics and policies. Not more than a year ago the United States was catapulted into its war on terrorism with a green President shoved to the helm. The world stood aghast when a stern George W. Bush demonstrated his authority and leadership. The President is preparing to once again unleash the wrath of American might. He has produced a convincing case to some people, but some critics see it as a potential catastrophe. As much as I would like to support my President, I too see going into Iraq as a big mistake.

The hunt for Osama Bin-Laden is losing steam just as the U.S. prepares to smoke out Saddam Hussein. Although both men have many similarities, one difference completely changes how the United States can go after them. Bin-Laden belongs to no country, and is merely the head of an underground organization. According to international law, the United States is basically free to wipeout illegitimate organizations that threaten the safety of its people and it is mainly for this reason that the United States has encountered little resistance toward dismembering Al-Qaeda. Hussein is lucky to be the head of a recognized government. President Bush could go to international prison if he orders someone to assassinate Hussein. The world, especially Europe, will not allow the U.S. to knock off the "Butcher of Baghdad."

Hussein and Bin-Laden both share a deep lust to survive. They both take desperate measures to protect themselves. Bin-laden stays out of sight, protected by a host of highly trained bodyguards. Hussein has several exact look-a-likes and countless bodyguards. At least Bin-laden stands out from the crowd. But Hussein not only has his impersonators,

but vast bunkers and bomb shelters. It is his desire to live that would ultimately prevent him from launching a nuclear attack at the United States. Even if he could get a missile to reach the United States, Bush could order a couple thousand warheads to completely vaporize the Persian Gulf.

But the question then arises, why does Hussein want the bombs? I watched a documentary on him about a year ago. Several experts described Hussein as having a fetish or addiction to weapons of mass destruction. Picture Hussein as a man who cuddles an AK-47 in bed at night. He salivates just at the thought of having nuclear weapons.

Israel would be most in jeopardy should Iraq possess nuclear arms. But no doubt Saddam has done the math and concluded that a strike against Israel would also bring about sudden death for himself. Hussein has demonstrated that he knows better than to use weapons of mass destruction against superior powers. I must at least discuss the remote possibility that a small, handheld nuclear device could be developed by Hussein and placed into the hands of terrorists. This scenario is very unlikely and does not justify an attack on Iraq.

The greatest danger of a war against Iraq would be its effect on the entire Middle East. Several Arab leaders have urgently advised the President to leave Hussein alone because it would destabilize the Middle East. What most Americans do not understand is the absolute despair and frustration felt by the suffering masses of the Arab nations. Most people from Egypt to Pakistan are living in absolute poverty while a powerful few live in absolute luxury. The numerous poor crowd the streets in anger as their wealthy leaders are protected and sustained by American money. The angry Arabs see the United States as supporting their oppressive governments.

These people have nothing to lose but life itself. They hunger for purpose and sustenance. They see the U.S. as anti-Arab, and pro-Jews. In fact, many Arabs believe the U.S. is owned and run by the Jews.

Now that the stage has been set, I hope you can now visualize what will happen if the U.S. invades Iraq. Arabs will see the attack on Iraq as an assault on Islam itself. Angrier yet, thousands of Arabs will pour into Iraq crying Jihad at the top of their lungs. Social revolts could even overthrow friendly governments such as those in Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia. If the United States is not careful, chaos could emerge from a careless, but seemingly petty war.

Even though no one, including his own family likes Hussein, the risk is too great to bring him to justice. Right now Iraq is pretty much an island unto itself. I will give the President the benefit of the doubt since he has access to our nation's highest intelligence. I just hope he uses his own. If I were him, I would lift the sanctions on Iraq and tend to the needs of the Iraqi people. The U.S. is winning no favor in Iraq by denying its people food and medication. America needs to befriend the people of the Arab nations, not just the leaders, and we need to stop rubbing it in everyone's face that we are "the super power of the world." Even though we are the most powerful nation in the world, there is no guarantee how long it will last, especially with the way things are going. This is a time when we need support, not grudges.

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Why We are Going to War with Iraq

FROM AN ANONYMOUS SUBMISSION VIA E-MAIL

It is comforting to analyze the current global political situation from the perspective of what is moral, ethical, and legal under the United State's social mores and law. However, that really is not what this whole thing is about. What thinking person truly believes that we are going back into Iraq as a part of this greater entity we Americans now love to refer to as "The War on Terrorism?" It is really not a matter of not having been able to locate Saddam Hussein a decade ago. It is a fact that the first Bush administration did not want to remove him from power and why not? Because...while George H. W. Bush was director of the C.I.A., he essentially created Saddam in order to keep Iran in check. Removing him from power after the Gulf War would have left a tremendous power vacuum that could have been filled by any number of significantly less desirable entities than Saddam himself. The Shiites in southern

Iraq could possibly have gained ascendancy and allied themselves with Iran. Or the Kurds might have gained control of Baghdad and we don't even want to think what they might have done.

So what has changed in ten years? First of all George W.'s did not get re-elected. We had eight years of Clintonian escapades while the former Bush administration planned their resolution to the mishandling of the final outcome.

Last September 11th a small group of radical extremists gave George W. the greatest gift of his presidency. Coming off of the most contested election in American history and faced with myriad domestic problems that had no solution suddenly George W. was able to go stand on the smoking rubble of the World Trade Center and rattle his saber, shout out a few pithy threats of vengeance and his popularity soared to an all time high.

Alas...how to sustain this? Anyone with any knowledge of the history

of Afghanistan knew he was not going to get Osama Bin-Laden and obviously his cabinet, which is essentially his father's cabinet reconstituted knew this. So they need to divert attention away from the fact that Osama is still hiding in a cave somewhere thumbing his nose. We can picture them sitting around their war room saying, "Well we still got that Sadam guy."

The problem? The American people are not interested in that Sadam guy anymore. They never really were. Nobody cared about Kuwait. It is almost laughable on a daily basis watching the current administration desperately seeking an excuse to invade Iraq. Eventually they will find one. We will go to war whether the American people care about Sadam, terrorism, biological weapons or whatever. The current Bush administration has to vindicate the elder Bush's administration. That is the motivation and eventually they will find their excuse.

RELIGION

Is required worship a good thing?

BY ROB WOLCOTT

I have always wondered why anyone would think that requiring attendance at a worship service is a good idea. No church that I am aware of, demands that its members attend services every week and puts them on academic probation if they miss more than three a quarter. Even if such a church existed, I am not sure what would motivate people to choose such a place to worship at.

Some may say we are a Christian university and Christian universities require their students to attend worship services. That is what separates us from the secular universities. I have been given that line of reasoning before and think it's one of the most absurd things I have ever heard. For if the only thing that distinguishes a Christian university from a secular one is

the fact that we force our students to attend worship, than I think we are in big trouble.

So what sets us apart from other academic institutions? I would hope that it would be our approach to education, the fact that we teach classes from a Christian perspective, that our professors and administration teach and generate policies from a Christian perspective, and that we employ a campus chaplain that is concerned with the spiritual lives of the students on and off campus. Finally, I would hope that how La Sierra University serves its surrounding community in a Christian manner would distinguish it from other centers of learning.

Why then does LSU feel compelled to force an added requirement on its student body? Is this what it means to be Christian? Do

we believe that church attendance brings salvation? Does it make sense to teach students about a God who created us with free will, allows us to reject Him, and then require them to attend a worship service to this same God? It does not make sense. Nor do I believe it is what God desires.

In the gospel of Mark, Jesus confronts the hypocrisy of the Pharisees by quoting the prophet Isaiah saying, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrine (Mark 7:6-7). Jesus goes in verse 8 to accuse them of abandoning the commandment of God and holding to human tradition. What God desires are not people coerced or forced into worshipping Him by some authority or power, but rather people

who desire to worship Him with all their hearts by their own free will.

Jesus own ministry is perfect example of this desire of God to be loved freely. When Jesus chose the disciples and called them from their old lives, it was always an invitation, never a command. Jesus only gave people choices and let them choose. One of the many scandals of the gospel is that God wants to be pursued, wants to be loved, and wants to be desired. And that is something that can never be forced or required. I believe we need to set the students of La Sierra free to choose for themselves how, when, where, and if they want to worship the God of the Bible, the one who loves in freedom. Let us stop trying to force something that God never has, worship.

Roy Rantung (SALSU Religious-vice)

Preaches the Word

Welcome back La Sierra! Ready for a God-focused, Christ-centered, Spirit-filled year? Well, hold on tight 'cause here we go!

One of the biggest events of the year, Church on Campus, is coming your way NEXT SABBATH, October 12th. A collaborative effort of Student Life, SALSU, Campus Ministries, Homebase Missions, Hispanic Ministries and the Black Student Association, Church on Campus this fall aims to bring our school together under the theme of "Community." Campus Pastor Sam Leonor, Assistant Chaplain Steve Hemenway and SALSU President Saul Barcelo will team together to present a unique and innovative sermon experience to bring home what it truly means to be community. Food will be provided throughout the day; proving that at Church on Campus, there is such a thing as a free lunch. (See Below for Who, Where and When!)

Also coming soon is the annual Tri-Campus Retreat (November 1-3) where we come together with Pacific Union College and

Loma Linda University for a combined retreat at beautiful Camp Wawona right in the scenic heart of Yosemite National Park. Cost is only \$30/person, plus one meal on the road going up to Yosemite. Cost includes all other meals (including the one on the road coming down), lodging and transportation. Hurry, reservations are limited to the first 30 students who sign up and pay at the Campus Ministries office in La Sierra Hall. Make plans now to attend!

Of course, spiritual life at La Sierra isn't just about big events. So this year, look for a more intimate worship experience at Rendezvous (Wednesdays @10pm HMA) filled with heartfelt praise & worship, personal testimonies, real-life drama and down-to-earth speakers. Look for prayer ministries, Bible study ministries, music and drama ministries and lots more! If you're looking to be involved in worship or ministry, have a new ministry idea or have a concern or suggestion, please, don't hesitate to email me at roykrant@lasierra.edu. God bless!

Woe is Me

According to linguists, the oldest phrase in the English language is "Woe is me." It is most likely one of the oldest phrases in any language. It first appeared in the book of Job which was written about 1200 BCE, making the phrase about 3,200 years old.

The first appearance in English would obviously be Wycliffe's Bible translation in 1382. The feeling took hold and the phrase has been in daily usage ever since.

Other forms of the same sentiment are also found in throughout the Bible. Here are just a few:

Psalms 120:5. "Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!"

Isaiah 6:5. "Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

Jeremiah 4:31. "For I have heard a voice as a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, the

bewail with herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! For my soul is wearied because of murderers."

This wail of anguish even found a place in Shakespeare's Hamlet.

Are you asking yourself, "So what?"

This should give you pause to consider at least two things. First, forget about the idea of "The Good Old Days." They never existed except in the minds of people who have always been searching in vain for them. The second, and perhaps more important, issue to consider is that we as human beings spend a tremendous amount of time feeling sorry for ourselves. We always have and we always will.

We can not change human nature. However, we do have the free will to make ourselves aware of this tendency and do our best as individuals to control it in our own lives. Think about how annoying it is when you hear someone else complaining about how bad they have it. Think about it next time you are about to launch into a "woe is me" conversation. Just think about it.

Religious Services Calendar

La Sierra University hosts a variety of religious services throughout the week, some have been listed below. If you are interested in any small group meetings you can contact the Campus Pastor's Office at 785-2081.

Mondays

Angwin Dorm Worship, *Angwin Chapel*, 6:00 p.m.

Towers Dorm Worship, *Meyer Chapel*, 10:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Rendezvous, *Hole Memorial Auditorium*, 10:00 p.m.

Thursdays

University Worship, *La Sierra University Church*, 11:00 a.m.

Fridays

First Service, *La Sierra University Church*, 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays

Collegiate Sabbath School, *SVC*, 9:45 a.m.

The Church at Worship, *La Sierra University Church*, 11:00 a.m.

Church on Campus,

October 12

9:00 am: *Breakfast (Free!)*

– *Alumni Pavilion*

10:00 - 11:00 am: *Sabbath School*

11:15 - 12:30 pm: *Church Service*

12:45 pm: *Lunch (Free!)*

– *Commons*

3:00 - 5:00 pm:

Community Outreach –

Alumni Pavilion parking lot

6:30 - 7:15 pm: *Vespers*

– *Hole Memorial Auditorium*

8:00 - 12:00: *Gym Night*

(food, fun & games – All

Free!) – Alumni Pavilion

SPORTS & HEALTH

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BY DWIGHT
BARRETT, CABL
DIRECTOR

You wake up in the morning and look in the mirror. Your face is dry, you're eyes are droopy. Its noon and you're hitting the treadmill in Lifetime Fitness. You're fatigued and thirsty and it takes every fiber of your being just to finish a twenty minute walk. Time passes, now it's the middle of the afternoon and you're sitting in class, your head is throbbing and you have a bad taste in your mouth. Do you know why you feel this way? It is because you are dehydrated!

Students of La Sierra University drink more water! Most of us are so busy during the day we neglect to take the time to drink the recommended six to eight glasses of water. If you do nothing else to maintain the well-being of your body at least drink some water. It's the most abundant natural resource on earth and it's free so there isn't any excuse. Go to the drinking fountain; buy a bottle from the cafeteria at an exorbitant price or if all else fails cup your hands together into the shape of a ladle and scoop up some water from the tap in the kitchen. Run! Walk! Do whatever you have to do, just drink more water!

**We
are**

squares

BY ANLAI JIAO

With the baseball season over on Sunday, eight teams stand among the rubble - Twins, A's, Angels, Yankees, Cardinals, Diamondbacks, Giants and Braves. Twins will be playing the A's while the Angels get another try to oust the well-favored Yankees. In the NLCS, the Cardinals are going up against the Diamondbacks as the Giants battle the Braves to get into the League Championships Series. League Championships begin October 8.

In the NFL pre-season, it seems like some of last year's Super Bowl teams haven't exactly recovered from the summer to their former glory just yet. On Sunday, the Patriots (3-1) bowed to the Chargers (4-0) with a 21-14 loss, ending a 12-game winning streak starting from last year's Super Bowl. Also, the Rams (0-4) aren't doing too well after losing their fourth game in a row to the Cowboys (2-2) after losing their quarterback Kurt Warner to a broken finger on his right hand. He'll probably be out for about a month. Denver and Oakland are both keeping 3-0, and we'll see who will break first. Meanwhile, Cincinnati and Minnesota are both eating dust along with St. Louis at 0-4.

Is Michael Jordan up to it? That's the question on everyone's mind as the 40 year-old announced that he will be playing for the Washington Wizards in the up-coming season. Actually, with Stackhouse, Hughes, and Russell, we might actually see the Wizards do some damage this year. But will they be able to go up against the Lakers? Well...unless Jordan regains his former glory, probably not. Also, on Friday, Magic Johnson was inducted into the basketball Hall of Fame...and about time, I'd say.

And what better way than to be welcomed by a former rival, Larry Bird? Those two made basketball history in the 1980s. Too bad most of us weren't old enough to watch and understand basketball back then. The NBA season begins on Tuesday, October 29, and the Spurs will be playing at LA at 10:30pm.

Onto the tennis courts. In Hong Kong on Sunday, Juan Carlos Ferrero defeated Carlos Moya 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (4) to clench the Salem Open. Taking the Wismilak International was Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova, taking the finals 3-6, 7-6 (4), 7-5 from Conchita Martinez from Spain. In Sicily, Jose Acasuso lost the Sicilian International to his former practice partner, Fernando Gonzalez in a 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 game. To perhaps more familiar names to us common folk, Serena Williams took the Sparkassen Cup in Germany by creaming Russian Anastasia Myskina with a 6-3, 6-2 game. The Kremlin Cup is still going on, heading into the second rounds soon.

Punching a hole in the golf history books, Europeans took the Ryder Cup from the Americans on Sunday with a final score of 15 - 12, surprising everyone, especially the heavily favored American team. Sam Torrance, captain of the European team, used a strategy of letting his best players play first, a gamble that eventually paid off. It was kind of sad, considering Tiger Woods, considered the best player on the American team, ended up playing a meaningless match, after the Ryder Cup was already lost to the Americans. Kudos to the Europeans for beating the Americans at singles, something that had been the Americans' strong point. I guess it's about time to stop under-estimating those Europeans, aye?

Racing Report

BY WHITNY BRAUN

With only seven races left in the NASCAR Winston Cup season the race for the Championship is tighter than ever. In the top five positions sit rookie phenomenon Jimmy Johnson, seasoned veteran Mark Martin, racing's bad boy Tony Stewart, four-time Champion Jeff Gordon and the unpredictable Sterling Marlin. There is a mere one hundred and twenty-one point spread separating these five contenders so it is safe to say that over the next couple of races none has the potential to lock up the Championship but all have the opportunity to loose it.

Jimmie Johnson is only twenty-seven years old, a rookie from El Cajon, California. After competing in only thirty-two races he already has two wins under his belt and sits in first place in the point standings. Many say he has found success at too young of an age and that he cannot possibly take it all in just his first season of racing.

At forty-six Mark Martin is the oldest contender. For over twenty years Martin has been one of the biggest stars of NASCAR, running in almost every class and division. He has come so close to taking home the Championship trophy so many times and now as he contemplates retirement this may be his last chance to reign supreme.

Indiana native Tony Stewart is NASCAR's resident rebel. Less than a month ago Stewart was accused of letting his temper get so out of hand after crashing out of the night race at Bristol that he hit a female fan that was in his way in the garage. A grand jury failed to

indict him but the irritable Stewart seems to be his own worst enemy. His anger management difficulties have cost him several points already and there is no telling what will happen at the next race should he find that the circumstances do not play in his favor.

Jeff Gordon, the handsome young man credited with making NASCAR a mainstream sport looked shaky all year but has come back with a vengeance grabbing three wins in the last six races. His all-American good looks and unparalleled success on the track have garnered him four championships and forty million dollars all before the age of thirty. If there is one truth in racing it is that you can never count Gordon out.

The majority of the season saw Sterling Marlin at the top of the points but in the last few races a series of blown engines and hard crashes have knocked him down to fifth place. Marlin is a second generation racer, a veteran, a man scared by the memory of the fatal wreck he was involved in with the legendary Dale Earnhart. He is a man desperate to take home racing's biggest prize. At this point he has nothing to lose.

Whoever takes racing's top honors, this year's race for the Championship has been the most exciting in a decade. Five men, each very different and yet very similar are on the brink of making history. Who will win? Only time will tell.

intra-murals

When we think of sports, the first thing that pops into our minds is usually professional sports such as the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League or even the famous National Football League. However, La Sierra University has its own sport activities that we should start looking out for. These activities contain our own skilled and versatile students. Also if you are looking for competitive sports Junior Immanuel Darjean admits "It's extremely competitive to the point where teams are being made the first day of school."

Now, I am sure you've guessed it by now. I am talking about Intramural Activities. It's probable that most of you know what that is but to those who doesn't know, Intramural means something that occurs within the limits usually of a community, organization, or institution. In this case, LSU has sport activities that are competed only among the student body. Now these sports include Flag ball, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, Golf tournament, volleyball, and even badminton. These activities are scheduled in the early evening so that students can work it into their schedule if they are interested in playing.

Personally, I have never played an Intramural Sport in my life, but I am looking forward to playing it here at LSU. Darjean said "I am going to play basketball and baseball because it's fun and I can show off my skills." So, if you have skills that you want to boast or you just want to enter a team or join as an individual for recreation and fun just contact Coach Joel Haldeman at (909) 785-2295. Hope to see you guys and girls out there.

Intramural News

Soccer and flagball sign-ups sheets are due Monday October 1st, at noon. The forms are available in the Health and Exercise Science Office next to the fitness center. Call extension 2295 for more information.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

“Barbershop”

BY TAMARA MCGEE

I laughed until I cried Saturday night. Barbershop is a side-splitting soul-searching look at what is really important in life.

Calvin, a frustrated young man who has inherited his father's barbershop, finds out what is most important to him after he has lost it. Disillusioned with the whole deal, he is starting to become bitter and unfeeling. It is not until he is faced with what has always been in his life that he realizes what truly matters.

Barbershop is a movie that will make you laugh and make you think. Go. Go now.

A NIGHT AT THE CINEMA WITH PADEN AND PARSONS: “SWEET HOME ALABAMA”

“Sweet Home Alabama” is an endearing romantic comedy starring Reese Witherspoon, as Melanie Carmichael. Melanie left her small town of Pigeon Creek, Alabama seven years ago to fulfill her dream of being a premiere fashion designer and to flee her Southern past. In order to marry the Yankee man of her dreams and solidify her new life in New York, Melanie must confront her ex-husband and parents. This involves her return to Pigeon Creek and two delightful hours of cinematic soul searching.

He Said: Although this is an obvious “chick flick”, I didn't mind being dragged to it. The acting was well-

timed and the writing was highly comical. The only flaw was that it seemed unrealistic in parts (such as an incident involving dynamite and an arthritic cat), but overall it was pretty good. I would HIGHLY recommend taking your girlfriend, or a girl that you want to be your girlfriend, to this movie.

She Said: I loved this movie. It had romance, comedy and a little suspense, the perfect mix. This film is a great date movie but also has extreme girl's night out potential. The lead actor is magically delicious and Reese Witherspoon is a heroine that is easy to cheer for. I highly recommend it.

The Consensus: A cute movie that is great for a date. We give it *** (out of four)

The Cutting Edge of Electro-pop

BY RUBEN D. LÓPEZ

In fashion, trends seem to repeat themselves every twenty years. Music trends seem to go forward, yet still draw elements from the past. For instance, Ladytron draws heavily from synthesizer and vocorders of the early 1980s. The same can be said for Fischerspooner, a New York duo whose sophomore album #1 is reminiscent of New Order, Human League, and Yaz, all of which garnered fame in the Reagan years.

The duo formed in 1998 after recording a track at the Astor Place Starbucks. Casey Fischer and Warren Fischer combine multimedia as well

as strange handmade costumes, dancing and performance art on stage as a reflection of their unique music.

The album opens with the catchy “Invisible,” with breathing and pulsating notes from the synthesizer. Enter Casio-esque programmed beat and vocals from Casey Spooner, Cindy Greene and Lizzy Yoder. Other tracks incorporate this 80s sound with somewhat dark and brooding lyrics, often associated with punk rock and other alternative outfits. Stand outs on the album include “Invisible,” “The 15th,” “Emerge” (the single for the album. Import versions include a video for this track), “Turn On,” and the minimal

“Ersatz.”

Some press have gone as far to say that #1 is “a bonafide hit” (New York Magazine) and “As pop sensations go, Fischerspooner stands out as one of the more bizarre” (Vanity Fair). Even a gig on the UK pop music show Top of the Pops (think American Bandstand or Solid Gold) has pushed this avant-garde act into the limelight.

“The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?”

—David Sarnoff's associates, in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s

Mistranslation, found in a Copenhagen airline ticket office:
“We take your bags and send them in all directions.”

Two signs from a Majorcan shop entrance:
“English well talking”
“Here speeching American.”



Rise to Rebellion

By Jeff Shaara

REVIEWED BY KATHERINE PARSONS

As we begin the school year and try to hit the books it is easy to look at all forms of reading with disdain, especially when the word “required” is next to it. Yet, there is hope for those who are sick of their textbooks but still would like to curl up with a good book. If your organic chemistry is bogging you down and you are in the mood for a good page turner, try Rise to Rebellion by Jeff Shaara. Jeff is the son of Michael Shaara, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of Killer Angles. The younger Shaara lives up to his name in this narrative of the Revolutionary War. Rise to Rebellion is the first of a two part series on the American Revolutionary War that follows various characters through the years leading up to the birth of the United States as a nation. While it is a bit of history lesson, it is still classified as a novel and retains the entertaining qualities of one. Each chapter is a narrative of different prominent players from the war, such as John Adams, George Washington and General Gage.

Honestly, this is a very pleasant book. It won't keep you up into the wee hours of the night with suspense, but it won't cause you to fall asleep either. Pick up a copy, and if you like what you read, the sequel comes out in November. Rating: *** (Out of a Possible Five Stars)

Dr. Phil: Diplomat

Dr. Phil: “Okay folks today we have a special show. We have some World leaders who just can't get along. Our guests today are Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and President George W. Bush. I'm going to start off with Saddam first. The world hates ya, you've been building weapons of mass destruction, and you've been developing chemical and biological weapons. George here wants you dead. You've even tried to kill George's daddy. What aren't you getting?”

Saddam: “These are all lies. He can prove nothing.”

Bush: “He's the one lying. I ain't lying. He's an evil man and he is an evildoer. He also has evil weapons and wants to use them in evil ways. Did I forget to mention he was evil?”

Saddam: “He started it.”

Bush: “I didn't start it, you did and I can prove it.”

Dr. Phil: “Saddam, he has proof. Okay, George, what's yer proof?”

Bush: “Okay...now get this... the FBI and CIA showed me that if you spell Saddam backwards you get an antonym that proves he's a very bad man.”

Dr. Phil: “Do you mean an acronym?”

Bush: “Yeah... Abercrombyanfitch... that's what I said. Anyway... Lookee here, the guys wrote it out for me here on this here piece of paper. Check it out. If you spell it backwards you

get Madman Always Devising Destruction Against Sivilization.”

Dr. Phil: “Hold up there George. Civilization is spelled with a ‘C’, not an ‘S’.”

Bush: “What's your point?”

Saddam: “That is it? You are going to attack me because you cannot spell? At least you could give me credit for things I am actually doing. What about the plutonium I have acquired? What about all the weapons factories I have rebuilt? I make Hitler look like Mother Teresa and you are playing Scrabble with my name. You really are an imbecile.”

Dr. Phil: “Look, both of ya quit yer damn yapping. I don't care who started it. We're going to finish it right here, right now on this show. Now my Daddy used to say: “If a dog pees in the woods, he probably ain't housebroken. Now, both of ya just don't get it. You're talking to each other but ya jess ain't listenin.”

Bush: “No, I aint listenin to that man, he's an evildoer. Besides, Uncle Dick says I need a war before the election.”

Dr. Phil: “Look I don't care 'bout all that nonsense. My Daddy used to say if ya leave a pickle jar half open somebody is going to get a pickle out. Get my point? So, we're going to go to commercial break and when we come back we're gonna make y'all hug and make up. Ya got it?”

Drama Auditions

Do you have a flair for the dramatic? Have you ever dreamed of seeing your name up in lights? Well, here's your chance! Come and audition for the English and Communications department's fall productions of three original plays written and directed by our very own students: Remade by Patti Poblete, The Power of Priority by Vanessa Nelson, and The Home Front by Dahlie Conferido. Auditions will be held October 2nd and 3rd in the South Hall lobby from 6-10 p.m. Come and be part of the excitement and fun.

THE FORUM

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by Whitney Braun
 This summer I went to Alaska on vacation. What does one do on holiday when surrounded by the pristine beauty of one of the last untouched wildernesses on this earth? Why, you go to a day spa, of course. I made an appointment for a facial and aroma therapy treatment, because I thought that maybe lying in a tempur-pedic bed in a small darkened room listening to the soothing sounds of Yanni and John Tesh while an aesthetician gently massaged my cheekbones would be a pleasurable experience. Well once again I found myself to be in the wrong. The first few minutes of the hour long session weren't too bad. I changed into a robe, the young woman named

Angel assigned to cleaning my pores began steaming my face and massaging my shoulders. Okay, so far so good. Just as I started to enjoy the experience she decided to critique my physical appearance. I was not ready for what she had to say to me. The dialogue between us went something like this:
 Angel: "So Whitney do you smoke?"
 Me: "Me!? No I don't but you know they say that living in LA is like smoking a pack a day because of the smog."
 Angel: "You wear a lot of make-up don't you?"
 Me: "Yeah, actually I do, its one of my vices I guess. I don't possess natural beauty [chuckling nervously]."
 Angel: "I can tell."
 Me: [I lay there in silence awaiting her next passive

aggressive comment]
 Angel: "Wow, you have a lot of hyperpigmentation and acne scarring, and your skin is dry. I mean wow it is really dry. Do you use a toner?"
 Me: "I do? It is? No I don't use toner...well does Seabreeze count?"
 Angel: "Your skin is so dry and your follicles are so irritated, do you drink water?"
 Me: "No, I am philosophically opposed to drinking water." [I'm being a smart mouth and she is not laughing]
 Angel: "Have you ever considered dermabrasion?"
 Me: "No."
 Angel: "Well your eyebrows are nice."
 Me: "Thanks."
 [So apparently I am not completely disgusting]
 So for the next forty minutes I just lied there on my back

thinking about how ugly my face was. I was dreading the prospect of having to walk back the seven blocks to my hotel. As the cucumber and grape seed extract worked its magic on the black circles under my eyes I imagined the people I would pass on the streets on the way back to the Marriot shuddering and shrieking in horror as they gazed upon my make-up free face. By the time the facial was over I was thoroughly distressed and for lack of a better description, down in the dumps. To add insult to injury when I arrived down at the front desk to pay, the girl who had performed my facial had laid out thirteen different skin care treatments she thought I definitely needed. I bought three of them. So now I was

self-conscious and broke. There was one small silver lining in this cloud. Right before Angel took her leave of me she pointed to a tray in the corner of the room and said in a very matter of fact sort of way that I could leave the tip over there. I smiled and said okay. She left the room and I decided to make sure I left her a tip she would never forget.

The details of how I "tipped" her are not important but suffice it to say she won't forget me anytime soon. After my facial was over my Mom and I went to a Barnes and Noble. I guess good old Mom figured that shopping would cure my woes, but woes weren't my problem. My Mom asked me to get her something to drink so I walked over to the Starbucks counter and began to

Student Spotlight

If ever over the past two years you have had the privilege of visiting the Office of Student Life, then you have probably been greeted by a lovely young woman named Raenelle. She is friendly, helpful and a pleasure to talk to. However, Raenelle is more than just a pretty face, she is the one responsible for planning both this year's and last year's Mountain High Freshman Retreat plus she is quite a talented musician. Raenelle came to La Sierra University in the fall of 1998 from Loma Linda Adventist Academy. While studying here for her B.A. in Communications she took advantage of several study opportunities and traveled to Peru, Costa Rica and just this last

summer she visited Thailand with the University Church. This school year Raenelle is working on getting her Certificate in Vocal Performance. In addition to having a lovely voice she is a gifted violinist, playing the instrument since she was five. She spent four years as a member of the University's Wind Ensemble playing the Bass Clarinet. However, she maintains that singing is her first love. For the moment you can see Raenelle flexing her musical muscles but in the future she plans to earn her Masters in Business with an emphasis on marketing here at La Sierra. So fear not Raenelleophiles, we will all get to enjoy Raenelle's smile for a while to come.



Ask Betty and Steffy:

"My boyfriend and I have been going out for a while and we want to get married when we are both finished with college. He wants me to come to his family's-for Thanksgiving and Christmas but I want to spend the holidays with my family. We aren't married yet and so I feel we should each spend the holidays with our own families. This has been a big deal in our relationship lately. Is this a sign of things to come? Is this a sign we shouldn't get married if we can't even agree on where to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas? What should I do?"
 Sincerely,
 Concerned in Calkins

Steffy is a socially well adjusted, pretty and popular girl, Steffy says:
 Dear Concerned,
 My advice to you and your boyfriend would be to split holidays.
 If your families live around the same area, split the holidays in half. Spend Thanksgiving lunch with his family and dinner with yours. Be with his family for Christmas Eve and yours for Christmas Day.
 If your families don't live anywhere within driving distance of each other, you can still split the holidays. Be with his family for Thanksgiving and your family for Christmas.
 Learn to compromise with your boyfriend. Since you both love each other and are planning to get married, you're going to

have to be able to find a middle ground.
 Make sure that you can agree on the decision before you go on with your planning.
 And if all else fails, PRAY! It really does help.
 -Steffy
Betty is a fifty-five year old waitress at Denny's and she says:
 Dear Concerned,
 Uh, yeah... Geesh! This is your problem? I should be so lucky to have your problems. Believe me honey, this is not a problem. Get over yourself. If you think this is something that should keep you from getting married, then it is. When you got no money to pay your bills, when your husband doesn't come home for a week and when he does, he slaps you around because you ask where he's been...those are problems. If you think that having a hard time deciding where to spend the holiday is something to dump your boyfriend over, then you're gonna drive the poor schmuck nuts. Do him a favor and let him find somebody to argue over where to go with who won't think that's the end of the world. Besides that, you sound like you would rather spend the time with your family than with him. So, go...spend the holidays with your family. I mean, you wouldn't want him to feel special or anything, would you?
 -Betty

Faculty Focus

For the first issue of the new school year our first faculty member to go under the magnifying glass of *The Campus Criterion* is the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry's newest faculty member Krista Motschieder Brand.

6) What are your hobbies?
Reading, running, hiking, skiing and beach-going
 7) What is the focus of your research?
Organic Photochemistry. I study the reactions that happen when light interacts with certain types of organic molecules.

1) What is your full name?
Krista Ruth Molschiedler (Brand)
 2) Hometown?
Hard to say. I'm a pastor's kid, so we moved around a lot. I was born in Missouri, spent most of my elementary school years in Maryland, and junior high and academy were spent in Ohio. Then I went to Michigan for college followed by graduate school in Los Angeles. My parents now live in Maryland again.
 3) Single or Married?
Married for three years to Jeffrey Brand
 4) Kids? Pets?
No kids. 2 cats. I'm such a chemistry geek-the cats are named after two Nobel Prize-winning organic chemists. Linus is named after Linus Pauling and Woodward is named after Robert Woodward.
 5) Where did you go to school?
Undergrad at Andrews, then graduate school at UCLA

The Litmus Test:
 1) Hydrox or Oreos?
"Oreos"
 2) Beatles or Stones?
"Beatles"
 3) Domestic or Imported Cars?
"Imports"
 4) Mini-Van or Roadster?
"Sports Car"
 5) Dogs or Cats?
"Cats"
 6) Coke or Pepsi (Non-caffeinated of course)?
"Neither"
 7) Favorite Word in the English Language?
"Ocean"
 8) Favorite Word in a Foreign Language?
"Mau"
 9) If you found a twenty dollar bill in the middle of a field what would you do with it?
"I'd go to Borders or Barnes & Noble and buy a new book"
 10) Place you image hell to be the most like...the DMV or the Dentist?
"DMV!!!"



THE BACK PAGE

Word and Phrase Origins

Hot Dog: This particular bit of linguistic history is both exactly what some might expect while, at the same time, being the opposite of what others might think. Unlike sandwich, which came from the Earl of Sandwich inventing fast food by slapping some meat between bread, no one knows who the first person was to place a sausage in a bun. Hot dogs evolved over time. The original hot dogs in Germany were called either franks or wieners, shortened versions of frankfurters and wienersurst. When vendors began to sell them on the street and put them in buns to facilitate their consumption, franks and wieners didn't have a catchy enough name. Someone along the way noted that the sausages were reminiscent of the body shape of a very popular pet: the Dachshund. Soon, hot dog caught on as a promotional tool. When they made their way to America, the name was simply translated literally into English. The fact that we call Dachshunds wiener dogs is not because they look like hot dogs, but rather, because hot dogs look like them.

Wanted!

Senators wanted! Three freshmen senators in addition to four senators-at-large (from any class) are needed to represent the student body. If you are interested in serving your fellow students please visit the Office of Student Activities around the corner from the bookstore to pick up an application.

Pendleton Seeks Re-election

David Pendleton, alumnus of La Sierra University and the Department of History, Politics, and Society has served with distinction as a State Representative in the Hawaii House of Representatives. He continues to be a friend to his alma mater through his support of our educational mission and legislative interns that he sponsors in his Hawaii office. Let's not forget to support him as he runs for re-election.

Library Extends Hours

In response to a request presented last year by the Student Association, the Library is extending its service hours until midnight, from Sunday through Thursday, starting on October 7, 2002.

This development was made possible through additional funding provided by Administration. Indeed, through various channels including some discussions with the Vice President for Student Life, the students expressed to administration their desire to have the Library open later at night. Through the Provost, Administration responded positively and provided the means to extend the library hours.

While no reference librarian will be available during the 10 p.m. to midnight period, the presence of a security officer will ensure that all the students will be safe in the building.

Who is Hole?

BY TONY ZBARASCHUK

Hole Memorial Auditorium, one of the finest buildings on the La Sierra campus, is named after W.J. Hole, who foreclosed on a large Spanish land grant in 1910, and developed it into Rancho La Sierra, later the Hole Ranch. In 1922 he sold 330 acres in the La Sierra Valley to the Seventh-day Adventist Church for \$102,550; the church later purchased an additional 80 acres. W.J. Hole further donated a sum of money for the building of an auditorium, which in an ancient college tradition dating back to the Middle Ages was named after the benefactor who paid for it.

If you ever come to the Heritage Room on the bottom floor of the library, you may see a bust of W.J. Hole gazing at you from the back shelves.

Founder's Day Picnic

In honor of LSU's 80th anniversary, there will be a school picnic on the Campus Mall Thursday, October 3, 6-7 pm. Wear an LSU shirt and receive an 80th anniversary gift.

Sculpture Unveiling

The work crews are toiling away to make the new entrance beautiful for the unveiling of Allan Collins' newest sculpture "The Glory of God's Grace." Be at the new Entrance plaza on Founders' Day, October 3 at 12 noon to see the unveiling and dedication of the sculpture.

Insecurity Corner

order. The dialogue between Shelley the Starbucks' girl and myself went something like this: Shelley: Hi, what can I get for you today?

Me: How's it going? Hey what's the difference between the hot chocolate and the hot cocoa? Shelley: Well the hot chocolate is just chocolate, but the hot cocoa is like cocoa. (She said all the while staring at me blankly)

Me: Well great, now that we've got that cleared up I guess I'll take the hot cocoa.

Shelley: Okay well what size would you like, the Tall, Grande or Venti? Now mind you I was still in a bad mood from the facial. My nerves were on edge and having to learn to speak Starbuckanese just to order a cup of hot chocolate was basically the straw that broke the camel's back. Like Lou Ferrigno morphed into the Incredible Hulk, I transformed into The Incredible Disgruntled Starbucks Patron.

Me: Tall, Grande or Venti, that is just big in three different languages!?! Do you not see how that makes no sense? I just want a cup of hot chocolate!

Shelley: So which size do you want? Me: Oh I guess I'll just have a size "big."

Shelley: So which size is that? Me: See, you have just proven my point! You can't even tell which one is big! Your system for naming your beverages makes absolutely no sense! I defy you to explain to me how the names are representative of the size of the cup the drink comes in!

Shelley: [Staring blankly like a deer caught in the headlights of an oncoming truck]

Me: May I please have a Grande cup

of hot cocoa? Shelley: Oh you know what? The hot cocoa only comes in one size. Sorry about that.

So that was my day out on the town in Anchorage. I thought I was old enough and smart enough not to let something as trivial as the opinion of a beautician I had never met before and probably would never meet again ruffle my feathers to the point that I would exact my revenge on her by accosting a Starbucks employee. Needless to say I was really disappointed with myself. I went to bed that night without looking ever looking at myself in the bathroom mirror. Even though I would like to think of myself as being strong enough to shrug off the hurtful words of others I am not immune.

The next morning when I woke and went into the bathroom to brush my teeth and happened to glance at my reflection in the mirror I was pleased to find that my appearance hadn't shattered it. I can't change my face and I can't change what other people think about me. All I can do is move on. And so that is what I did. I sat at my computer and wrote this diatribe and then promised myself that I would think of Angel the Aesthetician no more. Well I broke that promise almost immediately. Every time I look at my face in the mirror my eyes are immediately drawn to the scars that Angel had pointed out to me, but rather than be bothered by them I have devised a new method of coping. For every new blemish I find on my face each day I pay a compliment to someone. So if I wake up tomorrow to find two new wrinkles or scars then I will compliment two people on their physical appearance.

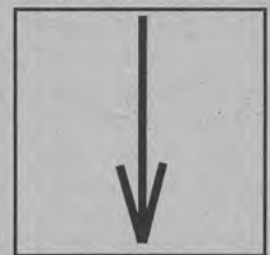
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during World War II.

During 1967 Loma Linda University absorbed La Sierra College (while gaining a liberal arts base for its full accreditation). The school became Loma Linda University Riverside Campus, and you can still see that name on some of the older signs around campus. The late 1980's saw a move by Loma Linda University to consolidate all its operations on the Loma Linda campus, which would have involved closing down the Riverside campus. This caused considerable controversy (if you want details, see the files in the Heritage Room), and in 1990 the Trustees voted to split the two campuses.

We became La Sierra University in 1991. So today we are eleven years old, or eighty, depending on where you start the count.

Happy birthday, La Sierra!



Hi! We're so excited to be your co-social vice-presidents this year. We hope you will all come to the activities we have planned together with team SALSU.

Look at it this way, in ten years you probably won't remember whether you got an A or an A-on a quiz but you will definitely remember the SALSU activities and the fun you had. So don't forget to come to our social events Thursday nights all quarter long. It's going to be so much fun. We can't wait to see you all.

Gay and Joy Asumen



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University president's new role

By Jay Razzouk

La Sierra University President Lawrence T. Geraty became president of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR), a prestigious archeological organization, on July 1, 2002.

Founded in 1900, ASOR has lead in research of the Near East's history and culture. Today, ASOR hosts numerous workshops, exhibitions, lectures, and digs around the world.

Beginning his first 3-year-term, Geraty plans to strengthen ASOR further.

"I want to find a way to support better [centers in] Cyprus; Amman, Jordan, and Jerusalem and prioritize [ASOR's] academic missions." He also intends to raise an endowment to make ASOR more financially stable.

"I was surprised they came after me for president," Geraty said.

Often characterized as a "citizen of the world," Geraty explained that ASOR wanted a president who would be impartial to all races in the Middle East, especially between Arabs and Israelis.

With three centers in the Middle East, ASOR "wanted someone who would be fair," Geraty said. His experience as a researcher, administrator, and expedition leader also contributed to his nomination.

Suha Huffaker of the LSU's counseling center spent six weeks on an archeological dig in the

Madaba Plains of Jordan with Dr. Geraty.

"I have observed how skillfully and competently he has established a relationship based on trust with the Jordanian government; and this allows the work to continue year after year," she said.

ASOR sponsored a banquet at the Mission Inn to honor Dr. Geraty on

Saturday, October 5. Distinguished colleagues, archaeologists, city and church officials, friends, relatives, and many individuals from LSU gathered to express their appreciation for Dr. Geraty. People asked to speak struggled to keep their praise brief.

