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## University's Post Katrina Role

By LEANN JIMENEZ

Sep. 16—The Pre-Med Club of La Sierra University began packaging donated items to ship to New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

One of the volunteers, Allen Murga, Junior, said, "I feel that I'm serving my purpose in life to help people, to satisfy the needs of those less fortunate. It also inspired me to work harder in serving others."

Disasters, such as Katrina, have brought this nation together in unity. It is the coming together and presenting great concern that renders the true meaning that this Nation was founded on, "In God We Trust."

"I'm praying that they can get better through this difficult time. I know my support and prayers will not be in vain," says Clara Oswari, transfer student.

After Hurricane Katrina, more than 12 hundred lives were lost and an estimated 1.5 million people were affected. Inspired by this tragedy, American's have shared money and supplies. Everyone's giving has made a tremendous difference, but there is more to be done.

Other clubs such as SIFE and Campus Ministries are taking action to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and money donations are still being collected.

But even in the midst of giving, the gravity and potential of what our gifts might accomplish are not always realized. Sometimes, the need for money and supplies are not grasped until our own family is affected.

Brooke Martin, a transfer student from New Orleans, Louisiana, evacuated with her husband and daughter before the Katrina hit the Gulf Coast. Her mother and sister stayed behind, coming to California after it was safe.

Brooke's brother-in-law also stayed in New Orleans, where the flood waters chased him into his attic. He lived in his attic for five days until he was rescued and sent to Austin, Texas.

Above all, Brook says that she is see *KATRINA* on page 6



Time Magazine

Survivors in Pakistan have no where to turn and face the threat of a harsh winter.

## Earthquake in Pakistan

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

Oct. 8—A magnitude 7.6 earthquake hit regions of South Asia, Pakistan, and India. The epicenter of the earthquake was in the Kashmir region of Northern Pakistan. The Prime-Minister of Pakistan Shaukat Aziz reports that there have been at least 38,000 deaths and 60,000 casualties; the quake has left 2.5 million people left homeless.

Pakistan was hit the hardest by this earthquake and is struggling to cope with the devastation. According to the Associated Press, there are about 40,000 troops in Northern Pakistan aiding the relief efforts, but the damage seems to be overwhelming.

In Balakot, a town hurt severely by the earthquake, a school collapsed burying 200 children. Eight days after the earthquake, there were children still being pulled from the rubble. Among those rescued from Balakot, a 7 month old baby was found alive after surviving 7 days in the rubble.

Yet even at the heels of this devastation, another dilemma approaches.

The weather of Pakistan's Himalayan region is harsh, adding rain to the turmoil already faced.

Relief and rescue workers, slowed by the rain, share a growing concern—snow will be coming over the mountains very soon. Snow will challenge the lives of the 2.5 million homeless who are stuck without basic necessities.

President Musharraf and Prime Minister Aziz are pleading for tents in order to provide cover for the homeless stuck in this region.

Many countries have sent aid—among them are Britain, Turkey, India, and the US. The cost of this earthquake is estimated to be about 5 billion dollars. The UN has given over \$300 million, and the Saudi King, Abdullah II, has donated \$133 million for relief efforts.

Yet despite the progressing relief plans, families remain torn apart—children have been left searching for their parents, while bodies are left unidentified on stretchers. It seems that there is only so much "relief" that money can buy.

## Five Join LSU Faculty

By TAMARA FISHER

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The mainstay of any educational institution is its faculty. La Sierra University is excited to introduce five new faculty members into its staff this fall.

"Among the exiting things about the start of a new academic year, in addition to the many new students who arrive on campus, are the new members of the faculty," says Warren C. Trenchard, provost. "They come from a variety of backgrounds that serve to enrich the university. As usual, this year some are fresh from graduate programs with newly minted doctorates, and others come with significant experience in other institutions. Together they will join an equally varied and excellent academic team."

Tadeusz Kugler, Ph.D., will join the School of Business as an assistant professor of economics this fall. His past work experience includes research assistant for The Tomás Rivera Policy Institute in Claremont, Calif.; intern at the City National Bank in Ontario, Calif.; and intern at the Merrill Lynch Private Client Group in Pasadena, Calif. Kugler completed his doctor of philosophy in economics from Claremont Graduate University this May.

Sandra Balli, Ph.D., has teamed up with the School of Education as an associate professor of curriculum and instruction. Balli comes to LSU from Pacific Union College where she was a professor in the department of education and spent one year as the associate academic dean. Balli also taught at the University of Minnesota and was a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Missouri.

Joining the history, politics, and society department are two new faculty: Andrew Howe, Ph.D., and Lisa Kohlmeier, Ph.D. Both will join as assistant professors of history.

Kohlmeier was previously on the faculty at Atlantic Union College teaching courses including women's history, African-American experience, and foundations of the modern world. Also an alumnus of AUC, see *FACULTY* on page 4

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## Supreme Court Justices: A Glance Under the Robe

By AMANDA O'REILLY

We've heard about John Roberts, the new Chief Justice, and we've probably heard about Meiers being nominated to replace Sandra Day O'Connor... but how well do we really know our Supreme Court Justices? Well, for all of us who would love to know but have no time, here's a quick overview and a few fun facts.

We'll start with our new Chief Justice. As of September 29th, 2005, John Glover Roberts, Jr., was nominated to replace the late William Rehnquist. He was born in Buffalo, New York, on January 27, 1955. Unlike many college students who stay an extra few years in college, Roberts finished his BA at Harvard University in only three years. He was then accepted into Harvard Law School, and obtained his JD in 1979. He is married to an accomplished attorney, Jane Sullivan Roberts, and has two adopted children, ages 4 and 5. He has served on the US Court of Appeals and is a veteran appellate attorney.

Justice Antonin Scalia was appointed to the court in 1986 by President Ronald Reagan. He has fought ardently against *Roe vs. Wade*, and the legalizing of assisted suicide. Scalia, who also graduated from Harvard Law, is the first Italian-American Supreme Court Justice. He strongly supports a strict interpretation of the Constitution.

John Paul Stevens was appointed by President Gerald Ford in 1975 and is currently the senior associate justice. Stevens is one of the most interesting justices to keep an eye on during Supreme Court rulings, since he is very inconsistent, independent, and unpredictable. He believes that by so doing, he puts the effects a ruling might have on society above party lines and all else. Stevens was born in Chicago

on April 10, 1920. He graduated from the University of Chicago with a BA in English; there he won the university's highest honors for scholarship.



President George W. Bush stands with U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, as they pose for photos with U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justices, from left to right, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Justice David H. Souter, Justice Antonin Scalia, Justice John Paul Stevens, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Justice Anthony Kennedy, Justice Clarence Thomas and Justice Stephen G. Breyer.

He served in WWII as a naval officer, and later went on to study law at Northwestern University.

Sandra Day O'Connor is, of course, the first woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice. She was nominated by President Ronald Reagan in 1981. O'Connor, who was born in El Paso, Texas, received her BA in economics from Stanford University in 1950. She then obtained her LLB from Stanford University in only two years. Despite all her accomplishments, no law firm would accept her and she was forced to work as a Deputy County Attorney in San Mateo County, California. Finally, in 1969, she was appointed to the Arizona State Senate, and a few years later, she became the first woman senate majority leader. O'Connor is a very strict interpreter of the United States Constitution, as was evident in her votes on the issues of separation of church and state, civil rights, and

abortion. O'Connor announced her retirement in July, but is waiting until her successor is confirmed before stepping down.



Clarence Thomas was appointed in 1991 by President George Bush. Unlike Thurgood Marshall, whom he replaced, Thomas has consistently opposed affirmative action and similar programs for minority groups. Ironically, he had entered the College of the Holy Cross by way of a black recruitment program, and later attended Yale through a similar minority program. He was born on June 23, 1948, in Pin Point, Georgia. He originally attended the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Missouri—hoping to become a priest—but changed his mind as a result of the severe racism. Prior to his appoint to the U.S. Court of Appeals, he had served as head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Stephen G. Breyer became the new associate justice in 1994, when he was appointed by President Clinton. He came from a Jewish family, and later

married into a well-established family of the British aristocracy. As an appeals court judge, he has upheld parent notification for teenage abortions and strongly supports the minimizing of government regulation. As for attending college, Breyer was accepted into both Harvard and Stanford, but chose Stanford in accordance to his parents' wishes. He later won a Marshall Scholarship to attend Oxford University, and eventually studied law at Harvard. He has served as counsel for the Judiciary Committee, as well as a federal appeals court judge.

David H. Souter was nominated by President Bush in 1990. Although he was not well-known before then, he has established himself as an influential moderate of the Supreme Court, often supporting Sandra Day O'Connor. He has served as an assistant attorney general, attorney general, and as a judge.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was named associate justice by President Clinton in 1993. She was formerly the head of the American Civil Liberties Union's Women's Rights Project, and was the second woman on the law faculty at Rutgers University. She later taught at Columbia Law School before being appointed to the District of Columbia U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 1980.

Anthony Kennedy was nominated by President Reagan and built a reputation for writing well-crafted and thoughtful opinions while on the US Court of Appeals. He upheld women's rights to have abortions—allowing for some state restrictions—and generally confronts each case with a narrow approach. Like many of his fellow justices, he also attended Harvard Law School, receiving a JD cum laude in 1961.

## EDITORIAL: The Politics of Politics — A Take on the Miers Nomination for Supreme Court Justice

By ZULEMA IBARRA

Near the beginning of October, we heard confident remarks from various political figures that Harriet Miers would most likely be confirmed to replace retiring justice, Sandra Day O'Connor. Many argued in favor of Miers, regardless of the ruffled agitation by those on the right, who were counting on President Bush to nominate a strong conservative on whose resolute and loyal vote they could rely on. But with President Bush's strong support on her side, it seemed that Republican senators would be cautious and respect the President's personal choice. And this is what makes the Miers nomination unique and unexpected. As the week rolled on, conservatives started calling for Harriet Miers to withdraw her nomination, and the calls continued to mount towards the end of the week.

All sorts of questions began to surface, especially those concerning Miers' actual qualifications for the nomination. Now, as more doubts are deliberated, the pressure for a withdrawal intensifies.

In an interview with the New York Times, White House Press Secretary, Scott McClellan defended Miers' qualifications and records. He maintains that President Bush's nominee is detailed, dependent, and diligent—a claim that has been justified by her high attention to the nitty-gritty in several of Bush's presidential speeches. Harriet Miers has held a long, impressive history—first in regards to the Dallas Bar Association, and later on becoming the Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff. However, her stance on various subjects are foggy and unpredictable.

The Southern Methodist University graduate has disclosed very little about her personal beliefs and political views, even with friends. For this very reason, many on the right have based their disapproval. Now, they'll have to wait and see where Miers will stand in controversial issues, such as abortion. This was disappointing—not for the President's critics, but from the conservatives, themselves. They believe that the President has placed too much trust on Miers' personal traits, religion, and character. Conservatives were further annoyed at the nominee's statement that she would not be joining the Federalist Society because she did not want to take part in organizations that would taint her view towards a particular side. Fear that Miers will follow in O'Connor's footsteps as a centrist

fill the anticipation of the Republican party.

All together, this battle has been a singular one, with widespread and forceful disapproval of the president's decision by members of his own party. As of October 14, however, the White House said that Harriet E. Miers would not consider stepping down from her nomination. For the liberals out there, there's nothing to do, but sit back and watch. No one can get a word out for Miers' viewpoints, but most certainly Bush sticks by his decision. Furthermore, no criticism will be necessary because the right wing is doing a good job of taking care of that. For those who are unsure where they stand with this issue, it would be advisable to wait a while and eye the upcoming events with great scrutiny.

## 100% Needed to Pass

By PROFESSOR SABASTIAN ROESKE

Guest Columnist

Wars are not fought over "maybes." People don't choose to risk their lives for what is "probably" a good cause." If you are a soldier, you'd best be 100% sure of whose side you are on, 100% sure of what your position is and why.

You may know the story of the young Seventh-day Adventist soldier who was the sole survivor of a tragic accident of Desert Storm. An American scout jeep moving in questioned territory was attacked from above by an American air force pilot, confused about whose side the vehicle represented. The lives of all but one American soldier in that vehicle were lost.

True in physical war, it is doubly true in spiritual war. Think about it. Choosing definite sides was a major problem with God's people throughout history. Oh yes, they offered allegiance and service to God, it's just that they wanted to offer a little corner at least to Baal and Ashtoreth as well. It was relevant, you know. To preserve your credibility you need to "give" a little here and there.

How about our day? What about a definite choice of sides in our personal position in the "greatest controversy" of all? We love Jesus, yes. Do we love the world about as equally well? Are we trying to hold down a little place on each side? Do we find ourselves trying to get a spot on the fence?—that spot where you can hang a foot over one side

or the other as is most convenient at the time?

Someone imagined and wrote of this scene:

A huge crowd of people look out over the valley, through which runs a high fence. On one side stands Jesus beckoning, on the other side is Satan waving people onto his area. People scramble to one side or the other until all are divided into two groups—except one sly participant—this one joins no group but climbs on the fence and sits on it. It seems the best of both worlds.

Jesus leads his people to the right, Satan's crowd moves off to the left, but devil himself comes back to the fence. "Come along, then," he urges our straddler.

"Oh no," asserts our wise guy, "I have not chosen you or Him—I'm staying right here on the fence."

The devil grins— "I guess you didn't know. I own the fence. I quote God's own words, my friend: 'He that is not for me is against me.'"

Of course, as many have found, sitting on the fence is not really a very comfortable experience. It's kind of like doing the splits over a long period of time. It's not too much fun and not very peaceful either.

You might look at this fifty-fifty type of decision from another perspective—the idea of "surrendering" to God's way in your life.

Let's examine another illustration

from the military motif of Desert Storm. A battalion of American soldiers stormed an enemy bunker and demanded surrender. Out of ammunition and with no way of escape possible, the enemy soldiers came out one by one, empty hands held high in the air. Last emerged the commander of the battalion, his hands only half way up.

"Not acceptable," barked the officer. "Put some bullets at his feet to give him the message."

Bullets spat in the dust at the enemy commander's feet and up came his hands to highest reach!!!

"We don't accept any such things as 'half surrender' around here—never forget that!" he growled as his privates marched their captives off.

God does not spit bullets at our feet, but the message is—partial surrender is not surrender. Nothing but full surrender is surrender. Partial surrender means partial love, partial commitment, and partial fulfillment.

Let's get back to sunny California with our illustrations. It's like the person dangling his toes in the cool water of the swimming pool, or dancing just on the edge of the waves of the beach. Oooh, that water is cold...Not until the full plunge is made will the real fun begin. Once in, the water is great, exhilarating, and we know then that we are having fun! It's that partial submersing, that "not in," "not

out," that suggests the water could be unpleasant, maybe not what we really want.

Unfortunately, the many Christians who hold back a full commitment to God experience only the uncomfortable feeling that is part of the transition from dryness to wetness—the transition not intended for perpetual living. A state in which a person's perceptions of Christian realities are inadequate—missing that joy and fulfillment of increased dedication and commitment.

The Lord invites us to, "Come and see that the Lord is good, His love and mercy endure for ever." If you haven't made the 100% commitment, that full surrender to God's will, if you have lived only on the fence, maybe now is the time for action. If you have your hands only half-way up, why not reach for the sky. If you have just dangled your toes in Jesus' love, why not let Him conquer your entire heart and soul and go for the plunge. Enjoy to the full extent the rewards Christ hold out to his children.

I believe that the Lord has brought us all to La Sierra University for a reason—more than just being with friends. More than learning how to support ourselves in life. He knew that at La Sierra University we would receive full opportunity to raise our hands and hearts a little higher to heaven and commit more completely to our Savior and Friend.

## Food-o-phile

By BETHANY MORSE

SALSU CABL Director

Introducing the "New" CABL Column featuring health tips and dorm room friendly recipes by Bethany Morse, SALSU CABL (Collegiate Advocate for Better Living).

Who came up with serving sizes? How are you going to know what a serving is? Here are some tips from Dr. Richter's Healthy Living. The size of your clinched fist is about one cup. Your thumb equals about one ounce, and your thumbnail is about one teaspoon.