After hearing of Geraty's nomination last fall, LSU's board of trustees encouraged him to remain a candidate, noting that the position could add prestige to LSU's reputation. Provost Ella Simmons will assist him more than ever to make sure LSU remains fully administrated.

Dr. Charles Teel, a professor of religion and executive director of the Stahl Center at LSU said, "On this campus, we do well to promote service options as well as opportunity to foster religious life, but by definition the central mission of a university is to foster research and discovery. It thus bodes well for



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this campus to boast a CEO whose scholarly pursuits merit his appointment."

Geraty became interested in Archeology while growing up in Lebanon where he collected stamps, read the Bible, and visited the ancient sites of the Middle East.

As a student, Geraty continued to explore archeology. "I always took all the classes I could in college and read all the books," he recalled. Geraty later earned his Ph.D degree in Hebrew Bible and biblical archeology with distinction from Harvard University.

In early 60s Geraty first subscribed to ASOR's publications. About 10 years later, He was accepted for a fellowship at an ASOR's center in Israel.

It is Geraty's goal to someday establish an archeological museum at LSU to display LSU's various collections for students and the community to enjoy and learn from.

Arrest at Church on Campus Sparks Controversy

By Whitney Braun

On October the 12th during the "Church on Campus" Saturday night vespers service in HMA an unfortunate set of circumstances led to a scenario that has left a number of people having to explain their actions and reasons for them. The *Criterion* finds itself in the position of having to address the issue in an attempt to deal with the misperceptions and rumors making their way around the campus.

Keith Tutt, a former student at LSU and guest keyboardist performing with the Gospel Choir was detained by Campus Security and subsequently arrested by Riverside police.

According to Tutt, he was accused of grand theft. The theft was a result of the disappearance of the boot that was placed on the wheel of his vehicle because of numerous unpaid parking violations. Tutt denied that he was guilty of the charges.

A friend of Tutt told the *Criterion* that he has to park illegally in order to unload his equipment for

musical performances. Whatever Tutt's personal needs are, blocking the fire lanes is not an acceptable remedy. Regardless, the parking violations are not the issues at hand. The real issues are the placement of the boot on Tutt's wheel, the alleged theft of the boot and even more importantly, how Campus Security dealt with the problem. Many have stated that is was not appropriate to have Tutt arrested at all, not to mention in the middle of a vespers services in which he was performing.

It must be stated that Tutt's name is being used here with his permission. With felony charges pending, this is a delicate matter to say the least. Tutt admits to the unpaid tickets and the placement of the boot on his vehicle. The disparity in accounts of the incident come into play after Tutt left the Security office to complain about the boot. Tutt claims that the boot had been removed when he returned to his vehicle. What happened

with the boot is not for us to speculate upon.

So what then is the real controversy? What has many upset is the timing of the arrest. RPD actually made the arrest after the charges were reported to them two days earlier. The charge was alleged grand theft. Students who were present claimed that they had no idea that there was anything going on and that the entire incident was handled very discreetly. One of the three interviewed explained that had she not stepped outside for a moment to return a cell phone call and seen the officers taking Tutt away in handcuffs she would not have known anything was going on at all. Obviously, this is a sensitive situation. Campus Security has no authority to deal with such matters off campus and was apparently handling the problem according to the working relationship established with RPD. It is now a matter for the civil authorities to resolve.

The attack of the shoe critics

By Whitney Braun

I would like to write meaningful editorials for each issue of the Criterion, but this week a provocative tale had to take a backseat to an encounter I had with a series of people in a department store. I like to shop and I like to hear compliments from people even more. Unfortunately the purchases we make do not always translate into the compliments we hope for. I learned this lesson all too well a week ago.

So the other day I am walking through the shoe department in Nordstroms when I spot a pair of the cutest shoes I had ever seen. They looked something like a cross between soccer cleats and bowling shoes and I knew the second I saw them that they had to be mine. While the saleswoman attending to me went into the back to find my size I took a seat next to the display of shoes and looked around. About two minutes later a couple of middle-aged women walked by and stopped in front of the shoe display. The slightly older of the two reached down and picked up the exact same shoe I was about to try on and gasped, "God, these are so ugly! Who would buy this shoe? It's so white trash."

Well, yup that's me, apparently I am basura blanca all the way. I could have just sat there I guess but I felt I needed to defend the virtue of the shoe. So I spoke up. "I think

the shoes are great, in fact I am just about to buy a pair." It felt good to voice my opinion and I was pretty sure the shoes appreciated me championing them. The other woman who had not spoken yet chimed in with, "These look like what I used to wear as kid, uugh!"

For some reason I decided to engage these women in conversation, "You don't know how good you had it, I think they're great." The first woman that had spoken replied, "They look like bowling shoes or I don't even know they're just awfully ugly." So then I said, "That's what I like about them.

Bowling is to America what curling is to Canada, do you see?" I think my point was lost on them. Perhaps using a curling/bowling analogy was not the best course of action in this case. The woman looked at me and then smiled and said, "Well if you like them, then enjoy."

The ladies walked off and immediately after, the saleswoman returned with my shoes, but upon handing them to me she noticed that she had brought the wrong size and apologized profusely. As she disappeared back into the stockroom I sat down in the chair

next to the display again. A little girl and her mother came strolling along and the little girl, completely bedecked in Hello Kitty merchandise, pointed at the shoes and squealed, "Oma [Korean for Mommy] look at the ugly shoes!"

Okay, so I can't win. I bought the shoes. I happen to really like the shoes, in fact when I wear them I feel like I am rebelling in some sort of way. These shoes were not cheap though, and as I paid for them it occurred to me that they were not especially comfortable either. So why was I buying them? I mean no one else seemed to think



they were cute besides me, and furthermore isn't the point of buying fashionable clothing and accessories to make yourself

appealing and aesthetically pleasing or enjoyable to those that have to look upon you?

Who are we really dressing for? The obvious answer to this question for most women is that they are probably dressing for the benefit of men. But, if you ask most guys what a girl wore yesterday they won't remember or care. So do we dress for other girls, and if so why? Is it not enough to dress for yourself, or at least shouldn't it

be? Perhaps there is no answer to these questions because in the big scheme of things does it really matter what anybody wears or why we wear it?

Let's take this one step further. Have you ever worn an outfit that was not comfortable, in fact so uncomfortable that at the end of the day you couldn't wait to take it off? Girls know what I am talking about. Case in point; stiletto heels are a staple of fashionable female's closets. They make a girl's legs look long and lean and they can make any slinky dress look ten times better on. Unfortunately, they feel as if you're balancing on the handles of ice picks, and if you wear some brands of stilettos like, Manolo Blahniks and step the wrong way you can snap one of your metatarsals like a toothpick. Regardless of the pain and danger associated with high heels all it takes is one person to say that they look good on you, and you will grit your teeth and bare the agony just to ensure that you are being the hottest you can possibly be.

All I can say is that there's no rhyme or reason to fashion. Wear what you like and if you can't wear that, then like what you have to wear because chances are there's someone somewhere in the world who thinks your second hand rags are the sweetest ensemble ever.

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The world at a glance

Compiled by Jay Razzouk

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - A Yugoslav military court sentenced four soldiers to a total of 19 years in jail for war crimes Friday over the killing of two Kosovo Albanian civilians during NATO's 1999 bombing campaign on Yugoslavia.

CAIRO, Egypt - A signed statement allegedly from Osama bin Laden claimed Monday, October 14th, that recent attacks in Yemen and Kuwait were designed to coincide with the anniversary of the war in Afghanistan and to send a "clear and strong message" to the world that his al-Qaida organization is still active.

KIGALI, Rwanda - Congolese tribal fighters backed by the government seized control of a strategic eastern Congolese port from rebels Sunday, October 13th, after two days of heavy fighting, a rebel official said.

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia - Cambodia gave its most positive indication to date Thursday, October 10th, that it and the United Nations might patch up their differences and restart talks on a genocide trial of the former leaders of the Khmer Rouge.

CANBERRA, Australia - The Australian Government said on Tuesday, October 14th, the al Qaeda-linked Southeast Asian Islamic group Jemaah Islamiyah should be listed by the United Nations as a terrorist organization in the wake of bombings in Bali which killed at least 181 people.

Unprovoked aggression: A pre-emptive war in Iraq

By Larry Pena

As days go by, the question of war with Iraq appears to be getting an answer: America, one way or another, will launch an assault on Iraq. In a recent address to the United Nations General Assembly, President Bush expressed his desire to cooperate with the U.N., but made clear that he was unwilling to wait more than a matter of weeks to act.

For the last few months Bush has been pounding the national and international pavement trying to gain support for a pre-emptive strike on Iraq. To the domestic audience, this is a defensive war, waged against heartless and evil enemies with weapons of mass destruction. It is a war to keep America safe.

To the foreign community, this is a war to uphold the standards and resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. We will teach

Saddam for denying U.N. inspectors. It is a war for justice.

An immediate attack would accomplish both these purposes. Iraq does have chemical and biological weapons. It is developing a nuclear weapons program (although most evidence suggests that Saddam is years from developing any such devices). And Iraq has been keeping U.N. weapons inspectors at bay, despite former resolutions by the Security Council.

But what else would this accomplish? America is losing the support of the world. Immediately following the 9-11 attacks last year, people around the world rallied around the United States. Everyone supported Bush's "War on Terror." But where are those supporters now? Bush's only ally in the Iraqi war is a cautious Britain. France, Russia, and China, the other members of the Security Council's "Big Five" are openly adverse to the idea of a pre-emptive strike. China is even vowing "incalculable consequences" should America attack without the Council's nod. The rest of the world simply sees this war as another illegitimate act in an increasingly illegitimate trend in U.S. policy. A pre-emptive strike on Iraq would alienate many already-shaky allies.

War with Iraq would involve incredibly high casualties. Iraq has placed many vital military targets among such civilian zones as schools, hospitals, and highly populated areas. The United States would be faced with a serious dilemma: either risk high collateral damage and Iraqi civilian deaths, or abandon modern, antiseptic, far-off warfare in favor of heavy ground troop fighting. Both options offer potentially enormous death tolls.

A provoked Iraq could prove to be something like a firecracker in a dynamite crate. If attacked, it would not be farfetched to imagine Saddam Hussein raining missiles down on nearby U.S. allies like Jordan, Israel, and Saudi Arabia. The latter two would be especially disastrous, because Saudi Arabia provides huge supplies of petroleum to the United States, and Israel's Ariel Sharon is committed to unrestrained retaliation on any aggressors.

Finally, an Iraqi war would have some serious effects on the domestic theater as well. While a quick and successful war may help the economy, an expensive war doesn't. An already-staggering American deficit could go stratospheric.

Do not be fooled by the Bush Administration's rhetoric. A pre-emptive war in Iraq is foolish, dangerous, costly, and wrong. For such an "enlightened nation," we sure could learn a little self-restraint.

Muslim interest group takes aim at Snoop Dogg

By Whitney Braun

Sadly, the much-anticipated meeting between Kermit the Frog and Snoop Dogg are not to be. Snoop taped a cameo for NBC's upcoming "It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie," but on Friday, producers announced he'd been left on the cutting-room floor, along with about a half-hour of footage from an early cut of the TV movie. While the Jim Henson Company cited "production reasons" for the cut in a statement, a Muslim activist group is taking credit, saying it pressured the network to remove the dubious role model from the kid-friendly show.

According to Launch.com, Project Islamic Hope initiated a Snoop boycott last Monday, announcing it in a letter to NBC and on radio's syndicated "Larry Elder Show." The group's director, Najee Ali, told Launch that he objected to Snoop's violent gangstap lyrics and his appearances as a host in several pornographic videos. "I'm not hating on Snoop," he said, "but as a Muslim, as a religious leader and activist, we can't support anyone who is involved in those types of sexually explicit projects and materials." Informed on Monday that Snoop had been cut from the final product, he said, "I'm sure it's a direct result of many people who probably complained about Snoop Dogg being on the Muppets, but I'm glad to say that we were the catalyst who

have once again tried to be a voice of morality, a voice to protect children."

Among those complainers was Fox News Channel's conservative Bill O'Reilly, who criticized NBC on Friday's "The O'Reilly Factor," just as he had criticized Pepsi for using Ludacris as a spokesman in



commercial aimed at kids. A day after that August broadcast, the soda bottler was inundated with complaints and decided to drop the rapper. However, a Henson Company spokesperson told Launch that O'Reilly had already been informed that Snoop had been edited out before Friday's "Factor."

In fact, the company said, outside pressure had nothing to do with the snipping of Snoop. The producer's initial statement read, "as commonly occurs during this stage of production, we have had to cut

several scenes originally planned for the movie which did not advance its storyline. Unfortunately, one of the scenes we have had to cut was a brief appearance by the talented artist Snoop Dogg."

In any case, Project Islamic Hope is not done with Snoop. The group claimed credit for getting his radio show on Los Angeles' KKBTV taken off the air in 2001 with a boycott launched upon the release of the rapper's first porn video, "Doggystyle." He has another skin flick, "Snoop Dogg's Hustlaz: Diary of a Pimp," due out on Oct. 22, and Ali says his group will boycott Macy's, which is selling a Snoop clothing line.

Of course, none of this answers the question of how Snoop hooked up with the Muppets in the first place. "Hustlaz" aside, he seems to be trying to soften his image, especially with his recent announcement that he's no longer smoking pot or drinking. In August, when he landed the Muppet gig, he told Launch, "It's just something for the kids. And I got three kids. So I think I'm going to take my kids with me out there [to the set in Vancouver] so they can meet [Kermit] too, you know. And do something special. Yeah, Kermit The Frog and me. Imagine that." Apparently Project Islamic Hope imagined what Snoop Dogg and Kermit would look like in the same frame. It made them cringe.

The story behind the sculpture

By Rob Wolcott

La Sierra University marked its 80th anniversary on October 3, 2002, with the unveiling and dedication of a magnificent bronze sculpture, "The Glory of God's Grace." The sculpture, a representation of the parable of the prodigal son, has deep symbolic meaning for our University whose mission is "to seek, to know, to serve."



Nonetheless, the installation of the sculpture has led a number of students to express concern over the funding source of this aesthetic addition to campus life.

Rest assured that the improvements you see taking place on campus are the result of entirely different sources of funds than your tuition dollars. "The Glory of God's

Grace" sculpture was a gift to the University from alumnus Thaine Price, M.D., in memory of his wife, Wanda, who was also a student at La Sierra. In addition, the landscaping work being done on the new entrance, as well as the construction of the entrance itself, is being funded by the sale of the land for the development project.

Of course, students, faculty, and administration can all appreciate the ways that La Sierra University continues to evolve. Contributions like Alan Collins's sculpture provide us with priceless inspiration, reminding us that La Sierra is more than academics. Our goal is to create a holistic educational environment, feeding the heart and the hand as well as the head.

Bush bends First Amendment

By Rob Wolcott

Some of Bush's opponents would say that this is exactly what President Bush may be doing. At the beginning of last year, Bush opened the door for religious groups to receive government money for their work helping addicts, prisoners, the homeless and others. Though some fear that this violates the first amendment and brings together the two very institutions our society has tried so desperately to keep apart, this new policy does not provide money for religious activities.

What many fear is the risk of our government meddling in matters of religion, something which history tells us has rarely gone well. The Christian Crusades, the Grand Inquisition, and the Salem witch hunts are all examples of what can happen when a line is not drawn between matters of religion and matters of state. I, however, think that we might be making a mountain out of a molehill in this case.

What groups will actually be receiving government aid because of Bush's policy? The answer is not your local church, or temple, or mosque (so you can forget about asking the government for money for a new sound system for your place of worship). Then who will be getting this money? Faith-based groups that provide a social service, such as a soup kitchen or rehab clinic, will.

Personally I think it is about time the government did something like this. Excluding groups that provide a valuable social service on the basis of having some sort of religious affiliation seems a little extreme. If a faith-based rehab clinic is more effective than a secular one, which would you want the government to support? Granted, the separation of church and state is an important one, but I think its about time we realize the importance of religion and the positive role it can play in our society.

Pacifism or just war: A Christian perspective

By Johnny Ramirez

George W. Bush and Albert Gore both strongly disagree on the possibility of war with Iraq, and more specifically, under what circumstances would military force be morally justified. Yet these two leaders, one being the current commander of the worlds most powerful army, and the other the winner of the popular vote and a sort of shadow president, are both professed and practicing Christians. Indeed Gallup polls consistently show that Americans overwhelmingly identify themselves as a God believing nation. So what exactly is the Christian position on war?

Christian Pacifism

Pragmatic Pacifism presupposes an optimistic view of human nature and views pacifism as a practical strategy for net balance of good vs. evil.

Deontological Pacifism sees war as a violation of the commandment against killing, the New Testament form of neighbor-love, and discipleship in the suffering church community. (Deontology is a school of ethical decision making that focuses on present duty, even though untoward consequences might occur).

Prominent Christian pacifists, like John Howard Yoder, support creative non-violent resistance and criticize the dehumanizing and self-serving nature of all war.

Just War

Just warriors hold that certain



forms of war may be justified if the cause is right. For example, many if not most American Christians would hold that a free, democratic society is worth dying- and killing- for. Few Christians would contend that WWII was immoral even though 50 million lives were lost.

The Just War tradition is the

legacy of Christian thinkers since Augustine who have set forth minimal moral conditions for Christian participation in war, and the use of violence, albeit reluctantly. Historically, the conditions for justifiable war were rightful authority, just cause, and proper means.

Today, criteria such as proportionality of destruction, discrimination in targeting, and probability of success are cited. Just war reasoning is a compromise between political realism and moral ideals.

Are Christian Pacifists unrealistic? And to what extent can we compromise our ideals without compromising our integrity as well?

Is it ever right to go to war? When is it right to wage war? What is the moral way to conduct a war? To further explore these important questions go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/ethics/war/index.shtml>

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A response to Rob Wolcott's

"Is required worship a good thing?"

By Michelle Sarsoza

When I first started attending La Sierra University, three short years ago, I was appalled that the institution required attendance for all chapels and assemblies. I thought that this was College and that we shouldn't have to be forced to do anything we don't want to do. Nevertheless, I begrudgingly attended chapels, not expecting much.

In less than a year, however, my views about required chapels changed. It is true, no church demands that its members attend every weekly service. If it did, it would not survive. But churches have the prerogative to make their own rules, and so do private institutions, like La Sierra University. If you miss more than three, you are put on attendance probation for one quarter. (If you don't believe that, test it. I've received such a letter.) Just as every job has a requirement to show up on time, the university has a requirement that every student

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Sports nation

By Anlai Jiao

Fourth straight time NBA Champions? Just might be, as the LA Lakers head into another season. And why not? No one's figured out a way to stop Shaq AND Kobe at the same time yet. While it's true that they lost to their city-mates the Clippers (who aren't all that bad themselves) and the Nuggets (nasty 103-81 loss) during the preseason, for those of you that follow national basketball, you'll know that the preseason means almost nothing. The losses are most likely due to the absence of Shaquille O'Neal on the court, who is recovering from a toe surgery done in September. He'll probably sit out some of the early season games, but that's nothing to be worried about. However, this season, the rivalry between the Kings and Lakers might be something worth looking into. I'm sure the fact that the Kings took the Conference Series into the 7th game overtime made many Lakers' fans' hearts skip a beat. The regular season will start on the 29th of this month.

We know that the best basketball teams are in California, but who would have guessed that the best baseball teams were here too? For those of you who don't get out much, the Anaheim Angels and the San Francisco Giants both clinched their league titles (ALCS and NLCS respectively) – the Angels on Sunday, and the Giants on Monday – moving them both on to battle each other in the World Series starting on Saturday, with the Giants playing at Anaheim. The amazing thing is, both teams are Wild Card teams. Almost no one expected either of them to get this far, but this

certainly is a time in baseball history to remember. Let's hope we remember it the right way. The last time the Giants played in the World



Series, the Bay Area was rocked by an earthquake, resulting in a postponement of what turned out to be a 4-0 loss to the A's.

We're six weeks into the national football season with Miami, San Diego, Green Bay, New Orleans, and Tampa Bay – who's on a five-game winning streak – all holding strong at five wins and only one loss each. On the flip side, Cincinnati (0-6) has been getting rather poor weather, while the St. Louis Rams (1-5) won their first game 28-13 on Sunday against the Oakland Raiders their first loss of the season. Interestingly, the

Rams' third-string quarterback Marc Bulgar played his first NFL game on Sunday, with Kurt Warner sidelined until around late Novem-

ber or maybe later with a broken finger.

Talking about stars...the Dallas Stars (3-0-1) remain unbeaten in the National Hockey League with a 3-0 win over the Edmonton Oilers (1-1-1) on Tuesday. Edmonton hasn't won at Dallas in a regular-season game for the last fourteen visits. With the Stars' player Bill Guerin named Player of the Week last week, the Stars are looking pretty good this early in the season. The Kings aren't doing all that bad so far either, with wins against the Phoenix Coyotes and the Stanley Cup Champions Detroit

Redwings. The Kings opened the season with an honor to #99 – the egendary Wayne Gretsky...to better days!

In golf, the Ivensys Classic in Las Vegas is in its fourth round with Phil Taturangi in the lead with a score of -29 and 330 strokes. Stuart Appleby and Jeff Sluman are tied for second with scores of -28 and 331 strokes. Also, Bernhard Langer, the 2002 Ryder Cup European team's captain, who led the team to victory over the Europeans in September, expressed a desire to make another bid to become the next Ryder Cup captain in 2004. Already, he has competed in 10 Ryder Cups, and wants to try for the record of 11 Ryder Cup teams.

In the tennis arena, Kim Clijsters defeated Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 to take the Porsche Grand Prix in Germany on Sunday. The same day in France, Gustavo Kuerten lost the Lyon Grand Prix to French Paul-Henri Mathieu 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. In beautiful Vienna, Swiss Roger Federer ousted Jiri Novak 6-4, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 to take home the \$120,000 CA Trophy. Tennis Masters Madrid saw its first matches on Monday with Jarkko Niemen and Fernando Gonzalez both winning their respective games, moving to the second round of Spain's biggest tennis tournament. In Switzerland, the Swisscom Challenge began on Sunday with Marie-Gaiane Mikaelian playing and winning Magdalena Maleeva 7-5, 3-6, 7-5. Heading over to Slovakia, the VUB Open WTA tournament also had its opening matches on Monday.

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The Fitness Corner

By Dwight Barrett

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What exactly does the CABL Director do? Well CABL is an acronym for Collegiate Advocate for Better Living, and it is a part of the North American Division of Health Ministries of Seventh-Day Adventist college campuses. Basically the job entails coming up with ideas for activities that will encourage students to improve their health. From suggestions for dietary habits to an exercise regiment, the CABL Director is here to lead you

to a happier healthier self, which includes the mental, physical and spiritual self. In association with the Office of Campus Ministries the Collegiate Advocate for Better Living will invite inspirational guest speakers to address the student body as well as lead morning jogs

around the campus. Please keep an eye out for upcoming CABL sponsored events.



Tennis, the gentleman's sport

By Marlen Resiwain

Tennis is a sport that has two or four people pounding a small, delicate, fuzzy-like green ball to each other, hoping that their opponents do not return it. Watching Wimbledon, a major tennis tournament played on a grass court, the actual sport of tennis doesn't look very appealing—the same repetitious movement over and over again. What a boring sport!

It was not until recently that I actually tried my hand at this sport until I realized how truly great this

game is. It requires strength, technique, and a soft touch, not to mention all the sprinting, stopping, and then running off to another direction. Tennis is an exciting game, a sport that when you know you give it your all, you end up grunting so loudly all the people in the surrounding courts can hear you.

Actually participating in this sport changed my total mindset about it. So next time you think something is boring, try it first, and then make your judgment.



Upcoming Movies

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Formula 51 (R)

Auto Focus (R)

The Grey Zone (R)

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Lies My Teacher

Told Me by

James W.

Loewen

Reviewed by Larry Pena

In this masterpiece of revisionist history, James Loewen exposes the sugarcoated fairytales that have passed for American history in recent decades. *Lies My Teacher Told Me* is based on a survey of twelve high school history textbooks all of which, through years of research, Loewen finds woefully short of the truth. This book reveals the Eurocentric bias, racism, heroification, and outright ignorance of reality that has permeated America's understanding of its past. *Lies My Teacher Told Me* is not just an amazing book, it is a must read for every American who is concerned about the past, present, and future of his country.

The Four Feathers

A Night at the Cinema

By Daniel Paden and Katie Parsons

The Four Feathers is an epic adventure set during the Pax Britannica of the 19th century. Two friends Harry (Heath Ledger) and Jake (Wes Bentley), brought up in the army, have just been given the call to war. Never really wishing to go to war, Harry who is recently engaged to the beautiful Eithne (Kate Hudson) abandons his



officer in favor of solitude. Leaving without a word his friends believe him to be a coward and send him white feathers (a sign of disgrace and cowardess). Unable to cope

with his pain and humiliation, he travels to the Sudan to bring aid to his friends. Harry's goals were clear in his mind. He must prove himself and return the Four Feathers back from whence they came.

He said: This was an epic picture filled with drama and intrigue. The movie would not make my top 10 list, but it did have redeeming qualities. It was well acted and humorous in parts, but my main complaint was that it seemed too long and several scenes were overly dramatized.

It felt like half the movie was in slow motion. I thought it was alright, but for you action crazed guys out there, it is not going to be what you expect.

She Said: As a history major I felt that this movie filled my expectations as far as its epic qualities. It has been smashed by some reviewers as glorifying British Imperialism, but I

felt that it attempted to show some abuses of that ideology as well. Granted, the British were well portrayed, but no one can dispute that they owned a

huge piece of the globe one hundred years ago, and felt justified about it. As a piece of entertainment, I enjoyed the movie. The romance wasn't too mushy, the action wasn't too gory but the men of action were rather pleasant to watch. I agree with my colleague that the movie did drag in the middle, but the ending it is worth the journey.

Our overall consensus is that it accomplished its purpose as an epic, but took some time getting there. **1/2 (out of four).

Guns, violence and the American way

By Dameon Holmes

In Michael Moore's new quasi-documentary *Bowling for Columbine*, he draws a comparison between the US to Canada in terms of violence. He shows that there are fewer gun-related murders in Canada (he fails to mention that Canada compensates for lack of gun murders with hockey violence). Moore does, however, make a valid point about America. We are a violent culture. Despite being a member of the NRA and a former firearms instructor, Moore's agenda with this film is that we don't need to give a violent culture more guns.

While we must recognize that America is a violent culture, we must also recognize that it starts with our youth. Did you know that Disney is now joining ranks with horror film director Clive Barker to develop new characters for them? Great... I can see it now; we'll start seeing characters like Snow White and the Seven Cenobites or Chucky the Skinless Satanic Gargoyle on our kids' lunch boxes.

Do we even have to mention the tidal wave of horrifically violent video games that are flooding the market? Moore takes aim at the "gun culture" and infers that it is a causal factor in the violence run-

ning rampant in our nation. We are all familiar with the bumper sticker "If guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns." It does not take a great deal of investigation to realize the validity of this catch phrase. With every gun law passed, it becomes increasingly easier to buy guns illegally. If we look at other nations that have passed restrictive gun laws, we see gun violence climbing, not dropping.

Certainly Moore is aware of these statistics. As a member of the NRA he would

have to be. This film, like his previous endeavors, really misses the point. He attacks innocents, such as receptionists and other clueless people, deriving the humor at their expense. Is Dick Clark really a bad guy? Moore would have you think so. The point in the film where Clark comes in to play is absolutely irrelevant to the point. However, he is a celebrity and it makes an entertaining scene.

Yes, America has violence issues. Unfortunately, Moore is simply attempting to entertain, not really offer any solution to the problem. As a self-proclaimed social crusader, Moore should demonstrate a bit more responsibility in his own efforts.



Local music scene

By Adam Phillips

Local Music Scene is a new column that will hopefully make people more aware of the greatness of the local music scene here in southern California. The band that will kick off this column is a very talented group, that is a must see live, *Homegrown*. The band is native to Orange County, and is on the *drive thru records* label. They are a stereotypical pop punk band, which explains the title of their recent album, "Kings of Pop". Don't get me wrong, they have a great edge that separates them from the likes of *Blink 182*, or *Green Day*. They are currently on tour with two other awesome bands, *Mest* and *Catch 22*.

I got a chance to catch them at the Anaheim House of Blues, in downtown Disney. They were an incredible live show and really moved the whole crowd. Another positive aspect of this band is that

their songs actually have meaning to them, yet they don't lose the simple immature essence of punk. Don't take my word for it though; you can download these songs for free at www.mp3.com or at www.drivethurerecords.com, which has links to several awesome bands, including our featured artists *Homegrown*. So, if you can not buy their album at least check out either "Kiss me, diss me", "Never fall in love", or "California dreamin'." *Catch 22* was really cool too, and you should check them out as well.

I really want to shed some light on the massive amount of great local talent out there that the average person never gets exposure too. I will also be listing great venues, and events to go to so to be properly informed and thoroughly entertained keep your eyes on *Local Music Scene*.

ACCORDingly...

By Samuel Wong

It is amazing how certain brands define a whole category in the market, whether it be food or clothes. When you hear peanut butter, you think JIF, and likewise, when you hear shoes, you think NIKE. It certainly is not surprising that 80% of people think "Honda Accord" when they hear midsize sedan. It's been the most practical and reliable sedan of choice in the US since the early 80's. Naturally, the redesign of this bread-and-butter automobile calls for some attention as the '03 Accord bows in with a smorgasbord of improvements and new options. Style-wise, the new Accord sedan and coupe hardly break new ground, and the lines of both are offensive or breathtaking. Instead, in usual Honda sensibility, the design is pleasant and clean, giving a very streamline and crisp appearance. Power for the 4-cylinder powerplant has increased by some 10 horses, and makes 160 horsepower, which is acceptable in this class of cars. The 240-horsepower V-6 however, certainly breaks new ground, and by far crushes competition in terms of power (other than the 240-hp Nissan Altima). The ride of the new Accord has been softened a bit, but yet at the same time, handling and cornering (both traits that the Accord is known for) have not been sacrificed. Both Accords sport tighter panel gaps, refined ergonomics, and a new navigation system is offered option. Judging from the improvements and first impression offered by this redesigned hot-seller, it looks like the '03 Accord has the potential to become, yet again, the best-selling sedan in the US.



Student spotlight: Aaron Troia

By Whitney Braun

Perhaps you have seen a young man riding a unicycle around campus and wondered who he was. The answer to that question is Aaron Troia a freshman from Yucaipa, California and recent graduate of Mesa Grande Academy in Calimesa.

Aaron appears to have the honor of being the only student at LSU to ride his unicycle to class, and when asked he like his one-wheeled mode of transportation so much? He reponds, "I have not really thought too much about it but I would say that it's unique, not too many people I know can

ride one, and its fun to learn more things to do with it like go up and down stairs, ride backwards, and crazy stuff like that."

It is easy to figure out that he is a multi-talented teenager who is just enjoying his youth. And although he is undecided as to what major to pursue he does have some very definite passions which include, juggling, unicycling, playing his guitar, photography, listening to music, reading, snowboarding, and playing baseball. He says that his dream is to one day write and play his own songs, and maybe, one day, figure out what to major in.



Homebase team invades Rio Lindo Adventist

Academy

By Arbee Tabo

On October eleventh I had the privilege of taking ten LSU students, to Rio Lindo Academy where we were invited to host the Sabbath Morning worship service during the flag football weekend tournament. This was going to be our first time working together to spread the love of God to other people.

During our welcome we introduced "Huggi Hoggi", a little activity to get everyone warmed up. However, most of the students just stood there like statues never getting involved in the worship. I was a little disturbed by the lack of participation but life must go on and so we followed up with a drama entitled, "Impressing God". In this skit a crowd sees God on the street begin to perform various acts to impress him, such as singing, juggling, and acting. After the display God was still not impressed. A girl in the group then emerges and falls to his feet. She begins to cry as God looks down at her. God is impressed. The play demonstrated

to our young audience that God is always willing to accept those who are willing to fall at his feet and come to him, exactly as they are. The drama was a huge success and it seemed that many of the students were truly moved.

A song, written by Rama Tampobulon and performed by Erika Cordova was the next item in the program. The song spoke of how God can love someone who lies and steals. God's love is unshakable, no matter what. Steve Binus completed our Sabbath School program with the story of Gideon and how God used him because he was willing. The story of Gideon represents how God can use anyone who is open to what God has planned for them.

Our team also worked on the vespers program for the evening. The atmosphere at the vespers was totally relaxed. We were not sure how many people to anticipate because there were two other programs going on at the same time. So needless to say we were thrilled

to see thirty students up and they were all very enthusiastic.

As we did the welcome we introduced the "I Feel Good!" chant. Some of the kids were so into it that it got a little scary but in the end we all praised God regardless of the level of enthusiasm. Summer Randall acted out a skit and Kristin Penington sang a song by Amy Grant called "All I Have to Be", which talks about God accepting and loving us for who we are. And last but not least Kevin Strain performed a song he had written about the wonders of God and gave thanks for the many things that the Lord has done in his life. Brian Mert closed the Sabbath with the story of Jesus walking on water.

After the program we all thanked God for being such a big blessing to us and for using us to bless the students at Rio Lindo Academy. I asked God for a team and he gave me more that I could have imagined: a team that is so on fire and excited to spread the Love of God.

Relationship advice

By Doctor Aundeez and Nizzles

Battered yet flattered

Our first words of advice go out to a young man who we will call Battered D. He wrote us concerning a problem he's been experiencing with a young woman.

"Dear Doctors Aundeez & Nizzles this particular babe has been hitting me as I walk from the gym and around campus. She just

socks me dead in my arm for no apparent reason. I know she thinks I'm cute and all, but why is she doing me like Debo?"

Well Battered D. We think you may be experiencing what we would like to call A SEXUALLY FRUSTRATED FEMALE. You have to take extreme caution in dealing with these, for they tend to

be very volatile. Our words of advice to you would be: the girl likes you plain and simple and the ball is in your court. You can either reject it or take it to the hole. But whichever actions you decide to take remember to always have sportsman like conduct. Now for our general advice for the week "You don't have to lie to kick it, just be real.



Graphic Designers Needed!

Are you interested in graphic design, multi-media arrangement or web site development? Would you like to help Homebase and help yourself by earning community service hours? If this sounds appealing to you then please contact Chris Grant at cgrant3d@hotmail.com.

INFO! INFO! INFO!

Find out why 300 graduate students have chosen La Sierra University for their graduate studies this year. Meet with representatives from our graduate schools of business, education, English, and religion. Check out what LSU has to offer towards a great and exciting future. Come learn, explore, mingle and get some great pizza too. October 22, 11am - 1pm, campus mall.

It's Time for LSU's Annual COMDEX Trip

La Sierra will host its annual COMDEX trip on Friday, November 22. If you wish to participate you need to register now for FREE entrance (regular entrance fee is \$100). Contact Dr. Clarke at wclarke@lasierra.edu or phone x2548 for details.

The Crime Report

Courtesy of the Doug Nophsker, Director of Security

On October 2nd at about 11:40 p.m., a former student was walking home after Rendezvous and was robbed in the E-lot adjacent to the psychology building. The suspect asked the former student for money for gas and the use of his cell phone. After receiving those items, the suspect took off running towards Cossentine Hall area. RPD and LSU Security searched for the suspect, but he was not located.

The suspect was described as a male hispanic, about 5'11", medium build, early twenties, with a shaved head, wearing all black baggy clothes. If you saw someone or something related to this incident, please call the Security Department.

Be aware that even though La Sierra is a safe place, it is not immune to robbery, theft, and other crimes. There is an old saying, "better safe than sorry", and this phrase should not be underestimated. By taking into account a few simple tips you can substantially increase your personal safety. The Security Department has provided you with a list of recommended practices.

1. Trust your instincts. If you suspect something is wrong, or a situation seems dangerous, you may be right! Do not dismiss suspicious people, cars, or situations, report them to security immediately.

2. Avoid dangerous situations. Do not invite trouble. Use your best judgment when deciding where you go and what you do.

3. Walk to your car with your key in your hand and look in the vehicle before getting into it to see if anyone is inside.

4. Keep valuables out of sight and in the trunk.

5. Lock your car and use locking devices.

6. Be aware of bushes and tight corners you cannot see around.

7. Call for a Security escort in the evening or walk with a friend.

8. If someone attempts to rape, assault, or abduct you, follow your instincts. Attract attention by blowing a whistle or screaming. Run, hide, bite or do whatever comes naturally and do it immediately!

9. Your goal is to escape and survive.

10. If a crime does happen make sure you report it to Security as soon as possible, and remember to tell the officers the time, place, person's appearance and any other details you might have observed.

Worship

attend chapel. If you don't like the rules of the job, quit. Get the analogy?

This requirement was placed to allow students to come and worship together. It was to give those who had no idea who Jesus Christ was, the opportunity to get to know Him. There are so many students out there who don't know who the real Jesus is. And chapel is a great way to expose Him to others. Because of the required chapels I was brought so much closer to Jesus Christ. I was able to see and experience a different side of Him.

Come on guys, required chapel isn't that bad of a thing. The next time chapel rolls around, check it out. It may change your life.

Check it out!!!

A widow. A prostitute. An immigrant.

An adulterer. A mother.

Tamar. Rahab. Ruth. Bathsheba. Mary.

Remade

Presented by the Department of English and Communication.

Showtimes:

Thursday, October 31 @ 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 2 @ 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 3 @ 8 p.m.

For tickets or more information, call x2241.

Remade

Written by

Patti Poblete

Performances are on October 31 and November 2 & 3. Student tickets are \$3, and they can buy "season" tickets for all three plays for \$6.

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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 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 review

ing submission. Please feel free to e-mail us at criterion@lasierra.edu

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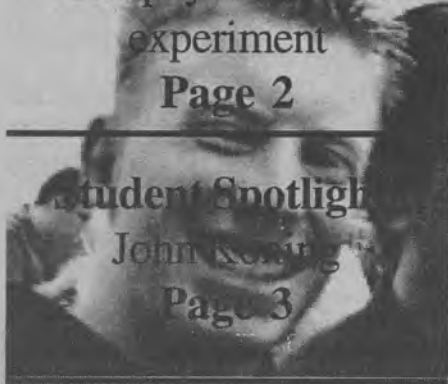
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It's a woman's world...really

By Whitney Braun

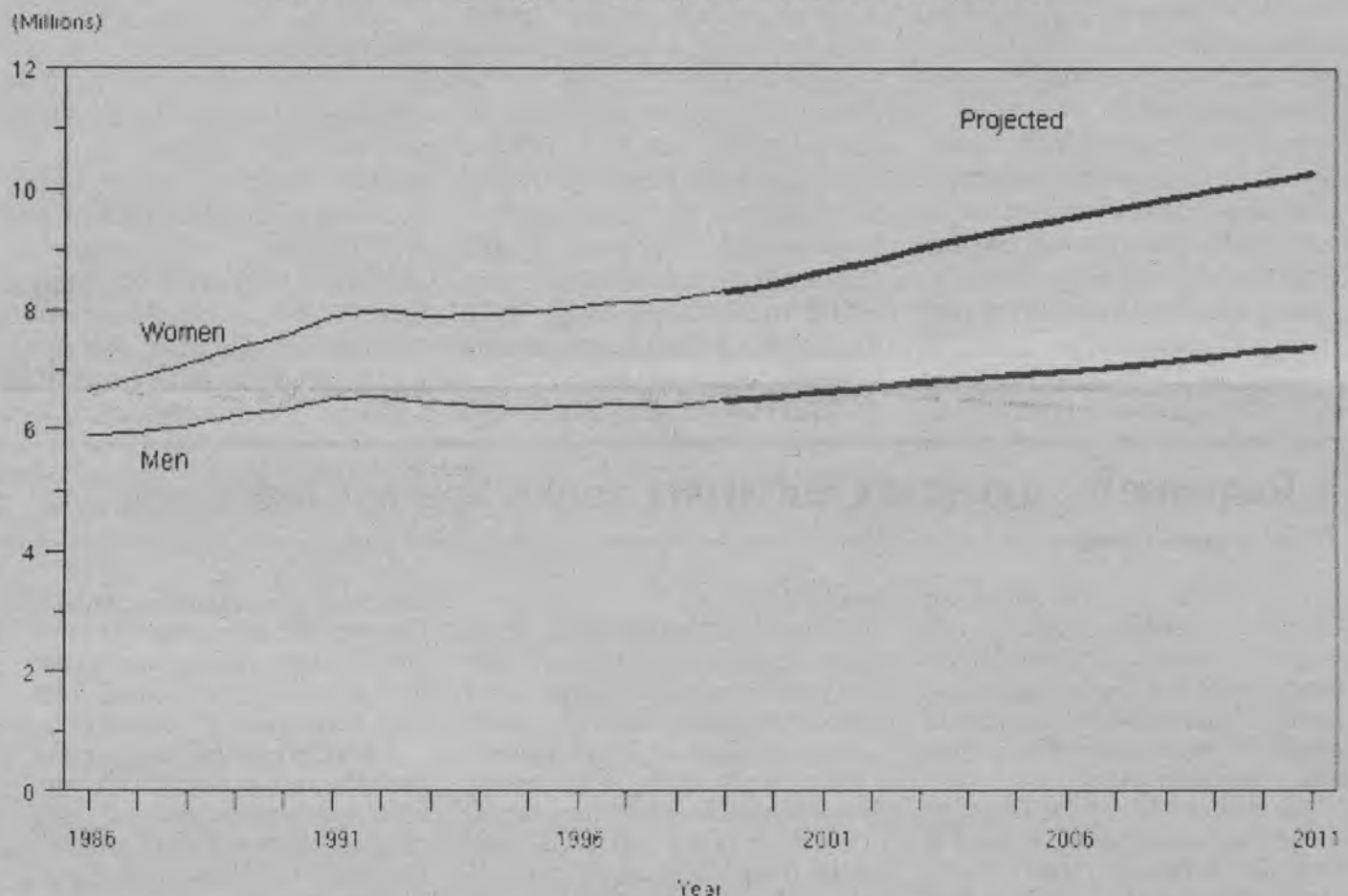
It is apparent at La Sierra University that females outnumber males. According to Nate Brandstater, LSU's Director of Institutional Effectiveness 59.2% of the students enrolled at our beloved school are ladies. Is La Sierra an anomaly or the norm? According to recent statistics reported by both the venerable television news magazine 60 Minutes and the fash-

Center for Educational Statistics show that by 2011 the number of women enrolled in college compared to men will increase by almost 30%. The United States Census Bureau reports that in the 18 to 24 year old age group men outnumber women. As of 2001 there were 12,470,000 females and 12,993,000 men. Statistically the number of men attending college

there are employment opportunities for men that are not available to most women, such as jobs requiring manual labor.

The sociological ramifications of this trend in education are not clear. What if in the future the woman's role in the family was that of the breadwinner and the man became the homemaker? With more and more girls and women earning

Enrollment in degree-granting institutions, by sex, with middle alternative projections: Fall 1986 to Fall 2011



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "Fall Enrollment in Colleges and Universities" surveys, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) surveys, and Enrollment in Degree-Granting Institutions Model

ion magazine *Glamour*, women are taking over higher education.

Graduate schools across the nation are seeing a dramatic increase in female applicants. For example, Medical Schools receive a whopping 75% of their applications from women. What is unfortunate for many of these applicants is that they will not be admitted because most state educational institutions have quotas in place that require the board of admissions to split the incoming class evenly between males and females. This translates into male applicants being admitted that have fewer qualifications than their female competition.

Projections by the National

should be higher than the number of women, but as the data shows this is simply not the case. So why is there such a disparity in the number of men and women going to college?

If the guys of Generation Y are not going to college then where are they going? Since September 11th, 2001 the armed forces have reported increasing amounts of high school drop-outs and high school graduates enlisting. Trade schools such as DeVry and ITT report that the majority of their students are males. The number of applicants to the Police Academies and Fire Departments has skyrocketed in the past year. Perhaps the reason that fewer and fewer men are pursuing an education is because

graduate and post-graduate degrees this could be the scenario we are facing. Will white collar women want to be married to blue collar men?

"I want my future husband to value education and want an education for our children," says Michelle Sarsoza, a senior History major. "Having a formal education is great but it is not as important if the person does not continue to learn and grow on their own."

In a future where educated men are the minority they will no doubt be a valuable commodity not only in the job market but on the dating scene. One could argue that a college education is the best investment that a young man can make in his future.

The pay it forward experiment

By Whitney Braun

For people who take their education seriously college can be an overwhelming place. Midterms, final exams, research papers, quizzes, eight o'clock classes, four hour classes at night, the cost of books, the cost of food, the cost of everything else you need to survive the higher learning experience culminates in the need to stand in the middle of an open field and scream. Equally as important as the body of knowledge that you gain sitting through classes and studying in the quiet of your dorm room are the lessons you learn about socialization.

Some people on our campus are learning about socialization the hard way. Have you ever looked around in the cafeteria at lunch or dinner and noticed someone sitting by themselves. You know you have. I am not pointing fingers because I myself have noticed these people and not gone out of my way to sit with them. I always have an excuse too. I am either too busy or having too much fun with my own friends to bother.

Did you know that the most common explanation given by stu-

dents as to why they are dropping out of college is homesickness? Some students leave because they don't find the emotional support here that they had at home or at their old high school. People who come here from public schools find this case to be especially true.

Whether you want to believe it or not La Sierra is full of cliques. There are the Loma Linda cliques, the La Sierra Academy cliques, the San Gabriel Academy cliques, the cliques that form as the result of belonging to the same church youth groups and so on and so on. If you don't come to La Sierra already a member of a clique it can be very difficult to break into one and make friends. I talked to Angela Reynolds, a freshman from Oregon who said she didn't know a single person here at LSU when she first arrived, however the Mountain High Retreat provided her with an opportunity to get to know people. "I have noticed that students from public schools tend to be more inclusive," said Reynolds. Is that the impression we really want to give?

All of this speculation as to why

college is a real bummer for some has been troubling me. A few weeks back I gave Andy Garrett my chemistry books from last year. He asked me how much he owed me. I told him to pay it forward. He didn't know what I meant. I said that since the books were a gift to me I couldn't then go and charge Andy for them. The deal I made with him was that he could have my books for free but he had to pass them on next year to someone else. That relatively insignificant gesture sparked an idea. Could the "pay it forward" theory be applied to helping people adjust to college life and make friends?

I would like to ask a favor of everyone on this campus. I would like you all to participate in my little sociological study. The next time you are in the cafeteria and see someone eating alone go out of your way to introduce yourself and sit with them. Strike up a conversation and then ask them to pay it forward and introduce themselves to someone else new. But don't feel you have to limit yourself to socializing in the cafeteria. If you

find other ways of paying it forward go ahead and run with it, then write back to me here at the Criterion and tell me what the results your participation in the pay it forward experiment were.

In these times of tremendous geo-political upheaval, domestic unrest and general uncertainty, it is so easy for sensitive, thinking people to become overwhelmed. The problems all seem too great to wrap even our young, idealistic minds around. I personally do not see it as overwhelming. Whenever I am tempted to, I remind myself of something my Grandpa said to me many times: "You can save the World, but you have to do it one person at a time."

Though it may sound like it on the surface, this is not entirely a selfless approach to life. The more you give yourself to the pursuit of making life more pleasant for others, the more your own sense of self increases. If it helps to motivate you, think of it as an investment in your own personal growth and happiness. Keep your eye out for that first person you need to save the World.

A Response to "Arrest at Church on Campus Sparks Controversy"

By Marques Turner

On October the 12th during the Church on Campus Saturday night vespers service in HMA an unfortunate set of circumstances led to a scenario that has left a number of people having to explain their actions and reasons for them.

On this, we all agree. There are numerous issues that are in need of explanation that only the La Sierra University Patrol (LSUP) and its Staff, namely David Channer, can answer. Channer decided the best time to question, and ultimately detain Keith Tutt was in the opening few minutes of an evening vespers program in which he was scheduled to perform in 4 out of the 6 musical selections. Needless to say, when Tutt was made unable to perform, the program ended having not finished even half of its service.

Even while Tutt was being questioned, repeated pleas were made to Channer to allow him to finish his obligations to the worship service before continuing. All such requests were met with absolute refusal leaving worshipers with less than half of the scheduled blessings.

Many question the motivation for the timing and method of Channer's actions. Was he acting in the best interests of La Sierra University and its student body's spiritual and physical well being, or was it pure

vengeful malice?

Perhaps an examination of the events leading up to October 12th will yield some helpful clues. A few days earlier, while parked in visitor's parking in front of Sierra Towers, Channer, upon seeing Tutt's vehicle decided to put a vehicle immobilization device (a.k.a cuff a.k.a boot) on the front-left in an effort to coerce Tutt to resolve several unpaid parking citations accumulated over many months. LSU has no other way of pursuing such interests because Tutt is NOT and has NEVER BEEN a student of La Sierra University and therefore has no contract or obligation to pay any citation issued by a private entity. The closest official affiliation with the University Tutt has had was taking classes as a High School student through La Sierra Academy. The boot undoubtedly was placed on his truck as a last ditch effort to get Tutt to pay his debt to the University, a debt accrued through the consistent service he has rendered over the past few years.

Tutt returned to his vehicle to discover the cuff on his wheel and proceeded to Sierra Towers exclaiming how the University Patrol put a cuff on his car. Many heard this and went outside to take a look. Tutt then went down to the patrol office and

discussed the matter directly with Channer for more than 20 minutes. He then returned to his car to find the cuff removed. Tutt then went home.

It may be possible that Channer took the missing cuff as a personal insult to his authority as a ranking veteran of the La Sierra University Patrol and is misdirecting his frustration towards Tutt. In fact, even the charge of "Grand Theft" is put into question as being a trumped up charge in order to solicit the Riverside Police's involvement. There is absolutely no evidence that Tutt stole anything. There is no probable cause to justify an arrest. Even the officer who took Tutt away stated he could not actually arrest him because there was no probable cause and it would be a false arrest. The officer was, however, obligated to take Tutt away because of the order of citizen's arrest that Channer submitted.

In conclusion, I think it is important the student body recognize where University Patrol's priorities are. How do these priorities dictate its policy? I hope that we can revisit and observe professional conduct and how it reflects upon La Sierra University as a Christian institution.

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The world at a glance

Compiled by Jay Razzouk

MOSCOW - Russia also acknowledged for the first time Wednesday that the powerful opiate fentanyl was used in the rescue operation that killed at least 117 hostages.

KABUL, Afghanistan - The United States handed over to Afghan authorities three Afghan citizens who were held at the U.S. military's prison in Guantanamo Bay, a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross said Monday.

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration is bracing for further delay in U.N. action on Iraq, with the expectation there will be no agreement before next week's congressional elections.

SAO PAULO, Brazil - Soccer fans fighting with police caused a stadium

railing to collapse, sending dozens of people hurtling to the ground and injuring at least 30, officials said. The accident began when fans scuffled and threw rocks at police before Monday night's game between Guarani and Ponte Preta in Campinas, about 55 miles from Sao Paulo.

SOWETO, South Africa - Ten bomb blasts rocked South Africa Wednesday, killing a woman and injuring two other people, in attacks President Thabo Mbeki blamed on white right-wing extremists. Nine devices exploded in Soweto, South Africa's biggest black township, and a 10th went off at a Buddhist temple near the capital Pretoria.

MANILA - Over 100,000 police and soldiers went on high alert across the Philippines on Wednesday to prevent attacks by any extremist groups as Asia's largest Catholic nation prepared for a long weekend holiday to honor its dead.

Student Spotlight: John Koning

By Whitney Braun

In the hot seat this time is sophomore Business/E-commerce/Pre-Med student John Koning. In the future he wants to either be a nuclear physicist or a plastic surgeon so that he can make southern California a more beautiful place. Aside from his academic pursuits and daydreams about the future he spends his time playing basketball, volleyball and going to Norco to tip cows.

The Criterion caught up with John while he was minding his own business eating in the commons. Luckily John is a friendly person and agreed to submit to our questions.

What is your favorite word in the English language?

John

Who is your favorite apostle?

John

What is your favorite book of the Bible?

John

Who is your favorite member of the Beatles?

John

What is your favorite brand of clothing?

Sean John™

What is your favorite song?

John Jacob Jingleheimer-Schmidt

What is your favorite word in a foreign language?

Juan



World News

By Jay Razzouk

Local

California Gubernatorial candidates Grey Davis and Bill Simon continue to exchange criticisms as the November 5 elections draw nearer.

October 28, the Anaheim Angels defeated the San Francisco Giants in game seven to win the franchise's first World Series.



National

Former army rifleman Allen Muhammad and seventeen-year-old John Lee Malvo were arrested in the early morning hours of October 24 in connection with the shooting spree that left 10 dead and three wounded near Washington D.C. The alleged gunmen were taken from their blue Chevrolet Caprice that seemed modified to handle sniping from the trunk. A Bushmaster rifle, the civilian version of the M-16, was discovered in the suspects' car. Prosecutors in numerous counties are now rushing to examine evidence and press charges. Since the arrests, life has seemed to return to normal in the

nation's capital as people return to their daily, outside activities. The democratic seat was left vacant in what was to be one of the closest elections in the country after Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota died in a private-plane crash alongside his wife, daughter, three campaign workers, and two pilots on October 25. Democrats are expected to nominate Former Vice

President Walter F. Mondale to fill the vacancy with less than a week remaining till elections.

International

Russian health officials attribute the death of 117 people, as of October 28, to an unidentified gas that Russian Special Forces pumped into a Moscow theatre at the end of a 58-hour ordeal in which Chechen terrorists held 750 hostages. Some people describe the raid as a complete blunder while others claim the gas to be necessary in order to instantly debilitate the terrorists before any of their bombs could be detonated.

What is University Studies?

By Andrea M. A. Poblete

Every student is required to take University Studies courses in order to graduate. These courses have been part of the University's curriculum for the past three or four years. In years prior to that, University Studies was known as CORE or General Education. Most students don't realize these classes are valuable for their education, in fact most students think that this curriculum is useless, and they wonder what the purpose of these courses is.

In the bulletin, there is an objective that begins:

La Sierra University offers its students a general education curriculum rooted in the concept of liberal education as a formative and transformative process—one that provides students with a permanent foundation for learning through the development of basic human capacities. It believes that education should go beyond human exposure to disciplines, the accumulation of facts, or even just curricular matter per se. It should encompass such things as the ability to imagine and create, to think and reason analytically, to solve problems, to integrate

and synthesize complex information, to use language clearly and persuasively, and to make responsible choices.

It continues by saying that this general education deals with the essentials of intellectual, social, and moral contexts that help each individual to participate in every day life. These courses help develop a value system in each student which will allow them to distinguish between right and wrong.

The University Studies curriculum provides students with classes filled with knowledge necessary for success in this complex world. These classes enable the student to have a well-rounded education. These courses expose the student to intercultural, international and interethnic concerns and helps them to realize the importance of developing as an individual.

For more information, consult with your advisor or call the University Studies Department at ext. 2499. There is also more information about the University Studies curriculum concerning units needed to graduate in the Undergraduate Bulletin.



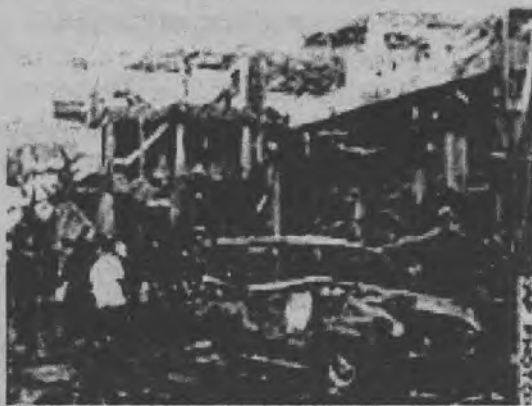
My sweet Indonesia, what has happened to you?

By Rama Tampubolon

October 13, 2002, I was at MICOL reading news on the internet. Two bombs had exploded at two tourists' sites in Bali, Indonesia, the night before. I remember passing by one of those places when I visited Bali as a kid with my family six years ago. A total of 182 people died and so far only 29 dead bodies have been identified. The hospitals were filled with crowds of families and relatives that screamed and cried in disbelief that their loved ones were no more. The news also stated that there was another bomb that went off on another island on the same day. As I read it, my heart beat faster and my eyes could not believe what they were seeing. The impact of the explosion in Bali caused heavy damage to 17 nearby stores. I scrolled down only to discover that other countries had warned their people to avoid visiting Indonesia for a while. A couple of days later my friends back home sent me via e-mail, some graphic images of the victims in the hospitals and the two places where the tragedy occurred. I was stunned

and could only asked in my mind, "My God, where were you that day?"

I once knew a homeland that was beautiful, where people of different religions could live side by side without suspicions, when demonstrations were not so frequent and violent, where some



of nature's most awesome scenery could be found. For the past four years, many things have changed. Churches have been burned and thousands have been killed in confrontations of both religious and political natures. It seems like lately, Indonesia has been nothing but a pool of blood. I guess what I

thought I knew I did not know at all. I feel a bit disappointed and ashamed, but who am I to deny my own homeland?

I keep telling myself that there is still hope...there is still hope...I just need to have a little faith in time. Why did I write this to you? Mainly because I was furious and sad, and I needed to let it out and tell the world about what has been bothering me inside.

You may not know the country where I came from, you may not even care about it. You may be one of those people who think that it is just another poor country with problems that are not as important as what your country is going through. Whether you are right or wrong, it is not for me to judge because everybody is entitled to their opinions. I am not asking much, but if you have a minute or two, please remember the people of Indonesia in your prayer. After all, we are all humans, and God has the same love for them as he has for us. What an unjust world that we live in! Like a song once asked, "Can't you see that nothing is right?!"

Is chivalry really dead?

By Steffy

Walking to the library, carrying an armload of books, I noticed how many cute guys there are on this campus. As I approached the doors to the library, I found myself struggling to find a free hand to open the door. A group of young men were walking by. They noticed me, but they just kept walking! What's that all about?

The next day, I was sitting in one of my classes, waiting for the instructor to show up. She was late, and when she did walk in, she seemed a little bothered by something. She told us about how she was walking to the building, carrying a lot of things, and she was having some trouble making it to the door. Keep in mind my instructor is not a burly woman. She's very petite. She was walking behind a group of fellows making their way into the building. Guess what happened. They let the door slam in her face!

The next week, she came into class with another occurrence of dead chivalry. She had asked a young man to help her carry a few things to her class. He said he would, but he would be right back because he had to get something. But, he never showed up to help her!

Is chivalry really dead? There has to be at least one decent male on this campus that is willing to open a door, or help carry a few things when he sees someone who is in need of assistance. Sure, there a quite a few very attractive young men around, but what does that matter if none of them are willing to lend a helping hand.



Soundoff

Compiled by Anlai Jiao

Question: If you could, what is one thing about LSU you would change?

Tim McCoy

Nursing
Senior

"Security, because all they do is give out tickets and do nothing when a real crime happens."



Portia Paulino

Psycho-Bio; Pre-med
Sophomore

"How they use the money, in order to make things work better; especially in the dorms."



Pauline Calla

Health Information Administration
Junior

"The food. They should make it less fattening, and more variety."



Angela McCoy

Business Administration
Junior

"The long wait in Student Financial Services and the Cafeteria."



Valentine "Happy" Manacop

Nursing
Freshman

"I'm very religious, and I love chapel, but it shouldn't be mandatory since half of the people do homework, sleep, talk, or eat anyways."



Tham Nguyen

Biology; Pre-dent
Freshman

"Better organized communication within Administration [offices], because it seems no one knows what's going on [between the offices]."



Michael Alvarez

Psychology
Freshman

"Coed dorms!"



Nick Lopez

Undeclared
Freshman

"Faster internet!"



Student missions: Life on the edge

By Roy Rantung

There is a saying among returned student missionaries: "once a missionary, always a missionary." Talk to someone who's been a student missionary, and they'll likely start telling you of their plans to go out again. It happened to me—I was a student missionary to Japan from 98-99, again in 2000 and I just got back from a summer-long mission trip to Taiwan. So to me, it's always funny to hear people say "but a year is just so long." Look, from the time the average college student graduates at 22 to retirement at age 65, there are 43 years for you to work. What's the rush, people? There will never again be a time in our lives when we can simply put it all on hold and just up and go serve God in the mission field.

Author W.M. Lewis once said, "The tragedy of life isn't that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it." From that one year you

dedicate to God will come experiences that will change the course of your life—lessons you can't



learn in any classroom. "But I can't preach like this person" or "I can't sing or play guitar like that person," you say. Listen, God has

not called you to be this person or that person; God has called you to be *you*. Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared *in advance* for us to do."

God doesn't just call the equipped, He equips the called. Do you really think that a ragtag bunch of common uneducated fishermen had any sort of qualifications to be the disciples of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Savior of all humanity? The only thing the disciples had going for them was one thing: *they said yes when Jesus called*. In Ephesians 3:8 the Apostle Paul writes, "Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." The heart of missions is this: ordinary people doing extraordinary things by the supernatural power of God. He said go...will you?

Name

"Jesus" on Ancient Inscription

Courtesy of Ansel Oliver of ANN

An ancient Aramaic inscription on a stone box mentions the name Jesus, leading many archeological scholars to believe it could mean Jesus of Nazareth. If authentic, it's the oldest record of Jesus outside the Bible. The stone box is an ossuary, used in ancient Israel, to hold bones of deceased. The inscription reads, "James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus." Biblical scholars say, however, that all three names were common at the time. Information about the inscription comes from Andre Lemair, a French epigrapher, and was released this week in the magazine *Biblical Archaeology Review*.

Randy Younker, director of the Institute of Archeology at Andrews University, believes the inscription could in fact be authentic, saying Andre Lemair is a "very reputable scholar." Lemair has authenticated the ossuary to about 60 A.D. "I think it's an interesting and important discovery," says Younker. "Unfortunately, the ossuary was not in its original location of deposit. It is now owned by a collector in Jerusalem.

Ekkehardt Mueller, associate director of the Biblical Research Institute at the Adventist Church world headquarters, says, "Certainly it's always nice to have further evidence that [Jesus] lived, but our faith does not hinge on it. Even if it said Jesus of Nazareth, it wouldn't say anything about his divinity. But it's good, we are thankful for any discoveries that are made," he adds. "However, I doubt it makes a huge difference. If its authentic, it would be an additional piece of evidence that shows the authenticity of the New Testament."

Younker says people should keep their eyes and ears open. "There will probably be more on this in the next few months. Hopefully I'll get to see it. I find it fun and interesting, but it's more interesting than absolute astonishment," he says.



Conservative but less moral American youths

By Marlen Resiwain

A UC Berkeley survey released in September shows that American youths are more conservative than their elders, but at the same time, are less moral. The report is based on nationwide interviews with Americans 15 to 92 years of age. The results included statistics that 59% of adults ages 27 to 59 supported prayer in official school activities, while 69% of the younger population supported it. Also, the youth in America show more warmth toward religious conserva-

tives than their elders, although neither group indicated great liking toward them.

However, adults (74%) tend to think that violence on TV is a serious problem, while youth (45%) think the same way. Also, other statistics have shown that cheating, lying, and stealing have increased dramatically in high schools recently. Interestingly, a report from the Josephson Institute of Ethics show that students who attend private religious schools are more



likely to cheat and lie to their teachers but are less likely to shoplift. The study also found that students, no matter what kind of school they attended, behaved socially in the same way. Those that attended private religious schools and/or professed that religion was an important part of their lives generally performed on the national average.

What's happening to our generation? Are we separating our beliefs and actions? Do students at La Sierra University, a private Adventist school, behave the same way as students at UC Riverside? We should remember that, as Christians, and especially as Adventists, as many of us are, we should be different from the world around us. "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light;" (1 Peter 2:9)

Faith in Action

Adultery as a capital offence?

In a joint venture, The Oprah Winfrey Show and Amnesty International USA unite to help save Amina Lawal from death by stoning. Amina Lawal, a 30 year-old Muslim woman, was sentenced to be stoned to death by a Shari'ah court at Bakori in Katsina State in northern Nigeria. Amina allegedly confessed to having had a child while divorced. Pregnancy outside of marriage constitutes sufficient evidence for a woman to be convicted of adultery according to the new Shari'ah-based penal code for Muslims, introduced in Katsina State.

Take action at: www.amnestyusa.org/oprah



Upcoming Movies

November 1

I Spy (PG-13)

Bloody Sunday (R)

Bowling for Columbine

Comedian (R)

The Weight of Water (R)

Love in the Time of Money (R)

November 8

8 Mile (R)

Femme Fatale (R)

Far From Heaven (PG-13)

The Rising Place (PG-13)

God is Great, I'm Not (NR)

No Bragging Rights

Reviewed by Larry Pena

I recently attended a local punk concert where I found a musical gem. That gem is a band called No Bragging Rights.

One mark of a good band is the inability to easily classify its sound, and No Bragging Rights definitely cannot be pigeonholed. If anything, I like to call it evolutionary punk, taking the hard edge of old-school and hardcore punk and developing it into a much smoother and more complex sound.

NBR's songs aren't the typical repetitive beats and simple chords you hear from many pop-punk bands. Drummer Jose Mendoza is both incredibly creative, and incredibly fast. Guitarist and lead singer Mike Perez writes thought-filled lyrics and harmonic chords. And Ryan Sievers on bass not only holds up the low end, but will sometimes make you think you're hearing guitar lead solos.

If you haven't been to one of their shows yet, I suggest you go soon. Check the band's website, www.nbrmusic.cjb.net, for upcoming shows in the Riverside area and across California.

Kiss my Jackass

A NIGHT AT THE CINEMA

By Richard Igros, Bryan Craig and Matthew Jacobsen

Hey folks, Matt here with the first of what will hopefully be many reviews. Jackass the movie is hilarious. I have never laughed so hard or been so shocked in my life. But keep in mind that this movie isn't for the faint of heart. If you are offended by strong language or totally insane and painful stunts, as well as vulgar and crude behavior then you're probably not going to want to see this movie. Not being offended by any of the above, this made the movie probably one of the funniest I have ever seen. If you keep an open mind, and like to laugh a lot, then this is the movie for you.

Hi I'm Richard and I went to

watch Jackass: The Movie. Being a long time fan of the show I was very surprised to see these group of totally crazy guys out do themselves. By raking in a cool \$22 million and coming in number 1 in the box office it's opening weekend, it's very safe to say that this movie is a must see. Fine holiday fun!

Hey. I'm Bryan Craig with the third review of the

day. Jackass knocked me on my jackass repeatedly throughout the 90-minute film. This series of real life skits had the audience I witnessed cheering and wetting themselves. This may not be the film for conservatives or religious moviegoers, but for everyone else; enjoy vulgarity at its best.



The Ring: A perfect fit for horror

By Richard Igros

Naomi Watts plays a Seattle reporter who discovers a videotape, which, legend has it, kills you seven days after viewing it. Rachel Keller (Watts) takes it upon her herself to further investigate the history behind this urban legend, after losing a beloved niece who suffered a mysterious death seven days after watching the bizarre videotape. Naturally skeptical about the entire theory of the videotape, curiosity gets the best of Rachel as she gains access to and views the video. The telephone rings once it is finished, and a disturbing voice says the words, "Seven Days." A confused Rachel enlists the aid of her close friend Noah (Martin Henderson) to help save the life of

her son (David Dorfman) as well as her own.

Throughout the movie you watch Rachel Keller experience an intense week of unexplainable events. As each day goes by, she draws nearer to her own fate. It is up to her and Noah to unravel the mystery of "The Ring."

Based on a Japanese trilogy by

Suzuki Koji, "The Ring" mixes Hollywood effects with classic suspenseful horror and creates a masterpiece that will leave you at the edge of your seat. Just in time for Halloween, this movie sets the perfect atmosphere for a frightful good time that will surely leave viewers, eyes closed with fear, yet at the same time glued to the screen.



Hyperspace: A scientific odyssey through parallel universes, time warps, and the 10th dimension - By Michio Kaku

Reviewed by Ana Gamboa

In this book, theoretical physicist Michio Kaku explores the theory of hyperspace which asserts that a number of dimensions exist beyond the commonly accepted four consisting of space and time. Kaku does an excellent job of using diagrams, anecdotes, analogies etc. to explain some of the complicated aspects of some of the theo-

ries in modern physics and discusses their historical context.

Michio Kaku did an exceptional job of simplifying complex ideas in such a way that people who have a limited background in math of physics can understand. I strongly recommend this thought provoking book if you want to be exposed to other ideas about the nature of the universe.



Consumer Reports

By Samuel Wong

Travel smart

Taking a trip anytime soon? Regardless of whether your answer is yes or no, the Puma 96-hours suitcase is a neat thing to have. Imagine leaving for a business trip, or perhaps just an ordinary vacation. You want the right balance of preppy, sporty clothes, and the appropriate dash of dressy clothes. Under normal circumstances, the intricate planning of this combination of clothes would take at least an hour or more, not mentioning the fact that your sense of fashion might not be intact at the given moment. The Puma 96-hours suitcase eliminates such pain and hassle by throwing a balanced mixture of stylish and trendy clothing into one lightweight aluminum suitcase no larger than a normal piece of luggage. Included in this combo are 26 articles of clothing (shirts, dress shirts, suits, etc), 2 pairs of shoes, and, check this out: the thoughtful guys from Puma didn't even forget to include a few pairs of underpants. A necessity? Probably not, but the 96-hours suitcase by Puma is surely an alternative to the old "throw it in the bag 'n leave" approach. For more info visit www.puma.com.

75 Wacky Things That Make America Great

By Josh Parsons

1. Sporks
2. Free ketchup
3. Ice in the drinks
4. Free refills
5. V6, V8, V10, V12 and anything over 2 litres.
6. 99 cent gasoline (when available)
7. Peanut butter (not nutella)
8. Peanut butter and Jelly
9. Ranch dressing
10. Deoderant
11. Guacamole made from Avocado
12. Voltage that doesn't kill you
13. Radio playlists that include more than 5 songs.
14. Driving on the right
15. Women who shave their legs and pits.
16. Rock and Roll (American Style)
17. American Football (Charger Football)
18. Laker Games
19. Nascar
20. Color, gray and favorite
21. Triple digit TV channels
22. The steady, foldable dollar
23. Slip and slides
24. Pickup trucks
25. Super Size
26. Buy one get one free
27. Drive thrus
28. Drive-ins
29. Malls
30. 99 cent stores
31. Costco
32. Large supermarkets
33. Watching Starwars first
34. The current seasons of West Wing and Friends
35. Taco Bell
36. TV Dinners
37. Rootbeer
38. Pizza Delivery
39. Chevy, Ford, Dodge & Harley
40. Baseball
41. Superbowl Commercials
42. An open academic system
43. Do-it-yourself fasion
44. Multiple skin tones
45. 64oz drinks
46. Rally monkeys
47. Drag racing (at a track of course)
48. Semi-sweet chocolate
49. Packaged meat
50. Butterfingers
51. Gravy
52. Free Beaches
53. "Instant" food
54. Kool Aid
55. Cereal
56. The standard measuring system.
57. Farenheight
58. Freeways
59. Slurpees
60. Desert for breakfast

61. Pie
62. Corn dogs
63. Twinkees
64. The Beach Boys
65. Microwave burritos
66. Diet Juice
67. I can't believe it's not butter
68. Infomercials
69. Thanksgiving
70. Westerns
71. Country Music (debatable)
72. AM/FM Radio
73. Month/Day/Year
74. Cheap drivers liscences
75. No smoking

One thing not-so-wacky:

Freedom



The Ultimate Advice Column

By Doctor Aundeez and Nizzles

Dear Doctors Aundeez and Nizzles,

I have a small fetish, I like it when guys check me out and give me a lot of attention. But lately it seems as though they are not paying me enough attention! It's been taking up all of my time and energy! I pick out my clothes the night before, plan out my hair and makeup, and basically just try to do my best for all the guys out there. I'm just wondering, do they even notice me anymore?

Sincerely,
Confused Cutie

Dear Cutie,

You are confused. The reason you are here at college is for EDUCATION, not BEAUTIFICATION. Are you sure guys don't notice you? They probably do. You want them to notice you for your brain not your bod or beauty or your Burberry! If you want to attract someone by your looks paint your nose red and put a sign on your back that says "kick me." They'll notice you all right. But that would be for the wrong reasons. The fact that you are writing us for advice shows

you have at least a smidgen of intelligence, now use that intelligence to reevaluate your priorities, then to attract boys if you have time!

Here are some words of advice to any other girl facing the problem of boys not looking at her. Step one, get your priorities straight. Nobody wants a dumb girl! Step two, make sure you look presentable at least three days out of the week, especially at chapel on Tuesdays and Thursdays. That means take a shower, do your hair, and wear something that looks halfway attractive. Nobody likes a pigeon. Step three, don't come off as if you want everybody to be checking you out or fall over your beauty every time they see you. Depend on more concrete things such as your personality and your attitude. Boys like girls that are cool, not conceited or self-conscious. Focus on the person you want to be, and not the person you want them to see.

Dear Doctors Aundeez and Nizzles,

There is this girl who was giving me ALL the signals that she was into me. She was always giving

me the eye, always responding to everything I said, and overall making me feel important. But at last I went to a birthday get together for my friend's sister. And the girl just so happened to be there. But the crazy thing is she was all into this other guy. My heart just dropped but I tried to remain cool about the situation. Towards the end of the birthday party I started to fall apart and I was acting a fool. How do I regain my respect and my girl?

Sincerely,
Bewildered Bob

Dear Bewildered Bob,

Well at least you made a step in the right direction...which is consulting us. Your next step is to look in the mirror and realize that although stakes look high you are your only obstacle. You have to reach down deep and pull out the inner potential within yourself, tap into the mojo man! First step is to save what's left of your face. You need a little more self respect. Don't let these females push you around and play mind games with you. That mess is for the birds!! Play it cool, don't sweat the girls, let them sweat

YOU. You work hard enough as it is in school, you don't need to be working an extra job on the side making below minimum wage with no benefits. Once you start to kick back and relax, the girl will start to warm up to you. They don't like it when the game is easy, especially this one. Feel free to let other girls associate themselves with you. Don't let her think she's the only hot wing on your plate! Remember the story of Beauty and the Beast? The Beast was just that-a BEAST!! He was fugly as all get out, he made a fool out of himself, and he was obnoxious. Remind you of anyone? But guess what? Once he kicked back and relaxed the girl came prancing back to him. See how simple it can be? It takes focus and skill, all you need to do is find those qualities within yourself. The girl should come back, and if she doesn't many more will take her place. And remember, when it is all said and done don't forget to BE YOURSELF!!! Good luck!



SUBWAY

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Buy your cards at the Office of Student Activities (next to the book store) for only \$10.

Lambda Pi Eta — Communication at its Best

By Erin Grall

Although the phrase *Lambda Pi Eta* paints a picture of a fluffy lamb eating a pie Greek style, we as the communication honors society would rather you think of fun and incorporating activities when you hear our name—because that is precisely what we intend on doing. Our goal this year includes bringing the Communication and English departments together through activities our majors support. For example, Lambda Pi Eta is sponsoring a speech contest at a local elementary school at the beginning of Winter quarter. We are also planning a fundraiser along with Homebase and the Art department to incorporate aspects of all three genres into how we express spirituality. Watch for Muffin Mondays the first Monday of every month and get your muffin, interesting facts sheet, and a smile in South Hall lobby. We also would like to reach out to the entire school by sponsoring a trip to a TV taping in Los Angeles—fun for everyone! Keep your eyes open for information and details. Long live Lambda Pi Eta! (Baaaa!)

Mark your student calendars and get ready to have some fun!

Oct 31- Costume-Roller-Skate-Night (9:30-11:30 pm)

Nov 7 – Play-Blow-Out Night

Nov 14- Broomball (10:45 pm)

Nov 21- Thanksgiving Feast (7 pm)

Dec 4- SALSU Delivers (8 pm)

Information concerning each event, the what's, where's and other details you might want to know.

TONIGHT, after the play "Re-made", dress up in a costume (a real one, please, do not use the "I'm dressed up like a student" excuse) and skate for free, otherwise, you pay the normal entrance fee of \$4.50. This will be at 9:30 pm in Roller City 2001, which is directly across from Kaiser Permanente Hospital. There will be a costume contest, prizes courtesy of SALSU-Perspectives.

For the PLAY-BLOW-OUT NIGHT, we would like to say that we really support all three of the plays but have funds to pay for only one play, so we picked the middle one, "Power of Priority". If you're one of the first 50 people, you get in for free! That's for opening night.

BROOMBALL! Free Krispy Kreme donuts and hot drinks. This is in IceTown off Magnolia Ave.

More info on the other events will be available in the next issue of the *Criterion*. Look out for signs and announcements! Please bring your ID or some sort of identification so we know you are from LSU (this is for your safety). See you there!

The Hook Up

By Mike Wogu

There is a new fun and exciting way to meet people here at La Sierra. It is called the "Hook Up". The founder and President of the organization is a young lady by the name of Xenia Wright.

She told me she came up with the brilliant idea one day while she was in the cafeteria with her friends. They were talking amongst themselves about how they could meet and get to know people at La Sierra, particularly members of the opposite sex. It occurred to them that they should start an organization whose sole purpose was to help coeds like themselves meet other students.

The process is simple. First you fill out a survey that examines your personality and preferences. Then you are matched up with someone compatible and introduced on a blind date. The word from Xenia is that many people have signed up and filled out the survey, the majority being upper-classmen.

Remember that this is a fun way to meet people. So do not feel shy, and do not get too bent out of shape if you meet somebody who is not your "type." Sign up quickly so that you don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime!

The 411 on library's common myths

By Tony Z

Questions were submitted by real students via e-mail, criterion@lasierra.edu

Can you get a book from another University's library by free using an interlibrary loan system?

USUALLY. The library does not charge students anything itself, but some other libraries charge for lending us their books, and in that case we pass the charge on. Most books we can get free, but not all. Does the library keep copies of all of the textbooks, so I don't need

Am I allowed to buy one for myself?

NO. What we have are the books that let you go beyond the textbooks. The books the textbook authors read before writing the books. And a lot of others. We might have a copy of a book some professor selected as a textbook (and some of them are known to place copies on reserve; you can ask for those at the circulation desk.) Check the library catalog on the Web to find out what we have, and if we don't have the textbook you might try Amazon.com.

I heard the research librarian could find any fact for you if you just ask him.

TRUE. Well, almost true. If someone, somewhere, sometime, found out the fact and published the answer, we can get it for you, or show you where to find it. If we don't have it ourselves, we cooperate with a lot of other libraries and can often get the answer from them. So come in and ask!

Is there really any penalty for overdue library books?

YES. If a book is 14 days overdue, we charge a \$50 fine, \$10 for being overdue and for our processing expenses, and \$40 to replace the book. So you have a short grace period. Plus, if you return the book, we remit the \$40 replacement charge. On the whole, we would much rather have our book back than the money. Can I highlight passages in library books? NO! NO! NO! Highlighting damages books (ballpoint ink and highlighter pens contain chemicals that corrode paper over time). Worse, it makes it harder for the

next person to read — and some other student will be wanting that book next year, or next decade.

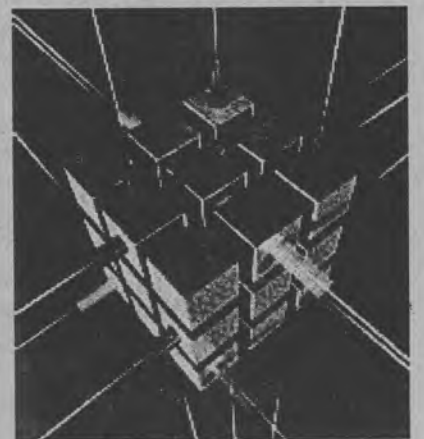
I heard you can check out reference books like encyclopedias.

SOMETIMES. Books in the "Reference" section of the library cannot be checked out — too many people need to use them too often for us to check them out to any one person. But we may have another edition, or a book with the same information, in the "Main Stacks". Those can be checked out.

Someone told me going to the Heritage Room counts as Worship Credit!!!

WE WISH. No, it doesn't, but there is a lot of useful and exciting stuff down there in the basement of the library. We have the third largest collection of Adventist books in the world, and chances are pretty good that if you want to preach a sermon, say a prayer, uncover the truth about Ellen White, see what your parents looked like when they came here, or just find out something about the church, we have an answer for you down there.

Graphic Designers Needed!



Are you interested in graphic design, multi-media arrangement or web site development? Would you like to help Homebase and help yourself by earning community service hours? If this sounds appealing to you then please contact Chris Grant at cgrant3d@hotmail.com.

Bumper stickers for ladies

Compiled by Criterion Staff

BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL WOMAN IS HERSELF.
OH MY GOD, I THINK I'M BECOMING THE MAN I
WANTED TO MARRY!

GINGER ROGERS DID EVERYTHING FRED ASTAIRE DID,
BUT SHE DID IT BACKWARDS AND IN HIGH HEELS.
A WOMAN IS LIKE A TEABAG... YOU DON'T KNOW
HOW STRONG SHE IS UNTIL YOU PUT HER IN HOT
WATER.

I HAVE YET TO HEAR A MAN ASK FOR ADVICE ON
HOW TO COMBINE MARRIAGE AND A CAREER.
SO MANY MEN, SO FEW WHO CAN AFFORD ME.
GOD MADE US SISTERS, PROZAC MADE US FRIENDS.
COFFEE, CHOCOLATE, MEN ... SOME THINGS ARE
JUST BETTER RICH.

DON'T TREAT ME ANY DIFFERENTLY THAN YOU
WOULD THE QUEEN.

I'M OUT OF ESTROGEN AND I HAVE A GUN.
WARNING: I HAVE AN ATTITUDE AND I KNOW HOW TO
USE IT.

OF COURSE I DON'T LOOK BUSY... I DID IT RIGHT
THE FIRST TIME.

DO NOT START WITH ME. YOU WILL NOT WIN.
ALL STRESSED OUT AND NO ONE TO CHOKE.
I CAN BE ONE OF THOSE BAD THINGS THAT HAPPENS
TO BAD PEOPLE.

HOW CAN I MISS YOU IF YOU WON'T GO AWAY?
DON'T UPSET ME! I'M RUNNING OUT OF PLACES TO
HIDE THE BODIES.

IF YOU WANT BREAKFAST IN BED, SLEEP IN THE
KITCHEN.

The search for a motto intensifies

Compiled by Criterion Staff

We at the Criterion have been working on a motto, a credo, a phrase that captures the essence of our publication. Unfortunately we have been unable to narrow our search down to just one pearl of prose that will represent the writers and readers of LSU's student paper.

Here are the top 4 suggestions for mottos submitted by the staff of the paper:

4 - "The Criterion, pegging the lowest common denominator."

3 - "The Criterion, in the relentless pursuit of mediocrity."

2 - "You can pick your friends and you can pick your nose, but you can't pick your friend's nose. However you can pick up a copy of the Criterion while picking your nose."

1 - "The Criterion, almost as interesting as the Enquirer, but with less integrity."

If you have any suggestions please send them to Criterion@lasierra.edu. Thank you.

Canadians: The unseen enemy

By Larry Pena

You see them everywhere. I'm sure there are even some of them on campus. Freeloading foreigners that seem to just stream through the border of a certain U.S. neighbor and erode our economy and society. You know what I mean.

That's right. Canadians.

It seems you can't shift your eyes without seeing another bacon-chugging lumberjack. They're on TV, in music, and just next door. Alex Trebek, respected TV game-show host? Canadian. Celine Dion, popular romantic recording artist? Canadian. Dave Kaplan, friendly maintenance man at my old high school? Canadian. See? They're everywhere.

Now, many of you are probably saying to me right now, "Larry, what's wrong with Canadians? They're friendly. They play hockey. They have entertaining funny accents. Why not let them stay?" Well, my friends, you are probably Canadians.

You see, I suspect that our Northern neighbor must have some plan to infiltrate its big brother. Those Canadians are crafty. Our friends to the south, like Mexico, Cuba, and Panama, make no pretense at border crossing. They just run right over. They're honest. Unlike those devious plaidbacks, who slip in unnoticed, with all their paperwork all-too-neatly filled out, and try to quietly mingle. They may fool everyone else, but they can't fool me. I saw the South Park movie.

Now, don't get alarmed, but many of you probably have contact with Canadians, either overt or covert, every day. They have sneaked their way into most places and institutions, including this one. For example, I have it on good authority that Candria, the lovely Eagle's Nest evening clerk, is in fact Canadian. Stephen Lee, a tenor in the LSU Vocal Octet, was trained in Canada. A spy? Who knows? I secretly suspect my roommate, Nate Gemmill, of Canadianism. Never underestimate their ability to get into high places. I wouldn't be surprised if Larry Garety up in the Oval Office was himself Canadian.

Despite the mounting evidence of some massive Canadian plot, it's important that you stay calm. Remember, Canada has no military and K.C. Hohensee promises the aid of Puerto Rico should we go to war against America Jr. But just be sure to keep your eyes open. Whatever they're capable of, those Canadians are sly and deceptive. You just never know where one will turn up, eh?