That is great for measuring, but what about actual servings? 1 medium-sized piece of fruit or vegetable, such as an orange or carrot, equals one serving. Three fourths of a cup of 100% vegetable juice, 1/2 cup cooked or canned vegetables, or 1 cup raw vegetables equals a serving. Half a cup of dried fruit also equals a serving.

Use these guidelines to make certain you get your five servings of fruits and vegetables a day. Serv-

ings are smaller than you think, but remember to be smart and balance out your intake accordingly.

### Featured Food

This week's featured food is the

peach. Peaches are a great source of vitamin C, so if you are feeling run down or on the verge of a cold, reach for a peach.

The background color should be

### Witch's Favorite Fruit Salsa

#### Ingredients:

- 2 medium apples, peeled and chopped
- 1 cup frozen strawberries, chopped
- 1 kiwi, peeled and chopped
- 1 cup peaches, canned or fresh, peeled and chopped
- 2 tablespoons apple, apricot, or strawberry jelly or jam
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 cup orange juice, preferably fresh squeezed

#### Directions:

- Wash fruit well before chopping.
- The fruit can be chopped by hand or placed in a food processor and pulsed to the consistency of salsa.
- Place chopped fruit in bowl.
- Mix jelly with orange juice and brown sugar.
- Serve with graham crackers.

Makes about 3-1/2 cups.

overall creamy yellow. Peaches with a green background will not ripen further. Buy peaches with unbruised and unwrinkled skin. Ripen at room temperature in a paper bag until soft to touch and fragrant.

Peaches may be stored, unwashed in the refrigerator for up to two weeks. If brown spots appear, simply cut them off prior to eating. Remove from refrigerator one hour before eating. Wash peaches and gently rub them with a towel to remove the fuzziness. Also note that their flavor intensifies when warm.

Nutritional analysis: Serving size would be one medium peach, 40 calories, 1g protein, 0g fat, 10g carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, and 0mg sodium. Vitamins and minerals: 535mcg of vitamin A, and 197mg of Potassium. Antioxidant: Alpha Carotenoids 1mcg, Beta Carotenoids 97mcg, Beta Cryptoxanthin 24mcg, and Lutein/Zeaxanthin 57mg.

## Faculty

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Kohlmeier was active in professional activities and received numerous awards including the Claremont Graduate University Humanities Fellow.

Howe is a 1996 alumnus of La Sierra and joins both of his parents who are also faculty — Vernon Howe, chair, professor of mathematics and computer science, and Winona Howe, chair, professor of English. Howe has taught several courses at the University of California Riverside as well as at La Sierra. He also received the Graduate Fellow for the Center for Ideas and Society at the University of California Riverside.

The new associate librarian and chair of the public services is Cindy Parkhurst. She is a member of the California State Bar and earned her law degree from Willamette University College of Law. She completed her undergraduate degree at LSU. Parkhurst has worked since 1990 at Western State University College of Law Library as the director and head of reference and reference librarian. She has also taught courses on copyright law and research.



## Three Great Writers and "Four Irish Plays"

By BRUCE GILMAN

Guest Contributor

On more than one occasion, the course of English-speaking literature has been shaped by friendship. "Friendly competition" between Marlowe and Shakespeare helped ensure Elizabethan drama's central position in Renaissance art. Without their legendary walks through the Lake District, Wordsworth and Coleridge might never have published their Lyrical Ballads. More recently, Fitzgerald and Hemingway prodded one another to redefine the style and substance of the novel.

One such intersection of forceful literary personalities -- in Ireland, in the early 20th century -- has now become the stuff of legend. When Lady Augusta Gregory and William Butler Yeats met in the 1890's, both had established reputations as writers. Gregory, a widow whose estate at Coole Park became a sanctuary for aspiring artists, spent the years following her husband's death studying Irish myth and folklore; she became expert in Gaelic, translating folksongs and poems for fellow writers and archivists. Yeats was as an acclaimed poet whose verse suggested a different style from the Victorian mode. But when the two met, their efforts immediately focused on Yeats' dream for Irish drama: the establishment of

a theatre that would celebrate the country's indigenous culture, using the rhythms and spirit of the native tongue.

Beginning in 1894, Gregory and Yeats worked together to build such a theatre. Key to their success was a budding friendship with a young writer Yeats first met in Paris. With the older poet's encouragement, John Millington Synge traveled to the Aran Islands off the western Irish coast, where he lived for several summers, collecting stories from the native fishing folk. In the years that followed, Synge transposed several of these tales into one-act plays. When, in 1904, a generous donor provided the rent for a playhouse on Abbey Street in Dublin, the Irish National Theatre was born -- and the new dramas written by Gregory, Yeats and Synge spearheaded the movement now known as the Irish Literary Revival.

Our choice of plays illustrates the common philosophic bonds between these three writers, as well as their individual approaches to the representation of Irish life.

Lady Gregory's "The Rising of the Moon" and "Spreading the News" document her acute ear for the rhythms and inflections of Gaelic, which she incorporates into English dialogue. Gregory's strength is a

perceptive intuition for those things that both confound and amuse her audience, including the ever-sensitive issues of British colonialism and Irish independence.

"In the Shadow of the Glen" attests to J.M. Synge's first-hand learning of Irish country legend. Like no writer before, Synge exposes the common beliefs and the ironic humor of the Irish peasantry.

"Cathleen ni Houlihan" reveals W.B. Yeats' fascination for Celtic tradition, offering the poet's own political take on the island's future by introducing a legendary mythical figure into the lives of common people. Interestingly, Lady Gregory's journals contend that she, not Yeats, wrote almost all the dialogue for the play. No matter who is responsible for the lines spoken, this short play encapsulates all three writers' affection for their Irish brethren.

At a unique moment in Irish history, these three legendary personalities banded together to build a national theatre whose artistic influence continues the world over. Shortly before his untimely death, J.M. Synge claimed that "in Ireland...we have a popular imagination that is fiery and magnificent and tender." These four plays attest to that imagination, which is so vital to the creative legacy of the Irish.

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## LSU Crime Statistics

Title II of the Right to Know Act, part of the Crime Awareness and Campus Security act of 1990, requires that all post-secondary institutions of higher education provide a statistical report to the students, faculty and staff, of criminal offenses which take place on campus. The following activities are the number of reports received by the University Patrol between September 1, 2004 and August 31, 2005.

Criminal Offenses	Dorm	University Housing	Campus Area	Arrest Made	Theft Recovery	Car Recovery	Hate Crime	Total
Murder – non-negligent	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0
Rape/forcible sex	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0
Rape/non-forcible sex	0	0	1	0	N/A	N/A	0	1
Sexual Battery	1	0	0	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	1
Aggravated Assault and Battery	0	0	3	No	N/A	N/A	No	3
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0
Burglary	9	0	5	No	No	N/A	No	14
Theft	0	1	8	No	No	N/A	No	9
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	3	1	No	N/A	No	No	4
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0	0	1	No	No	N/A	No	1
Motor Vehicle Burglary	1	1	5	No	No	N/A	No	7
Liquor law violation	0	0	2	No	N/A	N/A	No	2
Drug abuse violation	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0
Weapons possession	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0
Arson	0	0	1	0	N/A	N/A	0	1
Traffic Collision	0	0	2IN, 10NIN	0	N/A	N/A	0	12

IN=Injury Traffic Collision

NIN=Non-Injury Traffic Collision

## Katrina

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most thankful that her family is safe. When asked what helped her and her family cope with the tragedy in Louisiana, Martin said, "It was my faith in God and knowing that everything happens for a reason."

This experience has given her a new look on life, a closer relationship with God. She has found hope in the way of concerned, compassionate people who dedicated their time in helping the victims of Katrina.

For Brook, the La Sierra University administration helped provide her family with housing and supplies, while giving Brook the opportunity to attend school, despite the fact that she lost her transcripts to Katrina.

"People have been very helpful," Brook says, "I appreciate everyone's giving."



## CAS Dean's List

The following CAS students achieved a 4.0 (took at least 15 units; had no s/u grades, and had no incompletes) for '05 Spring Quarter:

Aceres, Kimberly  
Aceres, Lori  
Adonay, Dennis  
Brodersen, Ashley  
Chilson, Alex  
Cho, Hang Jin  
Choi, Kwang  
Duong, Anna  
Garcia, Jamie  
Hayton, Juliana  
House, Larissa  
Ibarra, Zulema  
Ignacio, Michael  
Jo, Susan  
Koh, Clayton  
Krueger, Diana  
Leung, Derek  
McPherson, Jessica  
Muir, Tori  
Nelson, Natalie  
Perrin, Jared  
Priyawat, Nupporn  
Waite, Sherian  
Webster, Kevin  
Yi, Joo-Youn

The following students earned between a 3.5 and a 3.99 for Winter Quarter. They took at least 15 units, had no s/u grades, no grade below a B-, and had no incompletes:

Aguirre, Tania  
Alvarez, Ana Maria  
Anderson, Megan  
Avila, Jay  
Barber, Jamela  
Bearden, Timothy  
Bosse, Christian  
Brackenbury, Anna-Lisa  
Brodén, Keisha  
Brown, Jillian  
Camarena, Demitrio  
Chadwick, Jolene  
Chang, Christopher  
Chang, Jung Yoon  
Cherry, Brittany  
Cho, Lydia  
Chung, Bo Hyun  
Cordova Lopez, Erika  
Crapo, Sara  
Cronk, Amy  
Deragobian, Ankin  
Dharmaraj, Flora  
Dickey, Jefmar  
Dickinson, James  
Diputado, Courtney  
Dupee, Justin  
Fleming, Bethany  
Frere, Rochelle  
Fujimura, Takatsugu  
Fuller, Corey  
Gomer, Jeremy  
Gonzales, Krista

Helu, Xousaen  
Hernandez, Jose  
Hoang, David  
Hoang, Jimmy  
Homicile, Sulfrance  
Hong, Jin Hee  
Hunter, Caprice  
Hutabarat, Tiffany  
Ingleton, Yohany  
Jo, Daniel  
Kim, Charlie Cheol  
Kim, Peace  
Kitamura, Gene  
Kitto, Ashley  
Latt, Hein  
Lee, Ana  
Lee, Andy  
Lee, David  
Lee, Jennifer  
Llamas, Veronica  
Lopez, Hiram  
Luppens, Chandra  
Ma, Yi-Shen  
Maldonado, Jonathan  
Marchand, Natalie  
Marquez, Angelina  
Maxwell, Allison  
Maxwell, Lauren  
McClain, Marni  
Mendez, Miguel  
Mendoza, Herbert  
Merizan, Nicole  
Mesipam, Avinash  
Millan, Erigena  
Murga, Allen  
Musich, Evalie  
Mwero, Fidi  
Myers, Jennifer  
Nelson, Emmanuel

Obeid, Rindala  
Oh, Inah  
Oh, Soo Jin  
Ortiz, Rebecca  
Osborne, John  
Ostrander, Alicia  
Park, Ida  
Park, Ji Kwan  
Park, Sarah  
Payne, Alycia  
Peterson, Emily  
Potts, Derek  
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**School Supply Giveaway**

The Volunteer Center of Riverside County will be sponsoring a school supply giveaway to celebrate children as a part of National Make a Difference Day, on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Volunteer Center plans to give away bags of school supplies to children in addition to a program of fun activities. The program will be held at the Bobby Bonds Sports Center, 2060 University Ave., in Riverside, CA. For information, call (951) 686-4402.

**Family Remembrance Days**

Art, language, and culture combine in the Stahl Center to pay homage to ethnicities that form the La Sierra University community.

The Stahl Center Museum of Culture, the Modern Languages Department, and the Art Department are joint-sponsoring two ethnic events: a tribute to Buddhist and Hispanic heritage.

On Oct. 22, the Stahl Center will hold the Buddhist Family Remembrance Day. And on Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, the center will hold Hispanic Family Remembrance Day,

**Please Take Note of the Following:****SALSU Perspectives:**

The Perspectives this year have been delayed due to technical problems. We cannot take the pictures until we get the Perspectives code and database running on our server. I hope to have the software up and running by thanksgiving. Keep reading the *Criterion* for more information on when to take your Perspectives pictures.

**Criterion Job Opening:**

The *Criterion* need a copy-editor to proof the articles coming into the *Criterion*. The job pays \$75 per issue, and the best part is that you can proof articles in your pajamas.

If you are interested, email the *Criterion* at [salsu.publications@lasierra.edu](mailto:salsu.publications@lasierra.edu).

giving special attention to "Dia de los Muertos."

The remembrance day programs will feature family alters created to keep alive the memories of their ancestors. For more information, contact Kay Clayton at (951) 785-2999 or (951) 785-2041.

**Twisted Fun**

SALSU is sponsoring a MASSIVE game of Twister in the student center on Saturday night, Oct. 22, from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded to those with the highest propensity to become twisted, and yet stay upright.

**Vienna Boys Choir**

Barring any awkward bouts of puberty, the world-famous Vienna Boys Choir will be singing at the Loma Linda University Church Oct. 27, 2005.

The Loma Linda concert will feature 24 boys ranging in age from 12 to 24. The program will include church music, gospel and Austrian folk songs, as well as songs from America, Mexico, and Africa.

Tickets for the event are available at the following places: Adventist Book Center in Riverside;

Adventist Book Center in Loma Linda; Berean Book Store in Riverside; Berean Book Store in Colton. Tickets are \$25 for front reserved and \$20 for students. Grab a date and get ready to appreciate the Vienna Boys.

For further information, call (909) 558-4633.

**Camp BSA**

The Black Student Association (BSA) Retreat to camp Cedar Falls is on the horizon. The getaway runs from Nov. 11 until the Nov. 13.

Admission is free to all registered BSA members, and registration only costs \$10 for the entire year.

Robert Miller, vice president for BSA, reminds everyone that "You don't have to be black in color to be a member of the club or to be a part of the retreat."

For more information, call (951) 785-2883.

**Higher Ground in the Valley**

Warren Miller has provided local Adventist youth with Saturday date-night opportunities for over 40 years with his action-packed ski and snowboarding films.

On Nov. 19., Miller does it again, bringing his latest film *Higher Ground* to Loma Linda Academy's Chan Auditorium. The first show will begin at 6 p.m., and the second and final show will begin at 8:30—leaving couples plenty of time to discuss theology afterward.

The event is sponsored by the School of Medicine Alumni Association of Loma Linda University. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and \$7 for students with ID.

Tickets are available at the door, or they can be purchased in advance at the Medical Alumni Office. For directions and more information, call (909) 558-4633 or (909) 796-0161.

**Pool Hours**

HESA has opened the pool for lap swimming this quarter. The hours are:

-Monday through Thursday—6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

-Fridays—6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

-Sundays—2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

-Evenings—Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Wisdom**

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further research revealed that not every female agrees on this point. My best suggestion would be to weigh carefully the pros and cons of telling this particular female. If you don't mind a little discomfort, go ahead and tell her. If you know her, even if only in passing, go ahead and tell her. On the other hand, she may be shy or she may not care, in which case it would be a rather awkward situation. Honestly it just depends on what kind of guy you want to be. Are you a gentleman, or a glassy eyed drooler?

DPS: It is of my cultured opinion that the young lady should not have been revealing her skin to that extent in the first place. What has happened to decency of attire in this country? A woman is still attractive, while not exposing herself in that way. In fact, most well-bred men are much more attracted to a lady who is conservatively, but elegantly dressed. So, my advice? Be bold. Tell the lady that her behind is on display. If she didn't do it on purpose, then she will be most careful in the future.

—Ms. Divine and Dr. Pinder-Schloss

*Editors note: Neither Ms. Divine nor Dr. Pinder-Schloss hold any actual counseling degrees, but I personally vouch for their skill and understanding. If Dr. Phil can spout advice to an audience, why shouldn't they?*

**Wanna be Famous?**

LSU Famous is looking for the best Christian band/soloist of the year. Here's your chance to witness for Christ while rock'n-out. Not only will we make you instantly famous here on campus, we'll also be recording a CD with some of the best bands and soloists of the year! That's right... if you beat out the other bands, you'll find yourself in a recording studio! This is HUGE! So... tell your friends and get your bands together... It's time to start PRACTICING!!!