The world's funniest joke — it's official

Provided by the internet

After a year of painstaking scientific research, the world's funniest joke was revealed on Thursday October 3rd. In a project described as the largest-ever scientific study into humor, the British Association for the Advancement of Science asked Internet users around the world to submit their favorite jokes and rate the funniness of other people's offerings.

More than 40,000 jokes from 70 countries and two million critiques later, this is it:

"Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other man pulls out his phone and calls emergency services.

He gasps to the operator: "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator in a calm, soothing voice replies: "Take it easy. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead."

There is a silence, then a shot is heard.

Back on the phone, the hunter says, "Ok, now what?"

Researchers found significant differences between nations in the types of jokes they found funny.

People from the UK, the Republic of Ireland, Australia and New Zealand preferred gags involving word play, such as:

PATIENT: "Doctor, I've got a

strawberry stuck up my bum."

DOCTOR: "I've got some cream for that."

Americans and Canadians favored jokes where people were made to look stupid.

TEXAN: "Where are you from?"

HARVARD GRAD: "I come from a place where we do not end our sentences with prepositions."

TEXAN: "OK — where are you from, jackass?"

Meanwhile, many Europeans liked gags that were surreal or made light of serious subjects such as illness, death and marriage:

A patient says, "Doctor, last night I made a Freudian slip, I was having dinner with my mother-in-law and wanted to say: 'Could you please pass the butter?'"

"But instead I said: 'You silly cow, you have completely ruined my life.'"

Marriage-mocking also featured in the top American joke:

"A man and a friend are playing golf one day. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course.

He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer. His friend says: 'Wow that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You are truly a kind man'

"The man then replies: 'Yeah, well, we were married 35 years.'"

Death earned big laughs in Scotland:

"I want to die peacefully in my sleep like my grandfather. Not screaming in terror like his passengers."

And animals figured prominently. Take the number one joke in England:

"Two weasels are sitting on a bar stool. One starts to insult the other one. He screams, 'I slept with your mother!'"

"The bar gets quiet as everyone listens to see what the other weasel will do.

"The first again yells, 'I SLEPT WITH YOUR MOTHER!'"

"The other says: 'Go home dad, you're drunk.'"

The survey revealed other fun facts:

— Of the countries rating the highest number of jokes, Germans, perhaps surprisingly, laughed the most. Canadians laughed least.

— If you want to tell a funny animal joke, make it a duck.

— The most frequently submitted joke, at 300 times, was: "What's brown and sticky? A stick."

Researchers said no one ever found it funny.

The findings can be read at www.laughlab.co.uk.

Campus Info

10/31/02

The Campus Ministries office is selling recordings of University Worship and First Service on CD. So, if you were unable to attend either of these programs, a copy is waiting for you. The cost is \$2.00. Stop by the Campus Ministries office, call us @ ext. 2090, or email lolamoore@hotmail.com

Hello All,

I am Lola Moore and I am the new coordinator of University Worship. We have a year full of quality Christian programs that I am sure you will enjoy.

Also, remember that if you have an announcement for the Eagle Cry or one that you would like to announce verbally in University Worship, the deadline is Tuesday morning at 10am. You can email lsueaglescry@hotmail.com and we will make sure your announcement is posted.

Thank you for your support of University Worship and I'll see you all on Thursday mornings.

Blessings,
Lola R. Moore

The English and Communication Department is pleased to announce

that tickets are now on sale for the following fall drama productions:

REMADE by Patti Poblete—a prostitute, a widow, and an immaculate conception. And that's only the beginning! Performances are Thursday Oct. 31, Saturday Nov. 2, and Sunday Nov. 3 at 8 pm.

THE POWER OF PRIORITY by Vanessa Nelson—two women, two marriages, two very different results. Performances are Thursday Nov. 7, Saturday Nov. 9, and Sunday, Nov. 10 at 8 pm.

THE HOME FRONT by Dahlie Conferido—when swing ruled the radios, men were in uniforms, women worked the factories, and America was at war.

Performances are Thursday Nov. 14 thru Sunday Nov. 17 with evening performances at 8 pm and a Friday matinee at 2 pm. Tickets for each play are \$3 students, \$5 regular and for all three plays \$6 students, \$10 regular. Tickets are available in the English & Communication Office in South Hall, extension 2241, or in the Commons during lunch and dinner hours.

Rats live among us in Angwin Hall

By Tiara Snowden

There has been a big problem with the living situation in the Angwin Hall. There seems to be an abundance of tenants that are not paying for living expenses. These "tenants" are causing chaos in the hallways. These inhabitants that I am referring to are not your average La Sierra students. They are mice! Yes, cheese eating, peanut butter loving mice. The problem has been taken care of by the deans in their opinion, by putting out memorandums that warn the girls of Angwin to do four basic things to keep the rodents from coming into the building.

These warnings are, DON'T prop the doors open, DON'T leave food uncovered or unwrapped in

rooms, DON'T leave food in trash cans, and keep rooms clean and sanitary AT ALL TIMES. The only way that the rodents can be killed is for the girls to have traps in their rooms. The rodents can't be poisoned because there would be dead rodents in the walls and that would leave a smell. Why are the mice referred to as "rodents"? The reason seems to be clear; there are mice in Angwin Hall not rats. There is no telling how long they have been here, and how long they plan to stay. So I say this, as an Angwin Hall resident, I will do my part to follow the four steps to keep the rodents out of my room, I ask that my fellow sisters of Angwin do the same.



Successful hints for using MICOL

By Ruben D. López

You have ten minutes before you've got to turn your paper in. The printer in your room has run out of ink. You're panicking. You zip over to MICOL only to find out that there are classes in **both** labs. Don't worry, there is no problem is asking the person behind the desk (MICOLA=MICOL Assistant) to print out your document. In fact, that's what they are there for, to help facilitate your computing needs, whether it be printing a paper or fixing the frozen computer.

Being a MICOLA myself, there are a few things I want to point out to other students about the lab:

§ The lab is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 11 p.m. We regret that we cannot open any earlier than 8 a.m. If you have a paper due at 8 a.m., try coming in the night before instead the day of.

§ As hungry as you might be, you can't bring food or drink into the lab. According to a study by Clorox, computer keyboards have more germs per square inch than a toilet seat! Also, a soft drink spilled into a keyboard is a bad thing; it's happened to me (at home, of course).

§ The computer lab is **not** the place where you want to access, store, or distribute obscene or pornographic material. Do you want others to know what you're looking at? I didn't think so.

§ Hacking has never been cool. Don't try it in the lab, as well as copying and duplicating programs. Actions will be taken.

§ Your mom doesn't live in the lab, so please pick up after yourself and push in your chair when you're done with the computer.

§ Show your ID when you pick up your printouts. There are some people from the area trying to get free copies. Printouts are 10¢ per page. Color printouts are \$1.50 and transparencies are 25¢ per page and \$1.50 for a color transparency.

§ Save your files frequently, like every five minutes or every time you start a new paragraph. If you don't have a disk with you, you can buy one for \$1.

§ When you print your document, it may take a few minutes because of other users. Someone may be printing a large file, like something from EBSCO, so hitting the "print" button repeatedly won't make your document print any faster. If you still have concerns, talk to the MICOLA.

§ When in doubt, talk to a MICOLA, that's what we're there for.

We are pleased to announce the upcoming visit by Alexey Sergeev, administrator/curator at the Hermitage, St Petersburg Russia. Activities during his time on campus and in the area include:

Thursday, October 31

11:00 am - Interview at University Worship on Thursday

1:00-2:30 pm - "Sacred Art: A Russian's Path to God" lecture and slide presentation, Cossentine Hall, Room 100

Admission: Free. For more information, contact: La Sierra University Art Department, (909) 785-2170

This event is open to the public

6:00-7:00 pm - Reception in Honor of Mr. Sergeev's 2nd U.S. Tour, City Cuisine, Riverside Art Museum

Admission: \$20, by reservation only (price includes lecture). For more information or to make reservations, contact:

World Affairs Council of Inland Southern California (909) 222-8160

7:00 pm - Art in the Russian Experience: Treasures from the Hermitage, lecture and slide presentation, Riverside Art Museum Admission: \$20 including reception. \$10, lecture only. Space is limited.

For more information, contact: World Affairs Council of Inland Southern California (909) 222-8160

Saturday, November 2

9:30 am - La Sierra University Church Sabbath School interview

11:00 am - La Sierra University Church Service, short interview

3:00 pm - "Sacred Art: A Russian's Path to God" lecture and slide presentation hosted by Adventist Forum of Loma Linda

Loma Linda University Church Chapel, Admission: free. For more information, contact: Bernard Brandstater (909) 792-9144

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Words of Wisdom

By Steffy and Penny

Dear Steffy and Penny:

I am Mexican and have been dating a guy that is African-American for the past few months. My family wants me to bring my boyfriend home for Thanksgiving. I have already told them I would bring him, but I forgot to mention that he is Black. I know my parents will react. Should I tell them in advance about the race of my boyfriend or surprise them? I need help...what should I do?

Steffy, a socially well adjusted and popular girl says:

Dear Anguished,

Knowing that your parents will react to him being African-American, you should give them some type of forewarning. Surprising them might not bring the best holiday spirits about the house. By telling them his ethnicity before you go home for the holiday, you will be giving them time to collect their thoughts and feelings and they may have a more open mindset when you and your boyfriend arrive.

If you surprise them, then there's a more likely chance of your boyfriend witnessing the side of your parents that you don't want him to see. Also, it

will probably make everyone a bit uncomfortable because of the tension that may occur.

On the other hand, your parents may react positively (you never know... it could happen). Talk to your boyfriend. See how he feels about the whole situation and explain to him about your worry of your parents reaction. It may ease the worry a little more and you will most likely find a little more comfort and support in telling them about his ethnic background.

Good luck!

Penny, a random science nerd sequestered in a lab says:

Dear Anguished in Angwin:

Personally, I would surprise them. So what if your boyfriend has more melanin in his skin than you do? But seriously, if there is a high probability that things are going to be tense, then you might want to consider telling your parents before hand. It may be favorable to address the issue with your parents as much as possible in private, instead of dealing with unnecessary drama at the dinner table.

You are responsible for your own actions and be prepared to accept the consequences.

Grantmanship offers writing workshop

By Maynard Lowry

Dear Campus Colleagues:

Grantmanship, or the art of writing funding proposals, is an invaluable skill for anyone in an academic setting.

Foundations and other grant making entities look for sophistication and well constructed proposals when they choose among the thousands of requests they receive annually. It has been estimated that 70% of grant proposals are rejected solely on the basis that the requestor does not adequately match the request with the type of projects that fit the objectives/geographic scope or other criteria of the funding agency.

Good grant proposal writing begins with good ideas and worthy projects, but funding decisions by grant making agencies often hinge on an articulate and persuasive presentation of those ideas and projects.

From December 2nd to 6th, the University, in conjunction with the Nonprofit Resource Center here in Riverside will host the world-re-

nowned Grantsmanship Training Center, Inc., proposal writing workshop. It will never be closer. The Alumni Center will be the venue for this workshop. The cost is \$775. If you have an interest in learning how to be a more effective grantwriter, this hands-on practical workshop



may be of interest.

If you would like additional information, please contact me via email. I will be pleased to send you more information.

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My Love

By Heather Maddox

His slender fingers reach out to touch me and hold me steady as I stumble along. Heat of the day scorches my back, submerging me into a river of sweat. Ever onward I press. He is always there, dark eyes watching me, waiting. Falling blindly, closing eyes to truth. Collages of crashing, burning pain forever in my mind. Twisting, turning, trying to see the light. Tenderly he lifts me up again, his warm fingers encircling my bleeding wrist, pulling me to him.

Warm breath caresses my tear stained face, his steady heartbeat calms me. Gentleness so indescribably perfect surrounds my huddled form. My head lifts, my hands steady, I take another step. Holding his strong hands, I sing a lullaby to him. He speaks to me, his quiet voice wrapping around my senses. I look up and realize that I am in love with this man. I have never been so in love before. My heart soars above the waves his hands have woven for me.

I begin to run. I let go of his gentle hand as I reach for other things. Curled up in the corner of an unfriendly room, my wild eyes dart with every haunting shadow. Alone. I hear a silent noise behind me. Slender fingers brush my neck lovingly, gently. Soft tears fall from my eyes as memories of the greatest love I have ever felt rush over me. Longing to be so in love again. Dark eyes sweep down over my broken form with such concern. Strong arms lift me up and cradle me from the coldness.

I struggle, trying to escape his tender embrace. I have things I need to deal with before I can be happy in this eternal bond. I have problems I need to fix, guilt I need to dispose of. Excuses fall clumsily from my lips for I am ashamed to tell my love what I have done. His endless eyes catch mine in a silent connection of grace. I am consumed in those eyes, taken into his mind, his past, a living dream.

I am standing, surrounded by

three beings. They aren't human and I cannot fully see their shape. I hear them speak. Their tongue is strange, yet chillingly beautiful. Without knowing how, I comprehend what they are saying. They're discussing something, their tone is sad yet determined. A fallen race, hopelessly lost, destined for utter destruction without a Savior. Then I hear something that halts my saddened heart...they are speaking my name.

"What of this one? She is whom I love...more than life itself Father. I love her. There must be some way, even if it is to spare only her. She is my love." I can hear the tears in his voice.

"And does she love you, Son?" I was kneeling, trembling against the cold earth. It smelled of blood and vinegar. I was holding something in my hand. What was it? I straightened, raising my hand to the level of my eyes. A hammer, spattered with blood hung heavy in my clenched fist. My eyes

focused past this, on a wooden pillar sticking up from the ground. Mutely, I let my eyes wonder up the post, taking in the entire object. A cross. I reeled back in horror as I recognized the man dead upon this crude tree...it was my love.

"No! No!" My screams echoed through my dream, pulling me back to reality.

"Hush, my love." He calms me. "You don't need to leave me. I've already taken care of your problems, your guilt. I have experienced them for you."

All I could do was stare amazed into his dark eyes. His slender finger traces my trembling lips, and then his scarred palm rests against my cheek.

"But I did this to you!" My small voice betrayed my reeling pain.

His handsome face moved close to mine, a fleeting smile brushing his lips.

"Greater love has no man than this...the love I have for you."

Sports Nation

By Anlai Jiao

The National Basketball Association began the 2002-03 season at Orlando with the 76ers (0-1) falling to the Magic (1-0) in a 95-88 game on Wednesday. And Iverson (who led the NBA in scoring in 2000) didn't score a point in the fourth quarter. Also, the Spurs (1-0) gained a 87-82 win over the Lakers (0-1) on Wednesday, tarnishing the Lakers' hope for a good start in the season. It just wasn't the same without Shaquille O'Neal, who was recovering from a toe surgery and will probably miss the first few games. However, chances are that he'll be healthy and well soon enough to take the Lakers to the playoffs again in May and June.

Going to football, the Cincinnati Bengals' (0-7) situation is really sad. They were ahead 14 points in the second half, but still lost the game 30-24 to the Tennessee Titans (3-

4). And they lost 1 yard from the touchdown zone. Well, at least they're special is SOME way. Anyways, we're almost halfway through the season after week 8, and the teams are starting to get defined. Green Bay Packers (6-1) lead NFC North with a win against the Washington Redskins in Week 7, with New Orleans (6-2) and Tampa Bay (6-2) tied in the southern division. Philadelphia Eagles (5-2) are in charge of NFC East, while the Eagles take back the lead in the NFC Western division in a 38-28 win over the Cardinals. In the AFC, the San Diego Chargers (6-1) take the lead in the western division with the 27-21 win over Oakland in week 7, just above the Denver (6-2). Of course, last season, San Diego pretty much just fell apart after their seventh game, but let's hope we see more

action from them this year. Miami (5-2) is leading AFC East, Pittsburgh (4-3) has lead in AFC North (though that will be disputed in week 9 against Cleveland), and the Colts have control in AFC South.

Going to the rinks, what do the Bengals and the Thrashers have in common? They both haven't won a single game yet! The LA Kings (5-2-2-0) thrashed the Atlanta Thrashers (0-8-0-1) in a 4-0 win on Wednesday, leaving Atlanta with still no wins to speak of. Coach Curt Fraser commented, "We can change some faces," referring to how they can start scoring some points. Moving on to the better parts of the league, Minnesota (7-1-2-0) continues to lead the NHL, defeating Colorado (3-1-3-2) in a 3-2 match on Wednesday. Tampa Bay and Philadelphia (both 6-1-2-0) are not far behind. However, it's only been three weeks into the season, so let's not get our hopes up (or down).

In golf, the PGA TOUR continues with Jonathan Byrd takes his first PGA TOUR title in the Buick Challenge on Sunday. Also, THE TOUR Championship Presented by Coca-Cola is underway with Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods in close rivalry. The tournament will end November 3. Wow, that was surprisingly little in the world of golf.

Onto the tennis courts, Andre Agassi won the famous Tennis Masters Madrid on October 20 when his opponent Jiri Novak pulled out of the final with an injury to his groin. Meanwhile, Lindsay Davenport, who had an injured ankle from practice, lost the Swisscom Challenge to Patty Schnyder. In Switzerland, David Nalbandian won the Swiss Indoors on Sunday in a 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 round-up against Fernando Gonzalez. Also on Sunday, in Sweden, Paradorn Srichaphan defeated Marcelo Rios 6-7 (2), 6-0, 6-3, 6-2 to win the Stockholm Open, worth \$85,500. Heading further east to Russia, Frenchman Sebastian Grosjean defeated Mikhail Youzhny 7-5, 6-4 to claim the \$1 million St. Petersburg Open. Meanwhile, the Paris Masters are continuing in its third round.

7th Heaven

By: Richard Igros

Game 7 the pinnacle of sports playoffs. On October 27th 2002 the Anaheim Angels and San Francisco Giants ended a grueling world series that could have easily gone either way. With the final score of 4 to 1 in Anaheim's favor, the Angels marked their name in Major League Baseball history. From rally monkeys to thunder clappers, the sold out crowd of 44,598 in attendance at Edison Field witnessed their hometown team cap off an entertaining six weeks of baseball. Lets give credit where credit is due, as the San Francisco Giants led by homerun slugger Barry Bonds put their heart and soul on the field to give the

Angels a run for their money.

With the Angels winning the series four games to three, the Anaheim Angels will be bringing home their first world series trophy in their 41-years of franchise history, with Troy Glaus named most valuable player. This caps off a memorable wild card World Series that baseball fans will be talking about for years. Congratulations to the Anaheim Angels for winning a well deserved World Series by defeating their worthy opponents the San Francisco



Giants. Thus ending a Cinderella series of epic proportions by having the glass slipper run to home plate.

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Campus Criterion

The Criterion encourages and welcomes submissions from its readers. We reserve the right to edit them for content and space. When submitting an article to The Criterion, please keep in mind the following--criteria and standards.

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 in mind if you 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 review

The Fitness Corner

By Dwight Barrett

Red Ribbon Week

Since the Criterion comes out during the "last stretch" of Red Ribbon week (Oct. 23-31), I decided just to look at this week, because it has some significance to CABL and the mental health of all of us here on campus

Red ribbon week was born out of the response to the death of Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who was viciously murdered by drug traffickers in Mexico in 1985. It was alleged that he was very close in uncovering the identities of several key members of a certain Mexican drug cartel. Consequently he was kidnapped, cruelly tortured and then killed just days before he was to identify the bosses of the illegal business in Mexico.

Angered by his death, the young people of "Kiki's" hometown of Calexico began wearing red ribbons to honor the death of this fallen hero. Eventually, the National Family Partnership and its affiliated organizations soon began to wear red ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to fight the illegal use of drugs. What began as a campaign to commemorate this fallen hero has now developed into a year-round celebration to highlight the positive actions by country, state, and local agencies, departments and organizations. Today the red ribbon is the symbol for drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention across America. The theme for this year is "Freedom is Drug-Free, Plant the Promise."

Hopefully you have taken one of the red ribbons given out at University Worship, which symbolizes your fight against this spreading epidemic. In your quest for education and a career, remember that the choices you make today will definitely affect tomorrow's outcomes. CHOOSE LIFE, and never allow Agent Enrique's death be in vain. Peace!

ing submission. Please feel free to e-mail us at criterion@lasierra.edu

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Giving Gifts on a College Students Budget

By Whitney Braun

If you are like most college students you study, you work, you study some more, and then spend what little money you have on tuition, food and school books. If you are lucky you might have a couple of cents left over to put towards the most wonderful time of the year. So if you are feeling a tremendous amount of stress as the result of cramming for finals and finding time to fit in holiday shopping please read this article carefully. In it you will find several helpful hints for giving truly thoughtful and inexpensive gifts.

Idea #1

Going to the movies is a fun and relaxing way to spend time around the holidays, but for people with kids or pets it can be difficult to find the time to go let alone find someone to watch the kids. So here is your opportunity to swoop in and save the day with your inexpensive but very thoughtful gift.

Simply buy two movie ticket gift certificates, which are available at most theater box offices, buy a couple of bags of Milk Duds or Red Vines and attach a note saying that you will baby-sit while the recipients of the gift attend the film of their choice while enjoying snack food goodies and relaxing with the knowledge that their children are safe at home with you.

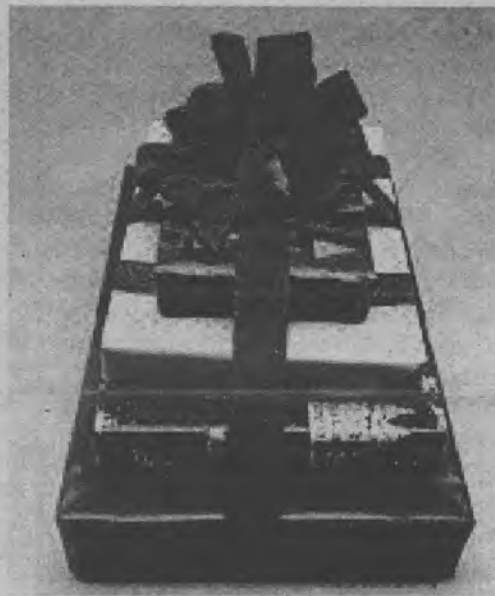
Total:
\$ 14.00 (at Edwards Cinemas)
\$ 1.98 (Snickers Special Buy at Sav-on Drugs)
\$.05 (Paper to attach a note explaining the meaning of the gift)

\$ 17.03

Idea #2

Two words, compilation CD, a sure fire way to make someone happy. Decide who you are going to give the CD to and then download songs you know they would like. Burn a CD, write a sweet note and give it as a gift. It is practically free, it is a totally useful gift and it shows the person that receives it that you put thought into their gift.

But what if I don't have a CD Burner Whitney? Well that is easy to answer, MICOL has CD burners in most of the PC's.



A good source of music on the internet is Kazaa.com.

Idea #3

If a picture is worth a thousand words then it should at least be worth a few cents. Take a picture, or find one you already have and either make a color copy or scan and print one, then go to Marshalls or Burlington Coat Factory and find a lovely frame at a

discounted price. Write a sweet message on the picture and place it in the frame and viola you have a keepsake of a gift.

Total:
\$ 7.99 (4"by 6" frames as advertised at Burlington Coat Factory)
\$ 1.00 (The cost of making a color copy at Farr's Stationary Store)
\$ 1.99 (Gold Glitter Pen at Farr's Stationary Store)

\$10.98

Idea #4

Girls tend to have a hard time finding gifts for the men in their lives. Here is one idea that might work for you. Buy a relatively inexpensive wallet, and then go to the Home Depot, Old Navy or Borders Book store and buy gift cards with small amounts of money on them. Then put the cards in the wallet and wrap the wallet up. Your father or boyfriend or brother will open the gift see a wallet and think that is the sum total of their gift. You can then tell them to open it up where you know they will discover gift cards. So now they not only have a wallet but the added surprise of gift certificates.

There are many other ways to give fine gifts without breaking the bank. Unfortunately you will have to think these other ways up on your own. Try and remember that gift giving should be fun for both the recipient and the giver. It will be hard to bear this in mind as you are standing in line for three hours at a department store, but remember that all your toil and trouble will be rewarded on Christmas day when you get to see the look on the face of the person receiving your fabulous gift.

Students Walking for Justice

By Elliott Kim

On Nov. 16, the Los Angeles based organization KIWA (Korean Immigrant Workers Advocates) led a march through the streets of Koreatown in downtown L.A. The march was part of an over year-long workers rights campaign calling for the boycott of two Korean owned businesses. Forever 21, a contemporary female clothing store, and the Assi Market in Los Angeles have both been documented abusing their worker's rights. Employees of both businesses are typically Hispanic and Korean immigrants, in the lowest economic division of our society. Documented cases of workers rights abuses by both businesses include significant instances of withholding wages, paying employees less than the state mandated minimum wage, and firing workers

who attempted to form unions in order to lobby for fair treatment and legal wages.

Members of the LSU student organization Students for Social Justice helped in the march by passing out fliers to bystanders that held information regarding the injustices committed by Forever 21 and the Assi Market. Through the dusk-lit Koreatown streets, sympathizers and activists joined former and current employees of both businesses until the march numbered in the hundreds.

Key points in the program put together by the KIWA organizers included performances by traditional Korean and Hispanic dance groups and keynote speeches by representatives of different Los Angeles and national youth, labor and activist organizations, and two moving accounts given by

former employees of the Assi Market. Religion Professor Wonil Kim, Ph.D. also addressed the crowd of protesters, police and bystanders gathered just outside the Assi Market parking lot. His speech gave reasons to why the protestors were there, "We want you to see and feel our anger... You have stolen our working hours, our sweat, our money, our food, our apartments, our joy of working, our right; you have stolen our dignity... that's why we walked."

The event ended without incident at around eight that evening. The owners of Forever 21 and the Assi Market could not be reached for comment. For more information about these injustices, check out www.garmentworkercenter.org and www.boycottassi.com.

Feasting and Fasting

Compiled by Jay Razzouk

As the quarter draws to a close we find ourselves once again in the midst of the Holiday season. Having stuffed our collective stomachs with Turkey (real or fake) we now start preparing for the coming Christmas season. Yet amidst the rush to find the perfect gift and travel to spend time with family, another religious holiday is just coming to a close. No, I am not referring to the Jewish holiday Hanukkah, but rather to the Islamic celebration of the holy month of Ramadan.

Muslims around the world spend the month of Ramadan fasting between sunrise and sunset to commemorate the revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad. Muslims believe that Muhammad was fasting in a cave when these revelations came to him. The observance of Ramadan is one of the five precepts of Islam, and entails abstaining from eating, drinking, or engaging in sexual activities from the first light of dawn in the sky to the setting of the sun. Along with fasting, Muslims read from the Qur'an everyday. By the end of the 30 days a person will have read through the entire Qur'an. The goal of fasting during Ramadan is both to learn self-restraint as well as to create a time for spiritual awareness.

I have often wondered if perhaps Christianity could learn a few things from our Muslim brothers and sisters especially when it comes to the spiritual discipline of fasting. Though fasting is depicted throughout the Bible as a way of drawing near to God and

focusing on spiritual matters, it seems to have gone out of style. At least that's the way it seems in Protestant America today. Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights fasting in the wilderness, yet I can not remember ever fasting for even 40 hours, let alone days.

Now I am not suggesting that we spend the Christmas season eating nothing between sunrise and sunset (though I could probably bear not eating at the café for 40 days). There is a time for feasting and a time for fasting. In fact, at the end of Ramadan, Muslims celebrate the feast of Eid-al-Fitr, thus ending a month of fasting with a great communal feast. Don't get me wrong, I do not favor fasting over feasting, or vice versa. I am all for feasting. My one criticism of most of our holidays would not be that they are too festive, but that they are not nearly festive enough.

I wonder, however, if we have lost something by our neglect of the fast. In a society driven by consumerism and indulgence, would we not benefit from the renewal of this ancient spiritual discipline? Given our society's struggle with obesity and overeating, would not a little more self-restraint and will power be of use? But in the end the purpose of fasting is not solely to improve one's eating habits or self-control. Fasting helps us to focus on spiritual matters by consciously choosing to temporarily ignore or physical needs. Perhaps next Thanksgiving you'll try a fast of your own...or maybe some other time.

The Circle

Compiled by Geoff Trenkle

Finding new friends on campus can be a tough thing to do. For those who come from afar or are hindered by an introverted personality, meeting new people can be a challenge. Luckily there is help on the way. A local missionary outreach program called The Circle has emerged at La Sierra University from Home Base, a missionary center located in Angwin Hall that promotes missionary work all over the world.

The Circle started last year and attempted to reach out to all the students at La Sierra University. Founded by Jodi Cahill, director of Home Base at LSU, The Circle was run by David Blades. Blades graduated last spring leaving the program without a student leader.

This year The Circle has been restored by Sabrina Newbold, a third year Biology major. "It was a lot of fun last year and I couldn't just sit back and watch it disappear," Newbold says. She discussed with Jodi Cahill the plans for the new and improved Circle on

campus and determined that it was even going to be better than last year. "I have a lot of new and exciting ideas to bring the students of this campus together," says Newbold.

According to Cahill, The Circle is "a group of peer counselors/family mentors that will meet regularly to discuss, digest, and define life on life's terms." The Circle will work hand-in-hand with Home Base to provide support for students, says Cahill.

The Circle will consist of roughly 10 groups each lead by two group leaders. These leaders will be assigned to a number of students, "ideally about 6-10 per group," Newbold explains. These groups will meet once a week for two hours. During that time, the group members will decide what they would like to do each week. The leaders will suggest activities to choose from such as playing cards, going to a movie or just sitting back and relaxing. For the most part this time will be spent getting to know new people and trying to forget about the stressfulness of



LSU's Club Rush

By Daniel Bermudez

RIVERSIDE, Nov. 12—Club Rush marked a significant day for many students working behind the scenes to make this year a turning point in student involvement at La Sierra University.

Not a seat or a bleacher was vacant as students packed LSU's gym for this year's pep rally. Techno music blasted through the speakers as the new Spirit Team busted out a groove in synchronized dance. Various varsity teams paraded down the center to hard-thumping beats. The school's sacred eagle flashed its radiant blues while La Sierra pride resonated through the many cheers.

Tables belonging to the many clubs and organizations on campus snaked around the gym walls. After the pep rally, students flocked the makeshift fairgrounds. Signup lists and enticing gifts exchanged hands like shares on Wall Street.

Some students carefully visited every booth before committing their time to one or two clubs. Other students seemed eager to join as many organizations as possible.

"I think it [club rush] went pretty well," said Carter Wolverton, president of both Club Towers and the senior class.

However, Wolverton noted both of his booths were placed far from the action. "We had very bad locations, and people didn't even know we were there."

Wolverton added that unlike his organizations which have exclusive membership, the OLE club is open to everyone. "I felt bad for the OLE club because they were also in the boonies."

Kim Odle, Director of the Student Activities (OSA), also felt bad for clubs that ended up in "Timbuktu." She said that OSA will experiment with a different set up for next year involving two rushes. One club rush is planned to be held at the campus mall by the second week of first quarter. A second club rush will likely happen on the sidewalk outside the gym after an assembly. The first rush will be for attaining member-

ship. "The Circle is a place where students can relax, get away, and just have fun," says Newbold.

Everyone knows about how stressful school can be, explains Newbold, and some people need a place to relax during the week. The Circle was created for those who do not always have the same schedule as their friends or might not know many people on campus. It can also provide an exciting atmosphere for students who need a couple of hours to talk to others and release the accumulated pressures. One objective of The Circle will be to create an environment where anyone can come and find a friend to speak freely to. When the people in the group are upset or discouraged, the gatherings will function as a group counseling session.

ship, the second for highlighting the clubs.

This year, most clubs added between 20 and 40 names to their membership lists. Ross Pender, president of the Pre-Med Society, added about 25 names to his membership list during club rush.

"I think the event went well, and appreciate the work put in by Kim Odle," he said.

Commenting on this year's achievement, Olde said, "We have, compared to last year, way more clubs that are active."

The Spirit Team, The Middle Eastern Student Association, and Students for Social Justice are among the latest additions to OSA's club roster. Also contributing to this year's success, most clubs have conducted at least one meeting or activity before November ended.

Although students have shown high involvement so far, some people remain skeptical if the trend will last. Wolverton feels student apathy could be a problem. Others question the real motive behind students signing up since some might join clubs simply to pad their resumes, as it has been the case previous years.

To prevent clubs from dying out, Odle has planned leadership-training days, prizes for club participation, and a more organized system to keep track of the clubs.

OSA's goal is to eventually have at least 80 percent of the student body involved in something on campus, whether it is a club, campus ministry, SALSU, SIFE, or some kind of leadership role.

"We want people to stay at LSU because they want to," Olde said, explaining the emphasis on student involvement.

OSA, a division of Student Life, is responsible for such things as Self-help, Monday Manias, club challenges, club nurturing, activity petitions, and poster stamping.

If anyone is interested in forming a club, "no matter how silly it is," please contact Kim Odle by calling 785-2383, or emailing her at kodle@lasierra.edu.

The Circle will not always be about group counseling though. "It is also about having a good time and playing games that are not always available otherwise," says Newbold.

Starting winter quarter, sign-ups will be posted throughout the campus. Different time slots will be available for sign up since there are already more than 20 group leaders ready to go. Newbold anticipates that the groups will begin meeting around the second week of winter quarter. During the first week, the group leaders will undergo a training session to prepare them for the quarter. The Circle is open to anyone who wants to join and those who are interested in becoming leaders or just want more information may, contact Jodi Cahill at Home Base, extension 2081.

A Consumer's Report

By Sam Wong

To Eat...Or Not to Eat

The cafeteria: even the mention of the word itself brings shudders to many of LSU's dorming students. However, it is a fact that you, as well as I, have to deal with. The food that the cafeteria provides isn't always pleasing, but with the right amount of knowledge and willingness to eat healthy, the cafeteria can actually provide an acceptable balance of nutrition and essentials. Let's start off with the carbohydrates: the cafeteria food at LSU *definitely* has enough carbs, if not too much. What you need to do is carefully choose what kind of carbs you are going to take in. Donuts, for example, with their glaze and high amounts of sugar are carbs, but the carbs you need to be taking in, called polysaccharides, come from products such as bread, spaghetti, rice, and even potatoes. When talking about bread, whole wheat is usually preferred, but the cafeteria usually does not provide that kind of bread; as necessary as carbs are, too much forces the body to turn them into sugars, which would probably contribute heavily to "freshmen 15". Potatoes are a good source of carbs, but since fries are usually the main source of them for college students, it is a good idea to watch the intake of them (a teaspoon of oil is about 150 calories, and a single plate of fries can contain that much easily). Keep in mind that carbs should consist of about 55-70% of your diet; any amount significantly lower or higher is not recommended. Another large part of the cafeteria food is cheese. Since meat is not provided, cheese is often substituted in such items such as enchiladas, and ravioli, and is used heavily on everything from what I've observed. Now, cheese is a good source of calcium and contains monosaturated fats

(much better than saturated fats found from animal fats), but since cheese is so tasty and it is used so much in the caf food, it is very easy to "overdose" in this milk product. In no time, the amount of cheese consumed can rack up hundreds of calories without you knowing it. Next, we discuss the truth about veggie meats. Many people have a preconceived notion that veggie meats, because they *are* in fact veggie, must contain very low amounts of fat and calories. That is anything but true. A single griller (the vegetarian patties found near the fries) is about 300 calories, which is around 200 more than a piece of chicken breast of about the same size. Having more than 3 grillers at a meal would not be recommended. They are usually, however, very plentiful in protein, and legumes (the soybeans veggie meat is made out of), contains "complete proteins" which the body most definitely needs. Vegetables in the cafeteria come plenty, and there is a huge assortment of them found in the salad bar, and also accompanying the entrees; can we say veggies galore?! Salads are healthy, but not exactly super-nutritious; around 70% of the lettuce found in salads consists of water, and it is easy to overload your salad with bacon bits, croutons, eggs, fried noodles, and the infamous salad dressing (Italian dressing is much healthier than creamy dressings such as ranch and thousand-island). Therefore, it is pointless to eat a salad if you are going to have more toppings than the lettuce itself. These are the main things to watch out for when compiling your meal in the cafeteria. With caution and care, you just might be able to avoid that freshmen 15, and perhaps even lose a few. Good munching to all!

Student Spotlight: Sasha Sterling

By Kristin Pollard

Name: Sasha Sterling

Class: Junior

Age: 20

Major: Spanish and Social Work

Hobbies: Bowling, Salsa dancing and reading

Nickname: Salsa

Why did you decide to join the ACA program in Sagunto, Spain?

To finish my second major, of Spanish, quickly. Also, to experience and learn from a different culture. I feel the my experience here will help to expand my horizons.

In what ways do you believe that this experience will help you in your future goals?

Because as a social worker I will work with different people and having knowledge of how to interact with people of other culture and beliefs is essential in meeting their needs.

Where do you go after this?

Back to LaSierra to graduate.

What has been your most memorable moment while here?

Going to the Director's house to eat

Sabbath dinner and being treated like one of her daughters. Also, bonding with C.C.

What has been and remains your greatest disappointment while being here?

Checking the mailbox everyday and hoping it would be different from the day before.

What would you tell someone considering ACA?

Consider it, it is a life changing experience. You will appreciate what you have so much more.

Shout outs

To the Social Work Department, JoJo, and Camara Kelly.

At the end of this interview I sauntered back to my room and on the way I passed the mailboxes. And yes, Sasha's was still empty, dusty with little eight-legged creatures making themselves comfortable.

Here is Sasha's Address:

Sasha Sterling

C.A.S

Carretera de Petres s/n

46500 Sagunto, SPain

A Night at the Cinema

by Daniel Paden and Katie Parsons

Emepperor's Club

The Emperor's Club is a dramatic film about the importance of education and that a single mistake is not the measure of a man. Kevin Kline plays a traditional, conservative and passionate history teacher at an all boys' school. The year starts out well until disruptive, egotistic boy graces his classroom. Showing great distaste for one another, Kline's character seeks out the boy's father for support. Finding a harsh workaholic Senator, Kline becomes sympathetic toward the boy and tries to push him toward greatness. He becomes so caught up in his quest that an obvious favoritism is shown to the boy and neglect to other students. The movie depicts the troubles of this man as he fights for what

he believes in and what he hopes his students can be.

He said: This was a thought-provoking movie that delivers at great morale message at the conclusion of the film. It is well acted by Kline and is defiantly worth seeing once. The strength of the movie is the story and not is not overly exciting, so it may be best to wait for video.

She said: It is worth renting, not overly exciting, but a pleasant and enjoyable film...definitely worth seeing once. Although it is predictable, I found it interesting to watch.

Consensus: It was a well made-film with a good and inspiring message however, slow and dragged out in some places.**

Die Another Day Breathes Life into Bond

By Matt Jacobsen and Bryan Craig

Die Another Day, the fourth Pierce Brosnan installment in the 20 film series, takes place in locations across the globe. From the beaches of Cuba to the glaciers of Iceland, Bond pursues the villainous Gustav Graves (Toby Stevens) and his henchman Zao (Rick Yune). Love interests Jinx (Halle Berry) and Miranda Frost (Rosamund Pike) add two very different twists to this newest movie.

Hey moviefans! Matt again, with a little insight into the newest Bond flick. *Die Another Day* was a treat for the eyes. Explosions and gadgets enough to whet the appetite of any diehard Bond fan, and

even those not familiar with the many, many other great films in the series. While not my favorite movie out of them all, the darker side that Brosnan portrayed was something refreshing for the movies.

Bryan here again. If anyone can pull off the stereotypical secret agent act, it's Pierce Brosnan in James Bond: *Die Another Day*.

To sum it up, the movie is an action flick with blood, beautiful women and fast cars. The millions spent on the special effects made it a visually enjoyable film, but it's pretty much the same old Bond story.

LSU Family Welcomes New Member

Denny Lin, Computer Science Professor and manager of MICOL and his wife Eunice became the proud parents of a lovely daughter, Fiona, on Thursday, November 21.

The Music Corner

By Adam Phillips

Every once in a while a truly awe inspiring band comes along that enlightens people, and raises the bar for amazingly written music. This is not one of those times. My band *Somewhere Closer to you* is a really great group though. Our originality and diversity gives us an edge that other bands don't have. We also put on a great show! You can check out a couple of our songs at www.mp3.com/somewherecloser2u.

If you aren't doing anything on Sunday December 15 and want to forget about how you failed all your classes, then try to make it down to San Diego. We are playing at Canes venue in Mission Beach with 24 other local San Diego bands. So if you don't like us at least know there are a bunch of other bands you might like! For tickets or further information call extension 2694, or email me at ragingtortilla@msn.com. Hope to see you out there! By the way, I'm Batman.

Taproot Taps into Rock Music

By Matt Jacobsen



I've heard people talking about how music and poetry are interchangeable, how lyrics can be used as poems and poems can be put to music. Well if that's true, then *Taproot's* new CD "Welcome" is the penultimate of lyrical poetry. Their amazing single from this album is even titled "Poem". As soon as I put this CD in I knew I was in for a ride. From the very first note to the very last scream, there was just something to the music that made me see music itself in a whole new light. Now I'm not saying this CD is for everyone, but if you enjoy hard rock in the vein of *The Deftones* or *KoRn* then you will probably love Taproot.

Grade vs. Health

By Dwight Barrett

Finals are here and many of us feel there are just not enough hours in the day to finish all the many things we have to do as college students. Between studying for final exams, putting the final touches on research papers and trying to finish up last minute Christmas shopping it is difficult to keep one's sanity.

It is a common occurrence, even on our fair campus, for students to result to taking "uppers" in order to get more waking hours out of the day. It seems easy enough, just go to the drug store and buy some No-Doze pills a.k.a methamphetamines, and suddenly you have a burst of energy, but these pills have a nasty consequence.

Methamphetamines give someone the ability to stay awake and do continuous activity with less need for sleep. They pump up a person's heart rate, breathing, and blood pressure. They also cause sweating, headaches, blurred vision, dry mouth, hot flashes, and dizziness.

People who are abusing methamphetamines feel high and full of energy. They think the drug will allow their bodies to keep going and going. But methamphetamines are very damaging to the body and brain, especially with repeat usage. Long-term use of methamphetamines can cause brain damage with permanent memory and body movement problems.

When used in larger doses, methamphetamines can cause dangerously low body temperature, confusion, convulsions (uncontrollable jerking body movements), and even death.

So, in conclusion, if you are faced with the option of taking pills to stay awake and finishing an assignment... don't. It is not worth it. Don't gamble your health over a grade.