Auditions will begin in mid November, so watch for announcements.

Please note that all songs must be original AND a clear reflection of Christ!!!

Questions? Contact Ryan & Candria at [lsufamous@yahoo.com](mailto:lsufamous@yahoo.com)



## An open letter to the Students of La Sierra University:

Hello. My name is Marlen Resiwain and I am writing to share with you the excitement that I have about this school and SALSU.

As you know, SALSU stands for the Student Association of La Sierra University. This student government is here to serve you, and many wonderful events have been planned just for YOU!

Personally, I am very honored to work with the team that was elected from last Spring Quarter. This diverse and talented group of people—just like yourself—maintains the student government at LSU.

Let me introduce them to you:

**Jeremy Cruz**, Executive VP: In charge of the Senate and making sure that the SALSU Constitution is followed. Words cannot possibly describe Jeremy Cruz.

**Fendy Rattu & Ridley Sendow**, Social VPs: Thursday night activities and Banquets are their specialty. Frequent their events and enjoy socialization while munching on some refreshments.

**Fidi Mwero & Daniel Ruiz**, Religious VPs: Wednesday night Rendezvous in HMA is a great place to worship and reenergize yourself with the word of the Lord. These two also plan fun and spiritual retreats for those who are into relaxing, socializing, and learning more about Christ.

**Eugene Kwon**, Financial VP: Money is basically the center of his world—at least for this year. Balancing the budget and fundraising is what he's in charge of. Fun to be around, you should get to know him.

**Brandon Herrmann**, Publications Manager: This multi-talented/faceted being is in charge of the publications that SALSU publishes throughout the year: *Criterion* (newspaper), *Perspectives* (directory), and *Visions* (yearbook).

**Behany Morse**, CABL: The word stands for Collegiate Advocate for Better Living and I cannot think of a better person who would best advocate eating healthy and the importance of exercising.

**Alex Chilson & Anna Duong**, Public Relations Directors: Creativity and loud voices are their tools used in increasing awareness of SALSU events. They sing like angels.

**Shaun Loo**, Parliamentarian: By-laws, order and effecting the sanity of Jeremy—for good or ill—is his specialty. He has a great personality and a contagious laugh.

**Esther Guerro**, Executive Secretary: Having to be in up to three meetings a week is one thing, but having to take the minutes is a totally different task. I am so glad to have this lovely, hard-working person as SALSU's secretary.

Hopefully, this gives you an idea of the wonderful, rambunctious group friends and colleagues share my dedication and passion to ensure that you have a fantastic year.

### October 21

- Women's Resource Center presents Women and the Word: "And Your Daughters Shall Prophesy"
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

### October 22

- (TBA) - Women's Resource Center presents Women and the Word: "And Your Daughters Shall Prophesy"
- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - "Chinese Family Remembrance Day" (Stahl Museum)
- 10:00 PM - 2:00 AM - SALSU Giant Twister Game (Gym)

### October 23

- Red Ribbon Week

### October 24

- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% discount with LSU ID
- Mission Opportunity Week
- 6:20 AM - CABL Run @ Track

### October 25

- Mission Opportunity Week
- 6:20 AM - CABL Run @ Track
- 11:00 AM - Senior Class Assembly: Officer Elections (Angwin Chapel)
- 12:00 PM - International Student Orientation (REQUIRED for all new international students). Dining Commons. Lunch provided for those who RSVP.
- (TBA) - The Modern Language Department presents the foreign film "The Sea Inside." (South Hall)
- 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle's Nest)

### October 26

- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% discount with LSU ID
- Mission Opportunity Week
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - "Hispanic Family Remembrance Day" (Stahl Museum)
- 10:00 PM - Rendezvous (HMA)

### October 27

- Mission Opportunity Week
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID

- 6:20 AM - CABL Run @ Track
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

### October 28

- Mission Opportunity Week
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

### October 29

- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)

### October 30

- Standard Time returns--Set clocks back one hour
- 4:00 - 7:00 PM - Festival of Nations (Campus Mall)
- 7:30 PM - Piano Trio. (Brandstater Gallery)

### October 31

- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% discount with LSU ID
- 6:20 AM - CABL Run @ Track

### November 1

- American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month
- 6:20 AM - CABL Run @ Track
- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - "Dia de los Muertos"/"All Souls Day" (Stahl Museum)
- 11:00 AM - Student Town Hall Meeting with Administration (TBA)
- 6:00 PM - "Remembering Family"/Hispanic/Latino (Commons)
- 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle's Nest)

### November 2

- National Novel Writing Month
- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% discount with LSU ID
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - "Hispanic Family Remembrance Day" (Stahl Museum)
- 10:00 AM - CABL Kick Boxing Demo (Student Center)
- 10:00 PM - Rendezvous (HMA)

### November 3

- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- SALSU Movie Night @ Cossentine Hall
- 6:20 AM - CABL Run @ Track
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

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## GIANT Game of TWISTER

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## Cancer Spotted at the LSU Bookstore

By WILL GILE

Safety at La Sierra University has recently come under scrutiny—I'm not talking about violence, theft, or the occasional tossing of a freshman into the fountain; I'm talking about some crazy chemicals floating around our campus.

It wasn't until I was on my way to buy my textbooks from the bookstore that I noticed the sign on the door that read, "The materials used as colored decorations on the exterior or interior of glass ware and ceramic products that contain Lead or Cadmium are chemicals known to the state of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm."

I'm no mad scientist, but I know Cadmium sounds crazy enough to be dangerous. The situation looked grim. Do I buy my textbooks and risk having children with birth defects, or do I disregard the sign? I decided to do what any normal person would do; I went to the physical plant and talked to director Robert Chadwick.

On my way, I noticed another sign posted on the physics building, and then again on the door of the physical plant. Afraid of the chemicals inside, I held my breath and entered the building to wait for my appointment with Chadwick.

Mr. Chadwick was happy to show me the ropes of what these dangerous chemicals mean to health conscious students like me. He told me, "We are required by the state of California to catalogue every chemical that may be dangerous; there are plenty of chemicals on this whole campus that, if inhaled or used the wrong way, can be deemed hazardous."

He then showed me six huge binders, which listed every chemical on campus and what its effects were. "With people suing everyone in this day and age," he said "It's a matter of legalities, if we don't warn people we would have a problem with lawsuits. The danger that the signs warn you about is no different then the danger of getting cancer from drinking the water here."

I felt better, but the question was still lingering in my head. Is it safe to go in the bookstore? So I asked Mr. Chadwick if it would be safe to buy my textbooks in a place that had Cadmium and Lead, two chemicals that cause birth defects. The director chuckled when I expressed my fears. "Basically, as long as you don't chip off the paint that's on the walls and eat it, or try to eat the glass mugs they sell, you should be fine."

I thanked Mr. Chadwick for his time and was on my way to purchase some textbooks. It seemed this mystery had been solved. As for the investigation of what they really put in the cafeteria food, they still haven't let me in for an interview.



Warning sign at the entrance to the campus bookstore.

## The Bastionettes of Wisdom Ms. Divine and Dr. Pinder-Schloss

Ms. Divine here, corresponding from a secret location on campus. I have braved the wilds of Riverside in order to bring advice to you, my fellow students. Together with my dear friend Dr. Pinder-Schloss, we hope that we will be able to answer your questions about life, love, lust, and macramé. While we generally don't agree anything, we offer two valid and worthwhile perspectives. To receive advice, please send your questions to lsuadvice@gmail.com or to drop them by the SALSU office.

The first question of our inaugural column was brought to us by "Fiscally Challenged." She asks "Despite having worked this summer, I am going to need student loans. Is it okay to use the last of my savings to buy an iPod, or should I do the responsible thing and pay some of my bill?"

MD: Well, Fiscally Challenged, I say- Go For IT! Since you are getting loans anyway, you should have something to show for your hard work over the summer. Besides, an iPod isn't just a purchase...it's TRENDY! In all seriousness, now is a great time to break down and get yourself an iPod. Apple recently announced several major improvements... plus, they now come in black, which matches nicely with formal attire. Don't forget to ask for your student discount and be sure to tell them that Ms. Divine referred you.

DPS: On a completely different note, I, as a doctor, must respectfully disagree. Certainly, Ms. Divine, an iPod isn't just a purchase... it's an expensive one—one, in fact, that is worth between \$300 and \$400. Now, to someone who is required to pay some \$24,000 a year, this may not

seem like much... but if you start counting all your yearly outside-expenses, it may dawn on you that \$300-\$400 is quite a vast collection of money. If you're still not convinced, maybe you might be moved by the recent disasters in Guatemala, the Gulf Coast, and Pakistan. \$1 alone can help provide food for starving families. If that much money is really in your disposal, perhaps you might think on the needs of others around you. If I still haven't made my point clear yet, here it is in nutshell: Don't try to squander the money that isn't really yours to spend.

Our second question comes from "Mr. Manners." His question is of a delicate nature, but is one we here at the Criterion feel deserves attention. "With the fashion for young ladies being ultra-low slung pants, I have been unfortunate enough to witness a bit more rear-anatomy than I would like. Should I tell the lady in question, hold my tongue and avert my gaze or what?"

MD: First of all, I want to say that this is a refreshing viewpoint. Having been much more familiar with the sort of guys who simply let you expose yourself all class period long as they drool behind your back, it is nice to hear that some guys on campus still have a little class. As for your question, I have to confess that I have a hard time giving you a straight answer. My initial reaction was to tell you to just be blunt. Personally I'd much rather be embarrassed for a few seconds than to find out I'd been flashing someone all class period, but  
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## Shiny Things

By AMANDA O'REILLY

### The Back To School Edition—

The Restaurants we've missed, school themed movies we love, and all the rest!

### Say What?

If you haven't already been to this independent coffee shop, located at the corner of La Sierra Ave. and Minnier in the south-west corner of 5 Point Plaza, you either don't drink coffee (which is no excuse with their delicious coffee free smoothies) or you must be new to campus. Say What? has a wide variety of coffee drinks, a sandwich kitchen open until the hour before closing, a LSU student discount of 10%, and a happy hour of 20% off drinks (also for students only) from 3 - 5 p.m. Their hours are 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturdays and they are closed on Sundays. Once you've had Say What? coffee, Starbucks coffee will never taste quite as good.

### Fast Times At Ridgemont High

A cult favorite, this movie shows a year in the life of a group of Southern California students. Rated a 7.2 by imdb.com users, you should definitely watch this movie if you are a fan of the 80s, Sean Penn, or Nicolas Cage.

### Los Amigos

A family owned Mexican restaurant, this fast food shop offers a bean and cheese burrito, a small drink, and fries for only \$2.16 for any LSU student. A large drink will cost you 34 cents more, but substituting tortilla chips for fries, is free. They also offer an LSU hamburger deal with hamburger, fries and medium drink for \$3.11, same substitutions available as above. Located on the east side of La Sierra Ave. between Colette and Minnier, Los Amigos has been a student favorite for years. Don't let the frequent chapel jokes regarding heart-attacks scare you away, Los Amigos is good food at good prices.

### Grease

The classical 70s musical with John Travolta and Olivia Newton John—this movie shows us that all it takes

to get the guy is a few good friends and a recessed sense of self in order to be more like him. Despite the questionable moral point, Grease is full of catchy songs and fun dance sequences and should be viewed by everyone at least once.

### Ferris Beuller's Day Off

A 7.8 on the all mighty imdb.com scale, Ferris Beuller has been the hero for generations of young slackers. Resolved to skip a day of school, Ferris must fight to avoid his principal, who is equally determined to catch Ferris in the act. Will he have the best day ever, or will the day end in detention?

### American Idiot

We all know that Greenday's new album has gotten a lot of favorable press and most of us have probably heard a few of the songs overplayed on the radio, but "Wake Me Up When September Ends" was my theme song for the summer. Now that school has started again and September has come and passed, it's time to look forward to the next big trend... Christmas music!



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Pictured left: Arnold Schwarzenegger; right: a protestor. Opposing sides square-off as the California special election draws near.

## Skip Campus and Vote: A Guide

By LARRY PENA and CHRISTIAN MONO

Eight initiatives have qualified for the November 8th special statewide election ballot. Many of these measures being voted on will directly affect some of you.

Prop 73 is concerning the abortion procedures in our state and is a topic of heated debate anywhere from national talk shows to local coffee shops. It's a multi-faceted measure which addresses parent's involvement, the definition of an abortion, and even individual judicial rulings being made public.

Props 74, 75, and 76 will directly affect public education and will have a huge impact on the statewide teaching field.

What seems to be causing the biggest uproar is the unprecedented power being offered to Arnold if Prop 76 passes. In effect, he will terminate the checks and balances of our state. (Insert bad Terminator impression here.)

If you haven't realized the fact this far into the article, it is of great importance that you vote in these elections. Even if you don't care, are completely apathetic, and could really care less, Vote! It is your duty, it is your privilege, and best of all, you

get really awesome stickers when you do.

Visit Bruce McPherson, our Secretary of State, at [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov) and register to vote.

### Guide to the Props

#### Proposition 73

**Definition:** This prop would amend the California Constitution prohibiting abortion for un-emancipated minors unless they give parents 48 hours notice. Minors can waive this notice by obtaining a court order in which they show "clear, convincing evidence of (their) maturity or best interest." Defines abortion as the "death of the unborn child, a child conceived but not yet born."

**Pro:** Proponents see this prop as a basic right for a parent, the "right to know" if his/her child is going to have an invasive procedure done. This pro-life prop is a biggie amongst Christians, conservatives, and corrugated cardboard. (For alliteration's sake)

**Con:** Voting no on this measure means minors will still be able to receive abortion services as they do presently. Those opposed state that

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## Irish Drama Fills Matheson

By KASSY SKORETZ

"Good evenin', kindly stranger."

If you walked by Matheson chapel at La Sierra University Monday through Thursday evenings you might hear those words. Upon poking your head through the doorway, you might see five to ten students speaking in Irish accents, or somewhere in the neighborhood and periodically bursting into laughter. These are the students involved in the English and Communication department's theatre production of "Four Irish Plays."

The medley, compiled by director Aarika Chilson, a contract teacher for La Sierra University and Riverside Community College, will be performed November 10, 2005 through November 14, 2005.

"Four Irish Plays" is exactly what its title suggests: a collection of four plays of Irish origin. The plays were chosen, according to Chilson, "to represent a wide range of elements, such as: humor, symbolism, self-reflection, and awareness."

The plays are entitled, "Cathleen ni Houlihan", "Spreading the News", "In the Shadow of the Glen" and "The Rising of the Moon".

The first, "Cathleen ni Houlihan", is the story of an old woman who

comes into a home and entices the family's son away. "There's a lot of symbolism," states freshman actress Mary Gamiño, who plays the abandoned fiancé of the lured son. "The old woman is Ireland," she explains. "She's about to go to war and comes to the house asking for the help of men willing to give her everything in order to her get her land back".

Adam Hori, who plays the young man ensnared by the old woman's spell, adds that is about "taking care of your home and all the things that get left behind."

"Spreading the News" develops in a different direction. It is about a town full of gossips that, by retelling the "truth" through comedic errors, point out the "murderer" of a live man and yet will not betray their "murderer" to the magistrate. Amanda O'Reilly, junior, plays a half-deaf, lonely old woman who instigates much of the misunderstanding. O'Reilly says that the tone of "Spreading the News" is very different from the others in the kind of humor it employs. "There's a lot more slapstick. It's all out funny," O'Reilly said.

Kelly Reid, assistant director and contract teacher for both LSU and

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## Desire to Function

By CHRISTIAN BOSSE LSU Public Relations

La Sierra University quickly noticed the potential of the Desire 2 Learn (D2L) software as a powerful course management system. Yet as great as the potential may be, many hurdles must still be overcome.

Many professors who intended to rely on the software for dispersal of class material still must print syllabus' and assignments for classes.

Sam Young, the LSU Information Technology director, explained the primary difficulty with D2L at the moment, "The problem is with interfaces, that's about it." Apparently the information from the old system of course management has not been able to port over to D2L as seamlessly as some would have liked.