A Note From SALSU

Hello, wonderful students of LSU. It's been really great planning events for you this quarter. We hope you enjoyed them. Remember, this is only the beginning. We have more great events to come and we just want to remind you about the events you might want to prepare for:

- * Winter Banquet!!!
- * Auditions for Talent Show (first few weeks of winter quarter) and the talent show itself.
- * SALSU Elections!!!
- * Gospel Choir Benefit Concert and Dinner
- * and MORE!!!!!!!!!!!!

We're really looking forward to having a great and exciting quarter. If you would like to help out and get involved, please contact us at x2005 or ilovesalsuandsmiles@hotmail.com. We also want to start a new column in the "Criterion" about SALSU. If you want to review some events, give comments, etc, please send it to the email above. Thank you!! Good luck on your finals and we hope you have a wonderful Christmas break!!!

Your social v.p.s,
Maritess Gay and Joy Asumen

Sports Nation

By AJ Liao

Well, the Dallas Mavericks (16-1) finally lost a game, but it looks like their position at the top won't be contended anytime soon with the Pacers at 14-3. However, it's not really that far into the season just yet, so they still need to watch their step. The Sacramento Kings (14-5) scraped a 92-90 win over the Denver Nuggets (5-12) on Wednesday, staying at third place in the association. Meanwhile, the Lakers (6-12) have continued to disappoint fans with a 93-85 loss to the Jazz (11-8) on Wednesday, this time WITH Shaquille O'Neal, who is back from his toe surgery.

It seems like a fourth championship won't be as easy as the last three times. The Lakers will play Dallas on Friday and Utah again on Sunday.

In the NFL, Philadelphia (9-3) has pretty much established itself as a playoff team this year, leading NFC East and having won six out of its last seven games, the last one a 10-3 win against the St. Louis Rams (5-7). Unless the Rams win the rest of their scheduled games, the 49ers (8-4) will go to the

playoffs as the NFC West champs. Green Bay (9-3) leads NFC North and is also expected to make the playoffs. The race for NFC South is still pretty uncertain, as next week the Atlanta Fal-



cons (8-3) will get a chance to challenge the Buccaneers' (9-3) position as the leader of NFC South at Tampa Bay, and New Orleans (8-4) is not that far behind with a game against the Ravens (6-6) in Baltimore next Sunday. The AFC is not so well-defined however, with most of their teams still within range of making the playoffs, except Cincinnati (1-11) of course, whose only good news is

that they get first round draft pick next season.

The Boston Bruins (16-4-3) continue to hold the top spot in the NHL despite a 4-0 loss to St. Louis (14-7-2) on Tuesday. However, the Vancouver Canucks (16-6-4) are closing in after a win against the New Jersey Devils (14-7-1) on Wednesday. The Dallas Stars (16-6-5) are also close behind after creaming the Montreal Canadiens (10-10-4) in a 5-1 win.

Former Chair of the Department of Modern Languages celebrates 90th birthday

On Wednesday, December 4, Margarete Hilts (former Chair of the Modern Languages Dept.) will be celebrating her 90th birthday. You are cordially invited to a celebration at her home (which is being given by her sisters, Ella Bishop and Alma Decker). Margarete's birthday celebration will be held between 4:00-7:00 p.m. The address is 11636 Richmond Street in Riverside. The sisters are requesting no gifts, please.

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Retired LSU professor murdered in his home

By Whitney Braun

Brian Jacques, retired La Sierra professor, fixture in the community, and English Seventh-day Adventist who moved to America in the 1940s, was tragically killed at his home in Riverside, California on January 3rd.

According to police, at approximately 7:00 p.m. a single gunman fired a shot through the window while Brian was watching television, hitting him in the chest. His wife was in the other room ironing when she heard what she thought was the television exploding. She then heard Brian yelling, "No, I've been shot," said Detective Dave Smith, who is leading the investigation. She ran to him and then called 911. He died of his wounds later at the Riverside Community Hospital.

"As far as we know, he didn't have an enemy in the world," said Brian's

brother-in-law Kenneth Vine, who lives just a few blocks away. "It's just an inane random shooting of some kind. Certainly, it wasn't because of enemies. If there was ever a peacemaker in the world, he was one."

"A neighbor saw a dark-colored small vehicle come up the long driveway before the attack and drive away a short time later. At this point, there was no motive," Smith said of the killing. "Why this guy was picked, we don't have any idea."

Jacques would have turned 74 on Jan. 28, he said.

From 1970 to 1996, Jacques taught speech and chaired the Communications Department at La Sierra University.

The man's neighbors say they are shocked that anyone would harm a man who is so well liked in the

community.

"Everyone is just terrorized right now... but it's bringing us together," said neighbor Ginger Robles, who said the victim was a "perfect part" of the neighborhood.

"Every time we crossed paths it was as friendly as could be. It's unbelievable," said a neighbor from the quiet cul-de-sac neighborhood.

No arrests have been made.

A memorial service for Brian J. Jacques, was held Sabbath, January 11, 2003, at 2 p.m., at the La Sierra University Seventh-day Adventist church. In lieu of flowers, Florence Jacques and her family members have asked mourners to make donations to the following funds in support of Christian education. If you would like to make any donations you may do so using the following information.

Brian Jacques Memorial Fund

Yucca Valley Adventist Team School

8035 Church Street

Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Phone (760) 365-6637

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C/O Stanley Taylor

24655 Redlands Blvd., Suite N

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Blood Bank seeks type 'O' blood

By Whitney Braun

There is a dire shortage of blood at the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. The bank reported Thursday that it has no Type "O" blood, which is the most common type needed by an estimated 45 percent of the population.

Tammy Rotellini, spokeswoman for the blood bank, said this is the worst shortage of Type "O" blood since the organization started in 1951, adding that hospitals are canceling

surgeries because of it.

For the first time since September 11, 2001 blood banks nationwide have reported shortages of all blood types. The need is so great that recently Loma Linda University was unable to perform a heart transplant on an infant because of a lack of compatible blood.

Officials are asking that anyone who can donate blood, especially Type "O", contact or visit the blood bank's

Riverside office at 4006 Van Buren Blvd.

Hours for donations are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday; and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Fortunately, the Blood Bank will be visiting La Sierra University this very day in an attempt to collect as much blood as possible to replenish their reserves.

Coyote attack on campus

By AJ Jiao

Shirocko, Prof. Leslie Martin's sweet little Whippet and fixture around the Psychology department was brutally attacked by two Coyotes in the gym parking lot last Monday. Sustaining substantial damage to his left hind leg he underwent immediate surgery and is now recovering at home.

Flowers and cards should be sent to the office of Leslie Martin, Psychology Building, office 101.

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CONSISTENCY IN CONDEMNATION

By James Braun, Faculty Sponsor

I recently had a rather disquieting experience that merits reflection. I stumbled upon a set of ivory grips for a Walther P-38, a Nazi pistol. Not only were they beautifully worked ivory, but their historical significance is fascinating to me. One panel is festooned with the upswept wings of an eagle clutching a swastika in its talons. The other panel is a fantastic rendition of a palm tree emblazoned with another swastika.

When I saw these, I knew exactly what they were. The yellowing in the ivory is at minimum half a century old. So, why would a pair of ivory grips for a P-38 have the insignias of the Luftwaffe and Rommel's Afrika Korps together? Most likely they are the result of a Nazi pilot in North Africa during WWII hiring a local ivory carver to make them for him, probably in Tunisia in 1942. Do these represent something horrible? Yes they do, on many level—Nazis, senseless killing of an elephant and more. However, paying a considerable amount for did not cause me to think twice.

It was, however, a huge problem for a friend and fellow collector. In a very condescending tone, he let me know he was horrified that I would own anything with a swastika on it. He wrote me an email that began recounting his father's exploits in WWII. With an almost gleeful tone he related his stories of how his dad's division invaded Germany after all the Waffen SS were either dead or on their way to Argentina. So, who was fighting? The Nazi army by then was composed of old men and Hitler Youth. Writing as though it were an action movie script, he truly seemed to enjoy telling me about the platoon sergeant opening up on a sniper's position with a quad .50 AAA and what these anti-aircraft projectiles did

to human bodies. Then he got to the real point of the tale. One of the things that came back with his dad and his buddies was a rare pistol taken off a captured Gestapo officer.

He drew the story out, describing the interesting, translucent leather

couple shots of whiskey when he realized what the holster was, then why was it not a problem to take money for the pistol and use it to buy a Porsche, a German car that would not exist if not for the support of the Nazi party? I then addressed the

to an object that I can hold in my hand and ponder the reasons for our existence.

I then asked Charlie why he collected guns if he was so reviled by the concept. My friend did not have an answer. I was disappointed. I had hoped he had an explanation for why he reveled in his father annihilating pubescent, indoctrinated boys, but was so sickened by the human skin holster. Sadly, he did not.

What sickens me is hearing about the six million killed in the Nazi camps. Eleven million died in those camps. Is it because the other five million were Gypsy, Slav, or some other *untermench*? Why does the slaughter by the Kymer Rouge not engender significant outrage? The genocide carried out upon the Armenians by the Turks and atrocities perpetrated between the Hutus and the Tutsis in Rwanda aren't often a topic of conversation. Nor do we talk about unknown number of Iraqis killed in the trenches that didn't want to be there. Palestinians and Israelis—well, that's just what they do isn't it? The worst of it—the list goes on endlessly. Now, eclipsing the Holocaust, September 11 is the most horrific act in all of history for us now. Why? Is it really because the victims were not young men in uniform categorized as acceptable casualties? Or is it because it was US?

My collecting is simply a personal issue that provides an illustration of the larger point. I have no answers. People kill people in large numbers and for ridiculous reasons. They always have and will continue to do so. The first two brothers born on this planet engaged in fratricide. I just ask that we consider the consistency of our condemnations and try to avoid the hypocrisy that my friend Charlie is probably still wrestling with.



holster attempting to build toward the horror. Nice try Charlie. It's my job to know about and not shocked that a Gestapo officer would have a holster made of human skin. Nazis were big on that. The belt loop had apparently been made from the skin of the person's forearm because the identifying tattoo from the camp was still intact. Charlie took it to the Simon Wiesenthal Center and amazingly was able to identify the person and took it to Israel for burial. He then sold the rare pistol with gold inlaid "SS" runes engraved below the ejector port and bought a Porsche.

I wrote my response. I haven't heard from him since. What did I write that turned my friend into someone who no longer wants to talk to me? I called him a hypocrite. First, if he was so nauseated that he had to take a

collecting of firearms in general. I reminded him that the reason we mutually enjoyed sharing information is that neither of us are the stereo typical, paranoid, redneck macho types that one runs into so often in association with firearms. I explained my views this way: I see them as genius, art and the horror that is endemic to human nature all wrapped up in historical artifacts. I collect them, in part, to remind myself what they represent. Firearms, regardless of the type, are machines that had their genesis in mankind's need to kill one another.

Nazi artifacts reflect the same awareness. The mechanical genius, the artistry of design combined with the disgusting inhumanity of the Nazis hold me spellbound with both revulsion and awe. It is the best and the worst of the human psyche reduced

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World at a Glance

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RABAT, Morocco - Moroccan rescue workers found the bodies of 16 people who drowned while trying to illegally enter Spain by crossing the Strait of Gibraltar in a dinghy, the official news agency said Saturday.

LONDON - British anti-terrorist police raided a London mosque on Monday arresting an unspecified number of people there, Scotland Yard said.

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Ariel Sharon staked out a hard-line position Sunday - a week ahead of elections - and said Europe was too biased against Israel to be a Mideast mediator. A top aide said the prime minister did not consider a U.S.-backed plan for Palestinian statehood to be realistic.

LIMA, Peru - At least 15 people died and 20 were wounded when machete-wielding sugar workers clashed with squatters at the Cayalti sugar mill in northern Peru, the regional president said on Wednesday.

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines - A first batch of U.S. special forces has arrived in the southern Philippines to begin the second phase of war games designed to help fight terror in a region where Islamic militants have dug a new beachhead.

Why Orwell Matters

By Dameon Holmes

George Orwell wrote a novel in 1948 which he entitled 1984 just switching the last two numbers to signify some time in the future. It was a dark and brooding look at the way government would become all pervasive and ridiculously intrusive. The novel was the origin of the phrase "Big Brother." It referred to the government's institutionalized program to monitor every activity of every citizen. There is an old saying that "even paranoids have enemies." So, regardless of how paranoid you are, if you think you hear someone breathing on the other end of the phone, someone probably is. Your general garden variety conspiracy theorist at one time would have claimed that the CIA, FBI, or NSA were behind it all.

Now we actually have one to worry about. Tom Ridge's Homeland Security Department's Total Information Awareness (TIA) surveillance program is frighteningly close to being given free reign to access the all private information of everyone in the United States. This new government program would make George Orwell smile sadly in his grave.

The aims that are somewhat shrouded in the wording of the new law are to obtain information on all U.S. citizens through the use of credit card information, cash transactions, and bio-metric information (fingerprint data, retina scans, voice recognition software, etc.).

This program is the brainchild of former Admiral James Poindexter,

former Reagan advisor and rather shadowy Iran Contra figure. It gets weirder. The symbol on the TIA home website was a pyramid with an eye at the apex, just like the Masonic symbol on the back of the one dollar bill. The eye was casting out rays of light representing vision, pointing at the globe. The motto was "scientia est potentia." Talk about Orwellian creepiness...in a fascinating turn of events, in the past couple of weeks, the website has dropped its symbol as well as the biographies of its main players. Dr. John Poindexter, Dr. Robert Popp, Mr. Thomas Armour and Dr. Mike Foster all had their biographies pulled and the website dropped the creepy symbol in exchange for a very bland stylized globe with "DARPA" across it. You can still see the symbol and read the biographies on a website: www.computerbytesman.com/tia/index.htm. Obviously, this is not a government sponsored website. The one thing in our favor is that in this information age, it isn't completely Orwellian. The information goes both ways.

So, if information is so essential, why did those biographies disappear? Orwell predicted Big Brother/surveillance systems like this happening. There have been several other recent government programs that frighteningly resemble Orwellian predictions. For instance the government introduced the new Terrorism Information and Prevention System (TIPS) that aims to "enlist the aid of millions of US citizens as domestic informants (i.e. letter carriers, utility employees,

and truck drivers) to report on any wrongdoings they witness. A few months ago the Pentagon admitted to creating an Office of Strategic Influence which specialized in spreading disinformation and propaganda abroad. This department sounded very similar to Orwell's fictional Ministry of Truth in 1984. The US Patriots Act violates many of our 1st and 4th amendment rights which for all practical purposes says that we, as American citizens, are now guilty until proven innocent. The Homeland Security Department (is it just me or does Tom Ridge look like the cartoon Dick Tracy?) just sounds like a something that would come out of a Orwell novel. Christopher Hitchens writes in his new book Why Orwell Matters: on the significance of George Orwell in modern times. In an interview with the Atlantic Monthly, Hitchens stressed that his worry went far beyond what the government is capable of with technology. It is the willingness of the people to be complacent about living in an increasingly oppressive and invasive police state and to believe anything that they're told. Orwell matters more now than ever before because the future is now and we are part of both. We can see it happening before our eyes in this increasingly technological post September 11 world. Americans can not give up their civil liberties fast enough to try and "feel safe" again.

For more relatively useless information on the Total Information Awareness program visit their home website: www.darpa.mil/iao/.

Illinois Governor Grants Blanket Clemency

By Whitney Braun

Saying the death penalty system was broken, the governor of Illinois granted clemency to more than 150 death row inmates last Saturday, a move unprecedented since capital punishment was reinstated and likely to inflame a national death penalty debate.

Governor George Ryan — a Republican who left office last Monday after one term — stopped short of pardoning the prisoners but reduced their sentences to a maximum of life in prison.

"How many more cases of wrongful convictions have to occur before we

can all agree that this system in Illinois is broken?" Ryan told a cheering audience at Northwestern University Law School that included several wrongfully convicted former death row inmates.

The blanket commutation follows an examination of the state's capital punishment system ordered nearly three years ago after investigations found that 13 prisoners on death row were innocent.

Ryan said he was a staunch supporter of the death penalty when he took office four years ago, but began

to change his mind after watching a wrongfully convicted man walk free — only 48 hours before he was scheduled to be executed.

"I may never be comfortable with my final decision, but I'll know in my heart that I did my very best to do the right thing," he said.

Democrat Rod Blagojevich, who took over as governor, criticized Ryan's decision.

"A blanket anything is usually wrong," he said. "There is no one-size-fits-all approach. We're talking about people who committed murder."

Ryan pardoned four men convicted of murder, saying confessions were tortured out of them by police in Chicago. One of the four used a paper clip to scratch professions of innocence on a bench in a police interrogation room even as he was being forced to admit to a crime he didn't commit, Ryan said.

Leroy Orange, one of the four men pardoned, told CNN he was very grateful to Ryan, and looked forward to "having a positive influence" on his children and grandchildren after 19 years in prison. He was convicted of fatal stabbings in 1984.

Back, and this time with a full band

By Ruben D. López

In support of the critically-acclaimed *Strange Little Girls*, Tori Amos, her Bösendorfer, a 1960's vintage piano and her band, performed gems from *Scarlet's Walk* and other favorites to two sold out shows at the Universal Amphitheatre in L.A. I was lucky to see her on Wed., Dec. 18, 2002, a great way to end Fall quarter.

Amos opened with "Wampus

Prayer," a short and simple song asking for relief and blessings upon Native Americans. She then tore into the first single from *Scarlet's Walk*. For a seven song section, Amos delved into familiar favorites as well as stunning new tracks. After that, the band left and



Amos was alone for three songs, called *Roadside Café*, including the semi-autobiographical "Baker, Baker" (which produced a few lighters) and as the cameras did a close-up, you could see a tear in her eye.

The band returned for another seven

songs, which included the b-side "Take to the Sky," "Cornflake Girl" and "Strange." Amos performed two encores, the last being "Hey Jupiter (the Dakota version)". The audience was pumped and a lot of them were grooving in their seats to the more upbeat/up-tempo songs. Amos is currently playing Europe and returns only to the East Coast for select dates in February and March.

Chicago: More than "All that Jazz"

By Ruben D. López

One always wonders how a musical is going to be turned into a movie. With *Evita*, the action was moved to actual scenes that complimented the story line. But with *Chicago*, the problem was how to work in the songs in film format. Based on a true story of two women accused of murder, the songs were used as flashbacks, away from the prison, courtroom or offices.

The movie opens with an act by Velma Kelly (Catherine Zeta-Jones), after the murder of her boyfriend and her sister. It just so happens that Roxie Hart (Renée Zellweger) is in the audience with her aspirations to be a singer dancer just like Kelly. Soon,

Hart is with her lover and shoots him when he tells her that she hasn't the talent to be singer dancer. Soon, Hart's in jail and meeting Kelly, along with other murderesses and Matron "Mama" Morton (Queen Latifah). She manages to land Chi-



cago hotshot lawyer Billy Flynn (Richard Gere) and the attention away from Kelly. But as soon as Hart becomes the media darling, Kitty Baxter (Lucy Liu in a non-singing role) takes it away from them. Hart has another trick

up her sleeve and manages to steal the media attention just in time for her trial.

But can Zeta-Jones, Zellweger, and Gere sing? Of course. Zeta-Jones was once an opera singer back in her native Wales and Zellweger had some experience singing in 1995's *Empire Records*. All of them had great voices and executed dance moves that were flawless, especially Zeta-Jones and Zellweger in several intense numbers. If you're looking to escape into an era long gone full of dazzling songs and dance numbers, make sure you visit *Chicago*, which is playing at Edwards 22 at Ontario Mills and nationwide Jan. 24.

An Evening at the Cinema

By Daniel Paden and Katie Parsons

Got movies?

Recently there have been a landslide of potentially entertaining movies hitting the theatres. Some of which are *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* (HIGHLY recommended), *Catch Me If You Can* (again, we recommend it), and *Two Weeks Notice* (enjoyable, but recommended only if your girlfriend/sister/mother drags you). *Since Two Weeks Notice* is the least talked about of these three flicks, we decided that a review was in order.

The movie centers around a stressed out secretary/social activist named Lucy (played by Sandra Bullock) and her charming but help-



less boss (played by Hugh Grant). This formulaic romance follows the two through their professional relationship and ends with a much anticipated (and expected) declaration of mutual love at the end.

She Said: It was very predictable, but it was just the

kind of mindless romantic entertainment that I wanted after a long Sunday of studying. Do not go to this movie if you want to be intellectually expanded, but if you want a reason to get out of the dorm and escape your Calculus homework, this one will



suffice. There is a good deal of humor in the film, which comes from the actors and actresses expressions rather than the lines which they are speaking, which makes the characters all the more endearing.

He Said: Guys, don't be too stressed out if you are dragged to this movie. It is bearable and actually quite funny (in places). As mentioned before, the comedic aspect is found more in situations rather than the dialogue. All in all it was pretty funny.

In conclusion, "Two Weeks Notice" was worth seeing, but it won't win any awards from the Academy.

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PHAIR.

What is PHAIR anyway?

PHAIR is a new organization inspired by students that have united to promote a healthy, aware and accepting environment here at La Sierra University. Our name, PHAIR, describes our mission: to Promote Healthy Attitudes in Individuals and Relationships. We hope to create connections among students, faculty and community that invigorate our campus and challenge attitudes and realities that limit students' abilities to actualize their full potentials. Specifically, we seek to raise awareness of damaging relational and personal issues, to prevent harmful attitudes and behaviors on campus, and to foster student's positive self-image. As a young and evolving group, we are excited about gaining new members and better addressing students' needs here on campus. If you are interested in learning more about PHAIR, are considering joining, or would like to make suggestions or give feedback, we'd love to hear from you! You may contact us at: phair@lasierra.edu

What's the Big Deal About April?

by: Rebekah Rustad

April is National Sexual Assault and Abuse Awareness Month. Before February 22, 2001, rape was not recognized as a serious problem either nationally or internationally. In February of 2001, the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal convicted three Bosnian Serb rapists of crimes against humanity. The 1996 indictments and later convictions marked the first time that rape had been defined as one of the most heinous crimes. This marked an international and national watershed for victims of sexual assault and abuse.

"In time of peace, as much as in time of war, men of substance do not abuse women," Judge Florence Mumba stated as she handed down the verdict for the war crimes tribunal. As atrocious as the rapes of the Balkan conflicts were, we must not believe that crimes such as these only happen "over there." We cannot ignore the estimated 12.1 million women in the United States who have been raped at least once in their lifetime, according to a 1992 report by the National Victim Center. The United States has the world's highest rape rate of the countries that publish such statistics: four times higher than Germany, thirteen times higher than England, and twenty times higher than Japan. According to a 1995 U.S. survey, women reported about 500,000 rapes and sexual assaults annually to the survey's interviewers. However, rape is still one of the most underreported violent crimes.

As a result, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, a project of Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, named April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, due to the reality that sexual assault affects every man, woman, and child in our country. Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a time for us to reflect on how sexual assault affects us and our communities, and to plan to take action to end sexual violence. Every individual needs to become an agent of social change, which means standing up to others who make light of sexual assault, or who perpetuate myths about sexual assault. April is a time for us to investigate our own conceptions about sexuality, and to challenge the myths and misconstructions of sexual assault and abuse that abound around us.

Sexual assault is a crime - no matter what. No one asks to be raped. No one wants to be raped. National Sexual Assault and Abuse Awareness Month recognizes that this violence hurts us all.

Information taken from Tara L. Mui's report on sexual assault. She is the Criminal Justice Coordinator for the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition.

Know the Facts.

—dispelling the myths

Myth: Sexual assault is an impulsive act.

Fact: About 82% of all assaults are planned in advance.

Myth: Sexual assault is a crime of passion and lust.

Fact: Sexual assault is a crime of violence—an act of power and control, not sex.

Myth: If the victim did not physically struggle with or fight the assailant, it wasn't really rape.

Fact: If you are forced to have sex without your consent, you have been assaulted whether or not a struggle was involved. Besides, assailants are not looking for a fight and they use many forms of coercion and threats to rape. Alcohols, and other drugs such as Rohypnol, are often used to incapacitate victims.

Myth: People who dress or act in a sexy way are asking to be sexually assaulted.

Fact: No one asks to be abused, injured or humiliated. Individuals of all ages, from all walks of life, have been the targets of sexual assault. Besides, most rapes are planned and many convicted assailants are unable to remember what their victims looked like or were wearing.

Myth: Assailants are usually crazed psychopaths who do not know their victims.

Fact: As many as 80% of all assaults involve either a known acquaintance, or someone the victim has had contact with but does not know personally. Only 1 in 5 are strangers.

Myth: Many women claim they have been sexually assaulted because they want revenge upon the man they accuse.

Fact: Only 2-3% of sexual assault cases are based on false accusations. This percentage is the same as with many other reported crimes. Also, sexual assault is highly underreported. Women are more likely to lie and say that they haven't been sexually assaulted, out of shame or fear of further assaults or harassment.

Myth: Only young, pretty women are assaulted.

Fact: There is no such thing as a "typical victim." Both male and female assailants rape both men and women. Victims have ranged in age from newborns to 100 years old.

Myth: It is impossible to sexually assault a man.

Fact: Men fall victim for the same reasons as women: they are overwhelmed by threats or acts of physical and emotional violence. Most sexual assaults that involve a male victim are gang assaults by other males.

Sources:

Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Crime Prevention Unit, <http://www.tempe.gov/cpu/capc.htm>

Still Breaking the Silence.

by: Kristel Tonstad

No. N O. What is it about those two letters that so confuses some people? It is the first word uttered by many a toddler, yet grown men and women sometimes seem to misunderstand, ignore, or just not take seriously what the word means. Rape is defined as somebody forcing you to have sex with them despite your refusal. It violates our basic rights of freedom and dignity. The experience of being raped may have serious consequences, such as poor self-esteem, depression, and even suicide.

But sexual assault has not always been viewed negatively. In fact, it was not considered a widespread problem in the United States until the 1970s. In the early 1900s, health officials usually excused rapists on the grounds of environmental stress, poor education or mental incompetence. In the 1940s and 50s, rape was frequently dismissed as a false accusation made by people suffering from emotional problems or mental disorders. But finally the civil rights movement and the hippie culture of the 1960s provided the necessary fuel for the women's liberation movement in the 1970s.

The liberation movement led to legislation supporting rape victims and the formation of rape crisis centers. Public awareness and services for survivors spread across the country. But although many battles concerning sexual assault have been won, the war is still not over. Studies have shown that as many as 1 in 4 will be sexually assaulted during his or her college career. The fundamental issues remain entrenched. Many men still view women as possessions. Victims are still blamed. There are silences that still need to be broken:

Making people aware of their rights may be one way to help combat rape. Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a person's right to say no to sex at any time. You are allowed to change your mind at any point during intimacy. Sleeping with somebody is a mutual decision. If your partner does not understand this, it is time to say goodbye.

But sometimes, it seems, it may not be easy to say no. You may want to please your partner (although that is not your job). Other times, what you communicate is not respected. Your partner may interpret your plea for "not now" to mean "definitely yes" (later), or think "don't do that" means "try some other approach". As many as 25% to 35% of college males admit to "forcing themselves" on women. These people come up with many reasons for their actions, blaming it on their sexual desires, drunkenness, or saying the woman was dressed provocatively. But no matter what, sexual assault is never the fault of the victim.

Another important aspect of increasing awareness is making it clear that sexual assault is not about sex or any romantic notion. It is about power and control, about robbing another person of their rights and dignity. What's love got to do with it? Nothing!

One way of dealing with rape, then, is increasing awareness and communication. People need to know what rights they have, and learn to express these rights. People also need to learn to listen to and respect each other. All rapists are not woman haters and determined to get what they want no matter what the cost. Sometimes all that may be needed is a simple lesson in communication.

But increasing awareness of rights and encouraging communication may not be enough. Sexual assault may still take place. As friends and loved ones we need to be supportive and understanding of the victims. We need to create a climate where people are not afraid to talk about their experiences. Most victims remain silent. In fact, as many as 84% of victims fail to report sexual assault. People see their experience as private; they may feel they provoked it; or they may be fearful of the repercussions if they tell their story. In a poem, a girl describes her feelings: "I remember red, scared to death to tell my mother". It is enough

that survivors fear their assailant. We need to make sure that they are not afraid of opening up to friends, family and counselors.

Most of us may never suffer the indignities of sexual assault, but we may see a loved one or a friend go through it. There are many silences we can aid in breaking. We need to be ready to discuss rape and help remove the veil of shame. We can think about and discuss our parameters of intimate behavior—about what rights we have and when to say no.

Raising awareness and aiding in recovery is not about making people feel more victimized or fearful. It is not about man or woman hating. It is about respecting a simple two-lettered word. It is about a basic thing called human rights. We need to be aware of what our rights are, respect the rights of other people, and above all, not stay silent when our rights are being violated. In doing this, we can be agents of prevention and recovery. We can help people become voices rather than victims. As Maya Angelou says in her poem, we may help people rise.

RAPE CRISIS RESOURCES

What should I do? Where can I get help? Both victims of sexual assault and their friends may have these questions. Rape crisis centers and other services exist to help people deal with both psychological and legal aspects in the aftermath of sexual assault.

San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services
(909) 885-8884
505 N. Arrowhead Ave., Suite 100
San Bernardino
www.sbas.org
24-hour hotline: (800) 656-4673

Morongo Basin Rape Crisis Center
(760) 366-4673
61-607 Twentynine Palms Highway, Suite 1
Joshua Tree
www.newfoundation.org/mbrcc-page.htm
24-hour hotline: (800) 954-8044

Center Against Sexual Assault (CASA)
(909) 652-8300
640 N. San Jacinto St.
Hemet
24-hour hotline: (909) 652-8300 or toll free at (866) 373-8300

Coachella Valley Sexual Assault Services
(760) 568-9071
45691 Monroe St. Suite 10
Indio
24-hour hotline: (760) 568-9071

Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center
(909) 686-7273 or toll-free at (866) 686-7273

California Coalition Against Sexual Assault
(916) 446-2520
www.calcasa.org

Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN)
(800) 656-HOPE
www.rainn.org

Victim/Witness Program in San Bernardino County
Director Marilyn Kimball: (909) 387-6540

Victim/Witness Program in Riverside County
Director Marty Crawford or staffer Nancy Cox:
(909) 955-5450 ■

Did you know...?

—Sexual Assault Stats

Victims

- One out of six Women in the United States have been or will be the victim of rape or attempted rape in her lifetime.
- One out of 10 rapes target a man

College rape

- 13.3 percent of college women indicated that they had been forced to have sex in a dating situation
- In a study that surveyed more than 6,000 students at 32 U.S. colleges and universities, 84 percent of rape survivors knew their attacker and 57 percent of the rapes happened on dates.

Underreporting

- Experts agree that most rapes are not reported.
- One estimate is that only 16 percent of rape victims contact the police. That makes rape the crime least reported to law enforcement.

Profile of a Rapist

- 99 percent of the offenders in single-victim incidents are male, according to victims' reports.
- 31 is the average age of rapists upon arrest.
- 60 percent are white.
- 40 to 50 percent of rapists were under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- A majority of rapists were molested as children, various studies have found.

Who, When, Where

- Accounting for underreporting, a 1998 study by the American Medical Association estimated that a woman is raped every 46 seconds in the United States. Other studies say the frequency is closer to one every 2 minutes.
- People with an annual household income of less than \$7,500 are twice as likely as the general population to become victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault.
- 33 percent take place between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- 43 percent happen between 10 p.m. and midnight.
- 24 percent occur between midnight and 6 a.m.
- About four out of 10 sexual assaults take place at the victim's home.
- 10 percent occur in the home of a friend, neighbor or relative.
- 10 percent happen outside, away from home.
- About one in 12 takes place in a parking garage.

Fighting Back

- About 7 out of 10 rape and sexual-assault victims reported that they took some form of self-protective action during the crime. Among those who took action, slightly more than half felt that their actions helped the situation.

Other Injury

- The victim dies in about 1 percent of sexual assaults.
- Estimates of victims who contract sexually transmitted disease range from 4 to 30 percent.
- About 4.7 percent of rapes result in pregnancy.

Mental-Health Problems of Victims

- 31 percent suffered Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.
 - As opposed to 5 percent of non-victims.
- 31 percent suffered mild depression.
 - As opposed to 10 percent of non-victims.
- 33 percent contemplated suicide.
 - As opposed to 8 percent of non-victims.
- 13 percent attempted suicide.
 - As opposed to 1 percent of non-victims.
- 14.7 percent abused prescription drugs.
 - As opposed to 2.8 percent of non-victims.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics ■

Dater's Bill of Rights

Be an informed dater—know your rights.

- I have the right to refuse a date without feeling guilty.
- I can ask for a date without feeling rejected or inadequate if the answer is no.
- I do not have to act macho.
- I may choose not to act seductively.
- If I don't want physical closeness, I have the right to say so.
- I have the right to start a relationship slowly, to say, "I want to know you better before I become involved."
- I have the right to be myself without changing to suit others.
- I have the right to change a relationship when my feelings change. I can say, "We used to be close, but I want something else now."
- If I am told a relationship is changing, I have the right not to blame or change myself to keep it going.
- I have the right to an equal relationship with my partner.
- I have the right not to dominate or to be dominated.
- I have the right to act one way with one person and a different way with someone else.
- I have the right to change my goals whenever I want to.

Source: National Crime Prevention Council, Washington D.C.

Poetry.

Unlearning Fear

by Courtney Mustad

One heavy foot
In front of the other
Feeling hard
Earth
Under my soles.
Flashes of greenery
Wash past my eyes
And I am utterly
Concentrated in the
Moment.
Rhythms of heart
Drum along my inner walls
Yet instantly Fear whispers,
"You can't do it."
Though I resist, legs
Tighten, body closes in.
I stop.
Eyeing the lush forest
I suddenly feel so small.
Dense thicket contains the unknown
And I
Embody that notion
That vulnerable females
Should not face the
Unknown,
That black-eyed dark being
Preys upon our eternal weakness.

A snapping noise
Sends a shot of adrenaline burning
through me.
My mind searches for an escape from
These lifelong fears of Helplessness.
Sunrays reveal a yellow
Leaf, gently twisting and turning
Into the silent abyss.
A golden calm overwhelms me.
I was not born with this vulnerability
This fear
Within the "weakened" sex.
Instead I was conformed
Into a distorted reality
I perceived
To be truth.
"I am strong."
Within me lies the heart beat of the

Universe.
I am strength in body and mind."

The words ripple through my being
Resonating.
Suddenly I feel taller
In the world of
Heaven reaching trees.
My eyesight becomes wide
Colors pierce me and I release.
I am free from Fear
Eyes watch serenity
Taking pleasure in a pine needle
Spinning down from
The silken hair of a spider's web.

I am proud to be a woman.
Looking down onto my body
My being
I see the legs I have scarred so
Deeply with the regret that they were not
"Perfect."
Yet now I find pleasure
In my imperfections
Because I am beautiful
And so lucky
To be
Female
And
Alive.

Still I rise

By Maya Angelou

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops.
Weakened by my soulful cries...
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
I rise
I rise.
I rise.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. - Galatians 3:28

An Opinion Piece

By Gillian Geraty

“...and on earth peace, goodwill...”

I watch TV, with fear gripping my stomach, as more and more soldiers give hugs and kisses and leave for war. I want to say “no-don’t go”. There are boys and girls in Iraq who will hug in fear as bombs start falling on them.

“War is primitive, barbaric, uncivilized, inhuman...” I hear in passing on the radio and do not note who said it. This voice is welcome to my ears. I long to hear more voices like his

Our recent death of a La Sierra retired professor by gun shots brings the fear of violence from Iraq to out back door. Now we are outraged that sitting in our own home, in our bed, we are not safe. Three thousand people died on that fateful day, September 11th—a day which created a huge national outcry. And why are we not as outraged that in a year 11,127* (3 times the number of people killed on 9.11) people were murdered by our own hands.

One of the 11,127 is a baby three weeks old. She was taken to an emergency room in Colorado with

broken arms, three weeks old, because



her father said he didn’t want her taking the pacifier out of her mouth. The doctors also found that her legs and ribs had been broken, three weeks old! She is a statistic so horrific because she was not creating weapons of mass destruction;

she was not raising a gun and

threatening anyone’s life. She was THREE WEEKS OLD, the recipient of the most unwarranted, horrendous violence one can imagine. Even a bear could defend its young more vigorously.

“...and in our hearts peace and goodwill...”

We are in need of



promise ourselves that violence will stop with us. We need to covenant that we will not participate in any violent act, not ever. We need to raise our voices fearlessly. We need to study peace making. We need to examine our hearts and define who we are. We do not need to follow tired old excuses, tired reasons for “just” wars. We need to look again at peace teaching in the gospel, recover our historic roots in non combatency. We can create new ways of resolving disputes, new ways of raising children, new ways of creating homes which are safety zones, homes which teach respect, empathy, caring for each other. Homes where children form attachment bonds that stabilize and enhance their development into loving, caring, peace making adults who can then create peaceful, caring neighborhoods, nations, world.

The Japanese have a yearly murder rate of 39*—if one adjusts for their population, the comparable figure for the US population would be 78. Surely, we can lower our rate.

* Numbers are from the movie Bowling for Columbine

Faith in Action Stop Violence Against women *Act to Save the Lives of Women*

Gender-based violence stems from the failure of governments and societies to recognize the human rights of women. It can result in “honor” killings by members of a woman’s family or community in Pakistan or Jordan, or prison guard brutality against women inmates in the US. Everyday, all over the world women face gender-specific persecution including genital mutilation, sex slavery, forced prostitution, and domestic violence. Amnesty International has over a million members worldwide who can be rapidly mobilized to fight abuses when and where they happen. The Women’s Human Rights Action



Network is working to obtain political asylum for those persecuted and fleeing simply because they are women. Ratification of the women’s human rights treaty called CEDAW (The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) is an international treaty that has been ratified by Ireland and other countries that ban Abortion. George W. Bush supports CEDAW and this important piece of legislation is making its way through congress. Rally support by writing to your senators and congresspersons and get more information at: <http://www.amnestyusa.org/women>.

A.C.L.U. Sponsors a Public Forum On Civil Liberties

Compiled by Johnny Ramirez
Students for Social Justice (SSJ) invites you to this important event

Criminal (In)Justice A Public Forum with...

James P. Gray - Superior Court Judge, Orange County - Author of - Why our Drug Laws Have FAILED and What We Can Do About It
Geri Silva - Director of FACTS - Families to Amend California’s Three Strikes Law, Los Angeles
Linda Evans - Former prisoner and current Criminal Justice Organizer;

Legal Services - Prisoners with Children, San Francisco; Soros Foundation Fellow
Scott T. Johnson - Deputy Federal Public Defender - California Death Penalty Appeals
Date: Saturday, January 25, 2003
Time: 2-5 PM
Transportation: For carpooling meet in South Hall at 1:30PM
Place: Riverside Unitarian Church 3657 Lemon St. Riverside, CA 92501 (corner of Lemon & Mission Inn Ave)
Cost: Free!
Sponsored by: A.C.L.U. of Southern California Inland Empire Chapter

Special HESA-sponsored Town Hall Meeting coming up!

Title: "To Hit, or Not To Hit? Institutionalized Violence in American Culture"

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Time: 11:00am Noon

Location: Matheson Chapel

Intended Audience: LSU Students, Faculty, Staff & Administration

Format: Panel Discussion &

Audience Participation

Sponsor: Department of Health, Exercise Science & Athletics

Further Info: 785-2084

This assembly will provide the opportunity for attendees to explore the topic of Violence in Sport in a variety of contexts that could include legal, moral, ethical, and socio-cultural issues. Panelists will examine this topic during the initial half of the

session, and audience participants will exchange ideas with the panelists during the second half of the session.

The HESA department also solicits **written questions** from the campus family that could be considered for inclusion in the discussion. Questions can be sent to Rob Thomas, HESA chair, via fax at x2291 or via email at rthomas@LaSierra.edu. The deadline for the HESA department to receive these questions is Thursday, January 23.

SALSU NEWS

By Joy Asuman, SALSU Social Vice President

WINTER BANQUET

Feb 13 2003, Thursday 6:30-10pm

Pomona Valley Mining Co.

300 Tickets only on sale starting next Wednesday, January 22 at noon in the cafeteria.

Tickets sold every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon in the cafeteria or at the OSA office.

\$20 per person.

Upcoming events: (read *Signs and the Eagle Cry* for more info)

January 20 (Monday) Movie Night 8-10 pm at the student center

January 23 (Thursday) BLOOD DRIVE: 11am-4pm at the student center. Sign up as soon as possible with a SALSU officer or at the OSA office.

SALSU SURPRISE NIGHT- get ready to be surprised. Hint: there's free food!!!

January 30 (Thursday) COSMIC BOWLING!!! T.B.A. (to be announced)

February 6 (Thursday) AUCTION Dinner (T.B.A)

February 13 (Thursday) Winter Banquet 6:30-10 pm at Pomona Valley Mining Co. Tickets \$20 each

February 17 (Monday) Movie Night, 8-10 pm at the student center

February 20 Study Break Bash by OSA (T.B.A.)

February 25 (Tuesday) SALSU Elections (required assembly at the GYM! 11am)

For information if you are interested in running for office, talk to Kim Odle at the OSA office or ask your SALSU officers.

More events coming up.....

Snow Summit and Bear Mountain Tickets for Sale

The Office of International Student Services is now selling lift tickets for Snow Summit and Bear Mountain Resorts.

Tickets are good at either

mountain and are only \$38 (tickets at the door cost \$43!)

You can buy tickets for you, your family and friends, and they make excellent birthday

presents or gift certificates.

If you would like to purchase some tickets, please contact Natan Vigna at x2100 or via email at nvigna@lasierra.edu.

LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY DATES

WINTER 2003

February 4-6, 2003

Signs of Life Days (Campus Ministries)

February 11, 2003

Black Emphasis Week (David Dudley)

February 18, 2003

No Assembly: Senior Class Meeting (Candace Jorgensen)

February 25, 2003

SALSU Election (Student Life)

March 11, 2003

Assemblies by Department (Deans)

SPRING 2003

April 15-17, 2003

Signs of Life Days (Campus Ministries)

April 22, 2003

No Assembly: Senior Class Meeting (Candace Jorgensen)

May 6, 2003

Global Gifts (Lourdes Morales-Gudmundsson)

May 13, 2003

Assemblies by Schools (Deans)

May 20, 2003

Student Research Symposium (Leslie Martin)

May 27, 2003 University Awards Ceremony (Advancement)

FOR RENT Sierra Linda Apartments 11915 Pike St. Riverside Lrg 900sq 2BD, 2BA @ \$765 and 1 BD, 1 BA 700sq @ \$675. New carpet, paint, pool, laundry. \$200 of first month's rent on approved credit and income. For more info contact 909-689-2398

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Sports Nation

By Anlai Jiao, Sports Editor

It's time for the Super Bowl! Last Sunday during the Conference Finals, the Philadelphia Eagles were held back by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in a 27-10 loss. Meanwhile, the Oakland Raiders overran the Tennessee Titans 41-21. Philadelphia and Oakland will battle it out on Super Bowl Sunday next week in San Diego. The Raiders have the league's best offense, while the Buccaneers hold the title for the best defensive team in the NFL. This should all work out to a very interesting game to watch, not to mention the commercials too. The game will start at 6:00pm Eastern time on ABC.

Going on to the basketball courts, the Dallas Mavericks (32-8) lead the NBA in wins and losses, their last game being a 107-86 win over the Houston Rockets (23-17) on Tuesday. The Sacramento Kings (31-11) are second in the association winning their last game on Tuesday 109-102 against the New Jersey Nets (28-13), who also happen to be second in the standings in the Eastern Conference. The Indiana Pacers (29-12), leading the East, defeated the Toronto Raptors (10-32) on Wednesday 101-98. Other teams that are within play-off reach include the San Antonio Spurs (26-14), Utah Jazz (25-15), Portland Trailblazers (24-15), Phoenix Suns (25-17), Houston

Rockets (23-17), Detroit Pistons (27-13), and the Boston Celtics (24-17). The LA Lakers (19-21) "hosted" and defeated the LA Clippers (15-25) 96-92 on Monday. However, they will have to really rally together if they want to catch any glimpse of the playoffs. Coach Phil Jackson stated that they are still waiting for their turn-around. Ever since their poor start in October, the Lakers have been unable to get the momentum they had the three previous years.

Moving to the hockey ice rinks, the Ottawa Senators (31-11-5-1) lead the league, winning their last game 2-1 against the Florida Panthers (14-17-9-8) on Wednesday. Speaking of the Canadians, Vancouver (28-15-5-0) is in second place in the league, although the Canucks lost Tuesday's game 3-2 against the Nashville Predators (15-20-8-4). The Philadelphia Flyers lead the Atlantic Division (27-11-8-11), winning a 3-1 game on Tuesday against the Toronto Maple Leafs (25-18-4-1), who are second only to Ottawa in the Northeast Division and fifth in the East. The Atlanta Thrashers (15-26-2-4) lived up to their name and defeated the St. Louis Blues (26-14-5-4) in an 8-4 win on Tuesday. Other high-ranking teams include the Detroit Redwings (26-13-7-1) and the New Jersey Devils (27-12-3-3).

Dwight's Fitness Corner

By Dwight Barret, CABL Director

Wanted: Blood Donors

Happy new year everyone! I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas break full of good cheer and healthful living. We are back for another quarter and to get the new year started off right we will be having the blood bank on campus today in the student center.

I am requesting that for those of you who are at least 17 years old, in good health and about 110 pounds please stop by. The reason for this plea is that the county of Riverside is very low on blood for this month, and the blood you give might save a life. It might be your own or a family member. The need has been so great that the local news stations have been requesting donors on behalf of the blood bank. Their fridges are almost empty and this is scary. So can La Sierra help? I KNOW WE CAN!

So please come out and be a donor, (there will be free food after you give blood). There are sign up sheets in the Office of Student Activities and if you can't make it there just ask any SALSU officer and they will have a sign up sheet. So remember Thursday from 11 am-4 pm in the student center...be there!

PEACE!



LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY
Golden Eagles

Women's Basketball

- Thur. Jan 23 Chapman University Orange 7:00 PM
- Sat. Jan 25 Southwestern College La Sierra 8:30 PM
- Sat. Feb 1 Occidental College La Sierra 7:30 PM
- Tue. Feb 4 Christian Heritage College El Cajon 7:30 PM
- Sat. Feb 22 Chapman University La Sierra 7:30 PM
- Thur. Feb 27 Pomona Pitzer College Claremont 7:30 PM

Men's Basketball

- Wed. Jan 22 Chapman University Orange 7:30 PM
- Sat. Jan 25 Southwestern College La Sierra 6:30 PM
- Thur. Jan 30 West Coast Baptist College La Sierra 7:30 PM
- Tue. Feb 4 Latin American Bible Inst. La Sierra 7:30 PM
- Thur. Feb 6 West Coast Bible College Lancaster 7:30 PM
- Wed. Feb 12 Chapman University La Sierra 7:30 PM



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American Idol Finalist to Perform at LSU

RJ Helton, a Top-5 finalist on last year's huge TV hit "American Idol", will be giving a concert at the La Sierra University Church on Thursday, January 23. He will be giving an inspirational concert and giving his testimony. The concert starts at 7:00 p.m., and the church doors will be opened at 6:30 p.m. For students, faculty, and staff, tickets are free. General admission tickets are \$3 each. For tickets, please contact Ralph Martinez (x2444 or rmartine@lasierra.edu).

Earlier that morning, he will be interviewed on KSGN, and will be the featured guest at University Worship at 11:00 a.m. We hope that you can attend both events!

Students for Social Justice Activity

Criminal (In)Justice

Join SSJ for a lecture this weekend put on by the Inland Empire ACLU.

Come and learn about what we can do to help change our criminal justice system.

Meet in South Hall at 1.30PM on for a carpool.

Date: January 25, 2003

Time: 2-5PM

Place: Riverside Unitarian Church

3657 Lemon St.

Riverside, CA 92501 (corner of Lemon & Mission Inn Ave)

Criterion's annual Valentine's Day Poetry Contest

The *Criterion* is now accepting entries for the annual Valentine's Day Poetry Contest. The winner will receive \$30, the first runner up will receive \$25 and the second runner up will receive \$20. Entries should be no longer than 250 words and not contain distasteful content. The winning poems and poems that warrant and honorable mention will be published in the Valentine's Day Express Issue of the *Criterion*. Admissions should be sent to Criterion@lasierra.edu.



Six Flag Magic Mountain Tickets Are Back!!!

On sale in the Human Resources Office at a discounted price

Regular Price: \$42.99

LSU Discount Price: \$23.00

Visit the Human Resources Office today to get your tickets!!!



Criterion
Valentines Express Edition

The One in Life
By James Felix

*Nothing compares to the beautiful
smile of that special girl*

*The one who makes
your stomach twist and twirl*

*The one who makes
your heart-beat rapidly increase*

The one who you turn to for a moment of peace

*The one who makes you feel like
there is nothing you can't do*

*The one who picks you up when you feel
you can't make it through*

The one who will stand by your side when you fall

The one who will pick you up and make you feel tall

The one who you share with all of your secrets

The one who knows all of your personal regrets

The one who knows when you're having a bad day

The one who has all the right things to say

The one who feels all your pain and sorrow

The one who will be there for you today and tomorrow

The one who will cheer you up when you're feeling so sad

The one who will talk to you when you're angry and mad

The one who easily has the power to cure

The one who knows everything you had to endure

The one who you have with a very close connection

The one who you give all of your attention and affection

The one who can easily make you laugh

The one who makes your better half

The one who loves everything you do

The one who loves you for just being you!!!

Green Eyes

By Soksina Seth

Dreary darkness seeps into the gallows of the heart

Enshrouding it with despair and icy sentiments

A mausoleum to the fading shadows

Upon the grey hardness, here I lie

Shackled to the wretchedness of love—

Beaten by the angry arms of my tumultuous soul

Tumbling, turning—to pieces I fall

Echoing in my ears are the melancholy notes of woe

O! Howl on wretched winds!

Sing the songs of sorrow!

Let the notes soar high and crash down into the

iridescent sea

Sing—

Sing the song my heart knows so well

For I have no voice

It has long since dissipated with each desperate

cry to You

Crash on restless sea—

Let your waves beat my heart to life

Make it pulse once more

Release your fury unto me

For my soul lays withered and dying

Replenish it with life

Heavenly skies

Open thy floodgates

And let the angels' tears fall

Weep as I have—

Weep tears of anguish for me

Drown my pain in yours

A single drop for every tear that has dulled

my sullen eyes

Drink the sad, salted tears trembling sea

Taste my sorrow

Enfold me in your billowing waves of green

Free me from my miseries

Dull the aching within my bosom forever

Take me in

Let me look through the green dewy eyes of the emerald sea

The eyes of an angel

Green eyes, enfold me forever

Take me into the depths of your soul



The Risks of Loving

By Unknown Author

There is a risk involved in everything,
 Every time you share a smile,
 Every time you shed a tear,
 You are opening yourself up to hurt.
 Some people tread slowly through life,
 Avoiding the closeness risk brings,
 Sidestepping the things they can't understand,
 Turning away from those who care too much,
 Those who care too long,
 Those who hold too tightly.
 There is never an easy way to love.
 You cannot approach it cautiously.
 It will not wait for you to arm yourself.
 It does not care if you turn away.
 It is everywhere, it is everything.
 Love is the greatest of all risks.
 It is not reliable, it is not cautious,
 It is not sympathetic.
 It is unprejudiced and unmerciful.
 It strikes the strongest of mind.
 And brings them to their knees in one blow.
 Even in the best of times, love hurts.
 It hurts to need, it hurts to belong,
 It hurts to be the other part of someone else,
 Without either of your consent,
 But, from the moment it overtakes you,
 It hurts worse to be alone.



Be Mine!

*Lovely Eyes*

By James Felix

In my life, you are my brown-eyed girl.
 You are my sunshine, you are my world.
 You make me whole, you make me complete.
 You are so loving, you are so sweet.
 You give me courage, you give me strength.
 My love for you, I would go at any length.
 I am trapped by your beauty,
 In passionate love for you truly.
 When I stare into your eyes, it feels so right,
 I think of your being day and night.
 I notice when you're not around,
 A sense of loss, I'm wearing a frown.
 I get lost into your beautiful eyes,
 I see a gentle soul, I feel like a spy.
 I look into your eyes and see childhood innocence
 I see who you are and I'm attracted to your presence.
 Hypnotized into your beautiful brown eyes
 When I'm with you there's nothing I won't try.
 I continue to intensively stare,
 Not being able to be with you, I cannot bear.

Your eyes provide a sense of comfort,
 Staring at you I forget what it means to hurt.
 I hardly look at anyone in their eyes,
 But in yours I feel like we are strengthening our ties.

Freedom of abundant thoughts,
 In this web of love my heart is caught.
 The feelings of love that make me hot,
 No other place I'd want to be then in this spot.

Standing here before you, staring into your eyes,
 A feeling of excitement, like a natural high.
 When I'm with you I feel so secure,
 Hoping and wishing that we would share a future.

*My Valentine*

By DeAnne Knipschild

On this day my love I want you to know how special you are to me.
 It's because of you life is more than it used to be.
 I thought there was nothing that could bring me absolute joy, but then you came.
 Ever since that day nothing has been the same.
 You've touched my life in a way I thought no one could.
 Everyday making my dreams come true and treating me like no one would.
 I see love in the sparkle of your eyes as you gaze into mine, and the smile on your face.
 I feel it in your gentle touch and warm embrace.
 I hear it in your laughter and soft whispers enlightening my heart, and the way
 our hands hold one another as if to never part.
 I am the luckiest person to be able to say that you are mine.
 For all that you are I love you My Valentine.

The Cost of Friendship

By J.A.

He tells me a story
 about his latest sweetheart
 And I paste on a smile and listen
 although it's breaking my heart.
 Later he tells me a story
 about the fight that they had
 And I feel like rejoicing
 although I'm pretending I'm sad.
 But then he tells me the story
 of how they made up again
 And I cheered and wished him all happiness
 although inside I feel pain.
 I want him to know
 but I can't tell him a thing.
 What if he doesn't like me that way,
 I'm only his friend..
 it would ruin everything.
 Although I want his stories to be about us
 But at least we're still friends.

REFLECTIONS

By Elsa Sanchez

Looking at you I can see,
 Reflections of love, you gave to me.
 Your heart, my heart they are one.
 You brighten my life like the morning sun.
 You brighten my day, you brighten my night.
 You fill my heart, with love and light.
 You pick me up whenever I fall.
 You give me strength through it all.
 When I was down, you were there.
 You showed me love, you showed me care.
 In your love I found the strength,
 To meet all the odds, to go any length.
 In your eyes, I can see.
 Reflections of love you give to me.
 In my life I hope to be,
 As strong for you, as you are for me.



Thai Bay Café's Special Ingredients

By Scott Arany



One of Thai Bay Café's main selling points is "home grown fresh herbs" which come from a garden behind the restaurant. While these fresh ingredients are certainly a positive draw at the cafe, Thai Bay Café has one of the best lunch deals I've found at any local Thai restaurant.

For \$4.95 you can get an egg roll, wonton, soup or salad, rice and your choice from eight offered entrées. The entrées include various curries, noodles and mixed vegetable dishes. Most items are listed with chicken, beef and shrimp, but every dish is available with tofu replacing the meat.

What food to choose? The curries and vegetable dishes are tasty. Any dish with basil is an excellent choice because the basil is so fresh. My friend and I particularly enjoyed the Drunken Noodles (jumbo rice noodles stir-fried with chicken, tomato, onion, chili and basil, and no drunkenness in sight!). The Super Sampler appetizer has chicken satay (excellent), tofu, egg rolls, wontons (not veggie), and Thai-bay Chicken (a definite let-down and the only item that was a real disappointment). Be sure to order some Thai Ice Tea (with free refills!).

Thai Bay Café, 7549 Arlington Ave., (909) 687-6968, Mon - Sun. 10 am - 10 am.

Insights to Making Dinner a Pleasurable Experience for All

By Ruben D. López

You're sitting in the cafeteria, and you realize that you've got some of your meal caught between your teeth. What do you do? Do you pick your teeth in front of your friends or excuse yourself to the restroom and remove that bit of Fri-Chik there? Don't worry friends, I'm here to help with your dining etiquette quandaries (by the way, you really should excuse yourself to the restroom and pick your teeth privately).

Men really should seat a woman as she approaches the table, but since none of us are wearing formal wear to the caf, we can just forget that rule. Even though your hair may be a mess, you should promptly remove your hat at the table, as it's a sign of disrespect (it should also be removed in any church, unless you are a female).

Another consideration to keep in mind is elbows. They don't belong on the table. You can rest your forearms against the edge of the table but actually it is best to keep your arms off the table altogether. Make sure your hands are clean, too. No one wants to see

Make the Most of a Valentine's Day Spent Alone

By Whitney Braun

If you are stuck spending Valentine's Day alone, then may I suggest that you make a trip down to the Hollywood Video and pick up a few feature films that will make your evening a little more interesting.

If you are in the mood for a tear jerker, you can't beat "Untamed Heart", the 1993 movie starring Marisa Tomei and Christian Slater. Christian Slater (he's a bit on the slow side but totally adorable) needs a heart transplant but won't get one because he thinks he won't love Marisa Tomei anymore. Uncontrollable weeping is guaranteed.

Are you someone who thinks that there is no such thing as a coincidence? If you are then check out the film, "Music from Another Room" starring Jude Law and Gretchen Mol. Jude Law's character says he is going to marry Gretchen Mol's character when he is five years old. Their lives take different paths, but years later they meet up again and romance ensues.

What about an epic romance? Then try and forget about Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise's marital troubles and rent "Far and Away" the 1992 film about Irish immigrants struggling to survive.

Are all of these selections sappy unrealistic romances with leads that don't even resemble real human beings? Yes, but chalk them up to guilty pleasures and make the most of your lonely Valentine's Day.

dirty hands and you don't want to taste that embalming fluid from your bio lab dissection.

I don't care if you're a guy sitting with five other guys during dinner, you should really keep the conversation clean. You don't know who could accidentally overhear something disgusting, maybe someone who is easily offended, or even Dr. Geraty. I doubt you want him to hear how big the snot rocket you blew was.

There's a proper way to eat soup. You take your spoon and dip it away from you, that way nothing ends up on you. You bring it back slowly towards your mouth and gently suck in the soup, without slurping. If there are smaller pieces of food your fork won't pick up, use your knife or a piece of bread to push it onto the fork, never your fingers, even if you've just washed them. As for burping, suppress it as no one wants to hear or smell your dinner. With these things in mind, your dining experience should be better, no matter how bad you think the food is.

Why It's Great to Be A Guy

Phone conversations last 30 seconds

A 5 day vacation requires only one suitcase

Bathroom lines are 80% shorter

You can open all your own jars

Old friends don't care if you've lost or gained weight

When clicking through the channels you don't have to stop on every shot of someone crying

You don't have to lug a bag of "necessary" items with you everywhere you go

You can go to the bathroom alone

Your last name stays put

You can be showered and ready in 10 minutes

Wedding plans take care of themselves

If someone forgets to invite you to something, they can still be your friend

Your underwear costs \$7.50 for a pack of 3

You don't have to curl up next to some big, hairy guy every night

If you're 34 and single, no one notices

Three pair of shoes are more than enough

You can whip your shirt off on a hot day

Car mechanics tell you the truth

You don't care if someone doesn't notice your new haircut

You can watch a game in silence for hours without your buddy thinking "He must be mad at me"

One mood, all the time

You can admire Clint Eastwood without having to starve yourself to look like him

Gray hair and wrinkles add character

Wedding dress \$2000, Tux rental \$100 bucks

You don't care if someone is talking behind your back

You don't pass on the dessert and then mooch off someone else's

You need not pretend you're "freshening up" when you go to the bathroom

If you don't call your buddy when you said you would, he won't tell your friends you've changed

If another guy shows up at the party in the same outfit, you might become lifelong buddies

The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected

New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet

You think the idea of punting that small, ankle-biting dog is funny

If you retain water, it is in a canteen

You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness

Flowers and/or Duct Tape fix everything



"I got a lot of cards with candy...cards are fun!"

-Josh Diaz, freshman



"My daddy has always been my Valentine."

-Sherian Waite, freshman



"I made dinner for my girlfriend in the backyard."

-Joshua Martinez, sophomore



"Going to Disneyland."

-Jason Spears, Senior

"What was your best Valentines Day like?"



"We took a walk in the park."

-Angeline James, freshman



"Just going out to dinner with my friends was the best."

-Lorena Camacho



"When I received flowers from my long distance boyfriend from 1-800-FLOWERS"

-Trisha Rouse, Junior



"My fiancée took me to Fantasy Island."

-Karen Craine, senior



"Go to Laguna Beach, go shopping, and eat dinner near the beach."

-Roy Tabingo, Grad Student



"I'm still trying to find out what my girlfriend's ideal valentine would be..."

-Jesse Seibel, Junior



"To go to a nice restaurant by the beach and then go for a nice horseback ride."

-Cynthia Zacarias, Junior



"A walk on the beach."

-Juniper Goodtracks, freshman

"What would your ideal Valentines Day be like?"



"Having a good time at the beach."

-Brian Bernard, Junior



"Spending time with someone I love—which reminds me, if you're a hot girl, call me."

-Amin Skaf, freshman



"Nothing would go wrong—like people would say nice things to me, and I wouldn't get stressed out in class!"

-Victor Ruiz, Junior



"I would take my girl to the mountains, tell her how much I love her, and give her a rose."

-Derek Duran, Freshman

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Rwandan pastor and son guilty of aiding genocide

By Whitney Braun



A Rwandan pastor and his son were found guilty of aiding and abetting genocide by a U.N. tribunal on Wednesday, February 19th, and sentenced to 10 and 25 years respectively for helping to massacre ethnic Tutsis.

Elizaphan Ntakirutimana and his son Gerard were accused of herding large groups of Tutsi men, women and children into a church and hospital compound in the Kibuye region of western Rwanda in 1994 and then calling Hutus to come and kill them.

The 78-year-old Seventh Day Adventist pastor was found guilty of aiding and abetting genocide, a U.N. spokesman at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) said. His 45-year-old son Gerard, a doctor, was found guilty of the same and also of genocide. The verdicts were unanimous.

"Pastor Ntakirutimana distanced himself from his Tutsi pastors and flock in their hour of need," the independent Hirondele news agency at the ICTR headquarters in Tanzania, quoted Norwegian judge Eric Mose as saying. "As a medical doctor Gerard took lives instead of saving them."

Both doctor and pastor remained expressionless as their sentences were read out. Hirondele said.

The pastor's defense counsel, former U.S. attorney general Ramsay Clarke, told the agency both would

appeal against what he called a "tragic miscarriage of justice."

An estimated 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed in the space of 100 days in Rwanda in 1994, crudely massacred by extremist Hutus wielding machetes and bludgeons.

Ntakirutimana, who fled to Texas after the genocide, was the first pastor to be indicted by the ICTR. Elizaphan Ntakirutimana's case generated some controversy in the United States where he stayed with another of his children after Tutsi rebels took control of Rwanda and stopped the killing in July 1994.

He was first arrested in Laredo, Texas on Sept. 29, 1996, but released 14 months later after successfully petitioning a Texas court to drop the extradition warrant against him.

The State Department petitioned to reverse that decision, and he was arrested again in Feb. 1998. His appeals to avoid extradition went all the way to U.S Supreme Court, which refused to hear the case, allowing his extradition in March 2000. He was arrested in Texas in 1996, and transferred to the ICTR in Arusha, northern Tanzania, in 2000 after a battle against extradition.

His son was arrested in Ivory Coast in 1996. The time they have already spent in custody will be taken off their sentences, a U.N. spokesman said.

Rights groups say several church leaders from various denominations played a leading role in the killings, using their authority to encourage the massacres of Tutsis who tried to take refuge in the country's churches.

In Rwanda today, several churches serve as memorials to the three months of horror. Bones line the now-dusty floors, cleft skulls, legs and arms piled high as a reminder of what ethnic hatred, whipped up by those in positions of power, can do.

Both suspects had pleaded not guilty. At the start of their trial in 2001,

defence counsel Clarke said the pastor had "always been involved in saving souls, just as Gerard...was involved in saving lives."

The court ruled there was not enough evidence to convict Ntakirutimana and his son of some of the charges against them, but was unanimous that both had taken part in massacres in Kibuye's lush green hills. The prosecution used as evidence a letter they said was sent to Ntakirutimana by a group of Adventist pastors who were subsequently killed.

"We wish to inform you that tomorrow we will be killed with our families," the letter reads, a line later used as the title for U.S. author Philip Gourevitch's book on the genocide.

The prosecution said Ntakirutimana replied with the words: "There is nothing I can do for you. All you can do is prepare to die, for your time has come."

The son was found to have taken part in attacks on Tutsis in the area around the church and to have shot and killed Charles Ukobizaba, a Tutsi accountant, in the courtyard of the hospital.

More than 500,000 Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus were killed during the genocide.

The region around the church was home to more than 50,000 Tutsis before the genocide, but only 1,000 survived, government and human rights officials have said.

Wednesday's conviction were the ninth and tenth at the tribunal, which was set up in Arusha in November 1994 and is currently holding 54 suspects. The tribunal has acquitted one suspect.

"The Rwandan tragedy—the senseless loss of thousands of lives—cannot be forgotten," says Ray Dabrowski, Communication Director at the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters. "Christians should reject violence as a means of conflict resolution. The heart of the Christian

message is reconciliation, compassion and love, which transcend any differences of language, race or nationality."

"We are saddened by the outcome of this trial," Dabrowski adds. "The great complexity of this case, the vast quantities of often conflicting evidence, and the continuing bitterness of many who have been caught up in this tragedy, has made the tribunal's task a difficult one. As a church, we extend our deepest sympathies to all those, whose lives have been shattered by this terrible experience."

"We acknowledge with sadness that some of our church members turned against their fellow members and their neighbors. We are saddened that the accused did not act in harmony with the principles of their church. We offer an apology," Dabrowski says.

Subject to appeal, the two will serve their sentences in prisons in Mali, Benin, Swaziland, or potentially other African or European countries currently in negotiations with the ICTR.

Adventist world church leaders and the church in Rwanda have made reconciliation—both within the general community and among church membership—one of their highest post-civil war priorities. In March 1998, a series of major "reconciliation conferences" were sponsored by the Adventist Church, and were aimed at promoting frank discussions and rebuilding trust between rival tribes. Adventist minister Esdras Mpyisi, once advisor to the former king of Rwanda, led out in the talks in which representatives from warring factions determined to work together toward mutual tolerance and understanding.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has some 350,000 members in Rwanda and operates three schools, one hospital and nine clinics around the country. An estimated 10,000 Adventist Church members lost their lives in the intertribal conflict of 1994.

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Commodity

By Kristin Pollard, Guest Writer

Ewe, I feel that yucky feeling in my stomach that I get everytime a plane begins its descent. But before I can finish reciting the Lord's Prayer I hear the skreech of the wheels making contact with the runway. After more than 18 hours of flying I am finally here. "9 months, 9 months, it's only 9 months," I repeat in order to keep what is left of my sanity. As I step off the plane I take a deep breath to inhale this country, which will be my home for the next 9 months. My refreshing breath ends quickly as I promptly choke on a billow of cigarette smoke. Welcome to Spain.

I would have thought that I would be more than 5000 miles away from my family, the first to go to another country to study. My friend, Raquel, who stayed across the hallway from me at La Sierra University, first suggested this absurd idea. She speaks Spanish fluently along with my roommate from third quarter. I hate to feel left out so I asked Raquel to help me with my Spanish. Somehow she hyped me up with the idea that we should all go the Spain for a year to study. My girls and me in Spain!!!! How much better could college get? Besides I had heard from more than one person that the men in Spain were fine.

After making an appointment with my advisor at La Sierra, a friendly lady who was so cheerful and pleasant, I often wonder if she has an I.V. bag of candy water hidden somewhere in her office. When it came time for my appointment I rushed to her office and tried to tip-toe across the old floors of the English Department to her office. I failed and she poked her head out of her office and greeted me as I came creeping down the hallway. During our meeting we

talked at some length about my going to Spain. She gave me a speech about how this was my time to do what I wanted to do, after all, it was my life. Who were my parent's to make me go? Yeah, okay, well that was it. I had had it! The only person telling me that travelling abroad and learning another language was a 50 something year-old woman who's family had probably travelled the world over. As soon I left her office I called my mom and told her to start looking for my ticket.



So here I am, in Spain. Spain is a place unlike any other place I have been. More young African-Americans need to travel abroad. Many other ethnicities have long caught wind of what a great experience it is to be emerged in another culture. I have been to the Phillipines and to Africa but Spain living in Spain for a year goes much farther than any month long visit to either of those countries. By 2020 the nation's Hispanic population will reach 52.7 million, comprising 16.3 percent of the nation's total population. Other countries teach one or more languages to their studnets in grade

school. Generally, the American system of education promotes learning another language in high school or as late as college. This trend in education presents us with a work force that is unprepared for the ever-changing and advancing job market. This reasoning is out of date and needs to be rethought. Today there are college language programs in every language. In the coming globalized world language should not be a barrier within the African-American community. As our

of Hispanic-owned businesses is also on the rise, composing 5 percent of U.S firms in 1992 with a total of \$76.8 billion in receipts.

Travelling abroad has helped me become more mature than I would have been with 3 or more years of college and graduate school in the United States. I have come to a sort of self-peace. My previous views of blackness and what it is conceived of have evolved and changed. Here I see people all shades of brown speaking different languages with different cultures. No longer do I need to listen to a certain type of music or embrace a certain type of dress. For all I am concerned I can salsa way right through the gates of heaven. After mastering Spanish I will have proven to those who doubted me that anything is possible. My goals and expectations for my life have reached new heights. One cannot survive as a foreigner in any country if you are unable to change and adapt your perceptions of things as you are confronted with new situations. It's sounds cliché but life, indeed, is what you make it.

Each man has the option to either succeed or fail, enjoy life or live a miserable existence.

The friends whom one encounters during a semestre will become friends for a lifetime.

Through arguments, smiles and long talks self-discovery and clarity are imminent. Barriers and boundries are broken and destroyed. My friends in Spain have helped me look into myself and see my imperfections and flaws. And all the while self-reliance has become a necessity. I am confident that all of my girls, all 8 of us, will go on to be successful young black women in whatever we may endeavour.

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Suspect in Campus Cleaner's Robbery Spotted at Festival of Nations

By Doug Nophsker

During the Festival of Nations on February 9th, the suspect of the Campus Cleaners robbery on January 13th was seen by the victim in the Pavilion. There was no incident at the Festival of Nations and Campus Security was unable to locate the suspect. The suspect is a black male, about 5'3", 22-23 years old, medium build, with an earring in his left ear and a stud in his nose. If you have any information about the suspect, please contact the Security Officer or Riverside Police Department. Thank you for your help in making this the safest campus possible.

Remade

You are invited to rethink the lives of five Bible women whose remade lives are dramatized in *Remade*, a play by Patti Poblete, this Saturday night, March 1, at 7 p.m. in the Matheson Chapel.

Presented by the Alumni Office and the Women's Resource Center, *Remade* dramatized the stories of the mother and the foremothers of Jesus: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. The complex, sad and sometimes humorous portrayal of these women will encourage you to think more deeply about the drama of your own life. No charge. Freewill offering taken.

*Penny Shell, Ed.D., BCC
Director, Women's Resource Center*

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www.adventistwomenscenter.org

Need some entertainment to lighten the up the quarter? Then come and enjoy Shakespeare's enduring classic, "The Tempest," directed by LSU alumnus Willie Price. Performance dates are Thursday, March 6 through Sunday, March 9 with evening performances at 8pm and one Friday matinee performance at 2pm. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students with ID. They may be purchased at the English & Communication Department Office, x2241. Hope to see you there!

If college students wrote the bible

Courtesy of Bethany Morse

The Last Supper would have been eaten the next morning — cold.

The Ten Commandments would actually be only five — double-spaced and written in a large font.

A new edition would be published every two years in order to limit reselling.

Forbidden fruit would have been eaten because it wasn't cafeteria food.

Paul's letter to the Romans would become Paul's email to abuse@romans.gov.

Reason Cain killed Abel: they were roommates.

Reason why Moses and followers walked in the desert for 40 years: they didn't want to ask directions and look like freshmen.

Instead of God creating the world in six days and resting on the seventh, he would have put it off until the night before to get it done.



Hello SBM Family,

Please don't forget this Friday is the big SBM Barbeque/Picnic in Citrus Park, off Van Buren Boulevard. It will be held from 12 - 4 pm Friday afternoon. Great food and fun. Flyers have been posted for a couple of weeks. Encourage the students to get into the SBM spirit by joining the group. If they need transportation, let Vernell or I know. We'll try to make arrangements for carpooling.

The rain promises to let up Thursday and Friday and return Saturday. Let's pray it stays that way! Don't forget, your presence is also encouraged to keep in touch with the students outside the classroom. That way they can find out that we are actually human beings!! HAHAAHA (Just a little joke!).

If you have special picnic faire that you would love to make and bring, please let Vernell or I know. Otherwise, hamburgers/hotdogs are the mainstay of the menu!

Thanks much!

Cheryl Coordinator, Student Services School of Business and Management La Sierra University

The world has changed... Find out how at La Sierra University!

The Research Revolution is a series of six films and discussion on science and the world it has produced, the world we live in.

One award-winning video will be shown each night of the series, followed by group discussion with the audience.

7-9 PM, Tues, February 25 Atomic Age Film: I Am Become Death: They Made the Bomb

7-9 PM, Tues, March 4 Robotics Film: Into the Body

7-9 PM, Tues, March 11 Genetics Film: Our Genes, Our Choices: Who Gets to Know?

7-9 PM, Tues, April 1 Forensics Film: Gene Squad

7-9 PM, Tues, April 8 Global Warming Film: What's Up With the Weather?

7-9 PM Tues, April 15 Biodiversity Film: Natural Connections



Cossentine Hall, Room 100. La Sierra University, Riverside, California.

Facilitator: Dr. Rennie Schoepflin, Professor of History, Politics and Society at La Sierra University

The general public is invited to attend. Individuals may attend any one, or all of the series.

Admission and parking are free. Refreshments will be served.

Registration is encouraged, although not required. Contact Chris Cicchetti at (909) 785-2163.

Academic credit is available for attending the entire series.

Golf Tournament

GOLF Tournament is alive once again! On Sun., March 2, 12 noon, the Walt Hamerslough Golf Classic will start off the alumni-sponsored Golden Eagle Golf Tour. The first tournament will be at Hidden Valley Golf Course. The alumni association has planned this year-long golf tour, which will benefit various campus projects. In addition to players, there is opportunity for tour sponsors. To register or for more information, call x2578 or 353-0005, or email jemery@lasierra.edu.

Feed him...

By Linda Biswas

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink." Romans 12:20



On Saturday, Feb. 8, Pastor Dan Smith of the La Sierra University Church made a call to those that wanted to make a difference, not only in their community but the whole world. Pastor Dan did not ask us to leave our homes and minister to foreigner's abroad, nor did he ask us to give our blood for the masses around us. Instead, the request was simple... "feed him."

On Sabbath the topic was that of the impending war with Iraq and the Unites States response to the threats. What is it that our nation supports? What does our church say? Our schools? Our neighbors? Perhaps our focus should be on our family...those living in Iraq.

On Valentine's Day, Friday, Feb. 14, the LSU Church held a prayer vigil on behalf of our family across the ocean. The church community then gathered together on the steps of the LSU Church at 7 p.m. on Friday with candles and prayers. Prayer is indeed a strong instrument "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

In response to feeding your enemy, students and members of the community worked to fill little bags with grains of rice. Within each bag was a Bible verse and prayer. The envelopes were mailed to officials in Washington D.C.



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New Jersey nightclub fire kills 97

By Whitney Braun

Thirty-two of the 97 people killed in a raging nightclub fire set off by a rock band's pyrotechnics display had been identified by noon Sunday, Gov. Don Carcieri said. Eighty survivors remained hospitalized, all of them now identified.

Meanwhile Sunday, for the first time the victims' families were being taken inside the fence and up to the charred rubble of The Station nightclub to pray, say goodbye and try to make sense of the incomprehensible.

A memorial service was planned Sunday night, described as "prayer unplugged." Mourners were encouraged to bring acoustic guitars to honor the victims.

The governor ordered a no-fly zone within 5 miles of the site to give the families privacy to mourn.

The band was just getting into its

first song Thursday night when sparks from the pyrotechnics ignited foam tiles in the suspended ceiling overhead and quickly spread flames over the crowd



Dominic Santana, owner of the Stone Pony in Asbury Park, New Jersey, said Great White had used pyrotechnics without permission during a show last week at his club.

of more than 300. Fire officials said the entire building was engulfed in three minutes.

Little now remains of the one-story,

wooden nightclub. Against one partial wall leaned the bouquets of flowers, stuffed animals and American flags that police have gathered from mourners, who have been kept several yards from the site.

More than 48 hours after the fire, questions remained about whether Great White had permission to set off the fireworks - and whether anyone should face charges in the deadly blaze.

The club did not have a permit that would have allowed the special effects. While the leader and an attorney for the band - which returned to Los Angeles without guitarist Ty Longley, missing since the blaze - have said the group got permission from the club before setting off the special effects, the club's owners insist they never approved pyrotechnics use.

Worlds at a Glance

Compiled by Alfian Sihotang



PARIS - France remains opposed to a second U.N. Security Council resolution on Iraq for now, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin said in a newspaper interview, as Washington prepared a new resolution to force Baghdad to disarm.

KABUL - Germany has no plans to pull out of Afghanistan if there is a war in Iraq, a German spokesman for the multi-national security force in the country said on Sunday. German Defence Minister Peter Struck told a news conference in Berlin last Friday the threat to foreigners in Afghanistan could worsen in the event of a war in Iraq and it was possible to evacuate peacekeeping troops within a week if necessary.

MADRID - Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar came under renewed pressure on Sunday with his popularity slipping over Iraq and hundreds of thousands of people protesting once again on the streets of the capital. At least 300,000 turned out to protest against Aznar's handling of a massive oil spill while a new opinion poll put the opposition Socialists ahead of his government. Aznar has promised Bush support in Iraq.

MEXICO CITY - In defiance of the United States and Spain, U.N. Security Council member Mexico vowed on Saturday to maintain its opposition to an attack on Iraq.

KUALA LUMPUR - North Korea's de facto head of state held a rare meeting on Sunday with Indonesia's president, Megawati Sukarnoputri, but officials reported no progress in bringing the communist state closer to face-to-face talks with the United States on the nuclear crisis.

KATHMANDU - Nationals from Australia, Canada, Britain and the United States protested in the Nepali capital Kathmandu on Sunday against a possible attack on Iraq. More than 100 men, women and children from the four nations and Buddhist monks in maroon robes lit traditional butter lamps at a centuries-old monastery in a "silent vigil" to protest their respective governments over positions on Iraq.



Not really reality TV

By Noé Yuriar

As far as TV is concerned, America loves its reality shows. The Joe Millionaire finale raked in 42 million viewers, last year's American Idol finale 28 million viewers and about 25.9 million viewers tuned in to Survivor: Thailand's finale, which pales in comparison to the first Survivor's finale that had 50 million people tuning in.

But how real are these so-called reality shows? What is reality? It certainly is not what the TV network bigwigs try to pass off as "REAL." Is reality a group of people on an island jumping through hoops for food and a possible chance of winning a million dollars, is it a bunch of pop star wannabes singing their hearts out on national TV because we all know American needs all the pop singers it can get, or is it even a group of gold digging women vying for the chance to finally meet their very wealthy "Prince Charming?"

After considering the aforementioned the answer is a resounding NO! Of course this isn't reality, reality is much more mundane. But then again who wants to turn on their television and watch an average

person shopping for groceries, picking up their kids from school or walking their dog? No one. The TV executives know this, the advertisers who buy the rights to market their goods during these shows know it and you know it too.

But why do millions tune in each week to these shows and many others? That is the question.

We know these show are of poor taste, are crass, and only lower the collective I.Q. of America. But we can't help ourselves we want more and more, might it be because of the satisfaction we

get from seeing people humiliate themselves on national TV when they are told they aren't as hot as they really are, maybe it's because we like seeing a motley crew of aspiring B-list celebrities act like savages for a pathetic morsel of food or perhaps it's due to the fact the we all want a sense of adventure in our lives without leaving the confines of our couch and its immediate surrounding. Whatever our reasons two things are for certain: the shows will become even more low brow and Americans will tune in every week to watch.



Evan picks Zora over Sarah and the new couple is suprised with \$1,000,000!!!

Hearty boba

By Scott Arany



tasty food at that?

After going out for boba many times in the middle of the night and arriving at the café after the food kitchen has closed, I decided that the time had finally come to get there early enough for a meal. The food here is best described as "hearty," said Joshua Hong. We tried several different dishes: beef fried rice, chicken-steak rice (not beef-steak, but a sliced chicken filet), egg and onion pancakes. The pancakes are not sweet, almost like omlettes (without the cheese). The fried rice is, well, there's that word again: hearty! Portions are large with no dish priced above \$6 (I paid \$5.75 for my chicken rice dish which came with green tea, cabbage and some meatballs). Overall, the meal a hit, with just a couple of misses: avoid the green tea, and watch out for pork (it showed up as a side with my chicken rice).

Vegetarian options include the tasty pancakes and a vegetable pocket (which was unavailable when I ordered). Try the delicious rose hot tea.

“What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God - through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.” Romans 7:24-25

Plight of the Student Missionary

By Mark Tatum

Last year, I knew I had to get out. It wasn’t that I disliked La Sierra or anything, or had qualms about the department I was studying in, it was just all becoming too routine. It was all the same. Having had LSU as a stomping ground since I was an infant, I loved it, but it was too much the same. I needed something radically different.

So, I did it. I went to Jodi in HomeBase, and she found me a place where I could go. Now I am here in Costa Rica, teaching English and helping out in church services. I have gotten the radical change I was wanting!

As many missionaries will tell you, doing this is anything but easy at times. I had never once done a lesson plan before I got here. I had never once had a classroom full of students that I was in charge of before! I had never had to take cold showers before, and I had never had to wake up with a stiff back thanks to a thin mattress. I had never had to swat softball-sized mosquitoes as they flew through the air before! (okay, that’s an exaggeration).

But I’ve also never felt so much emotion before. Bad and Good. From the first few weeks of “what in the world have I gotten myself into!?” to the next few weeks of hard-core homesickness, there were times I was sure I’d made

the wrong decision. “A comfort-zone isn’t so bad! I would give my left arm for a week at home right now!” There are nights when a year might as well be a lifetime.

But then, you get through all your misery, and the blessings start to come out. You begin to make ties with the other missionaries you’re working with, and though you probably wouldn’t



choose most of them to be your friends, there are aspects of them that are really cool. And your students get to be more comfortable with you, and you can hang out with them in the cafeteria during mealtime, or sit with them at church during the weekends.

And now (7 months later), I’m feel-

ing pretty good about being here most of the time. Once you get in the groove of teaching classes, once you settle yourself into a routine, once you have a base of friends you can talk with, the blessings truly begin to outweigh the drawbacks. Sure, cold showers still aren’t fun, but it’s part of the package. Things like laughing with students and participating in worship services become really worthwhile.

Of course, I still need some of the things I love from home. Fortunately, there is a town nearby. And it feels great, after you’ve become exhausted from a hard day of work, to walk into a mall with about every form of fast-food we have back at home (except for In-N-Out!).

So, just because I’ve left my comfort zone, it doesn’t mean that I’ve lost touch. Tuesday nights have been my only nights without teaching until 9:30, and I’ve made it a habit of going to town for a Subway sandwich, followed by catching the latest flick down at the super-4 megaplex. As I exit, with green pepper still on my breath, and the James Bond theme still running through my head, I think of how fortunate I am to not have to be completely isolated, as so many missionaries in the past have been.

Romanian Woman

By Kristin Pollard

After church I was sitting against the wall talking with my friends when I felt a tap on my shoulder. When I turned I saw a weather worn face smiling, like the sun, at me. Upon more examination I realized that this lady had been sitting next to me for some time now. The lady spoke to me in a timed pace. Her Spanish was flavored with her native Romanian accent. We spoke of her time here in Spain and how she liked it. When she talked of Romania there was a certain sparkle in her eyes. She talked of the cold and lightly scolded me for wearing sandals on in the cold weather. Though, at least, 2 times my senior she treated me as though we were equals. She was in

Spain for work and had only been her for one month. As we talked we laughed at our bad Spanish jokes and how Spain was so different from where we had come from. She told me of a school in Budapest and said that there were many *negroes* who went there. She suggested that I go there and learn Alemanian. I laughed and she sugared the cake by letting telling me that the food there was much better than I was receiving at L.C.H. As her daughter prepared to leave with her husband we said our farewells. Her departing words to me were to dress warmer the next time, she said this with a smile that beared her golden molars. I hope that time reunites this lady and I. She

couldn’t understand very much Spanish and when I asked her name, she referred to herself as “*soy yo.*” She has brightened my life and let me know that anything is possible with God, even in the direst situations.