The provost of La Sierra, Warren Trenchard, Ph.D., was also asked if he was satisfied with how the program has worked thus far, "No. I won't be until all the features work

properly, and the links are properly installed." He remains optimistic about the system, however, as do many others.

Lawrence McCloskey, Ph.D., LSU chair and professor of biology, believes in the potential of the software. When working properly, McCloskey says, "It will enhance my ability to communicate with my class, and they with me." Yet McCloskey says that so far, "It [D2L] has not lived up to my expectations, but I'm optimistic that it will in the future."

If everything goes as planned, D2L will be working by early Spring Quarter, maybe even late Fall Quarter. Young has commented that the system should be functioning without the problems it currently faces "by the end of the quarter." All in all, most seem to be willing to deal with the current setbacks in order to achieve the full potential of the D2L program.

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## Will New Research Solve the Great Stem Cell Debate?

By JULIE CHUN

Stem cell research has opened new doors and taken science to places we never thought possible. This research has the potential to unlock the secrets of treating a variety of diseases or injuries such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and spinal cord damage.

Until now, the only way to obtain embryonic stem cells is from extracting the inner cell mass of an embryo, but in this process the embryo is destroyed—thereby sparking ethical debates on issues ranging from cloning to abortion.

Faced with opposition from many conservatives including the religious right, Scientists have recently discovered two new methods of deriving stem cells that may persuade the opposition.

Robert Lanza and team at Advanced Cell Technology in Worcester, Massachusetts and Rudolf Jaenisch and team at the Massachusetts Institute

of Technology (MIT) are the masterminds behind these new advances.

The first technique, discovered by Jaenisch, involves inserting genetic material from an adult into an egg, which has been emptied of its original nucleus. The egg is then fertilized so that it starts to divide and produce stem cells. The key factor, here, is that the gene linked to the process of implanting in the uterus has been turned off. Thus, the embryo cannot develop much past the stem cell stage. So, even though harvesting the stem cells destroys the embryo, the embryo would not have been able to come to term anyway. This supposedly neutralizes the argument of allowing a clone to come to term because, to some many ethicists, an embryo that has no chance of forming anything more advanced has no human status.

The second technique, discovered

by Lanza, uses a technique usually used in fertility clinics to gauge the genetic condition of an embryo. The embryo is allowed to reach the eight-cell stage. One cell is then removed. The remaining cells can then develop normally, or in other words, the embryo is not destroyed. The single cell is put in a Petri dish with an established line of stem cells. When the new cell is removed it develops further to form its own stem-cell line. This technique could dispel the ethical arguments since the embryo is still able to develop.

These two new techniques are still considered preliminary and so far have only been successful on mice. Both methods however could be applied to human embryos to produce human stem cells.

While the potential for these stem cell is still unknown, recent research

into stem cell applications have possibility. The Food and Drug Administration has given permission to doctors at Stanford University Medical Center can begin testing on six children with Batten disease, a degenerative illness caused by an enzyme deficiency that causes its young victims to become blind, mute, and paralyzed, finally killing them. The idea is to inject the sick children with healthy, immature, neural stem cells that will "enraft" in the brain to direct them to turn into cells able to produce the missing enzyme.

Despite this potential miracle, stem cells must be obtained from a human fetus because such are the most potentially useful stem cells.

But is it worth it—to kill a fetus in hopes of saving a life? The recent scientific advances will hopefully defer this quagmire of moral contest.

## New Delhi Bombed

By ZULEMA IBARRA

NEW DELHI, Oct. 30—Explosions at three different locations tore through crowds who were preparing for India's festival of lights.

At least 55 people were wounded, and 36 have died—although the death toll is still rising.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh seems certain that these attacks can be traced to terrorists, although he would not name any specific groups. He announced that India would not tolerate any such militant violence.

These blasts, centered in marketplaces, were set off within minutes of each other. The first exploded at 5:30 p.m. Many, who were anticipating the festivities, first thought that the explosions were fireworks intended for that evening—that is, until they saw the garments and shoes raining down, and the fires spreading across the marketplace.

A store-owner, who witness the

blasts, told reporters that he had seen an abandoned bag near his store, but as he began warning people to get away, the bag exploded.

It is quite possible that these attacks were planned by terrorist organizations that opposed the recent cooperation between India and Pakistan. The concerns, at present, lie in where India will place the responsibility behind these attacks.

Four years ago, when the supposedly Pakistan-supported Kashmir militant assaults took place, the breach between Pakistan and India was wide. However, after the recent devastating earthquake in Pakistan, the two nuclear-powers have come together in relief efforts.

Yet as the death toll from the New Delhi bombing rises, the world is watching to see whether the spirit of cooperation between India and Pakistan will remain.

## Drama

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an adjunct teacher at Riverside Community College, plays the "murderer" and describes his character as an "Irish Eeyore". He feels that this play is the "most wacky and madcap of all the plays."

"In the Shadow of the Glen" details the story of a woman and the three men she attempts to use to her advantage. However, she is not very good at the task and the men tie her in knots as hilarity ensues. Daniel Bermudez, senior, plays the Tramp who he titles as a "jack-of-all-trades and a master of none". Bermudez says, "even though there are [only four] characters in our play, [the actor's] balance and blend give the

play life."

"The Rising of the Moon" follows the story of an escaping convict who convincingly talks his way into a police sergeant's friendship with amusing trickery and subsequently escapes once again. Mike Tyler, sophomore, plays the convict, whom he describes as a "genius Irish rebel". The play also has only four characters but Tyler says that the play has "versatility and a wide range of emotions". Comedy is not lacking, however, as Tyler explains "Our play has good comedy that might not jump out at you but we're going to interpret it for some good laughs."

"It's theatre! Where else can you

spend an entire evening laughing at the idiosyncrasies of others, crying without feeling ashamed, or exclaiming at both heroes and villains?" says Chilson. "Four Irish Plays" entertains and challenges the audience. Theatre is an outlet for the actors and the audience".

The play will run from Nov. 10 through 14—each showing will be at 8 p.m., except for the Friday, Nov 12 show, which will be at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$6 for general admission. Seating is limited.

For more information and ticket purchases, please call (951) 785-2241 or visit the English Department.



## "Four Irish Plays"

Matheson Chapel

Tuesday, November 10 at 8pm

Friday, November 12 at 2pm

Sunday, November 14 at 8pm

Monday, November 14 at 8pm

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## God's Foresight

By BRANDON BIVENS

*Bivens is a La Sierra University student missionary serving in Mexico.*

As I lie here, in my comfortable reclining chair, overlooking the ocean, my newly tanned skin drinks the rays of sun. The breeze wraps around me like a down comforter as I blankly stare beyond the sea. Paradise.

Lazily, I rise from my chair to take another dip in the warm, clean waters of the Pacific. My feet plunge into the remarkably soft, white sand...just as a two-and-a-half inch cockroach scuttles across the cement with reality in tow.

Reality—this is actually my second day in the mountains of Northern Baja California. This small, dusty town stuck an hour-and-a-half from both the Pacific Ocean, and the California gulf.

Living in Riverside, California, I had been 45 minutes from the beach, and my missionary goal was to live even closer.

But here I am in my concrete den, sitting on a bunk bed, with time to remember how I got here.

I had learned about the La Sierra University mission program from my good friend Linda Biswas. Out of the blue, she asked me if I wanted to teach math on a Pacific Island.

I thought about it—teaching a subject I love followed by hours of laying on the beach—A year long vacation! I said yes.

The first position of my choice was given away to another person. I requested several other locations, but they also fell through, leaving me concerned.

Then I found Puerto Rico—the perfect place for me—I had always wanted to learn Spanish, there was a beach, I had family nearby, and it sounded far better than my alternative.

My alternative was Colegio Valle de la Trinidad in Mexico, and I was dead set against it—I had gone so far as to say that I would rather stay at La Sierra and take more classes before I would go there.

I waited for the conference to call and confirm my mission to Puerto Rico. Finally, the phone rang—the word “no” drifted through the receiver.

But there was still one place in need of a teacher. It had concrete floors and two-inch cockroaches—far removed from my ideal. I ended up landlocked in my last choice country.

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Yet time flies, and it seems like weeks since I last daydreamed about the ocean—at least as vividly as my first days here. I wanted to go to Puerto Rico—I wanted to learn Spanish.

But I'm starting to speak it here—I'm understanding some things. Even my medical career is benefiting—I helped establish and am currently helping run a medical clinic; I am working with people to bring a system of low cost adult English classes to the community. God put me where I needed to be. In spite of myself, God has blessed me.

God calls people to serve all over the world. He knew that Mexico is the right place for me, so if you let him, God will put you where you can experience exactly what you need to help you grow in your own life.



A Jewish Passover setting on display at the STAHL Center.

## LSU Shows Culture

By LEANN JIMENEZ

The Ana & Fernando Stahl Center is displaying the beauty of cultures and beliefs around the world in “Festivals of Faith,” till November 26, 2005. The museum is devoting its time to portray the differences of faith and culture in order to bring understanding and unity of the communities truths.

Animism, Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Folk Religion, and Hinduism are few of the religions that will be represented at La Sierra Hall on Saturdays 2 to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays 9 to 3 p.m. by K.J. Clayton, the Education Curator.

Clayton encourages volunteers to join her in greeting visitors, help in organizing artifacts, prepare educational material or help with publicity.

Such things as the scrolls and scriptures, artifacts and art objects, the Passover table, and the laughing Buddha is displayed in the museum. It's a beautiful experience in identifying with all the cultures.

In addition to the Stahl Center, there are many other cultural attractions around campus. Nativity Scenes from around the world will be scheduled December 2 and 3 at Sierra Vista Chapel, Friday 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday 12 to 5 p.m. Christmas & Chanukah Festivities will be at the Stahl Museum December 17 and 24 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Brandstater Gallery, located in La Sierra University's Visual Arts Center, will showcase Modern and historical art are held throughout the year by students and faculty and national and international artists.

Finally, The World Museum of Natural History brings God's creations: Creatures from all walks of life. Witness birds from Southeast Asia, minerals from outer space, primates and carnivores, and more.

The Stahl Center will give understanding and create future missionaries making an impact around the world. And it's a great way to unite with brethren from different cultures.

## Food-o-phile

By BETHANY MORSE

I remember the first time I bought tofu. Wanting to be a healthy as possible, I chose baking over frying. I proceeded to cut the tofu into cubes, doused the bean curds in soy sauce, stuck them in the oven at some ridiculously high heat, and left them in for about 2 hours. I then spent the remainder of the evening attempting to get them off of the cookie sheet! Below is a much better way to cook tofu while maintaining its healthy benefits.

### Featured Food

This week's featured food is the tomato. Tomatoes are high in vitamins A and C. Choose firm, ripe tomatoes without blemishes. Ripe tomatoes give slightly with gentle palm pressure and are fragrant and deeply colored. Store up to two days, unrefrigerated and out of the

## Spinach, Tomato, and Tofu Scramble

### Ingredients:

Vegetable oil  
2 large tomatoes, chopped  
Fresh garlic, to taste  
1/2-1 cup spinach  
Splash soy sauce  
1 lb. firm tofu, cubed  
Juice of one lemon  
Salt and pepper, to taste

### Directions:

Heat the oil in a wok. When hot, add the tomatoes and garlic, stirring frequently. Add the spinach, soy sauce, and tofu. Lower the heat and allow simmering for 10 minutes; stir often. Add the lemon juice and salt and pepper, to taste. Serve.

sun. Rinse well if eating raw. Before cooking, cut an X into the bottom of the tomato, dip tomato in boiling water for 20 seconds, plunge into cold water, and peel with fingers.

### Nutritional Analysis

Serving size would be one medium tomato, 35 calories, 1g protein,

0.5g fat, 7g carbohydrate, 1g dietary fiber, 0mg sodium. Vitamins and minerals: A 623mcg, C 10mg, Calcium 5mg, Folate 15mcg, Magnesium 11mg, and Potassium 222mg. Antioxidant: Alpha Carotenoids 112mcg, Beta Carotenoids 393mcg, Lutein/Zeaxanthin 130mg, and Lycopened 3,025 mcg.

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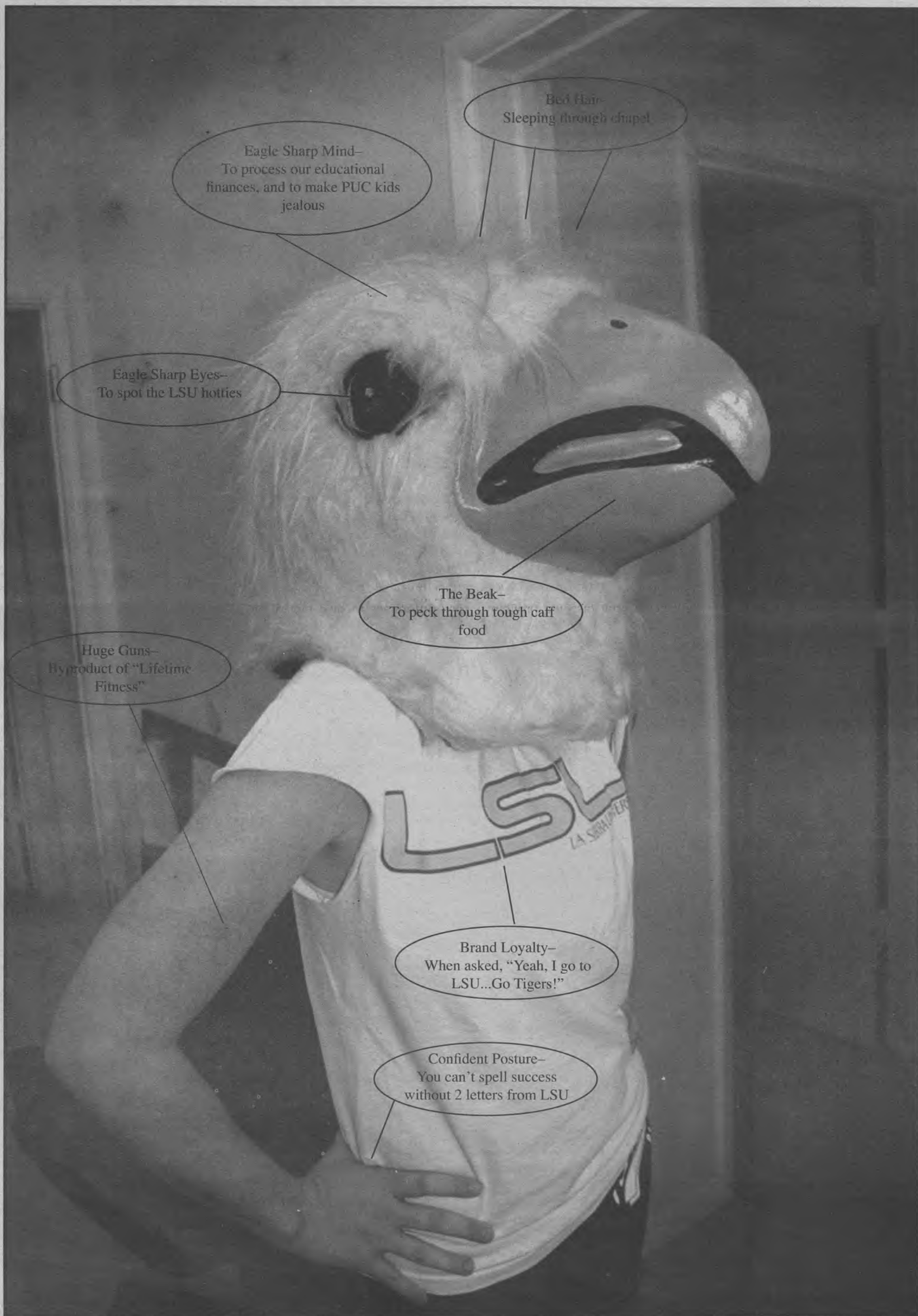
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Anatomy of School Spirit: LSU Student Body



## Guide

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the government can't mandate family communication and that prop 73 is doing just that.

### Proposition 74

**Definition:** This measure increases the probationary period for school teachers from two to five years. School boards are given the ability to dismiss a teacher after two consecutive bad performance evaluations.

**Pro:** Proponents for this measure are calling it real education reform which sifts out the bad teachers and leaves students with a better educational system. The longer probationary period and relaxed rules for school boards allows for getting rid of "problem teachers".

**Con:** Those opposed to this measure think it is hurting the educational system, not reforming it. Making it easier for teachers to get fired does not mean education will proportionately get "better"

### Proposition 75

**Definition:** This measure does not allow public employee union dues to be used for political contribution without individual employees' prior consent. Unions must report political contributions to Fair Political Practices Commission.

**Pro:** Currently union employees are forced to contribute their hard-earned money to measures and causes that they sometimes don't agree on. This measure makes sure that union members are giving their consent and truly being represented.

**Con:** This measure is seen as unfair to public unions, such as teachers, firefighters, police officers, and even nurses. It allows big corporate unions to play by different rules when it comes to political contributions and the such.

### Proposition 76

**Definition:** This one grants Arnold more power. In changing the minimum funding requirements and limiting state spending to "prior year's level plus three previous years' average revenue growth" Arnold is able to make drastic cuts and simultaneously given reason to.

**Pro:** Saying Yes to 76 controls spending and pulls in the reins on a broken budget system. It protects against future deficit and wasteful spending. Establishes fiscal checks and balances which in turn would create more bi-partisanship.

**Con:** Cuts school funding by \$4 billion, overturns voter-approved school funding guarantees, and gives Arnold unprecedented control over the State Budget.

### Proposition 77

**Summary:** This measure proposes an amendment to the State Constitution regarding the changing of boundaries of election districts. These districts are used in elections for the State Legislature, Board of Equalization, and U.S. House of Representatives. Under the proposed amendment, the job of redistricting will be in the hands of a panel of three retired judges selected by the leadership of the State Legislature.

**Pro:** Supporters of Prop 77 claim that the amendment will make elections more fair, letting voters chose their politicians, rather than politicians chose their voters. The amendment may also reduce future long-term redistricting costs.

**Con:** Opponents of 77 say that the amendment will leave power in the hands of the politicians, since the judges on the redistricting panel will be chosen by legislators. They also believe that the \$1.5 million in state costs and \$1 million in county costs are too expensive.

### Proposition 78

**Summary:** Proposition 78 establishes a drug discount program, administered by the California Department of Health Services, for certain people who cannot afford their prescription medications. For a \$15 application fee, discount recipients can make use of a state pharmaceu-

tical fund and markdowns pre-negotiated between the state and the drug companies.

**Pro:** The program, known as Cal Rx, is based on a similar successful program in Ohio which discounts the average customer 31 percent on drug costs. Proponents claim that Cal Rx will be even better, saving Californian patients 40 percent.

**Con:** According to opponents of 78, Cal Rx won't work. They claim that drug companies won't volunteer to give discounts. Opponents also distrust a provision that will allow companies to discontinue the program at any time.

### Proposition 79

**Summary:** Another look at drug discounts, Proposition 79 offers savings on medications based on a system of rebates. It will also limit profits from drug sales, making profiteering a civil offense for certain parties. The program will also link onto Medi-Cal to help provide the savings.

**Pro:** Because 79 provides enforceable, rather than voluntary, discounts by drug companies, supporters believe that this is a better way for Californians to save money on their prescriptions. This plan would also save money for more people who can't afford their medications.

**Con:** Prop 79 is criticized by some as an expensive step toward big government. Because it involves Medi-

Cal, a federally subsidized program, it will need to be approved by the federal government—something that opponents don't believe will happen.

### Proposition 80

**Summary:** Proposition 80 will subject electric companies to regulation by the California Public Utilities Commission and restricts customers from changing service from private companies to other utility service providers. The Commission will also require that all retail electric providers start using more renewable energy resources, increasing such use by at least 1 percent per year.

**Pro:** Supporters of 80 say that the proposition will protect customers and save them money. Government regulation will keep companies from taking advantage of customers, and companies will be required to compete against each other to give customers the best prices.

**Con:** Opponents argue that Prop 80 takes away the customers' rights to choose the best service and cheapest prices for themselves.

As citizens in a democracy, it is our right and responsibility to make important, informed choices to shape our government. For more information on the propositions being voted on, or to learn how to vote, visit [www.voterguide.ss.ca.gov](http://www.voterguide.ss.ca.gov).



An unidentified staff car crashed into the permit vending machine behind Ambs Hall.

## Safety Hazard

Nov. 1—An unidentified staff car collided with the L-lot permit vending-machine. Nobody is known to be injured.

The incident leaves campus drivers worried that they could be the next victim of the permit vendor.

The best recommendation is to

be careful, nobody knows when the vendor will strike again. Sources say that the permit machine appears suddenly and without warning.

### University Experience

Adventist academy students will be visiting La Sierra University from November 7-9 and public school students will be on campus November 14 as our university plays host to high school seniors coming to participate in University Experience.

Their campus experience begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues until 3:00 p.m. The students will be divided into smaller groups to attend a variety of classes and department meetings as well as attend a series of presentations from various university offices, including SALSU, Spiritual Life, and OSA. They will also be provided with a pizza lunch at the Campus Mall. The experience will be capped off with a "funny money" auction with prizes and scholarships. Don't forget to say "Hello".

### LSU Observatory

The LSU Observatory invites you to an amazing stargazing experience planned for November 4 from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., weather permitting. A crisp night can provide for a relaxing experience under the stars on campus at the observatory. Built by former faculty and students, the facility has telescopes, services for astronomy classes, and information for the simply curious. As stated in the Undergraduate Bulletin, a goal for the observatory is to direct "the minds of the users to the Creator of the heavens." Bring yourself and your friends to view the majesty of these heavens. The observatory is located on Upper Campus Drive on the hill west of the Visual Arts Center.

-JACQUELYN WEISCHADLE

### Taylor String Quartet

The Taylor String Quartet has been performing for over three decades, and will do so once again on November 6th at 7:30 p.m. at Hole Memorial Auditorium. The performance will feature Lyndon Johnston Taylor and Jason Uyeyama playing violin, Lucille Taylor on viola and Jeffry Kaatz on Cello.

The quartet has toured all over the world, including concert halls in Russia and other European countries. They've won many awards, including the Coleman Competition. Their talent earned them fame even in Great Britain, where the London Daily Press implied that they were the Osmonds of the classical world.

Lyndon Johnston Taylor has earned a doctorate in Musical Arts from the prestigious Julliard School of Music. He currently sits as Principal Second Violinist in the Los Angeles Philharmonic and is a faculty member at the University of Southern California.

Lucille, Lyndon's elder sister, also

performs with the Los Angeles Philharmonic when she isn't lecturing as an adjunct professor at the La Sierra University Music Department. She has won awards including the Coleman Chamber Music Competition and the Joseph Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition.

Jeffry Kaatz earned a doctorate in Musical Arts from the University of Southern California, and now serves as Vice President of Advancement and University Relations at La Sierra University. In the past, he has played as the Principal Cellist for the Redlands Symphony and Riverside Philharmonic.

Jason Uyeyama earned a master's degree in Music at Julliard and has performed around the world as a soloist, a recitalist, and a chamber musician. He has also performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, as well as the Metamorphosen Chamber Orchestra. He now serves as the Director of Strings Studies at La Sierra University.

The quartet performs on campus about three times a year, and their upcoming performance in Hole Memorial Auditorium will feature Beethoven's Opus 127 and Franck's Piano Quintet. Admission is \$15 for general admission, and \$5 for students with ID and seniors. For more information about the upcoming performance, call (951) 785-2036.

-MIKE TYLER

### Busker Festival

"Passing the hat" is a timeless tradition for street performers, or buskers, the world over. Although the hat takes on many forms, such as a bucket or a guitar case, the principle is always the same. You perform for a crowd, they like what they see, hear or feel, and they show their appreciation.

If the boardwalk at Santa Monica seems too far a drive to watch street performers, then you could always check out downtown Riverside. The Busker Festival is being held Saturday, November 5 downtown from 11 am to 5 pm.

This festival, part of a ten day event being promoted by the Riverside Cultural Consortium, is intended to showcase the street performing talent of the city of Riverside.

You can expect to see plenty of new—and sometimes puzzling—acts, mingled among classic acts, such as the Statue of Liberty guy and drummers banging on buckets.

The Riverside Downtown Partnership is co-sponsoring the event. If you would like to perform or get more information you can go online to [www.riversidedowntown.org](http://www.riversidedowntown.org) or call Alyssa Robertson at (951) 781-5896.

-CHRISTIAN MORO

### Congratulations to the 2005-2006 La Sierra University senators. The voting student body has chosen the following representation:

#### Judicial Committee

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Seat 2: (reserved for club senator)  
Seat 3: LaQuita Eason  
Seat 4: Andrew Hibbert  
Seat 5: Alexander Jake Moreno

#### Emerging Issues Committee

Seat 6: Robert Harvey Jr.  
Seat 7: (reserved for club senator)  
Seat 8: Ruth Garner  
Seat 9: Jesus Noland  
Seat 10: Feruzi Mwero

#### Social Committee

Seat 11: Brittany Kohler  
Seat 12: (reserved for club senator)  
Seat 13: Marvin Decano  
Seat 14: Sergio Rubio  
Seat 15: Darren Goltiao

#### Wellness Committee

Seat 16: Jennifer Hernandez  
Seat 17: (reserved for club senator)  
Seat 18: Marte Asumen  
Seat 19: Sonia Whang  
Seat 20: Elizabeth Lund

Solicit these senators with your problems, and humor them with your suggestions.

### Dummies

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divorce. "Billy and I held hands at chapel every week for two months! WHY DOESN'T HE LOVE ME ANYMORE?!?!?!?"

Please, guys, let's try to take it easy. We're young. Our whole lives are ahead of us. Do we really need to be settling into a virtual marriage, especially while trying to not fail classes and move into a career? Do we even really know what we want out of a relationship just yet? No. We're retarded.

That's it for now. I gotta get to my girlfriend's house. It's been almost two weeks...and things are getting pretty serious.

### CORRECTIONS

The story printed in the last issue entitled "Supreme Court Justices: A Glance Under the Robe" was written by Zulema Ibarra.

The story printed in the last issue entitled "100% Needed to Pass" was written by Siegfried Roeske.

The last issue was supposed to be printed on sheets of pure gold, but we ran out of ink for the gold printer.

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**November 3**

- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- 6:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. - CABL Run
- 11:00 a.m. - University Worship (LSUC)
- 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. SALSU Movie Night

**November 4**

- SALSU spiritual retreat to San Diego. Nov.4-6
- 7:45 p.m. - First Service (LSUC)

**November 5**

- SALSU spiritual retreat to San Diego. Nov.4-6
- 9:30 a.m. - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)

**November 6**

- SALSU spiritual retreat to San Diego. Nov.4-6

**November 7**

- Substance Abuse Prevention Week
- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% discount with LSU ID
- University Experience (Academies)
- TBA - OSA Study Break Bash
- 6:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. CABL Run

**November 8**

- Election Day
- University Experience (Academies)
- 6:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. - CABL Run
- 11:00 a.m. - Assembly: Politics

cal Awareness (Gym; Required)

- 8:00 p.m. - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle's Nest)

**November 9**

- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% discount with LSU ID
- University Experience (Academies)
- 10:00 p.m. - Rendezvous (HMA)

**November 10**

- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- 6:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. - CABL Run
- 11:00 a.m. - University Worship (LSUC)
- 5:00 p.m. - 8AB B Basketball vs Custer Baker
- 8:00 PM - Drama "Four Irish Plays" (Matheson Chapel)
- 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM - SALSU Laser Tag (Family Fun Center)

**November 11**

- Veterans Day
- 2:00 p.m. - Drama "Four Irish Plays" (Matheson Chapel)
- 7:45 p.m. - First Service (LSUC) Midnight Cafe following First Service (Brickyard)

**November 12**

- TBA - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Cal Poly Pomona
- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
- 8:00 p.m. - Drama "Four Irish Plays" (Matheson Chapel)

**November 13**

- 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Health

Fair (Gym)

- 8:00 p.m. - Drama "Four Irish Plays" (Matheson Chapel)

**November 14**

- "Riverside Art Collections" Reception (Brandstater Gallery)
- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% discount with LSU ID
- International Education Week University Experience (Public Schools)
- 6:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. - CABL Run
- 8:00 p.m. - Drama "Four Irish Plays" (Matheson Chapel)

**November 15**

- International Education Week
- TBA - Modern Languages International Film Festival
- 6:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. - CABL Run
- 11:00 a.m. - Assembly: Student Life (Gym; REQUIRED)
- 8:00 p.m. - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle's Nest)

**November 16**

- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% discount with LSU ID
- International Education Week
- 10:00 p.m. - Rendezvous (HMA)

**November 17**

- International Education Week
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- 6:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. - CABL Run
- 11:00 a.m. - University Worship (LSUC)
- 6:00 PM - 10:00 p.m. - SALSU Fall Feast & Festival (TBA)

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every quarter. Students have been known to retake freshman English even though they have passed the course just so they can be one of the lucky few to sit in a class taught by Ms. Seamen. "Learning how to write wasn't the only thing that I looked forward to in English class," said Eric Lawson, a sophomore studying Business who remembers his freshmen English class fondly. Eric is now president of the Sarah Seamen fan club which holds its headquarters right here on campus.

**Kelly Reed:** This stud has one of the deepest voices on campus and the ladies fall for it every time. His ravishing looks and charming wit are two of the many qualities that have allowed him so much success with the females. Last year Kelly appeared in several of La Sierra University's plays and gave outstanding performances each

time. If you're lucky you might spot Kelly at a play this year, although you'll have to fight the girls for a good seat. Sources say that this sought after ladies' man has been spotted around campus with a significant other. Sorry ladies, but if this rumor is true, it means that this man is off the market.

**Dr. Leslie Martin:** If there was a "Miss La Sierra pageant" this blonde bombshell over at the Psychology department would take home the crown. Whenever she is asked the question "why she didn't go into modeling instead of psychology," Dr. Martin humbly refuses to comment. She enjoys walking her dogs and taking long walks on the beach—when she's not teaching about the human mind. Will Leslie Martin stay here at La Sierra, or will she be the next Dr. Miss America?—only time will tell.

**Dr. Lawrence Geraty:** We bestow the esteemed president of our university with yet another honor to put on his long list of accomplishments. Yes, he is married, but that doesn't stop him from making our list and being a hunk in the eyes of the ladies. It's no surprise that Dr. Geraty is a happily married man—he was snatched up by his lovely wife, Gillian, before any of the other girls could get to him. His easygoing personality and sexy beard make him one of the best-looking university presidents around the country. Having lived all over the world, Dr. Geraty has had to fend off women from every culture, and it's been an exhausting experience for him. But what can you expect when you have gone on more archeological adventures than Indiana Jones himself?—and all the while setting the very standard for what is considered handsome.

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## Dating is for Dummies

By LARRY PENA

So there she is, three tables over in the café. She's cool, she's gorgeous... and she's smiling at you. Dude--you've got a shot.

You talk to her on the way to class. There seems to be a little vibe going on. You tell her you'll see her later. She gives you a little sideways grin and says, "Definitely." You're so in.

But before you get another chance to talk to her, you spot her at the library, giggling with some dude--one of those guys you can't stand. Then they're buying each other drinks in the Eagle's Nest. Signing in at UW together. It's not a week before she's strolling the mall, holding hands with her new boyfriend.

She even catches your eye one day and gives you a sad little look--sort of an unspoken apology that only makes you feel worse. Sorry dude; buzzer, game over. Hey, maybe you'll get another shot when she's single again...IN THREE YEARS.

Welcome to the Adventist school dating scene, where all couples are long term and casual is only a dress code.

As someone who has grown up in The System, I've often wondered something: Where does this dating thing happen? Why can't SDA kids meet, enjoy each other's company on occasion or two, and move on? Does this sort of thing even happen outside of television?

And should it happen—should you be seen together at Dairy Queen—thanks to our "close-knit community" the people you talk to once a month will be analyzing every aspect of your relationship. Some girl you might have sat next to in Cossentine once last quarter will come up to you to tell you that, "you guys are soooo ca-yuuute together!" I guess "close-knit" community is Adventist education-speak for "nosy invasive gossip-mongers."