When we are struggling with something, whether choices, school, learning another language, friendships, lifestyle or deciding our future I admonish you to pray. You may not consider yourself the most religious person in the world, God doesn’t care. You are His child, like a father to his child her cares for you and wants to help you if you would only let him. Try him, you have nothing to loose.

Romans 8:28-31

This is pretty strange or odd how it worked out this way. Even if you are not “religious” you should read this.



What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

Answer - Psalms 117

What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

Answer - Psalms 119

Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?

Answer - Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118

Add these numbers up and you get 1188

What is the center verse in the Bible?

Answer - Psalms 118:8

Does this verse say something significant about God’s perfect will for our lives? The next time someone says they would like to find God’s perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the center of His Word!

Psalms 118:8 (NKJV) “It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.”

Now isn’t that odd how this worked out (or was God in the center of it)?

Faith doesn’t get you around trouble, it gets you through it!

300 episodes of "D'oh"

By Richard Igros



Homer's famous catch phrase on a poster.

On April 19th 1987, America fell in love with The Simpsons. Fourteen years later the dysfunctional family of our generation kept viewers entertained with sidesplitting satire and gut busting humor. From the time the infamous Bart sawed off the head of the statue of town founder Jebediah Springfield, to the time dim witted Homer sold his

soul for a doughnut, classic episodes and Halloween specials help made The Simpsons the longest running sitcom in television history; along with numerous guest appearances from John Lovitz, Danny DeVito, Resse Witherspoon, Joe Mantegna and many more. This endless cartoon features a small group of talented voices that are able to alternate and create a cast of characters, which make up the town of Springfield. Creator Matt Groening with his staff of creative writers and animators accomplished a great milestone of this animated series by reaching its 300th episode, which aired February 16th 2003. This episode guest stars legendary pro skateboarder Tony Hawk and Punk band Blind 182; as Bart learns that Homer has lost his earnings from a TV commercial he appeared in as a baby. Bart takes Homer to court and is granted emancipation from his parents. I would like to say CONGRATULATIONS to The Simpsons, on their years of success and laughter!!!

An Evening at the Cinema

By Daniel Paden and Katie Parsons

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days & Dare Devil

How to Lose a Guy in 10 days: This romantic comedy follows the intentionally doomed romance of a magazine columnist (played by Kate Hudson) and an advertising agent (played by Matthew McConaughey). Each enters the relationship on the basis of a bet. The results are some very funny (and a few painful!) scenes.

He said: It was very similar to the movie "Meet the Parents" because many of the situations were painful to watch. You have such sympathy for both parties, and the pain that they are inflicting on one another that it is hard to watch.

She said: This was a very funny movie, but I would not recommend it for a romantic night out. This is definitely a "girls-night-out" flick, if for no other reason than you should feel free to drool over Matthew McConaughey without offending your guy.

DareDevil: A dark, action packed thrill ride through the life of Matt Murdock (Ben Affleck), a blind

lawyer by day, DareDevil by night. Jumping from building to building, DareDevil, on a conquest to find the man who killed his father seeks to protect the innocent in Hell's Kitchen (a New York neighborhood).

He said: This was a great movie. A little bit on the dark side. Fans of "Spiderman" may not appreciate it as a result of its dark qualities.

She said: This movie was a little more intense than I expected. I enjoyed it, but it had a few moments that definitely made me cringe. The dark effects of this movie made me uncomfortable, especially because the good guy isn't completely good. With that said, I would like to officially state (for those of you who don't already know) that Jennifer Garner is the coolest chick on the planet.

Special Guest, David Paden (Daniel's brother and movie buff extraordinaire): I would like to agree with Katie on her assessment of Jennifer Garner and the ultimate coolness of this movie.

50 Cent: Get rich or die trying

By Richard Igros



It seems as if the Hip-Hop industry has focused its attention as if late to one 50 Cent. Born Curtis Jackson in Queens, New York 50 Cent seems to have a lot to say. From surviving 9 gunshots including one through the jaw 50 Cent climbed past the hardships of a rough life to releasing a multi platinum album, Get Rich or Die Trying. Singing under the wing of world-renowned art-

ist Eminem's Shady Records, 50 Cent seems to be on road to success. With tracks featuring Eminem along with Dr. Dre behind the production wheel its no wonder why this album out sold the infamous Billboard king The Eminem Show during its opening week. Songs including radio friendly, "In Da Club" and "Wanksta" 50 Cent's Get Rich or Die Trying catches the ears of both club hoppers and Hip-Hop fans. Throughout the album 50 Cent makes constant remarks attacking fellow rapper Ja Rule. Only time will tell how Ja Rule will reply to 50 Cent's lyrical slander, but I'm sure this heated rivalry is far from over. The masterpiece of 50 Cent's lyrical word play accompanied by neck bobbing beats of Dr. Dre, it seems as if Eminem has done it again by giving the hip-hop world what they want to hear with no lose change.

Ladytron surpasses hype

By Ruben D. López

Style setters have been predicting an '80s revival ever since bellbottoms resurfaced in the mid '90s. With producers like Mirwais and others fronting an electro pop revival, it's hard not to escape it in the indie music scene (and by indie, I don't mean Jimmy Eat World or Dashboard Confessional, I'm talking about indie record labels). Two bands that have been embracing this revival are Fischerspooner and Ladytron. After releasing a critically acclaimed debut, 604, Ladytron have returned with *Light & Magic*, living up to the hype and proving they've still got magic in their souls.

Using no acoustic instruments, just synthesizers, beat machines, and

vocoders, this foursome reminds us of what we thought the future would sound like in 1984. I hate making comparisons, Ladytron's sound is very reminiscent of early New Order, Depeche Mode, and even Erasure.

Stand out tracks include "Seventeen," about ageists who disregard potential mates after they turn 21, "Nuhorizons," where Mira Aroyo does a

deadpan rap in Bulgarian and even makes it sound awesome, "Blue Jeans" with it's eerily beautiful organ effects, and the title tracks with pulsating beats and almost whispery vocals. If you're looking to travel back a bit in time, yet stay grounded in 2003, *Light and Magic* is an easy way to do so, not to mention, you'll be in the know of new indie music.



Above: Ladytron poses for the camera. Below: Fischerspooner performs their talents.





Sports Nation

By AJ, Sports Editor

The Dallas Mavericks (44-13) are still heading strong despite a 98-93 loss to the Orlando Magic (29-29) on Tuesday, leading the Western Conference in wins. The Sacramento Kings (40-18) follow behind, winning their fourth game in a row 75-81 on Tuesday against the Detroit Pistons (37-20). The Mavericks and Kings will face off on Thursday in Dallas. The San Antonio Spurs (39-17) creamed the Miami Heat (19-37) on Tuesday with a 84-69 win, getting ready for their home game on Saturday against the Kings. In fourth place in the Western Conference are the Portland Trailblazers (36-20), and they're playing the Nuggets (12-45) Wednesday at Denver. The LA Lakers (31-25) have climbed the rungs and are now in seventh place in the West, making them eligible to go to the playoffs. They won their fifth game in a row on Tuesday, winning 109-98 against the LA Clippers (19-36), and Kobe ended a 4-game streak of scoring 40 or more points in a game, ending the game with the Clippers ONLY 32. Moving to the Eastern Conference,

the Detroit Pistons lead the wins, tailed by the New Jersey Nets (38-21), who won a game against the New York Knicks (24-33) on Wednesday. The Indiana Pacers (37-20) are in third place, while the Philadelphia 76ers (31-24) trail right behind.

On the hockey rinks, the Ottawa Senators (39-16-7-1) stay in the lead despite a 3-0 loss to the Minnesota Wild (31-22-8-1) on Tuesday. The Vancouver Canucks (38-16-9-0) have won their thirteenth game in a row following a 8-0 thrashing of the Atlanta Thrashers (20-32-5-4) Tuesday. The Dallas Stars (35-12-15-1) have only lost 2 of their last 25 games, tying with the Boston Bruins (28-24-8-2) 5-5 on Tuesday. The New Jersey Devils 37-16-4-4 tied 3-3 with the NY Rangers (25-31-8-2) Tuesday, leaving them second in the Eastern Conference. The LA Kings are (26-28-4-4) as of Tuesday, winning a 5-3 game against the Pittsburgh Penguins (25-29-4-5).

Meanwhile, MLB is in spring training, and the NFL is preparing drafts for the 2003-04 season.

Kobe's Streak Ends, but Lakers Win

By JOHN NADEL, AP Sports Writer

Kobe Bryant's remarkable scoring streaks ended Tuesday night. But he still helped the Los Angeles Lakers win for the 12th time in 14 games.

Shadowed closely by Corey Maggette and often double-teamed, Bryant scored 32 points as the Lakers beat the Los Angeles Clippers 109-98.

Bryant thus failed in his attempt to extend his streak of scoring at least 40 points to 10 games, which would have tied Wilt Chamberlain for the second-longest streak in NBA history.

Chamberlain scored 40 or more in 14 straight games twice in the 1961-62 season, when he averaged an NBA-record 50.4 points. He had his

10-game streak the following season.

Bryant's streak of nine straight was the longest since Michael Jordan scored 40 or more in the same number of games in the 1986-87 season.

Bryant had also scored at least 35 points in 13 consecutive games. Only



Chamberlain has longer streaks, having accomplished that feat in 33, 23 and 20 straight games.

The Lakers played without Phil Jackson, who missed his first game as an NBA head coach recuperating from having a kidney stone removed a day earlier. Assistant Jim Clemons served as acting head coach.

Dwight's Fitness Corner

By Dwight Barret,
CABL Director

Exercise!

Are you feeling lethargic? Are you a teenager or a twentysomething that feels like an octogenarian? Well, perhaps you truly are in need of a really wonderful jog. Running gets the blood pumping and trims excess weight off of your waistline and with bathing suit season on the horizon you might want to start yourself on an exercise regiment.

The fitness center is a great place to go, but if you want the encouragement of a group of other fitness seekers then why not join SALSU CABL's morning runs next quarter? You can improve your health, lose weight, make new friends and most importantly you can do this with a support group. So keep your eyes open for running times next quarter or talk to me in person. I am glad to answer any fitness questions you might have.



Golden Eagles

La Sierra University

Come and Support!!!

Women's Basketball

Thur. Feb 27
Pomona Pitzer
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Claremont
7:30 PM

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Shopping on a student's budget

By Ruben D. López

Money is an all too familiar subject for college students. We can never get enough from work, but we're too afraid to ask our parents for more. It's important to look good, whether it's trying to attract someone or just to impress your current flame. What about music? How can you afford the music you love when you're without Kazaa or a CD burner? When looking for music or clothes, you can find affordable items if you look around.

- Check clearance racks at department stores. Sometimes you can find decent looking clothes marked down to more than half price. It's rare, but take a shot.
- Independent music stores usually have used CDs cheaper than The Warehouse or any other chain. I've been able to find some recent releases, CDs out of print, imports, and box sets for very reasonable

prices. My latest find was John Mayer's *Room for Squares* for \$1.99. If you're looking for Christian contemporary music, you will be able to find that as well; one of my friends has been able to find used CCM CDs. If you're ever in need, you can sell CDs you don't



want for cash or store credit. Sounds Like Music is the closest independent music store to campus, located on Hole and Magnolia.

- Places like Shoe Factory or Shoe Warehouse have the latest styles for about a third of department stores.
- Nordstrom Rack, Ross, Burlington Coat Factory and TJ Maxx are all

stores that have discounted clothing. Being a Nordstrom Rack fan, I tend to go there more often for shoes and suits. I was able to buy a pair of Diesel boots for \$38, when they're originally priced around \$80. The nearest Nordstrom Rack is in Chino Hills, off the 71 and Grand Ave (you can see it from the highway).

- If your styles are more eclectic, Denim Bank, also on Hole and Magnolia, may be your store. You can find all sorts of used jeans (hence the name) or even sell your own. They also carry shirts, shoes, wigs and other accessories. You can spend about \$20 on a new outfit. It's thrift store pricing, located in a strip mall.

Now that you're armed with this information, you're ready to start looking for new deals and be the envy of your friends who paid too much for their new shoes.

Valentine's Day Poetry Contest Winners:

Tied for first place:

James Felix and Soklina Seth

Tied for second place:

Joy Asuman and DeAnne Knipschild

Third place:

Elsa Sanchez

All winners need to contact criterion@lasierra.edu to receive their prizes.

Seeking Advice

I am 21 and I have never been in a serious relationship and have no prospects of being in one in the near future. My family says I need to go to church more or the grocery store more often to meet guys but try as I might that has not been working? Where do you suggest I go to meet a nice guy? I am easy going, have a good sense of humor, and love animals and sports. I am a good catch, but there just aren't any fisherman casting their lines in my direction. Waaah! What am I doing wrong?

Conflicted in Calkins

Please e-mail your advice to criterion@lasierra.edu and we will post it up on the next issue.

Lift Tickets for Sale

Just a quick reminder that the Office of International Student is selling lift tickets for the Big Bear Mountain Resorts for only \$38.

Tickets are good at both mountains, Bear Mountain and Snow Summit are there are no date restrictions anymore. If you're interested, please contact Natan at x2949 or via email at nvigna@lasierra.edu.



In loving memory of Cousin Carl

R.I.P.

Different causes, We all die . . .

Shot to A Man's Soul

Shot to a man's soul.

Creates nothing but a black hole.

What can destroy a man while he stands?

Nobody knows until he dies.

Aspiration turned to desperation?

Or the lack of mission?

Status or age are of little importance-

It's been killing for years.

Shot to a man's soul.

Silence kills with no tears.

Broken families the bereaved

Wondering when did he really leave-

Last year?

Or when he ceased to breath.

Shot to a man's soul.

Casualties numerous.

Shot a man's soul.

Some shots should kill,

Survivors worse than the dead.

Shot to a man's soul

Living misery shrouded in mystery-

Even the light is depressing

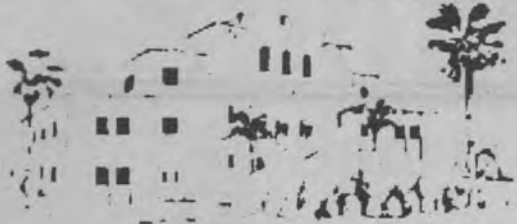
With the question ever pressing-

What killed him?

It was the - - -

Shot to a man's soul

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World at a glance

PARIS - On April 16, 2003 the French government and banks were told they should pay 77.75 million euros (\$84 million) to Jews whose money, property and possessions were seized under France's pro-Nazi Vichy regime during World War Two, a commission said on Wednesday. The Commission for the Compensation of Victims of Spoliation (CIVS), set up by the government in 1999 to examine claims filed by victims or their heirs, said it had made recommendations for the compensation to be paid to 4,547 individuals.

JERUSALEM - Israel sealed the West Bank and Gaza Strip to protect against attacks Wednesday, while Prime Minister Ariel Sharon vowed to invite his Palestinian counterpart for talks as soon as he takes office.

CARACAS - A bomb exploded in western Venezuela on April 16, 2003 near the frontier with Colombia on Wednesday, damaging the headquarters of a local ranchers' association which had denounced cross-border activity by leftist Colombian rebels, witnesses and police said.

HONG KONG - Hong Kong leader Tung Chee-hwa said that SARS was having a "very serious impact" and the territory will impose stricter health checks at its borders to curb the spread of the killer disease. Authorities will take the temperatures of incoming air travelers from next week and will impose stricter health checks on visitors at its sea and land border points, he said.

LAGOS - To win re-election Saturday, Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo must beat out an unusual challenger - someone claiming to be his wife. Moji Adekunle-Obasanjo, a 54-year-old former military officer, says they're still legally married; his aides deny it.

CANBERRA - Australia plans to bring home by June most of the 2,000 troops it sent to join the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq, Prime Minister John Howard said Thursday.

State Deficits Hits Higher Education

By Whitney Braun

More than 206,000 Californians will be denied access to higher education if Governor Gray Davis's proposed budget is enacted by the Legislature, according to the Community College League of California.

The figures reflect a careful analysis of the financial impact on community college budgets of Governor Davis's plan to cut \$530 million in staffing and course offerings at the

teachers to the California State University. The Governor's budget proposes cuts of \$1 billion over 18 months and more than doubling of the per-unit fee students pay, from \$11 per unit to \$24 per unit.

"Community colleges are key to California's economic recovery, but we simply cannot serve that role when access is arbitrarily reduced to hundreds of thousands of residents," said Bill McGinnis,

were particularly sensitive to cost increases in "access costs," including fees, books and supplies, and transportation. The fee increase and more moderate increase in other access costs results in a projected 14.6% increase in access costs and a corresponding decline in credit students of 10.22%. The numbers have been adjusted to account for student financial aid.

The Community College League

	A	B	C	D
1	Projected Impact of Budget Cuts			
2	County	Ethnicity	Total Students	Projected Lost Students
3	Riverside	Asian/Filipino/Pacific Islander	3,361	-321
4		Black/African-American	5,214	-498
5		Hispanic/Latino	18,849	-1,802
6		Native American	822	-79
7		Other non-white	1,074	-103
8		Caucasian/White	26,960	-2,578

108 California community colleges and a doubling of enrollment fees. It is estimated that half the cuts will come from faculty and staff layoffs and half from students dropping out due to the higher cost of enrollment. The projected decline in the numbers of student enrollment will be the equivalent of shutting down all nine campuses of the University of California.

California community colleges serve about 2.9 million students in transfer, vocational and continuing education. Community colleges train the majority of the state's nurses, firefighters, police and transfer two-thirds of California's future

president of the Community College League of California and a trustee at Butte College in Chico. "This foreclosure on the future of 206,500 students reduces the number of teachers, computer technicians, nurses, firefighters, and police officers who will be prepared for California's workforce."

The projected number of 206,500 students being denied access to higher education is based on an economic model published by a the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges after the budget cuts and fee increases in the early 1990s. The study found that community college students

of California is the statewide, non-profit association of the 72 community college districts. The organization provides policy leadership, trustee education, fiscal services and governmental relations services to the districts.

While community colleges will suffer the most from the budget cuts, the University of California campuses and the majority of the private universities in the state will be hit also. Almost all of the private universities, which include La Sierra and Loma Linda receive funding from the state government. Undoubtedly these budget cuts will be felt by all college students.

SARS conference planned in Canada

By Alfian Sihotang

The World Health Organization said Monday that the SARS epidemic had peaked outside of China, and Canada announced plans for an international conference to discuss the often fatal disease. But health officials said China, where the disease began last year, needed to do more to contain SARS, which kills about six percent of the people it infects, and has no known cure.

China has reported 139 deaths from the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, although health experts suspect the actual tally could be far higher. China accounts for well over a third

of the global death toll of 331, which includes 138 deaths in Hong Kong, and 21 each in Canada and Singapore.

The disease has infected more than 5,500 people in nearly 30 countries. But after several weeks when the news on SARS seemed to be worsening by the day, there were signs of hope on Monday. Vietnam, which reported its last new SARS case on April 5, said it had contained the outbreak, and Swiss health care group Roche Holding AG said it hoped to launch a reliable SARS test by the end of July.

As of yet there have been no cases of SARS in Southern California, however

health officials with the Red Cross of Riverside County have warned that is not impossible that the disease could reach this section of the world.



Young girls dressed up for a party include protective masks as part of their outfit, as they take precautions against SARS in Hong Kong.

Shame on You "Allies"

By Jay Razzouk

To France:

Shame on you France for being a scoundrel and a hypocrite! Who knows how many more Americans and British forces will die because of you? Your repugnant antics in the Security Council gave Saddam months to prepare for war. You should have said in August that you would never support any use of force. Months of U.S. diplomacy was a waste of both time and paper.

Your stanch stance against war no doubt gave the Butcher of Baghdad hope for survival. He knew that no matter how uncooperative he was with the inspectors, he could always count on you to oppose the United States' action. Why should he disarm if you were there to support his preservation? As long as he fed you a warhead a week, or a missile a day, he knew it would be enough for you to maintain an Axis of Hope to oppose the Coalition of the Willing.

As you convinced nations around the world that you stood for peace and morals, you knew full and well you were supporting the true Satan. How could you sell Saddam missile propellant and look your loyal followers in the eyes? It is likely your propellant which has been thrust Saddam's missiles toward Kuwait. Lucky for Kuwait and the coalition forces that Patriot Missiles stopped all of Iraq's missiles except for the Chinese Sidewinder.

Our patriot missiles are truer than you will ever be. You accuse America of wanting to invade Iraq for selfish reasons, but these accusations carry no merit. Somehow the world exemplifies you. But you have deceived your supporters. Is it not you who stands to lose out if the United States is successful in Iraq? You know that your years of profitable deals with Iraq will likely be coming to an end. Was it not your country that charged Saddam \$200 million for a \$50 million dollar nuclear reactor? Your country has enjoyed lucrative arms deals with the Iraqi regime for years, profiting greatly while ripping off the Iraqi people. Yet somehow you are praised for opposing U.S. greed.

You fear losing business. You fear losing influence. You fear long needed change. Yet somehow these outweigh the fear of turning your back on your greatest ally. You turned your back on the very country that liberated you. After years of believing diplomacy would appease Hitler, you realized too late that it was in vain. But for some reason you still believe that diplomacy works with everyone. Or perhaps you are smart

and realize it doesn't work; but you are afraid of the United States going into Iraq because you fear what they might find. Maybe you are afraid of how much stronger America might become after the war. Shame on you. Fries and toast are no longer worthy to bare your name. And I am glad I chose to take Spanish.

To Germany:

Shame on your Germany! Of all countries, you should know what American occupation is like. After the United States ended your conquest to decimate humanity, it helped you rebuild and survive during those tough post-war years. You learned the tough lessons of aggression, but you clearly did not remember the peace of American Occupation. The Americans by far treated you better than the Soviets. You lucky Germans found yourselves on the West side of the Berlin Wall. And even when West Berlin was completely isolated by the communists, the United States daily flew in food and supplies to keep you alive. But you have clearly forgotten who your ally was.

Like France, you too are guilty of selling illegal arms to Iraq. You have long violated the very U.N. resolutions that you claim to uphold. Like your French cohorts, you have sold technology and materials and thus helped Saddam maintain his reign of terror. You better hope that nothing you sold to the evil regime is killing our troops today. It is a good thing that Patriot Missiles can stop rockets bearing your parts. The United States doesn't fear you any more. But are you, like France, also scared of the United States finding things you have sold? We know you have provided nuclear secrets to the regime in the past, and of course at an exuberant cost. Of all the countries, I would think you would be the last to support today's most diabolical dictator. But perhaps some things never change.

To Russia:

Great shame to you too, Russia! How can you be one of the greatest suppliers of arms to rogue states and terrorists, yet also claim to be a moral leader? Your stance against an Iraqi invasion is also hypocritical. Why do you fear the U.S. invading Iraq? Is it because you have that much faith in the weapons you sold to them years ago? Who knows how many American soldiers die each year from your AKs. Your guns, planes, and tanks are no doubt the backbone of the

Iraqi military. Granted, most of these things were sold to Iraq even before the first Gulf War. However, recent evidence is showing that your companies have sold night vision goggles and GPS jamming equipment to Saddam. That would be forgivable if you would launch an investigation into the matter. However, you continue deny these accusations. Why do you turn the other way while your businesses arm the enemy? Don't you know that the jamming equipment makes our bombs miss? That means you are putting civilians at risk. Are you looking the other way because your poor economy is being boosted by proliferation of these illegal technologies? Shame on you. I thought we were allies.

It is no secret that you have long had close ties with Iraq. Your eyes have been set upon their abounding oil fields for years. Your oil companies have waited decades to seize Iraq's black gold. Are you scared that American Companies will be given first dibs? Are you afraid of being left out? Is that your reason for opposing the war? Many people accuse the United States for going into Iraq, saying it is all about oil. But the truth is likely that you oppose the war because of the oil. Do not worry. The oil will remain in the hands of the Iraqi people. And who said that American companies were even interested in the oil? Only the people on the street or Universities—not those in power! If you make restitutions with the U.S. now, maybe you just might get something.

These are very tough times for you. Your democracy is still a fledgling, and you need American to keep you under its wing. Your army is going weeks without pay. You are waging your own so-called "war on terrorism" in Chechnya, but it is in every aspect a crueler occupation that Iraq will see. Your President is buying out the media companies and prosecuting those that speak out against the government. You need American right now. Don't bite the hand that has fed you. The cold war is behind us, let's end the squabbling.

To President Bush:

Shame on you if you let me down! I have staked my reputation with yours. I am confident that you stand for everything that makes American great-- freedom most of all. I trust that you are going into Iraq to free the Iraq people and make the world a safer place. Everyone but the

forces of evil should benefit from a liberated Iraq. I saw you spend months to get the world in favor of ending the Saddam's reign of terror. You rubbed many nations the wrong way. You made American seem strong an arrogant. But you did manage to assemble a coalition of over 30 countries.

Perhaps you are right about the United States being able to fight alone. But I am glad you have continued to seek international support. Our nation is by far the strongest the world has ever seen. Rome would have fallen in a day to the force we approach Saddam with now. Yet with all of our power, you seem careful to only use it for good. Even though we could obliterate Iraq with just a few bombs, you have chosen to sacrifice American and our allies' lives to minimize the suffering of the Iraqi people. To demonstrate America's compassion, you have prepared to distribute food to thousands of locations within the battered nation. Amongst the rubble and turmoil, hope is renewed with the promise that we will rebuild Iraq into the great nation it deserves to be. Arab nations will quake with fear if you are successful in setting up a great democracy in Iraq.

When our founding fathers signed "the Declaration of Independence," they pledged to world that the believed all people are equal, and that we all deserve "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." President Bush, thank you for honoring that pledge. For over thirty years, the Iraqi people have been denied life, freedom, and happiness. Bring it to them. Bring it to the rest of the world. Show that America means not to occupy, but to liberate. Prove that America wants not to pillage, but to rebuild. Demonstrate that America intends not to colonize, but to democratize.

Mr. President, I stand fully behind your decision to liberate Iraq. It should have been done years ago, but we can't turn back the clock. I am confident that we invaded for the right reasons. You're coalition of over 30 countries is by far more honorable than the French, Germans, or Russians will probably ever be. Do not pull out if the fighting gets tough. Don't repeat the mistakes of the past. Show the world that the United States means what it promises. Remove Saddam. Rebuild Iraq. Don't over-stay our welcome. And prove that America still stands today for the same things it did at its birth. God bless America. I am praying for you.

What are we paying for?

By Trevor Carson

Has anyone every really thought about where our tuition money goes? I started to think about it once my car was hit inside the Sierra Towers dorm parking lot. About a month ago my gray 1998 200SX was damaged with no word of who did it. I reported this incident to campus security and made a police report with the Riverside Police Department the day I saw the damage done to my car. I first went to the Dean of Sierra Towers and asked him what we could do about this and told him I wanted to see the security tape. I then found that the security camera for the dorms parking lot can only see the first four cars in the parking lot, a blurred vision of that too, and I also learned that the camera had not been recording at all anyway. The camera is basically just there to intimidate people.

I proceeded to do everything in my power to find out what happened. I calculated the time it was hit and then discovered that the dorms keeps track of all of the cars that come in and out of the parking lot. Nobody said anything about this to me, not the Dean nor the campus security. From there I received all the names and ID numbers of everyone who entered and exited between my estimated time frame. All the local campus security had to do was find out what car that particular person drove and the color of the vehicle. It took them 12 days. Campus security is a joke. Although at times they can be nice, we need people who will help and actually serve us. I watched from inside the dorms parking lot to see how often the campus security drove through and found that they only drove through once during the night at a high speed. The officer ran the speed bump over, went in front of the Towers, made a quick u-turn, and ran the speed bump over once again. I am not exaggerating on the high speed of the vehicle or the running/hopping over the speed bump. What do we pay campus security to do? Go around the school and lock up the buildings at night? I had family come visit me and they parked in the "visitor" parking area where they received a ticket for being parked there for over an hour. I know tons of people with the similar stories. Is giving tickets all they can do?

I am positive a majority of the student body has noticed the four new speed bumps in front of the school. I did the research and found that each speed

bump is estimated at a cost of \$1,500 each; that comes out to be \$6,000 (City of Belmont). That price is estimated in hopes of getting it done right the first time; the workers cut the speed bumps and repaved them multiple times until they reached desired height and width. I have never witnessed anyone racing at high speeds down either one of those locations in front of the school nor have I seen any accidents or people getting hit. Also, the very front entrance where the school shrunk the street so they could force cars into a smaller pathway and plant flowers costs about \$7,000 to \$10,000 (City of Belmont). Why did we waste so much money on an improvement that we don't even need? That money could have been used to give all of the dorm parking lots better security. The school has also wasted our money on planting flowers at the entrance of the school and around the Prodigal Son. I say it is wasted because they let them all die by not watering them properly. Do I need to even say anything about the Path of the Just? The southern hemisphere that looks like a giant lop sided half dome? There are also improper classroom facilities, i.e. the trailer. I am sure most of us have had a class located in it. By law the cafeteria must have a larger bathroom. I am skinny and I have to squeeze in there. There are tons of much need improvements around campus and it would take pages to list them all. I find it to be ridiculous that some of these things can go unattended for so long. If you have any ideas for needed campus improvements or areas of wasted money e-mail me at trevor_carson@mail.com. With enough good suggestions I will try to find the people who can do something about these problems and help voice the student body's concerns.

All the information was found at <http://www.belmont.gov/localgov/pubserv/Traffic/Page30-37.pdf>

If you have any information regarding the damage to the gray 1998 200SX/B14 Nissan Sentra please contact Trevor Carson as soon as possible via e-mail: trevor_carson@mail.com or phone: (909) 785-2778.



1998 Nissan 240 SX

Come see OC in '03

By Joy Asumen and Marlen Resiwain

Adventist Intercollegiate Association (AIA) is comprised of all the Student Association (SA) officers from all the Adventist colleges and universities in North America and Canada. This year the AIA conference was held at the beautiful green campus of Oakwood College in Alabama. They used the saying "Come see OC in '03" all throughout the convention. From April 1 to 6, La Sierra University's own SA incoming and outgoing officers attended the leadership convention. They were: Saul Barcelo (President), Alfonso Duran (President), Marlen Resiwain (Social VP), Michael Kiemeney (Executive VP), Katie Parsons (Financial VP), Joy Asumen (Social/ Religious VP) and Kim Odle (Sponsor).

The reason why these we were flown all the way to Alabama was for YOU, the students at LSU. We go to AIA to learn how to serve you better. They provided us with workshops after workshops and worships to help us grow not just with leadership qualities but spiritually as well.

Moreover, there were events and specific breakout sessions which were designated to each position. For example, both of us got the change to go to the Social VP meetings. Imagine a room of social vice presidents full of ideas, energy,

and ready to give their support. It's great! Outgoing officers give their advise and ideas and help incoming officers prepare for their coming year. We discuss issues that we had to deal with, it's surprising how similar our concerns were. Some stuff may be irrelevant, after all, we have different school systems, but we did learn a lot from the information shared.

Though you may think that it seems more like a vacation than a convention, we must say it wasn't all fun. On Friday, we had to go through a whole day of elections and constitution changes which went on forever, and had to be continued on Saturday night. In addition, some officers had to go to Futures Committee meetings which met at 6 am (that's 4am California time), luckily we managed to keep a positive spirit.

AIA is a great bonding experience for the officers and a great leadership training. You know what else is great? From listening to the problems other schools are going through, we realized that LSU is not too bad after all!

This year the theme was Servant Leadership. This theme does not end with the conference, your very own SALSU officers plan to carry out the theme throughout the year. We're here to serve you.

SIFE Wins at Regionals

By Heather Miller

La Sierra University's SIFE team has once again successfully made its way through the Los Angeles Regional Finals competition, and is one of five four-year colleges/universities to move on to the National Finals in Kansas City in May. SIFE team members competed against teams representing 30 schools from California, Arizona, New Mexico, and even one team from as far away as Nebraska. The event took place at the Sheraton Universal Hotel last Friday, April 4. Heather Miller, La Sierra's SIFE Faculty Fellow, reports that California State University-Hayward, the University of Arizona-Tucson, Fresno Pacific University, and Biola University are the other four-year schools that will be joining La Sierra University at the national finals from the Los Angeles region. Each team was named a Regional Champion, and received a trophy and \$1500 cash award.

A quick look at SIFE statistics for the current year shows students completed:

- 23 projects
- 23 SIFE members, with 63 participants through the year
- 2713 hours
- 6298 people reached
- more than 6 million media reach
- more than 22 million media gross impressions

The La Sierra SIFE team was also named one of 15 national finalists in two special competitions that were held during the year. The first was National Financial Independence Month (November), for which the team created and implemented its Personal Financial Independence project. The second was National Entrepreneurship Month (February), for which the team created and implemented its Sky High project. Each of these awards came with a trophy and \$500.

In Kansas City, La Sierra students will be defending their National Title against schools from 22 regional competitions taking place across the United States. The three-day event will take place May 11-13.

Where have all the plots gone?

By Dameon Holmes

Is it me or have films turned into commercial ads to sell products? I just saw the film *Phone Booth* over the weekend and was shocked at its shameless plug to sell Verizon cell phones. Basically, the film says: "Use Verizon cell phones or you might have to use a payphone and get trapped by a crazed sniper in a phone booth like Colin Farrell." Its not only smart to use Verizon cell phones, it might just save your life one day."

Now many film critics praised the film for only running a slim 80 minutes long. However they don't see that it's actually an 80-minute long commercial for the Verizon cellular phone company! This new medium to use films for commercial ads is nothing new. Remember the film *Cast Away*? This film was a 143-minute commercial ad for the Fed Ex delivery company. The film's message was—"Choose Fed Ex because we will get your packages to you— rain, snow, hail, or if our

plane crashes on a deserted island, it might take us four years to get off the island but we'll get that package to you. Guaranteed."

To be sure, other films in the past may also have sold products. For example, *ET the ExtraTerrestrial* helped sell Reese Pieces and *Speak and Spell* toys. The *Star Wars*, *Batman*, and *X-Men* franchises were vehicles to help sell action figures and other toys. The *Back to the Future* films probably helped sell Delorian cars and Huey Lewis tapes (how else could he have sold music). But, the selling of these products was only peripheral to the plot. The products were not the plots themselves. What makes *Phone Booth* and *Cast Away* different is that these films and the plots are an entire commercial ad subtly designed to sell products. This will become the new wave of filmmaking and film going. You will now have to pay \$9.25 to watch a two-hour commercial disguised as a film. Plot not included.

Phone Booth: Sure Shot

By Richard Igras

Society has adapted to the popular use of cell phones at a rapid pace, to the point where pay phones will go the same way of the typewriter. Joel Schumacher's thriller *Phone Booth* holds grasp of the traditional means of pay phone communication with a sinister twist. A phone call can change your life, but for one man it can also end it. Stu Shepard (Colin Farrell), a New York publicist who is cheating on his wife (Radha Mitchell) with a prospective client (Katie Holmes) answers a pay phone from an anonymous caller (Voice of Kiefer Sutherland). The caller demands Stu to obey his every command as he threatens his high-class life of lies and deceit with a highly accurate rifle from a disclosed location. To prove his threat is not a bluff, the caller guns down a near by individual. This sudden and shocking act of violence near the booth draws the attention of the police lead by Captain Ramsey (Forrest Whitaker) accompanied by a small military of sharpshooters. They believe that Stu, and not the unseen caller is the dangerous man with the gun. Soon the eye of the media is starring directly at Stu Shepard's life threatening dilemma. While at the same time, his whirlwind life of lies and dishonesty is

held at gunpoint.

The release date of this fast pace thriller was postponed from October 2002 to April 4, 2003. The reason being that during the time of the original release date the nation was facing great turmoil as the shootings of Beltway snipers tragically claimed innocent lives of victims on the east coast. The writer Larry Cohen had this to say about the postponement of the release of *Phone Booth*, "I'd hate to inflict pain on any of the family and friends of the victims and bring the pain back to them. A movie is meaningless compared to the reality of what's going on." Larry Cohen and Joel Schumacher draw the lines between reality and entertainment, by pushing back the release date of their film to sympathize the victim's loved ones of the unfortunate loss they sorrowfully had to endure. Filmed and completed in 12 days, *Phone Booth* is 1 hour and 20 minutes of adrenaline. The film is based and shot entirely around a phone booth in busy New York City accompanied by a small cast of talented actors to make up for its lack of diverse scenery. *Phone Booth* is an upbeat film that leaves its mark with a message towards humanity and the lives we live.

A Man Apart

By Richard Igras

This past weekend I took a break from the stressful life of college studies and decided to kick my feet up and relax with the big screen. After debating on what to watch, the fate of my evening entertainment fell in the hands of raising action star Vin Diesel with his new movie, *A Man Apart*. Diesel plays as DEA agent Sean Vetter; a man hell-bent on vengeance after his beloved wife is murdered in the privacy of his own home, by a drug lord who Vetter put behind bars in the past. After a month of grieving the loss of his wife, Vetter is ready to seek out justice, "The Vin Diesel Way." With stubble on the face and bags under the eyes, accompanied by an arsenal of weapons he is ready to avenge the death of his wife.

A Man Apart hits the screen with

a lot of action and firepower, but when all the smoke is cleared you are left with a sense of disappointment in what Hollywood has to offer. The movie was another two-hour by-the-numbers action film with guns blazing and heavy explosives, but lacking a sensible plot. Essentially, it's Steven Seagal's "Hard to Kill" but with a little more razzle dazzle.

Fortunately, Diesel's acting in this movie is good and what keeps viewers in their seats. On top of seeing the usual trigger-happy thrill seeking Diesel we get the chance to see him dance, cry, and romanticize, things rarely seen in his other movies. Giving the movie something more to offer, by taking the traditional action star into a new terrain.

Paden and Parsons Go To the Movies: Anger Management

By Daniel Paden and Katie Parsons

Anger Management is a fantastic comedy, starring Jack Nicholson as a unorthodox therapist who attempts to reach the concealed anger of Dave, played by Adam Sandler. Dave uses sarcasm and a cool demeanor to cover his hidden rage at his boss, his girlfriend's lecherous "best friend" and the childhood bully that ruined his first kiss. Dr. Buddy (Nicholson) takes Dave on a hilarious ride through insanity on the road to confidence and a calm sense of self.

He Said: Every time Jack Nicholson Adam Sandler and Jack Nicholson in their news movie *Anger Management* showing everywhere. steps onto the screen, you can't help but start laughing. His comedic ability is outstanding, and is perfectly complemented by Adam Sandler's comedic style. Although this is not Sandler's finest work, he is still the best person for the part. Overall, this

movie was just downright funny.

She Said: I found this movie to be a great way to reduce stress. If you are having a bad day, see this movie. If you are looking for intellectual stimulation, run away as fast as you can. There are some crude jokes that I didn't appreciate, but the movie is generally very enjoyable. There is a scene involving Buddhist monks that greatly reminded me of the infamous "Bob Barker" scene in "Happy Gilmore" (another Sandler classic) that was rough around the edges, but afforded the audience with ample cheap laughs. So go see it, but leave your brain at home. Overall, a very enjoyable movie; a little mush, a lot of laughs and more than enough painful moments.

*** (3 stars)



Adam Sandler and Jack Nicholson in their news movie *Anger Management* showing everywhere.

ADDY awards

By Anonymous

For the second year in a row, LSU Art & Design students received ADDY awards at the March Inland Empire Ad Club Awards Ceremony held at the Mission Inn. Each year an independent external juror reviews all design and advertising entries of work for the previous year and ranks each entry by points, awarding Gold, Silver, Bronze and Merit

ADDY's. Student entries are not identified as student work and are judged as professional entries. However, student entries cannot be awarded higher than Silver ADDY awards, even if they score in the Gold range.

Out of nearly 200 entries, our students ranked as follows: Vasco Brown's "LSU Arboretum" poster tied for 3rd place in point value. Eva Erhard's "Vietnam Cultural Awareness" poster campaign was one of 3 entries coming in one point lower, for 4th place. Both of these entries were awarded Silver ADDY awards, but would have received high Gold ADDY's if entered as professional work.

High silver ADDY awards were given to Israel Basurto for his "Appreciating China" brochure, David Tetz for "Seymour" and "Michael Miller", concert posters, and Eva Erhard, for the 2002 Perspectives. In addition an Award of Merit was given to "Art is Dumb", an Art Department advertisement by Eva Erhard. Both Vasco Brown's "LSU Arboretum" poster and Israel Basurto's "Appreciating China" brochure will be on exhibit during the Student Show. The opening will be on Monday evening, April 4 at the Brandstater Gallery. Images of all the LSU entries will soon be available for viewing on the Art Department website.

Congratulations to all of these individuals for outstanding art and design work and for being great representatives of La Sierra University.

Controversy at the Oscars

By Dameon Holmes

Documentary filmmaker Michael Moore created quite a stir at this year's 75th Annual Academy Awards. After Moore received the Oscar for his recent documentary *Bowling For Columbine*, he made a controversial acceptance speech. "We like non-fiction and we live in fictitious times. We live in a time where we have fictitious election results that elects a fictitious president. We live in a time where we have a man sending us to war for fictitious reasons. Whether it's the fiction of duct tape or fiction of orange alerts we are against this war, Mr. Bush.

Advice of the issue

By Aaron Kelly

In the last issue a young woman wrote to the Criterion seeking some advice about her love life.

"I am 21 and have never been in a serious relationship and have no prospects of being in one in the near future. My family says I need to go to church more or the grocery store more often to meet guys but try as I might that has not been working? Where do you suggest I go to meet a nice guy? I am easy going, have a good sense of humor and love animals and sports. I am a good catch, but there aren't any fisherman casting their lines in my direction. Waah! What am I doing wrong?"

Sincerely,
Conflicted in Calkins

Dear Conflicted in Calkins,
Your question is a good one, and not surprising given the ratio of females to males here at La Sierra. (I've heard it's 7 to 1.) This is a trend in higher education, but I have never seen it so radically displayed as here. This puts you in a position where there are lot of girls to choose from and very few guys to meet, comparatively. But this is not the only possible reason for your quandary.