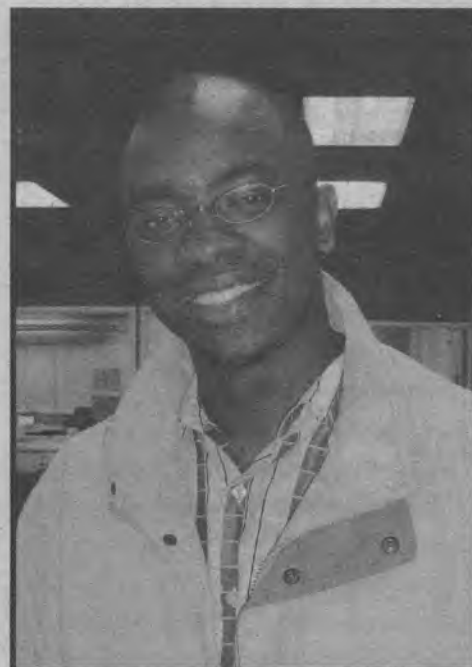
Say you bound your fate irrevocably to someone who walked you back to your dorm last night. By the end of today, you'll be known around campus as being "practically married." Enjoy your 24/7 with your newly-found soul mate. Hopefully all that snuggling won't make you late to your second day of freshman orientation, and maybe you can pull some strings to march together at graduation.

What is it about Adventist schools that cause this phenomenon? Maybe it's the whole idea of "finding a good Christian husband/wife." I have friends in The System who I swear have been looking for a good Christian spouse since junior academy. And every time one of these raging crazies has a breakup, it's like they're going through a bad Christian

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## What is your opinion on the current state of Government?

Compiled by ALEX CHILSON



**"The candidates must be able to pronounce at least 90% of their vocabulary. That way everyone can understand them."**

**Sam Oendo**  
Senior  
Music Tech



**"At age 24 every voter should choose a theme song because it gives the individual a sense of pride in their role in the political system. The songs should play as a person approaches the voting area."**

**Gia Carlos**  
Sophomore  
Pre-Sem/Fine Art/Psychology



**"Celebrities cannot be political leaders, hence they should have experience...just look at Arnold."**

**Delbert Ibarra**  
Sophomore  
Pre-Engineering.

## The Bastionettes of Wisdom

Ms. Divine and Dr. Pinder-Schloss

Hello, my fellow students. Ms. Divine here, once again coming to you with words of infinite wisdom and grace. This week's column features a question from "Pressed for Time," as well as a slight retraction from our dear Dr. Pinder-Schloss. (Apparently she feels she was a bit harsh on our female population last time)

Pressed for Time writes to Dr. Pinder-Schloss and myself with this conundrum: "I have this great opportunity to audition for a competition in Los Angeles, but my boyfriend has been planning to come down from San Francisco that same day. He won't like coming to the audition. What should I do?"

MD: Well, Pressed for Time, this is a tricky situation. While seeing your long-distance boyfriend is an exciting event, you don't get a chance to be involved with competitions in LA every day. You don't mention what kind of event this is,

but movies have been made about people dropping everything to attend auditions on the basis of their being in LA. We've all seen the poor saps trying out for American Idol and the lengths some people have gone to in order to attend. I'm not suggesting that your situation is quite on the level of a movie or American Idol, but you do seem as if this is important to you – and that is what matters. LA is an exciting place. Find some things to do in the area around your audition, things your boyfriend will enjoy and things that the two of you can enjoy together. Make a day of it! The audition can be the perfect excuse to hang out with your boyfriend in a fun city; you don't need to let it ruin your time together!

DPS: My fellow readers, before I begin, I must ask your pardon for the harshness of my reply in our first column, regarding pants and propriety. I was not aware of how difficult it is to obtain pants that allow for mod-

esty. So, males, do be considerate; as I have found, your female friends don't have much of a choice. Now, to "Pressed for Time," I must say that if this audition is that important to you, your significant other should understand and make every effort to support you in your decision. Relationships consist of "give and take," and this is a time for your boyfriend to attend to the giving. If you try to explain to him the significance of this grand window of possibility, there is no reason why he should object. If he loves you enough to come all the way down to see you, then, he certainly cares enough to be excited for you and willing that you should go through with your audition. Perhaps, even, you may receive a surprise with his offer to accompany you. But the most important thing you can do at present would be to talk to him about your situation and be completely honest. Good luck with your audition, and may everything turn out favorably.

## Hottest Faculty Members

BY WILLIAM GILE

The unofficial OFFICIAL results are in, and based on these findings, the hottest La Sierra University Faculty members have been decided. Our efforts at the Criterion are to make the La Sierra community aware of facts—therefore, we have broken down beauty into several

quantitative categories: attractiveness, presence, and style. And of course, personality goes a long way.

The purpose of this evaluation is not meant to cheapen the professionalism of any faculty. Our spotlight merely aims to highlight God's transcendent craftsmanship. So when you see the following hotties around campus, address them with courtesy and respect, and tell them this: "I appreciate your divine aesthetics."

**Sarah Seamen:** Hands down one of the hottest teachers around campus, Ms. Seamen keeps herself busy by teaching freshman English classes. The way Ms. Seamen is able to relate to students and yet still gain their respect as a teacher only adds to her beauty. Her zest for life and fun loving attitude actually make English fun. It's no surprise her classes fill up fast; rumor has it there are 30-50 guys on the waiting list

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## UW Takes New Format

By MIKE TYLER

The University Worship policy has undergone a drastic change. Under the advisement of Kelly Straine and the University Worship Council, the new system has been devised so that there are less school-wide meetings, and more small group meetings.

Opinions vary across the campus, but the general consensus is that the move away from regular corporate worship in the church is a good one. "The smaller groups have a more personal feel to them, and it's easier to communicate on a level like that about some issues," said sophomore Christian Bosse. "It brings a sort of personal feel you wouldn't otherwise get."

Senior Kelly Straine, who was a motivating force towards the switch, said the idea was inspired by the break-out worships that took place once per quarter last year. "A lot of people like going to different ones," she said.

Another reason the switch occurred was because it seemed like the faculty wasn't nearly involved enough. "It didn't feel like faculty and staff came to worships with students," Straine said. Now, with a vast number of options, many fac-

ulty members, as well as students, have been enlisted to lead the small group meetings. Jennifer Tyner, director of Student Life, is excited about staff involvement, saying that the students and faculty now have opportunities to get to know each other that they otherwise would not have had.

Unfortunately, not everything has been going as smoothly as planned. "Students are confused," Tyner said. While the freshmen class seems to have picked up on the system, the upperclassmen are having a harder time.

"It seems like they didn't publicize the rule system enough," said sophomore Adam Hori, "because people had to go to Student Life to find out what the flyers meant." Hori continued, saying that students had to wait for an answer, as some of the workers at Student Life didn't know those answers themselves. During a group interview, there was mass confusion as to the requirements of the break outs.

This confusion likely comes from the change that has occurred in terms of exemption to worship. Where previously students with no classes before 1 p.m. would be automatically exempt from all University Worships, now all break-outs are required, even for them. "I like the break-out worship idea, but I don't like that you can't be excused from them," said junior Jay Wilson.

Another problem the University Worship policy has been experiencing is the fact that it hurts the student's schedule, and sometimes it has little impact. "It's a waste of my time," said sophomore Emily Keirnan.

Specifically on the corporate worships, sophomore Zulemma Ibarra said, "I don't benefit from it spiritually, because it takes an hour of my time, and the message gets lost." Many students complain about the church being packed and people talking.

But, the negative sentiments are equaled by the positive. "I like the interaction as a family," said freshmen Phillip Pitcher. "It's the same people and we develop relationships."



Hojat Entezari nurses a brain freeze after attempting to drink a gallon of milk.

## Got Enough Milk?

By WILL GILE

Move over Fear Factor, make room for La Sierra's own Hojat Entezari. Yes that's right folks, just when you thought there were no daredevils in this school all of a sudden Entezari, a sophomore in the school of business, made his mark.

On Monday, November 7 at approximately 9:05 p.m. on the seventh floor of Sierra Towers Entezari attempted to guzzle down a gallon of milk in one hour. This human feat is said to be impossible because certain bacteria found in milk prevents a whole gallon from staying in your stomach.

In the presence of twelve witnesses, Entezari took a seat in the seventh floor lobby and took his first drink of the gallon of whole milk. There was a lot of uncertainty among the crowd, with no one really sure if he would make it without vomiting. As the first fifteen minutes passed, everyone was cheering Entezari on as he downed half of the gallon. But the effects on the body began to show when Entezari soon had to don a heavy jacket because the cold milk was lowering his body temperature.

When asked how he was feeling at this point, Entezari could not com-

ment, but gave a thumbs-up gesture to suggest that he was in good condition. He was fooling no one. The crowd wasn't taking any chances and gave Entezari a safe ten-foot perimeter in case of anything unexpected.

With half an hour to go and already two-thirds of the milk ingested, there was hope in the air. Maybe this young man could conquer this urban legend and give the students at LSU a hero to look up to.

At 9:50 p.m. the climactic moment drew nigh with less than a glass to go. Entezari looked like he had just sucked death through a straw and was going to collapse. But he hadn't thrown up yet, and was still holding strong.

Entezari's friend Ryan Quattlebaum commented on the situation, "I'm sure glad it's not me up there."

The crowd was aghast with suspenseful faces. What would happen? Would he make it, or would he puke? Then the chaotic winds broke loose and the milk began its journey upward and out of Entezari's mouth. His stomach couldn't handle anymore. Sadly, the event was over.

Yes, there was disappointment on

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## Tornado Kills 22 in Midwest

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

EVANSVILLE, IN, Nov 6—A massive tornado terrified residents when it cut a 43-mile path through Vanderburgh County and destroyed 400 homes. The death toll was 22 with more than 200 people injured

The tornado touched down at about 2 a.m. It was said to be 55 yards wide, and was classified by the National Weather Service as an F3 on the Fujita Scale—a major storm.

The tornado, which had first formed in northern Kentucky, skipped across the Ohio River to Southern Indiana where it left its strongest mark. Although the Vanderburgh County in Indiana had sounded the tornado sirens 10 minutes before the tornado hit, the early hour hindered any chance of preparation before the tornado.

Mitch Daniels, the governor of Indiana, has declared a statewide emergency and will be seeking federal help in this disaster. According to the

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## Violence Continues in the Middle East

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

The violence continues in the Middle East, as suicide bombers struck in Jordan on November 9. According to the Associated Press, the bombers walked into hotels with western names, such as the Radisson, Grand Hyatt, and Days Inn Hotel. The attacks killed more than 100 people. It was noted that in one hotel there was a wedding that was devastated by the bombings.

Although the rest of the Middle East has experienced suicide bombings before, this is a new occurrence in Jordan. These acts of violence have only strengthened the bond between Jordanian citizens as they express outrage at crimes against their own people. The Associated Press quotes Jordanian citizen Najah Akhras, who lost two nieces in the attacks, screamed, "Oh my God! Oh my God! Is it possible that Arabs are killing Arabs, Muslims killing Muslims? For what did they do that?"

The bombings were ordered by Iraqi Al-Qaeda leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who had the same price on his head as Osama Bin Laden in 2004. The Al-Qaeda internet posting stated "Let all know that we have struck only after becoming confident that they are centers for launching war on Islam and support



The scene of a Radisson Hotel in Jordan where a bomb exploded

the crusaders' presence in Iraq and the Arab peninsula and the presence of the Jews in the land of Palestine." The posting also promises "catastrophic" assaults in the future that would dwarf the hotel bombings, the AP reported.

The clear confession of Al-Qaeda has left many angered, including King Abdullah II. The Jordanian leader promises to fight back against the terrorism. On Jordanian television, Abdullah stated, "We will pursue those criminals and those who stand behind them, and we will reach them wherever they are."

A day after the bombings, Jordanians showed their unity against ter-

rorism in the streets by chanting and holding the Jordanian banner. Their support for the king's statements was shown as many protestors in the streets held up large pictures of their king and many signs condemning the terrorist bombings.

President Bush and the First Lady expressed their sympathies by visiting the Jordanian Embassy. In the embassy's condolence book President Bush wrote, "May God bless the people of Jordan during this difficult time. Please know the American people join you in prayer and spirit." Added Laura Bush, "And with love and sympathy to the people of Jordan."

## Special Election Recap

By CHRISTIAN MORO

All eight proposals on the ballot for the special election were rejected by the California voters November 8. Political pundits all have something to say about how this "defeat" for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger will play itself out in the next gubernatorial elections.

Some see it as a public denouncement of Schwarzenegger and his attempt to change Sacramento. Others believe the governor lost lots of "political capital" in this election and will not be able to recover.

Although the real effects of the election are to be seen, a definite change can be expected across party lines. With all four Republican-backed propositions being rejected--albeit some by very slim margin--both parties will have to work doubly hard to avoid having partisanship hold up real political progress.

Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez, D-Los Angeles, was addressing Schwarzenegger and the California GOP when speaking to his supporters on the eve of the elections. "We want a true partnership that gets things done and leaves no Californian behind," Núñez said. "That begins with civility, no more cheap shots, no more name calling, no more dropping the grenade on the Legislature about your priorities."

It would seem that Núñez's call for a civil legislature and state political process should not be directed solely at the Republican Party. If Núñez, along with Democrats across the board, really wants to see a change in the way politics are played during election years they will have to give up some "political capital" of their own. Hopefully this election will spark a change in both parties and California will be better for it.

## Delap, Majuro

By LISA BRADLEY

*Lisa Bradley is a student missionary in Delap, Majuro, where she is a 3rd Grade teacher.*

To those who have never been a student missionary (SM)—or any missionary—

We are not perfect.

Those of you who know me know that I have two tattoos and have had ten piercings. You know that before I left, I smoked, and drank. You know that I would sometimes curse instead of dealing with sadness or anger.

Things didn't magically change when I became an SM. I still curse sometimes and I don't always treat people kindly when I am upset. Yet I find that now, I am upset less than before.

Mission work is difficult, but far from impossible.

Missionaries walk away from fame  
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## Tornado

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Associated Press, President Bush has already been in contact with the governor to identify Indiana's specific needs.

Emergency relief workers are already providing aid in the disaster area, and organizing efforts to escort people back to their homes to retrieve important belongings.

In an interview, one victim, Melissa Walls, told Reuters how her and her family were in their bedrooms when the tornado took off their roof. Walls ran into her 14-month old son's room to find debris in his crib and a cut on his head as the tornado destroyed their home.



An Eastbrook Mobile Home Park was devastated by an F3 tornado.

## Food-o-pile

By BETHANY MORSE

We all know what time of the year it is, the season when breakfast, lunch and dinner all fade together into one continual feast. This Thanksgiving, take home a healthy and yummy recipe to share with the family. Start a new tradition by practicing moderation this holiday season.

### Featured Food

This week's featured food is the cranberry. Cranberries should be a deep red and firm; discard those that are shriveled, soft or discolored. They should also carry a rather tart flavor when fresh. Look for them in

the market during their peak season from October through December. Cranberries can be refrigerated up to one month.

Do not wash until ready to use, and be sure to rinse thoroughly. They are used for relish/sauce, bread stuffing, juice, and dried on salads. They have the possibility to help prevent chronic diseases, such as: cancer, stroke, and heart failure.

### Nutrition information per serving:

Calories: 278, Total Fat: 9g, Saturated Fat: 2g, Carbohydrate: 45g, Protein: 6g, Fiber: 2g, Cholesterol: 7mg, Sodium: 502mg, Exchanges: 2 Starch, 1 Fruit, 2 Fat

### Cranberry Rice

1 package wild and white rice  
1/4 cup toasted walnuts  
1/4 cup sliced green onions  
1/2 cup dried cranberries  
1 tsp orange zest  
1 tsp olive oil  
Salt and pepper to taste

### Directions:

Prepare the rice according to package directions (includes 1 tablespoon butter). In a medium bowl, mix together the walnuts, green onions, cranberries, zest, olive oil, salt and pepper. Add the rice and toss well. Makes 4 (1/2 cup) servings.