In your letter you said you are 21. At this age, most males tend to not be terribly interested in serious relationships, at least not many of the ones I know. Some are still in their "Wild and free" stage, and some are just holed up in their dorms rooms in front of their computers, doing who know what.

You mentioned that you had never been in a serious relationship and that your parents were pressuring you. If I were you, which I am not, I would ask myself what my reasons for wanting a serious relationship are. Is it simply because that is what I'm expected to do? Is it my

"biological clock" going off? (That idea is very absurd and disempowering to women.) Am I just lonely and think a relationship will cure that? I am worried I won't meet any eligible guys after college?

Why am I giving this advice? I give it because I am one of a few guys here who values serious, healthy relationships very highly. I know that my past experience, which also includes no long-term relationships, has caused me to decide to be very selective. You might ask yourself, "Am I a person I would want to be in relationship with." "What kind of person am I attracted to?" (Perhaps you are commitment phobic and are drawn to guys who can't reciprocate your attentions.) Do I have unresolved emotional baggage that may be hindering me in finding love?

You seem to have a very good self-confidence level and, provided you don't have a superiority complex, your confidence will serve you well in relationships and life. I for one would like to meet you, if only to perhaps gain a valuable friend. And no matter what, I would like to encourage you that true love is out there and relationships can work for you. In the end, whether we believe it or not, God is in control of the events of our lives, and he always wants the best for us.

Sincerely,
Aaron Kelly (Feel free to give me a nifty handle, if you like)

P.S. The grocery store and even church can be bad places to meet people who are relationship material. Perhaps you need to tell you family to back off and get out more. Do the things you love. That way you will meet people with similar interests. Unless, of course, you love to spend hours on end holed up in you room (other than studying.) Good luck and God bless.

Shame on you, Mr. Bush, shame on you. And any time you got the Pope and the Dixie Chicks against you, your time is up." While making his speech, Moore was also joined by fellow documentary nominees Gail Dolgin and Vicente Franco who both made the film *Daughter from Danang*. During his speech, Moore was met with a number of boos from the audience. The entire episode lasted for close to 55 seconds. One actor who disapproved of Moore's ranting was Cliff Robertson who won the Oscar in 1969 for the film *Charly*. He said, "I

don't think the Oscars are a forum for political posturing. One should confine one's statements to cinema excellence."

Michael Moore was apparently afterwards unfazed by the controversy. He told the *Pioneer Press*, "As uncomfortable as it might have been for some to hear, I said some things that needed to be said, and those same people who cheered me on Oscar night have been extremely supportive all week". Moore is currently working on two more upcoming documentary film projects called *Fahrenheit 911* and *Sicko*.

Top Ten Reasons To Date a Chemistry Major:

By Ana Gamboa

10. They might name a molecule after you.
9. We have significant figures.
8. Fidelity is secure because nobody else will have us.
7. Guaranteed to experience great chemistry.
6. Chemists have all the solutions.
5. Chemists are used to exchanging fluids.
4. We are constantly learning and improving our techniques.
3. We have no problems resorting to gadgets and gizmos to get the job done.
2. We are used to pulling all nighters.
1. Who else better to experiment with, than a chemist?

A peek at a Sister-School, and International Adventism

By Mark Tatum

UNADECA (short for Universidad Adventista de Centro America) is our SDA sister-school in Costa Rica, Central America. And it is the place where I have been serving as a student missionary, teaching ESL for 3 quarters. Before arriving last June, I had a lot of questions regarding what I would find in another country, but I was even more curious about what kind of Adventism I'd run into, and what kind of school UNADECA would turn out to be.

I'd always heard that Seventh-day Adventism in other countries (particularly Hispanic countries) was far more conservative than what I'd become used to in California. But that word, "conservative", is so vague! Does that mean legalistic? Does that mean hell-fire and brimstone preaching? Does that mean unbearable rules? Does that mean that they are still making mistakes that Adventism in the U.S. was making decades ago? But my biggest question was: would that mean that they would have a different picture of God than I have grown to know and love?

As an Adventist growing up, I'd always had a great feeling knowing I was part of an international church, and that there were millions of people all over the world worshipping the same God (in the same way, and with the same beliefs) that I was. But now my constructed picture of a unified, world-wide church was about to get a reality check. Would I be left disappointed and feeling isolated in my "West-coast" Advent-

ism? Was I even a true "Seventh-Day Adventist", if the majority of the "unified church" was drastically different than I was in my beliefs? These thoughts scared me. I wasn't scared I had the wrong picture, but I was scared of an identity crisis.

When I first got here, it appeared that my worst fears had come true. They were super-conservative. I saw rules such as "no going off-campus after dark" and "no wearing shorts during the week" (even though it was 100 degrees) as a sure sign that this

was a legalistic, closed-minded, and cold system. The administration doesn't seem to trust the students enough to treat them like adults, and I detested that. I was so mad at what they'd turned Adventism into! But that was before I learned to make the distinction that hopefully all of the students here are aware of: the distinction between school rules and theological beliefs. Yes, rules like no holding hands for couples, and no listening to music in the dorms are harsh, but these are school rules, not issues of salvation.

So I had to be very attentive to what I heard from the pulpit on Sabbath at the University Church,

rather than what came from the podium during assemblies. This was difficult to do, since it took several months to be able to understand enough Spanish to follow what the preacher was really saying!

I felt isolated for a long time, but I remember the first Sabbath that the gates opened in my heart. It was the first week I was really able to grasp a sermon in Spanish, and it



was such a beautiful message of overwhelming grace and love (from the Union President, no less), that my heart leapt inside me. This was the same Truth

that I was familiar with! I wasn't alone in my beliefs down here! I was in a church of my own faith, with brothers and sisters who worshipped in the same Spirit of Truth! I couldn't hold back the tears as we sang "power of your love" (in Spanish) at the end. It was so wonderful. I was spiritually home for the first time since... I'd left home!

Since that week in November, Sabbaths have been different for me. I'm hungry to go and worship with my Spiritual family. Though some sermons are, of course, about how we act in the light of being followers of Christ, they understand that good acts are a fruit of a healthy relationship with God, not a

prerequisite to one.

And they really understand the role community here. They practice it far better than we do in the States, I'm afraid, and we really have something to learn about that (but that's another article, for another time). I've been invited to Sabbath dinner almost every week this quarter, half of the time by people I don't even know! (anything to get away from cafeteria food!) And they're so warm and loving in all they do: this is a true community of love and support. The students aren't clique-ish or stand-off-ish at all. This is really a community where people love each other, rather than tear down (which is, sadly, often the case).

When I first came, I saw the rules. They are rules that I still think are silly and that I don't agree with, but they're just rules that the administrators feel are needed to help the school run smoothly. They don't tie salvation in with them. I pray that the students understand that distinction!

When I leave this place in a few weeks, I'm going to have a tough time. I will miss the people: this loving Community with Christ at the center. I have seen Christ here, and now that I have seen a piece of it, I can know with more certainty that I am truly a part of an international Adventism; a world-wide church, united in worshipping the same God.

Praise God for His love and this loving church! I can't imagine what heaven will be.

Something new

By Anonymous

You may not have heard of it but is true. We are one year old and we are inviting you to join us. Now, you wonder who we are. We are the "Riverside Chinese Adventist Fellowship". We meet every Saturday from 3.30 p.m.-5.00p.m. In Room 203, School of Business & Management Building, La Sierra University.

We are a group of Orientals gathering to worship God and have

fellowship with one another. We do not discriminate on race or sex. We seek to have a higher fellowship with God. We study the word of God and we hear missionary stories from Far East. We are bilingual. We sing in Chinese and we sing in English. If you want to improve your Chinese, come and join us. If you want to improve your English, come and join us also.

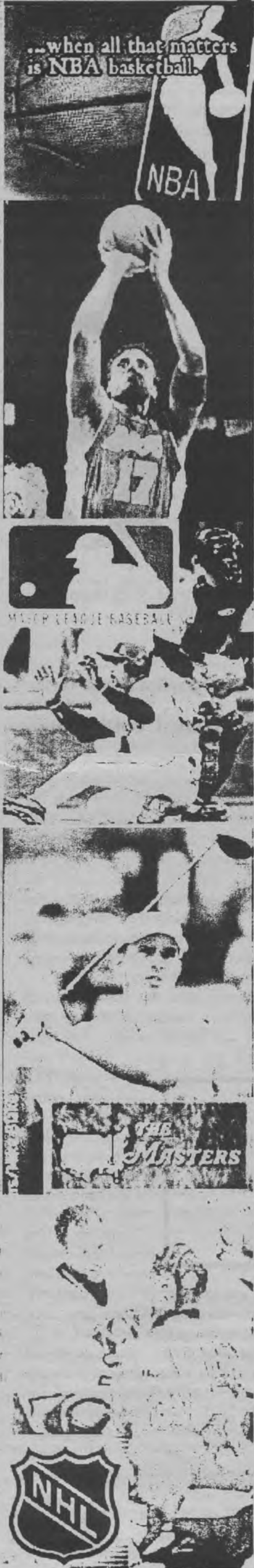
This Fellowship is sponsored by

the Loma Linda Chinese Church, Asian Cultural society and the LSU student body. Although we are few in number (so were the early Disciples of Christ), but our goal is high. We pray that one day we will have a Chinese Adventist Church in Riverside to the glory of God. That is quite a challenge.

If you are a student living in the dorm, please come and join us. If you live in the community, we wel-

come you. Brown or yellow, black or white, all are precious in God's sight and ours too. What better thing to do on Saturday than to be in the house of God. Occasionally, we have potluck too with Chinese food. The first potluck & social gathering this year is on April 19, 2003. Students are exempt from bringing food! Wonderful, isn't it. Can you beat that, so, please come and join us.

Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." Another disciple said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead." Matthew 8:19-22



Sports Nation

By Anlai Jiao

Major League Baseball began their regular season at the end of March, but since this is the first issue after spring break, the Criterion has been unable to cover their season until now. Therefore, here's an overview of what's been happening in MLB. The San Francisco Giants (11-1) are way ahead of the pack in the National League Western Division with a .917 PCT, even with pitcher Rob Nen out indefinitely having strained his right shoulder prior to their season opening. The Houston Astros (7-4) are slightly ahead in the Central Division, and the Montreal Expos (8-4) lead the Eastern Division. In the American League, the New York Yankees (9-2) top the Eastern Division, and the Kansas City Royals (9-1) lead the Central Division. The Anaheim Angels and the Oakland Athletics (As) are both tied at 7-5.

The NBA regular season will be over soon, with the last games on Wednesday. The teams that made the playoffs in the Western Conference are as follows: San Antonio Spurs, Sacramento Kings, Dallas Mavericks, Minnesota Timberwolves, Portland Trailblazers, Los Angeles Lakers, Utah Jazz, and Phoenix Suns. For the Eastern Conference, they are as follows: Detroit Pistons, New Jersey Nets, Philadelphia 76ers, Indiana Pacers, New Orleans Hornets, Boston Celtics, Orlando Magic, and Milwaukee Bucks. The playoffs will begin on Saturday. Tim Duncan is on the top list of MVP candidates for leading

San Antonio (59-21) to their best season record yet, surpassing Dallas (58-22) despite the Mavericks' early lead in the season. The LA Lakers will take on the Dallas Mavericks for the first round. Dallas has a higher season win-loss record but has lost to Los Angeles 3 out of 4 times during the regular season.

The National Hockey League is in the quarter-finals of the playoffs. In the Eastern Conference, the Ottawa Senators are tied with the NY Islanders 1-1, the New Jersey Devils lead 3-0 against the Boston Bruins, the Washington Capitals lead 2-0 against the Tampa Bay Lightning, and the Philadelphia Flyers and the Toronto Maple Leafs are tied at 1-1. In the Western Conference, the Edmonton Oilers lead the Dallas Stars 2-1, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks lead the Detroit Redwings 2-0, the Colorado Avalanche are tied with the Minnesota Wild 1-1, and the Vancouver Canucks are also tied with the St. Louis Blues at 1-1. Some of these games are in progress as I write this article on Monday.

In golf, Mike Weir won the Masters Tournament on Sunday, winning a little over \$1 million. He outplayed other famous golfers such as Len Mattiace, Phil Mickelson, and Tiger Woods, becoming the first Canadian to wear the green jacket and the first left-handed golfer to win a major in 40 years. Len Mattiace placed second after coming very close to clinching the title, and Phil Mickelson placed third.

Test your Health & Fitness knowledge!

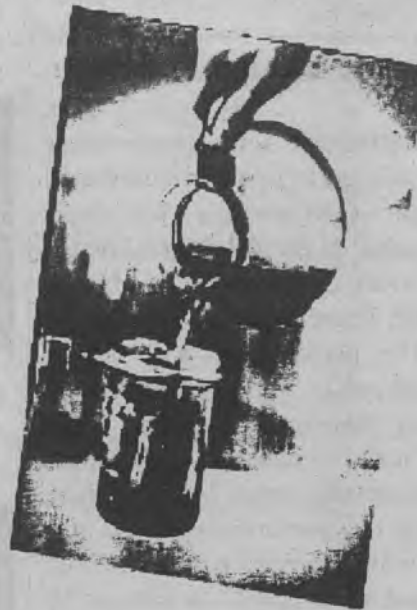
- How many calories would a person (140lbs) burn while sitting still?
a. 0 b. 17 c. 84 d. 167
- How many bones make up the human body?
a. 84 b. 196 c. 206 d. 428
- How many calories are in a gram of alcohol?
a. 0 b. 7 c. 38 d. 142
- How about a gram of fat?
a. 4 b. 7 c. 9 d. 12
- What body fat percentage is considered obese for women?
a. greater than 20% b. greater than 30%
c. greater than 40% d. greater than 50%

Answers: 1. 84; 2. 206; 3. 7; 4. 9; 5. greater than 30%

Dwight's Fitness Corner

How much caffeine are you consuming?

By Dwight Barrett



Caffeine occurs naturally in many plants, including coffee beans, tea leaves and cocoa nuts. It is therefore found in a wide range of food products. Caffeine is added artificially to many others, including a variety of beverages. Here are the most common sources of caffeine for Americans:

- Typical drip-brewed coffee contains 100 mg per 6-ounce cup. If you are buying your coffee at Starbucks or a convenience store or drinking it at home or the office out of a mug or a commuter's cup, you are consuming it in 12-, 14- or 20-ounce containers. You can calculate the number of milligrams based on your normal serving size.
- Typical brewed tea contains 70 mg per 6-ounce cup.
- Typical colas (Coke, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, etc.) contain 50 mg per 12-ounce can. Things like Jolt contain 70 mg per 12-ounce can.
- Typical milk chocolate contains 6 mg per ounce.
- Anacin contains 32 mg per tablet. No-doz contains 100 mg per tablet. Vivarin and Dexatrim contain 200 mg per tablet.

By looking at these numbers and by knowing how widespread coffee, tea and cola are in our society, you can see why half of all American adults consume more than 300 mg of caffeine per day. Two mugs of coffee or a mug of coffee and a couple of Cokes during the day are all you need to get you there. If you sit down and calculate your caffeine consumption during a typical day, you may be surprised. Many people consume a gram or more every single day and don't even realize it.

Wedding Announcement

The department of Residential Life is happy to announce the recent marriage of Dean Maritza Ballesteros and Dr. Paul Aoyagi on Sunday, March 16. Please join with us in wishing them the very best in their new marriage. Many of you may know Dr. Aoyagi from La Sierra University's Health Services

Opera Tickets Available

The Riverside Little Opera Company will perform a partially-staged version of Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" at the All Saints Episcopal Church on the corner of Magnolia and Terracina on Sunday, April 27. The performance will feature internationally renowned soprano, Awilda Verdejo who has sung under such noted conductors as Leonard Bernstein and Loren Maazel. There will be two performances, one at 3 p.m. and another at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available on campus by calling L. Morales at x2120. Come support this new venture into opera for the City of Riverside.

Congratulations to our university President and his wife

Grandchild number five has arrived.

The relevant details.

Baby Boy: Eros Wilson Piller -- Eros for "love" and Wilson for Will's son

Born: Tuesday, March 18, 2003 late morning

Weight: 8 lbs.

Parents: Will and Julie (Geraty) Piller

Grandparents: Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Geraty

Sisters: Emma and Eden

LSU Library now offers LINK+

Submitted by Kitty Simmons

Need a book we don't have here? You can probably get it much faster now using a new Library service. The Library is pleased to announce full participation in the Link+ book request service. If you don't find a book in the La Sierra University Library catalog, click on the "Search Link" button displayed at the top of the results screen. There is also a "Book via Link" option on the Interlibrary loan web page. Faculty, staff, and students can directly request books unavailable here from about 28 California academic and public library participants. These Link+ library collections include about 51 million unique titles held by the Claremont Colleges, Cal Poly Pomona, Occidental College, CSU Fullerton, Alameda County libraries, and many more. The service allows you to request the most popular books at the

"Do you think that America invading Iraq is justified?"



"No.....I dunno, I mean, our first reason is for chemical weapons. You know, there's a lot of money involved. You see people dying left and right and that's not justified. It's all about the money."

-David Lucerno Jr/Sr Pre P.A.

"Honestly I think that Saddam Hussein is a mad man, but it seems the U.S. goes for the oil. U.S. takes whatever they want while using Saddam as an excuse."

-Cynthia Zacarias Junior Biology



"I do feel they were justified because they need to search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, but I don't feel it's justified if America plans to widen its scope further in the Middle East."

-Carter Wolverton Senior Business Administration

"Yeah, there are a lot of reasons, I feel it's justifiable under the circumstances and in the best interest of Iraq and its people, because although war is ugly, I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for war. I support our soldiers in Iraq."

-Yohany Ingelton Jr. Psychobiology



"The media of the U.S.—they don't give Americans the complete truth. With the money being spent in Iraq the United States could end world hunger."

-Elmer Gouzman, Jr. Journalism

Interviewed by Elizabeth Sinulingga-Yuriar and photographed by Noe Yuriar

Bargain Book Sale Bonanza

Prices have been cut at the Library's ongoing Book Sale. Hard cover books are now priced at \$2.00 per book and paperbacks at an amazing \$.50 each! There is still a great selection covering a wide variety of interests. Several sets are also still available. The sale will continue through April, but someone else may have their eye on the book you want, so don't delay. Come shop at the Library TODAY!

New Year's kisses deemed null and void

By a student who wants to maintain their anonymity

Scientists in Greenwich, England, and at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California have made an astounding discovery regarding radiation out put and time-keeping devices of all kinds. It seems that over the last several months of 2002, timepieces had gradually sped-up, shaving milliseconds off of minutes, a process which continued for several months unnoticed. This strange occurrence seems to have been caused by flare-ups on the sun's surface and an increased usage of microwave ovens here on earth (probably the fault of college students). This "illusory temporal acceleration" seems to affect all clocks, be they battery-operated, electric, atomic, or pendulum-based.



The result is that after months of having shortened minutes, by the end of 2002 clocks around the world were displaying times that were approximately 7 minutes and 33 seconds ahead of where we actually were.

The problem was first discovered when an old man in Montreal complained that he swore the Yogi Bear Christmas Special was a few minutes later last year than this, and when a dog near the Florida keys said that he had increasingly smelled something fishy going on. Scientists promptly made a long-distance call to Father

Time and double-checked with the Swallows of Capistrano, who both made their calculations and verified the mistake.

Since then, in recent months the problem has been corrected (By the scientists putting their microwaves on "low" power), and clocks all over the world have gradually returned to displaying the correct time.

But what does this mean for us, in a practical manner? Well, the moment that we all thought was New Year's was actually 7 minutes and

33 seconds BEFORE new years, meaning that all believed "New Year's kisses" actually took place in the final minutes of 2002.

Therefore, to correct this cosmic error, every couple

that was together on New Year's eve is requested to find their date once again to have their 2003 kiss in the actual 2003. Even if you have kissed your partner since then, you probably haven't kissed just for the sake of it being 2003. This request is made in order to restore order in the galaxy (Obi-wan Kenobi is said to have been greatly disturbed due to this occurrence).

Everyone involved is asked to do their best to correct the error, in the name of science. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



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Adventist Marine break ranks with church stance

By Teresa Rochester

Friday, March 28, 2003 - Libni Cerdenio Jr., has found his calling as a Marine, his father, Libni "Li" Cerdenio Sr. said.

It is an unusual path for a 22-year-old raised in Loma Linda as a Seventh-day Adventist, a faith that eschews war and whose young people, if they do enlist, typically serve as medics.

Libni Cerdenio Sr. and his wife, Beth, are among a number of parents calling Adventist pastors to pray for their sons and daughters sent to Kuwait to serve, mostly as medics and nurses, in the war with Iraq.

Adventists, like Quakers, Mennonites and Amish, oppose war and violence and are frequently conscientious objectors.

"We are from the prince of peace, so it wouldn't make sense to say, 'We come from Jesus Christ, prince of peace,' and that we support war," said Pastor Hyveth Williams, of Campus Hill Church in Loma Linda.

The Cerdenios are among those who have called Williams in recent weeks to pray for their children in the military.

"We are supportive of the soldiers

Operation Iraqi Freedom Timeline

By Whitney Braun

12 September 2002 United States President George W. Bush encouraged the United Nations to hold Iraq accountable.

16 October 2002 Bush signed a resolution passed by Congress authorizing the United States to use force against Iraq.

8 November 2002 Resolution 1441 was unanimously passed by the United Nations Security Council ordering Iraq to disarm and provide U.N. inspectors unrestricted access or face "serious consequences."

13 November 2002 Iraq accepted Resolution 1441.

27 November 2002 Formal inspections began in Iraq.

7 December 2002 Iraq issued their official declaration of weapons to the United Nations.

19 December 2002 Hans Blix, chief weapons inspector, said that Iraq's account is not a full account of all their weapons.

27 January 2003 Blix reported that Iraq had not proved that they had eliminated illegal weapons.

28 January 2003 Bush told the American people in his state of the union address that if Saddam Hussein would not disarm than the United States would lead a coalition to forcibly disarm Iraq.

24 February 2003 The United States and the United Kingdom issued another resolution to the United Nations Security Council.

7 March 2003 Britain proposed an amendment to the Resolution before the UN Security Council giving Iraq a March 17 deadline to disarm. China, France, and Russia state that they will veto the resolution.

17 March 2003 The United States and Britain take back the resolution from the UN Security Council. They say that Resolution 1441 gives them the window to use force upon Iraq.

17 March 2003 United States president issued an ultimatum to Saddam Hussein. Either Hussein leave Iraq with his friends or the United States would use force to remove him. Hussein was given 48 hours to leave.

18 March 2003 Saddam Hussein refused to leave Iraq.

18 March 2003 Australia offered the use of their military in the possible war with Iraq.

18 March 2003 British Prime Minister Tony Blair received backing from Parliament for possible war with Iraq.

18 March 2003 The United States announced that 45 countries joined to form a coalition in a possible war with Iraq.

19 March 2003 Bahraini King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa offered Saddam Hussein sanctuary in his country to avoid war.

19 March 2003 American troops headed toward the Kuwait-Iraq border.

19 March 2003 Turkey put a hold on allowing the United States to use their air space.

20 March 2003 Just before dawn, the United States fired missiles at a bunker where the United States government thought Iraqi officials were sleeping.

20 March 2003 In retaliation to the U.S. invasion, Iraq sent six missiles into Kuwait.

20 March 2003 U.S. and British troops entered Iraq starting the ground war. U.S. missiles struck government buildings in Baghdad.

20 March 2003 Turkey granted Americans permission to use their airspace, but not their air fields.

21 March 2003 In western Iraq some strategically important airfields were seized by American and British troops.

21 March 2003 The first

Americans and British were killed in a helicopter crash in Kuwait. An American Marine was also killed in combat. Meanwhile the U.S. 7th cavalry continued toward Baghdad.

21 March 2003 Iraq's 51st army division surrendered to the Americans. Some 8,000 soldiers were a part of the division.

21 March 2003 Approximately 1,000 Turkish troops began crossing the northern border with Iraq. The Turkish government claimed that they needed troops in the region to take care of humanitarian efforts.

21 March 2003 News reports showed that U.S. soldiers were warmly welcomed in the village of Safwan.

22 March 2003 A U.S. soldier threw grenades into the tents of some of his fellow soldiers killing two and wounding 11.

22 March 2003 The Coalition forces advanced more than 150 miles into Iraq and crossed the Euphrates River.

22 March 2003 The United States continued heavy airstrikes on Mosul, Kirkuk, and Baghdad. U.S. Patriot missiles destroyed an Iraqi missile fired at a U.S. airbase in northern Kuwait. Three Tomahawk missiles fired by the United States might have missed their target and landed in Southern Iran.

22 March 2003 Six British crewmen and an American were killed when two helicopters hit each other over the Persian Gulf. An Australian cameraman and three Kurdish soldiers were killed by a suicide bomber. At least 14 British and seven American soldiers were killed as a result of the fighting in Iraq.

23 March 2003 United States Apache helicopters attacked the Republican Guard from Iraq. Airstrikes continued over Mosul. The fighting lasted for three hours around 60 miles south of Baghdad.

23 March 2003 Turkey granted the U.S. permission to use their

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airspace.

23 March 2003 The United States secured a facility believed to have been used to produce chemical weapons. It was located about 90 miles south of Baghdad.

23 March 2003 An Iraqi lieutenant colonel surrendered to the United States in front of his wife and children.

23 March 2003 12 American soldiers were believed to have been captured or killed by Iraqi guerilla forces outside of An Nasiriya. The American forces had apparently taken a wrong turn. Later in the day the Al-Jazeera TV network broadcast pictures of what looked like five American soldiers and the bodies of at least four dead soldiers. Two British soldiers were missing after an attack on a British vehicle in southern Iraq.

23 March 2003 A pilot and co pilot were killed after the Tornado GR4 was shot down. A U.S. soldier was killed after a vehicle accident in southern Iraq. The ITN correspondent, Terry Lloyd, was presumed killed along with his two team members in southern Iraq. At least 16 British and 9 American soldiers were killed as a result of the fighting.

23 March 2003 United States Marine Corps took control of a Ba'ath party regional headquarter building in Umm Qasr.

24 March 2003 Early Monday morning bombing on Baghdad continued. One of the Iraqi Air Force buildings was struck in the attack.

24 March 2003 Coalition forces hit an oil hub in Kirkuk.

24 March 2003 Six Iraqi missiles were shot down in Kuwaiti air space.

24 March 2003 United States Marines fought with Iraqi troops to establish control of a north-south route near Nasiriya.

24 March 2003 Two British vehicles were missing in southern Iraq.

24 March 2003 Saddam Hussein delivered a defiant speech in which he rallied his troops.

24 March 2003 In the early evening hours more coalition airstrikes took place in Baghdad.

24 March 2003 Fighting continued in Nasiriya throughout the day.

24 March 2003 More than 200 U.S. forces arrived in the northern front of Iraq.

24 March 2003 Helicopters pounded a path to Baghdad.

24 March 2003 Apache helicopters met heavy anti-aircraft fire at Karbala approximately 60 miles south of Baghdad. Two pilots were taken prisoner

24 March 2003 Iraqi soldiers faked an intention to surrender or dressed in civilian clothes and then ambushed coalition troops

25 March 2003 Five waves of airstrikes rocked Baghdad throughout the night. An Iraqi airforce complex and the Saddam International Airport were destroyed.

25 March 2003 A severe sandstorm slowed the battle near Nasiriya. Fighting continued throughout the day. U.S. Marines captured a hospital where approximately 170 Iraqi soldiers had been staging military operations.

25 March 2003 The biggest firefight of the war so far took place at the Euphrates Valley east of Najaf. An estimated 150 to 200 Iraqis were killed in the land battle.

25 March 2003 Coalition forces had to reduce the number of airstrikes because of bad weather.

25 March 2003 Iraqis reported that 78 civilians were killed in the missile raids since the 24th.

25 March 2003 The United States Navy used trained dolphins to locate mines placed outside of the Iraqi port cities.

25 March 2003 Iraqi Shiite Muslims began staging a rebellion against members of the Ba'ath Party (Saddam Hussein's political party). British forces helped the rebels by firing on the Iraqi troops.

26 March 2003 Turkey announced that they would not send any more soldiers into northern Iraq.

26 March 2003 Approximately 1,000 United States paratroopers parachuted into a Kurdish controlled area of Northern Iraq. The secured an airfield for coalition use.

26 March 2003 Intelligence reports told that many armored vehicles of the Republican Guard left the Baghdad area heading south.

26 March 2003 70 Iraqi vehicles were bombed by British aircraft as they headed toward Umm Qasr, a port city under coalition control.

26 March 2003 Chamchamal, a north eastern city, was pounded by coalition jets. An Iraqi command-and-control bunker near Kirkuk was destroyed in the fighting.

27 March 2003 B-52's destroyed a convoy of Iraqi military vehicles before they could reach the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division about 60 miles south of Baghdad.

27 March 2003 Coalition aircraft hit Iraqi positions near the Kurdish controlled area of northern Iraq.

27 March 2003 Two Patriot missiles intercepted an Iraqi missile before it could reach Kuwait.

27 March 2003 The United States began airlifting troops and tanks to northern Iraq

27 March 2003 Two 4,500 pound GBU-37 bombs were dropped in Baghdad. These were the first bombs used in the war.

27 March 2003 Iraq's information minister told reporters that Baghdad would be a graveyard for coalition troops.

27 March 2003 Coalition forces destroyed an Iraqi missile launcher in Basra believed to be responsible for launching weapons at Kuwait.

27 March 2003 The Pentagon announced the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division and other units would be leaving Fort Hood, Texas for Iraq in a few days and another 100,000 ground troops would be deployed in the next month.

27 March 2003 British officials said that they found chemical weapons suits in an abandoned facility in southern Iraq.

28 March 2003 Three U.S. Marine battalions occupied the northern and southern parts of Nasiriya. Two paramilitary headquarters were destroyed by U.S. special operations aircraft.

28 March 2003 British and U.S. forces began preparing an Iraqi air base in the southeast for coalition

use. The site will bring aircraft much closer to Baghdad.

28 March 2003 Coalition airstrikes targeted Iraqi troops in the north near Mosul.

28 March 2003 A large number of coalition soldiers were dropped deep into Iraq. This assault has been called the longest helicopter-borne air assault operation ever.

28 March 2003 United States Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, said that Syria was shipping military supplies to Iraq and that the United States considered the act to be hostile.

28 March 2003 Thousands of Iraqi civilians who were trying to flee from Basra were fired upon by Iraqi troops.

29 March 2003 An Iraqi missile hit a shopping mall in Kuwait City. Later in the day another missile was launched at Kuwait, but it was intercepted by a patriot missile.

29 March 2003 U.S. Marines and Iraqi troops fought on either side of the Euphrates River for control of Nasiriya.

29 March 2003 Two journalists for Newsday were reported missing in Iraq.

29 March 2003 A suicide bomber killed four U.S. soldiers at a checkpoint in Najaf

29 March 2003 More explosions hit Baghdad. Iraq's Information Ministry was hit.

29 March 2003 Iraqi news reporters said that 357 Iraqi citizens have been killed and 3,650 have been injured.

29 March 2003 A U.S. Marine shot and killed an Iraqi POW after the man rushed him and tried to take his gun. The incident occurred near Nasiriya.

30 March 2003 The United States stepped up their airstrikes on the Republican Guard.

30 March 2003 A United States Marine helicopter crashed in Southern Iraq killing three and injuring one

30 March 2003 British Marine commandos captured five paramilitaries and killed and Iraqi colonel near Basra.

conducted direct action missions against regime forces in Qa'im in western Iraq along the Syrian border.

10 April 2003 U.S. Marines searched on of Saddam Hussein's palaces in Baghdad. Despite all the airstrikes, the palace was still intact.

10 April 2003 The United States moved their biggest conventional bombs called the MOAB bombs into the Persian Gulf for possible use on Iraq.

10 April 2003 Retired U.S. Army Lt. General Jay Garner was set to become the interim transitional civil administrator of Iraq.

10 April 2003 Throughout the cities under coalition control Iraqis continued to loot and destroy government buildings.

10 April 2003 Iraqi army's 5th Corps agreed to surrender to the U.S. and Kurdish forces outside of Mosul.

10 April 2003 A suicide bomber with explosives strapped to his body blew himself up at a Marine checkpoint in Baghdad. Four U.S. Marines were wounded.

10 April 2003 Coalition warplanes bombarded a building in Ramadi, where Saddam Hussein's half-brother was believed to be staying.

11 April 2003 Mosul surrendered to coalition forces.

11 April 2003 U.S. military personnel detected radiation at Iraq's Tuwaitha nuclear complex.

11 April 2003 Coalition forces discovered and destroyed five planes found near Tikrit.

11 April 2003 Coalition forces gained control of the border checkpoint at Highway 11 into Syria.

11 April 2003 U.S. military began trying to restore order to the capital.

11 April 2003 U.S. intelligence intercepted conversations that Iraqi officials said that Saddam Hussein had been killed

11 April 2003 The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced a \$7.9 million contract to a North Carolina based

non profit organization to foster social and political stability in postwar Iraq.

12 April 2003 The residents of Kut peacefully welcomed U.S. marines as they entered the city.

12 April 2003 Store in Baghdad reopened. U.S. forces patrolled the streets to curb looting.

12 April 2003 At a checkpoint in Baghdad two gunmen opened fire on U.S. Marines killing one. One of the attackers was caught and the other escaped.

13 April 2003 U.S. Marines attacked about 2,500 Iraqi fighters loyal to Saddam Hussein inside Tikrit.

13 April 2003 One of Saddam Hussein's half brothers was taken into U.S. custody after he tried to escape into Syria.

13 April 2003 About 1,500 Baghdad civil servants gathered to discuss returning to their jobs. Many said that they wanted to try and build a democracy.

13 April 2003 Seven American POW's were found alive

14 April 2003 U.S. Marines began securing different areas of Tikrit.

14 April 2003 Eighteen Kuwaitis that have been held as POW's in Baghdad since 1990 were found alive.

14 April 2003 A Pentagon spokesman said that the major battles appear to be over, but some sporadic fighting continues.

14 April 2003 The Bush administration cranked up the pressure on Syria telling them to stop supporting terror groups and to keep Iraqi leaders from seeking safe harbor in the country.

14 April 2003 United States Secretary of State Colin Powell said that the U.S. would track down the stolen treasures that were looted from Iraqi museums.

14 April 2003 A U.N. inspection team spokesman said that the U.N. inspectors found nothing at a filling plant where the United States now says they found 11 possible mobile chemical weapons and a biological lab.

14 April 2003 a Marine AH-1

Cobra crashed while conducting operations in Iraq. The pilot and co-pilot suffered minor injuries and were recovered.

15 April 2003 The U.S. Army 4th Infantry took over the control of Baghdad.

15 April 2003 A cache of 91 cases of TNT and plastic explosives, six homemade bombs, and 23 cases of rocket-propelled grenades was found in Baghdad.

15 April 2003 Coalition special operations troops continued direct action and reconnaissance missions to locate former members of the Iraqi regime and to eliminate the remaining resistance.

15 April 2003 A convicted Palestinian terrorist, Abu Abbas, was captured by U.S. special forces in the outskirts of Baghdad. Abu Abbas was responsible for the 1985 hijacking of the Italian Cruise ship Achille Lauro. A wheelchair bound American was killed in the attack on board the ship.

15 April 2003 Representatives of Iraq's Shiite, Kurd, and Sunni communities met at a U.S. sponsored conference in Iraq. They issued a statement calling for a multi-ethnic, democratic federal government in Iraq.

15 April 2003 Iraqi doctors began returning to work. The Red Cross said that this would greatly help the humanitarian crisis.

15 April 2003 U.S. troops entered Mosul's main government building to set up offices and raised the U.S. flag. This action caused Iraqi Arabs to clash with the Marines. Between 7 to 12 people were killed in the clash.

15 April 2003 The Iraqi city Ar Ramadi surrendered to U.S. forces.

16 April 2003 Coalition forces reported 154 deaths by this day. 495 U.S. service members have been wounded. No numbers from the British forces have been made available. On Iraqi TV reporters quoted official Iraqi sources saying that 1,252 Iraqi civilians have been killed and 5,103 have been wounded. they have not released a number of military deaths.

16 April 2003 Tensions in Mosul continued to be high.

16 April 2003 U.S. Soldiers uncovered a terrorist bomb-making

facility in Baghdad.

17 April 2003 Samir abd al Aziz al Najim, a Ba'ath party official was handed over to the Special Operations forces by the Iraqi Kurds.

17 April 2003 The United States announced that they would be sending in a 1,000 person team to Iraq to look for weapons of mass destruction.

17 April 2003 As man as 1,600 shallow graves were found at a military base near Kirkuk. Locals told U.S. officials that the graves were at least twelve years old.

17 April 2003 Coalition forces captured Barzan Ibrahim Hasan al-Tikriti, a half-brother of Saddam Hussein.

18 April 2003 Fighting took place between Iraqi paramilitary and the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division as the U.S. troops moved north between Taji and Samarra.

18 April 2003 No remains had been found at the site of an airstrike aimed at Saddam Hussein.

18 April 2003 Former Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Himat al Azzawi was captured by coalition forces.

18 April 2003 U.S. soldiers discovered hundreds of millions of U.S. dollars hidden in Baghdad.

19 April 2003 Human Abd al-Khaliq Abd Al-Gafar, who served as the minister of higher education and scientific research, and Jamal Mustafa Abdallah Sultan al Tikriti, Saddam Hussein's son-in-law, were taken into U.S. custody.

20 April 2003 The Marines pulled out of Baghdad. The 4th Army Infantry Division took over control of the city.

21 April 2003 Muhammad Hazmaq al-Zubaydi, a former Iraqi prime minister and Saddam's central Euphrates regional commander, was taken into U.S. custody.

21 April 2003 Marines with the 26th Expeditionary Unit engaged in firefight at the Mosul airfield.

21 April 2003 U.S. special forces discovered a large weapons cache south of Kirkuk

21 April 2003 An Iraqi scientist who claimed to have worked

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who are over there fighting to protect our nation,' said Williams. "But I believe there are other options, like taking more time to disarm Saddam Hussein peacefully."

Quakers, formally known as the Religious Society of Friends, also support the soldiers who are fighting. However, they believe that each person, even those who behave badly, have some good in them "and that's why we don't kill people," said Chuck Freidel, 52, of San Bernardino.

"We don't believe there is ever such a thing as a just war. We never believe there is a good time for war," said Freidel, who attends the Redlands/Riverside Inland Valley Friends Meeting house.

"Basically, most Friends, when subjected to the draft, request conscientious objector status," Freidel said. "We're one of the churches that will do alternative service. We don't really believe in being medics, but some people can do that if we are able to help (on both sides)."

Friends have distributed bumper stickers that read "War is not the Answer," Freidel said.

Libni Cerdenio Jr.'s military involvement began when he was 20, as he fulfilled a high school promise made with a friend that both would enlist. The friend died, but Libni Cerdenio Jr. followed through, joining the Marine Corps, his father said.

After boot camp at Camp Pendleton, Libni Cerdenio Jr. was in the reserves and attending La Sierra University when he was called to active duty following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. On Feb. 1, he was deployed to Kuwait.

"I was so incredulous when we learned he was being deployed to Kuwait. We asked our pastor to come pray for him," said Libni Cerdenio Sr.

"We always told him about our stances. You can usually join as a medic. He was already 20 years old when he enlisted. He has his own independent thinking on that. He said it was his calling. It doesn't seem to be in line with our stances with the church."

Libni Cerdenio Sr.'s fears were assuaged by a Seventh-day Adventist pastor, who told the family that a Bible passage states that God calls some people for ministry in government functions to destroy evil or defend against it.

"I was kind of heartened by that. He even anointed our son. It was a meaningful experience," said Libni Cerdenio Sr.

"It has given me comfort and encouragement. That reading of the Scripture gave me some assurance that he (Libni Cerdenio Jr.) can be doing God's will and doing that."

The Lighter Side of Operation Iraqi Freedom

By Larry Pena

Baghdad

Singles Page



SM looking for SF. My name is Uday. I am an enthusiastic, ambitious, and spontaneous guy. I'm looking for someone that will share my passion for the finer things of life, soccer, and armed assault. My hobbies include killing, rape, holding hands, maiming, and sailing on the Persian Gulf.

Please get in touch soon! I look forward to forcing myself on you with threats of dismembering your family.

By the way, I'm currently moving around a lot, so I may be hard to get a hold of. But don't worry, I'll find you. Just wait alone at night on any Baghdad street and one of my associates will pick you up. Then you're just one trunk ride away from a man who will fulfill all your dreams.

Happy



Thursday!

Don't forget!!!

Banquet tickets go on SALE today!

Buy them from OSA (Office of Student Activities) anytime or in the Cafeteria during dining hours!

Banquet is on Sunday, May 18th @ the Queen Mary!

There will be lots and lots of great entertainment! Bring your friends and yourself!

LSU students about their loved ones serving overseas

By Porshia Smith



Kenyatta Ross

Sophomore

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PS: What is your relationship to the person in the war?

KR: He is my boyfriend

PS: What branch of the army is he in?

KR: Marine, Private 1st class

PR: How long have you been together?

KR: 2 months

PR: What is the hardest part about having someone close to you in the war?

KR: You aren't able to hear from that person on a regular basis. The only way they are able to communicate is through letters and email.

PS: How long has he been in the Marines?

KR: 1 year and 1 month

PS: How did he feel about having to go to war?

KR: He was very distraught.

PS: What is your standing on the war?

KR: I'm not particularly against the war because Hussein has done some treacherous

things. Yet, we shouldn't impose our way of governing on them.

war?

JS: No comment



Jonathan Sawyer

Junior

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PS: What is your relationship to the person in the war?

JS: A friend.

PS: What branch of the army is he?

JS: Marines, Private

PS: How long has he been gone since the war started?

JS: 2 years

PS: What is the hardest part about having a friend in the army?

JS: There is no hard part.

PS: How long has he been a part of the marines?

JS: More than 2 years

PS: How did he feel about going into the war?

JS: He felt good. That is why you enlist in the army, to fight for this country, when it comes down to it.

PS: What is your standing on the



Howard Hood

Freshman

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PS: What is your relationship with the person in the war?

HH: He's my cousin

PS: What branch of the army is he?

HH: Air Force

PS: How long has he been gone?

HH: Since March

PS: What is the hardest part about having a family member in the service?

HH: The possibility that he may never make it back home.

PS: What is your standing on the war?

HH: I see two parts to it. It is good because we're trying to help those who are being oppressed by Hussein's regime. On the other hand, this is putting our country at risk, when we really should be looking for our main mark, Osama Bin Laden.