## International Film Festival

By MEGAN PENINGTON

Deep in the heart of South Hall a small group has assembled around a magic picture box, also known as a television set. They have congregated for one sole purpose: to sit back, relax, and enjoy...drum roll, please... a foreign film.

While walking up the grand front steps of La Sierra Hall, it is hard to ignore a rather prominent banner hanging above the entrance. Scrawled across its yellow surface are blue letters that proclaim 2005 as "The Year of Languages." But what exactly does that mean? Such a designation is not limited to the scope of La Sierra University. On the contrary, 2005 has been so labeled at a national level, with the purpose being to promote the importance of attaining proficiency in a language in addition to English.

One way in which LSU's modern language department chose to commemorate The Year of Languages was by the creation of a yearlong international film festival. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of most months this school year, screenings of foreign films have been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the downstairs lobby of South Hall. After the credits have rolled, students are invited to partake of refreshments and engage in a discussion on the issues depicted in the movie. The free film festival is meant to expose students to different perspectives that exist around the

world regarding social issues.

"We felt it was important to do something that would attract the general student population, something that was educational as well as aesthetically pleasing," said Dr. Lourdes Morales, chair of the Department of Modern Languages.

The film festival kicked off in October with *Spanglish* starring Adam Sandler, Téa Leoni, and Paz Vega. Culture clash was one of the central issues engaged in this American movie. A fortnight later the feature was the 2004 Academy Award winner for best Foreign Language Film, *The Sea Inside*. Hailing from Spain, the film grapples with the issue of euthanasia, telling the tale of a man (portrayed by Academy Award nominee Javier Bardem) fighting for his right to die. For the November 15 engagement, a classic has been selected. *Le Ballon Rouge* (French for The Red Balloon) revolves around a lonely boy and his faithful balloon. Made in 1956, it took home the Oscar for best Original Screenplay.

All movies showcased so far have sported PG-13 and under ratings. Dr. Morales noted the difficulty of finding foreign films that carry acceptable ratings because foreign rating standards differ from American ones. She hopes students do not stay away because of the ratings and promised that some more G-rated movies are on the horizon. In the meantime, she

## New Conductor Joins LSU

By PEACE KIM, LSU PR

La Sierra University announces John Carter as the new conductor of the La Sierra University Symphony Orchestra. Carter is currently a candidate in the doctor of musical arts degree at UCLA and plans to boost the orchestra's presence "making it a bigger part of the community," adds Carter.

December 3, 2005 marks the first orchestra performance for the school year. The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Hole Memorial Auditorium on the La Sierra University Campus. Two other scheduled La Sierra Orchestra performances for 2006 include February 25 and May 21.

Carter previously worked with the UCLA Philharmonia and Symphony orchestras. He looks forward to returning to his alma mater, La Sierra. Carter is a 2000 La Sierra graduate with a bachelor's degree in music,

will continue to do research in order to find quality movies from other countries, such as India.

Dr. Morales' goal is to make each viewing opportunity as accessible and relevant as possible. Student support is key in keeping the movies coming.

"If we have enough interest, we will continue doing this," said Dr. Morales. "As long as I am here, I am happy to put these events together."

Next in the film festival saga is yet



he studied French horn and piano.

While attending the Aspen Music Festival and School in Horn performance, Carter decided to pursue his lifelong dream of orchestral conducting. He completed a master's degree in Orchestral Conducting at UCLA in 2004.

A native of Riverside, Carter is an avid backpacker and enjoys spending time with his wife Bonnie Cafferky, La Sierra 2000 alumnus, and son, Rowan. Their second child is due this March.

another Academy Award winner: the feature-length documentary *Long Night's Journey Into Day*, which will be shown on November 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Hall lobby. It focuses on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa. Don't know anything about that? Why then, this is your opportunity to find out. Come view the film and be enlightened.

For additional information on The Year of Languages, please visit [www.lsu.edu](http://www.lsu.edu).

## New Arabic Class to Begin

By KASSY SKORETZ

This winter quarter the La Sierra University Modern Language Department will be offering Beginning Arabic. After the Korean teacher took a full time position elsewhere, the department wanted to be able to offer another non-European language to the students. They surveyed 230 students and the top non-European language was Arabic.

"Arabic is very relevant to us today," said Dr. Lourdes Morales of the choice. The class gives an opportunity for students to study more than the language.

"Modern Language teaching is not simply grammar and vocabulary," says Dr. Morales. "It includes the culture where that language is spoken. Students learn about the writers, religion, history and economy. That is the most important reason for this class and others like it: to help students get insight into the thinking of the people through their language."

The department has contracted Ayub Haroun to teach the class. Haroun's last position was at the University of California at Berkeley, where he taught Near East Studies. He taught Arabic language, literature, and culture in Africa, Kuwait, and the United States, and Hausa, an African language, at Stanford. The department is excited that he has agreed to teach

Arabic this coming quarter.

Haroun himself says that he hopes to bring a lot of fun to the class. He plans on teaching culture as well as language.

"Teaching language is like a cocktail, more than just one flavor," asserts Haroun. He believes that it should include elements such as the literature, history, and other elements of culture.

Xousaen Helu, junior, is planning to take the class because as he says, "I want to know more about my Arabic heritage."

"We need a minimum of five students and I have a feeling that we'll have a good group," says Dr. Morales, "8-10 students to start." She feels that this class will attract second- and/or third-generation people from Arabic speaking families, like Helu.

Dr. Morales believes that Arabic is especially relevant for Americans with our heightened awareness of what's happening in the Middle East. Also important are Chinese and Korean. She believes that an understanding of culture is crucial for us in this time.

Students will be able to take the class from the beginning to the intermediate level and earn credit that will meet their language requirements. It will be taught winter, spring, and fall quarters in 2006 and finish up in winter 2007.



## Pre-Dent Society

BY JACQUELYN WEISCHADLE

The Pre-Dent Society at LSU is already well on its way to sparkling smiles. Under the direction of its current president, Rita Haggar, the society is designed "to participate with Jesus Christ in His ministry 'to make man whole' by bringing health, healing, and wholeness to humanity through education, health care and research as we serve local, national, and international communities," according to its website. PDS conducts meetings for its officers and members with this in mind. Time is made in each meeting for people to discuss what they want to see and do through the society, whether it is fundraising

or hands-on experience.

The members have already been treated to a presentation by Dr. Charles Goodacre, Dean of Loma Linda University's School of Dentistry, as well as a visit to LLU for a hands-on experience aimed toward pre-hygiene students. PDS has many more activities planned throughout the rest of the year. The society is planning for a tour of Loma Linda University, a presentation from UCLA, and a skills seminar. Plans are also in the works for a pre-health conference. For everyone interested in joining or for more details on PDS, visit <http://lsupreudent.95mb.com>.

## French Riots: The Underlying Causes

By ZULEMA IBARRA

After more than two weeks, the riots in France have spread to over 300 French towns and cities. These protests by angry suburban youths constitute the most dramatic social uprising since 1968, and 1,500 additional police officers have been assigned to attempt to quiet down the uprisings. Over the last few days, these attacks have reached magnificent peaks. But are the rioters merely simple criminals, as many French leaders and officials have alleged?

Throughout the years, France has prided itself on its egalitarian social system. However, this system provides no welcome for the tolerance—less likely, the influence—of other ethnicities; in fact, people of other races, religions, and ethnicities are considered inferior groups. After having first come to France as labor-

ers who were presumed to be returning home soon, Muslims from Arabian and African countries stayed in France and made it their permanent home. France now has an estimated six million Muslims, something for which France's social model was not designed.

The education system in France is highly competitive; however, the schools for students from poor suburbs are generally crowded and dilapidated. Naturally, the dropout rates are high. Most Muslims, who are already disconnected from society, are victims of this neglect. French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin has announced that the government will attempt to increase tutors and scholarships for students in the country's poorest communities by restoring a few of the budget cuts.

He did not expand on this, however, and instead focused on his belief that the parents of the rebellious youths should be held responsible for calming down their children.

Of course, these riots don't affect the upper-class Parisian citizens so much, since France's low-income housing projects are located outside the beautiful, historic town centers and inner cities. Most Parisians and upper-class citizens who live in the cities are completely indifferent to the situation of those who live in the suburbs. The Prime Minister of Interior Department, Nicolas Sarkozy, enraged the youths further by calling them "scum." He further stated that the Arabs had no right to be causing such a disturbance, when France had granted them residence permits. Since 1994, however, there have been increased protections over immigrants from expulsion, especially

those who have been in the country before 13 years of age. This has made it nearly impossible to threaten the rioting youths with expulsion from the country.

Sarkozy and many others see these immigrants as troublemakers who seek to destroy France. But the riots are a radical outburst of long-hidden tensions that have been boiling not only in the hearts of these immigrants, but in many low-income French natives who have also suffered the injustice of the inequality in the French educational system. While Muslim mosques have issued ordinances against the fighting, curfews have been set, and claims have been held of a downward trend of violence in the Paris area, the riots still continue. The question lies in whether the French government will bend a little to the demands of these underprivileged members of society.

## Adventism in the Real World

By CHRISTIAN MORO

La Sierra University does not condone homosexuality, extramarital sex, legal drinking, or smoking tobacco.

La Sierra University is an Adventist institution, our Adventist institution, whose reaction to the evolving social fiber of our time is, in effect, alienating a large number of people.

We live in a world where, everyday, boundaries are being pushed and the limits of society are being stretched. However, Adventism, as we know it, has stayed obstinate in its endeavors to observe tradition.

Although this has its arguments, pro and con, on a grand societal scale, when it is rolled back to a smaller level, say one nestled in the heart of the Inland Empire, those arguments seem trite and at times hypocritical.

La Sierra University is an institution that, according to its mission statement, is "committed to Seventh-Day Adventist values and ideals." Herein lies the paradox.

The idea of a community dedicated to the ideals of compassion, redemption, salvation, and forgiveness seems to be at odds with a community that frowns upon and alienates those who do not adhere to its social values.

It is understandable that a religion does not want to stray from its biblical interpretation of morality. This is not the issue. The problem lies in a church institution putting religious rhetoric before ideals of compassion and understanding which are the cornerstone of Christianity. Moreover, LSU being a place of higher learning, it would seem that no topic should be taboo. This is not the case.

The student handbook has two sentences on the topic of "sexual misconduct and cohabitation". Two sentences regarding a topic whose social implications, including STDs and pregnancy, are redefining the world as we know it. The handbook does not even address homosexuality.

It simply states "At LSU we are deeply concerned when our students decide to be involved sexually outside

of marriage. Therefore, students who choose to engage in this type of sexual activity will be subject to disciplinary consequences." That's it. Two sentences which are the equivalent of a parent spanking a child for burning himself on the hot stove.

Some may argue that discipline is necessary to uphold the Christian standards of ethics representative of an Adventist university. These "disciplinary consequences" range from letters of censure to expulsion. Expulsion. That means that an institution based on Christian ideals would rather not have you in its presence than to address the fact that you are human and have made mistakes.

Although there are always exceptions to these seemingly taboo subjects, the overall attitude at La Sierra is one incongruent with Christian ideals. The solution is, much like the problem, difficult to pinpoint. There is no simple answer to such a complex problem. There is an answer though.

We, the students, faculty, and administrators of La Sierra University, need to be the change we want to see. If certain authorities of this place will uphold an institutional rhetoric rather than aspire to the compassion and forgiveness seen throughout the New Testament, then it is our duty, as people of courage and understanding, to effect change by being it.

In the parable of the prodigal son the father kills the fattened calf to celebrate the return of his wayward offspring. In the statue at the heart of our campus we see a reenactment of this scene. The father rejoices and forgives his son for his acts. He does not discipline him, he does not expel him from his presence, he does not look to rhetoric and propriety. The father forgives his son, plain and simple.

It seems that, in these changing times, when we find ourselves straying from the path, that all of us, staff, faculty, students, and parents alike, should look to that statue, and remember what our purpose here really is.

## The Consequences of Dishonesty in the Bush Administration

By DANIEL TARANGO

With low approval ratings, ethic scandals, the economy, unpopular judicial appointees, the vague direction of the Iraq war, the Katrina relief effort—it is clear that much is plaguing President Bush and the Republican Party. What do you expect from a self-serving administration whose economic policies favor the wealthiest Americans, that rushes into war based on false information, and is led by a president who appoints cronies to positions that affect every American?

Mistakes catch up to a person sooner or later, and it is evident that the effects of such mistakes have caught up to the leadership of the GOP. The GOP whip and house majority leader Tom DeLay has been convicted of laundering corporate money into GOP legislative races in Texas under an umbrella political action committee called Texans for a Republican Majority. The corporate money was used for Texas legislative races, which took control of the legislature and promptly set about in redrawing or "gerrymandering" congressional districts for republican favor. As a result, the republicans elected four new members of congress. After being indicted for this scandal, DeLay was forced to step down as majority leader of the house.

But perhaps the most serious indictment brought against a high level GOP member is the one brought against Lewis Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff. Libby has been indicted for the part he played in leaking the name of a CIA operative's name to the media, an offence that is considered treason. Indictments are also lingering around Bush's chief advisor, Karl Rove. It is believed that Rove may have been the initial leak who named the CIA operative.

The timeline of the leak begins with the president's 2003 State of the

Union address, in which he made the infamous claim that Saddam Hussein was seeking uranium from Africa—a statement that was 100% false. Joseph Wilson, the husband of the ousted CIA agent who was on a diplomatic trip to Africa, wrote in a New York Times article that Hussein never sought uranium from Africa. In retaliation for this article, White House officials revealed the name of Wilson's wife to the media.

In addition to Bush's false pretenses about uranium—which should put into question Bush's entire rationale for the Iraq war—the administration also hammered the idea that Iraqi weapons of mass destruction were ready to be used on the United States. To this day, such weapons have not been found. Such offences are far worse than Watergate or Monica-gate because here, the president is sending our country into war based on false information.

Yes Saddam is a terrible man, but the administration should have the decency to sell the war on the basis of crimes against humanity, not on lies that strike at our deepest patriotic biases; lies perpetrated by an administration that ran on the basis of moral ethics and high human decency. It may be true that a mistake should be left in the past, but mistakes mark dangerous trends that have already led to an unnecessary war and will continue to damage the people of the United States.

If you have an opinion that you would like to share, please email it to Don Brandon @ salsu. publications@lasierra.edu



## Basketball Season at La Sierra

### Men's Team Preview

By KATELYN KILBY

Basketball season is here and La Sierra has what looks to be a youthful and promising men's team. With many new faces this year, Coach Joel Haldeman has had to take his players back to the basics of working together to produce an efficient and competent team. "The team has turned over this year. It's like we are starting over," stated Coach Haldeman.

But new or not, each player is able and ready to do what is needed of them on the court when it comes down to game time.

Haldeman has been head coach of the men's team for the past seven years and each year he has core concepts that he tries to endow his team with in getting them to be sharp, well-rounded players. "There are three things that I try to teach my players: First, that we need to be fundamentally sound, second, we want to be unselfish when playing offense, and third, we want to be assertive on defense. I want these men to be thoughtful, intelligent players." La Sierra has worked its way up the division league levels and is now at a place that Coach Haldeman is pleased with. He feels though that the team needs more hard work and effort to show that they deserve to be where they are. "We are now provisional members of the NCAA division III, so we want to play at a level that makes us competitive. When we get down to the last minutes of a game, if we're behind we want it to only be by two points."

New on the team staff this year is senior Patrick Crarey, coming in as the team's assistant coach. Though it may be his first year with the Eagles, coaching is nothing new to Crarey, who has been head coach to high school teams in the past. "I like coaching college ball cause it's more coaching and less teaching," Crarey says. Though he feels that there are some issues dealing with the youth and depth of the team, he sees a lot of potential in this year's team. "Our talent level is very high and our basketball I.Q. is progressing," he says. "Young" is definitely the word that many would use to describe this year's team. New to the team this year, Micah "Tex" Johnson is a freshman, and feels that there are a lot of differences between high school and college ball. "The intensity in practices is much higher. It's faster and more physical." For most of these young players, this is a new level of ball playing for them in which they have to learn that it's less about me and the points I can put on the board and more about the team and playing a smart game. "When I left [high school], I was on top, but now I'm back on the bottom. But I like it because I like learning new things and with the help that I'm

getting from my fellow guards, I'm becoming a better player," Johnson says.

One of those fellow guards is sophomore Kris Balbuena, captain to this year's team. Balbuena feels that each freshman just needs to slow down their individual pace. "Patience on offense is something the freshmen struggle with," he says. "I want to help them and teach them to be more patient with the ball." Balbuena is ready to start the year out strong, coming back for his second year on the team as the starting point guard. "I want to lead the team to a positive season and successful year," he says. "I want our season to be above a .500 average."

Balbuena says he's ready for any

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### Intramurals Coverage: The Official Flag-Yanker's Guide

By ERIK LAWSON

The start of the 2005-2006 school year has brought a plethora of changes to the campus of La Sierra University. New classes and professors, new people, and most importantly to this writer, the rebirth of a great tradition for sports enthusiasts all over campus: intramural football.

This year's intramural season is packed with fast, hard hitting action. With a total of 11 teams, each playing 10 games, the season is going to be intense. Trash talking rivals, friends, and enemies all mixing together in a series of so called "friendly games" is chemistry for a few trips to the ER, or if you are so fortunate...Sue Curtis's office.

As we enter our third week of play certain teams are starting to define their mission while others are enjoying the pure fun associated with playing a couple of 20 minute halves a week. For those of you who do not associate yourself with the sporting scene or those eager to learn a little more, let me give you the proverbial

"skinny" of what has been happening up to date.

1) The Rollers are showing that quick feet and team chemistry go a long way. With a roster mostly comprised of Monetary Bay Academy students, including the stick-em hands of Nathan Loeffler, the Rollers are proving that they have what it takes to be a solid playoff team.

2) If you can see a team dressed in black and chanting Samoan war dances, then you have definitely encountered the Armada. This team with the surprisingly intense defensive play of Alfred 'LA' Fernandez shows that defense does go a long way in winning games. With the addition of Luis Soto in the winter quarter, look for this team to be a surprise in the playoffs.

3) Although very short staffed, CLMT Killaz, the team from Escondido, does not lack the determination to pull out all the stops and put their bodies on the line to win games. Despite being a very fast team, it is the

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### Woman's Team Preview

By JULIE CHUN

It's that time of year again for La Sierra's Golden Eagles. That's right, women's basketball season is about to begin. Now I know that a lot of you are thinking, "Last year's season consisted of only two wins. Is this season going to be any better?" But before you make any assumptions, allow me to enlighten you on the new attitude that has taken over and transformed the team.

I set up an interview with head coach Dean Cazelt to get the inside scoop on this year's team. As I walked into the gym, the team was just finishing up practice. Just by watching them for a few minutes I could see the camaraderie that this team has. They were playing knock out, cheering each other on and joking around with each other. I could tell they were all having fun. At the end of practice they

came together, put their hands in and yelled, "Family!" This just shows you how close the team is this year.

This year's team is made up of 12 women, only about four of which are returning players. This doesn't bother Coach Cazelt though. Though they've only been practicing together for about a month, Coach Cazelt's plan is to keep everything simple. "It's better to have only a few simple plays and look like you know what you're doing out there, than to have a lot of complicated plays and not know what you're doing," said Coach Cazelt.

Coach Cazelt is new to the job of new head coach this year. He's been assistant coach for two years and decided to "start from scratch" this year. According to him, the team has not only a new staff, but a new attitude and out look, a whole new philosophy. His biggest help comes from the two assistant coaches, Coach Cassandra Reano and Coach Willie Neal. I asked him what his coaching technique was and he told me, "My biggest goal (in coaching) is to make it enjoyable. I want the girls to look forward to coming to practice." Francesca Sivertsen, co-captain and third year player, is happy about the new coach. "The coach really believes in the team. He knows this is an Adventist team that isn't that into competition and he understands that school comes before basketball."

With a lot of new talent, the team looks very promising this year. Some key players to watch out for are Sara Barber, point/forward, Taia Jones, guard, Francesca Sivertsen, guard, Geraldine Barnum, guard, Kerry Cobb, forward, and Jodie Lyn, guard. Overall the team may not have a lot of height, but don't let that fool you. What they lack in height they make up for in speed. According to Coach Cazelt, this year's team is better than last year's.

The strength of this team definitely lies in encouragement. "This is the best year for camaraderie," said Coach Cazelt. "Everyone gets along. The team does a lot together." Amy Banquerigo, a sophomore who is new to the team this year, says, "Everyone is very supportive. We've got each other's backs. No one tries to be better than anyone else."

The team is hoping for a lot this year. Coach Cazelt says his goals for this season are to make sure that everyone has fun. He wants the team to be successful, not so much in winning, but in being competitive. "We want to change the mindset of the other teams," says Coach Cazelt. The team backs him up on that. "We want to show everyone that we're not just a team that anyone can beat. We'll put up a fight before we lose to anyone,"

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Guy with ball sprints to win the match. Girl with 8 on chest attempts to stop him but trips over Armen.

## Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

LSU will get the Christmas season off to a holly jolly start with its annual Christmas tree lighting. The lighting will commence on the Campus Mall November 30 at 5 p.m. It's "the official beginning of the Christmas season for La Sierra ... [and] a great way to fellowship," says Dean Sue Curtis, the main organizer of the event. Everyone is encouraged to come and participate in the recently revived Carol Sing-Off competition. Judges will be on site for the sing-off and groups of all sizes are eligible to enter. Last year's trophy winner, the ukulele band Melee Ohana, will also be present for entertainment and Jennifer Tyner, Vice President of Student Life, will give a welcome address. Light refreshments will also be served.

"I think it's a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season," says Dean Curtis, "We hope everybody takes time out to think about the coming season."

—JACQUELYN WEISCHADLE

## Mexico Mission Trip

This Christmas break, a group lead by Spiritual Life and the La Sierra University Church will be packing their tools and heading south of the Mexican border to build homes for families in Tijuana.

The goal is to build at least five homes during the trip, and organizers are looking for more volunteers to join the sixty-five that have already made the commitment.

The group will work to replace old homes, built from recycled tin and plywood, with real houses consisting of two rooms, cement floors, plaster walls, and doors and windows.

Linda Biswas, who is organizing the trip, says that this experience will uplift every group member spiritually, mentally, and physically—the work might be exhausting, but when the group sees the difference they are making in other peoples' lives, their spirits will be blessed.

Those that are interested in the experience or want to help fundraise are asked to visit the Spiritual Life office in La Sierra Hall or call extension 2090 for more information on dates and deadlines.

—ADAM HORI

## Milk

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the crowd's faces, but they also conveyed a sense of awe. You see, La Sierra needs someone to look to in the shaky times that our world is seeing today. And heroes like Superman, Han Solo, and Dean Barrett aren't always there. That night Entezari may not have been able to drink the whole gallon of milk, but he walked away a role model and will be remembered for years to come. After all—those who fail an attempt at something great are greater than those who make no attempt at all.

## Intramurals

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golden hands of David Trevino that has set the team apart from their opponents.

4) The G.O.A.T. (Greatest Of All Time) has put up quite a showing in their games. Without a doubt the knight in shining armor award has to go to the phenomenal play of Mark James. With jaw dropping catches, Jamies is G.O.A.T.'s diamond in the rough.

5) The Untouchables are living up to their name. With speed from Kenny Aguirre the Untouchables are playing their hearts out in every game. Don't count out this team come playoff time.

6) The infamous team Four has done away with the stereotype that football is just a man's game. The all female football team, the majority of them being graduates of Loma Linda Academy, is not just being pushed over but is pushing over. With plays drawn up from those good old high school days this team is not the underdog, they know what they are doing and moreover have no fear.

## Women Eagles

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said Amy Banquerigo.

Everyone on the team is excited about this year's season. They're looking forward to having fun and showing everyone that they are a team to be reckoned with, but they can't do it alone. They need the support of their school to back them up. "Getting the eagle call involved really helps the players," said Sivertsen. La Sierra students need to get out there and show the team that we support them, so that together, we can let other schools know that we are La Sierra, home of the Golden Eagles, and proud of it. May the other teams beware. Watch out for the eagle!

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The story printed in the last issue entitled "Desire to Function" was written by Christian Moro.



Bottles for Nikki rocks the Eagle's Nest during Tuesday Tunes.

Upcoming artists:  
Nov. 29 - Mike Isberto  
Dec. 06 - Arturo,  
Bottles for Nikki, and  
Bittersweet

7) Team Good Looking along with the high school tandem of Sean Bernard and Robert Guevara are showing that even though they have no flag football experience they can adapt well to the given situation. Although plagued with penalties in the early games, Team Good Looking is now turning things offensively and defensively.

8) The Monsters, the primarily male team from Loma Linda Academy, is doing the same thing as Four, its hometown counterpart, with the combination of chemistry, experience and a high school playbook. This team is running and pitching the ball past their opponents. Look for this team to dominate all the way to the playoffs.

9) The Fierce Invalids are putting up points. But their key aspect is the spectacular play of Ken Corros and the special teams. When a score is needed they look to Corros and the special teams to get the job done. Also the ability to switch quarterback two or three times during a game always throws off the opposing teams

defense.

10) The Row is combining talent and good play calling to win games. They have a rocket in the arm of Nick Coffey, which, in combination with the hands of Jay Avilla, is making plays and getting the job done. Despite having a shaky start to the season, this team will put up quite a fight come playoff time.

11) Senior quarterback Kyle Cummings of The Runs is combining a young freshman team with a very versatile play calling offense to out move, out hustle, and out score there opposing teams. With losses only to CLMT Killaz and The Rollers, this team has what it takes to go all the way.

With only a few weeks to go this season has turned out to be better than anyone could hope for. Burning rivalries, deep camaraderie, and a pure love for competition this season is providing us with a heap of surprises. So everyone, come down and support someone, because these games are something you just can't miss!

## Men's Basketball

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team that comes his way. "I'm looking forward to the season in general, even though we lost a few key players from last year like Darryl Berrymon. But I'm ready to beat the teams that we didn't beat last year but should have."

"We are a young and enthusiastic team this year that has potential to do big things," stated starting forward and junior, Michael "Stotty" Stottlemeyer.

The team is ready to get the season started and prove that they are able to play against the other teams in their league. Stottlemeyer, for example, can't wait to play against Chapman

University. "We haven't beaten them in like four years, so I'm ready to show them that this year will be different."

All the players agree on how badly they want to see our gym's bleachers full when game time comes around. Fan support is big for them, "The bigger the crowd, the better I play," says Balbuena. "A large crowd really makes us play harder." You heard him La Sierra: when the season starts, come out and bring all your friends to support and cheer on our men's basketball team. Make signs, wave banners, yell cheers, and put your school spirit into full gear.

**SALSU Presents:**

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## TONIGHT

**Feast: 6 p.m. (Alumni Center)**

**Festival: 8 p.m. (SALSU Brickyard)**

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**Thursday, Nov. 17**

- International Education Week
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Disc. with LSU ID
- 6:20 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Run
- 11:00 AM - University Worship w/ speaker Richard Garey (LSUC)
- 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM - SALSU Fall Feast & Festival
- 7:00 PM - Fire in the Hole (HMA)

**Friday, Nov. 18**

- International Education Week
- 1:30 PM - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Claremont-Mudd College (LSU)
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

**Saturday, Nov. 19**

- Thanksgiving Break
- TBA - Sabbath Afternoon with SALSU
- 9:30 AM - "The Set-Up" Collegiate Sabbath School-(Sierra Vista Chapel)
- 9:45 AM - 5:00 PM - 2nd Annual Youth & Young Adult Choir Festival @ Mission Ebenezer Family Church, 415 W. Torrance Blvd, Carson, CA 90745
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Men's Basketball vs. Cooper Union (San Dimas)

**Sunday, Nov. 20**

- Thanksgiving Break
- 1:30 PM - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Notre Dame DeNamur University (LSU)
- 3:30 PM - Eagles Men's Basketball vs. Cal Maritime (LSU)

**Monday, Nov. 21**

- Thanksgiving Break
- National Addictions Awareness Week
- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% disc. with LSU ID

- 12:00 PM - Prayer at the Statue.

**Tuesday, Nov. 22**

- Thanksgiving Break
- 5:30 PM - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Cal Baptist University (Riverside)
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Men's Basketball vs. Occidental College (Eagle Rock)

**Wednesday, Nov. 23**

- Thanksgiving Break
- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% discount with LSU ID
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Men's Basketball vs. Cal Baptist University (Riverside)

**Thursday, Nov. 24**

- Thanksgiving Break
- Tie One On for Safety Campaign, Red Ribbon Month (Nov.24-Dec.31)
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thanksgiving Recess
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Disc. with LSU ID

**Friday, Nov. 25**

- Thanksgiving Break
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

**Saturday, Nov. 26**

- Thanksgiving Break
- 9:30 AM - "The Set-Up" Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)

**Sunday, Nov. 27**

- Thanksgiving Break

**Monday, Nov. 28**

- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% discount with LSU ID
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students

- 6:20 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Run
- 12:00 PM - Prayer at the Statue

**Tuesday, Nov. 29**

- Modern Languages International Film Festival presents Hotel Rwanda, Tuesday evening in South Hall
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- 6:20 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Run
- 6:30 PM - LSU Famous Auditions
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Men's Basketball Whittier College (Whittier)
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Occidental College (Eagle Rock)
- 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle's Nest)

**Wednesday, Nov. 30**

- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% discount with LSU ID
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- 5:00 PM - Campus Wide Christmas Tree Lighting/Christmas Carol Sing-Off (Campus Mall)
- 7:00 PM - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Claremont-Mudd College (Claremont)
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Men's Basketball Cal Lutheran University (LSU)
- 10:00 PM - Rendezvous (HMA)

**Thursday, Dec. 1**

- World AIDS Day
- Last day to submit an S/U petition or withdraw with a "W"
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Disc. with LSU ID
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- SALSU Drive-in Movie (Van Buren Drive-in Theatre)
- 6:20 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Run
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

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ily, friends, and a familiar lifestyle. I walked away from the friends I've had since fifth grade and a relationship that could have been the one (if you believe in that sort of thing). I left my surrogate mother, my chosen family, and a job I loved. Even as I boarded the plane, I left behind a support system of people in the wake of my parents' crumbling marriage.

I sometimes ask myself what I have gained by leaving these securities behind. Was it worth it for \$200 a month and a 56K internet connection that costs 6 cents a minute? What about the conservative Marshallese who do not allow members of the opposite sex to touch, or the abundance of rusty nails and crying children underfoot?

It is difficult to see past these frustrations to answer the question is it worth it? Yet over time, I have dis-

covered that there is more at stake than slow internet and rusty nails.

It is worth being a missionary.

You will discover the worth by being here in the field. You will feel a change come over you when third graders joyfully flock to you, or when you experience the natural beauty of a country—when you go for a swim and share the water with a million tiny fish that look like glitter.

You will know a change when you learn to serve God with every fiber of your being. This has become clear to me in the mission field. He blesses. He cares. His road is not easy, but his burden is light.

We missionaries are no different than you. We are here not by any qualification—we are here because we were called and were fortunate enough to answer.

**Peña**

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Every few minutes I would wonder if someone had left comments on my photos and the little haikus I posted in my blog.

Then the crackdown started. People I knew were caught using at work, bent over laptops in bathroom stalls.

I started freaking out, and that's when I crashed. They found me in the public library manning four computers and four different accounts. So desperate for a hit, so desperate to add friends that I had become a *multiblogger*—I was typing 32 wpm with my feet. The library staff tossed me like a salad into the street.

Since then, I'm willing to admit that I have a problem. Not long ago, I would have said, "I can stop any time I want...I just don't want to yet." But this disease has been draining the life out of me long enough. It's time to seek help.

And I will...maybe next week. For now I just have to check one thing.

Last night I uploaded a new haiku. So pretty soon I'll check my blog again to count my hits—good thing this bathroom stall gets internet.

*Good Luck Digesting your  
Thanksgiving Food!!*

*-from the Criterion Staff*

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## MySpace: Friend site or E- Drug?

By LARRY PEÑA

My name is Larry, and I'm addicted to Myspace. In unison: Hi Larry.

I'm not as far gone as some people. My friend list is still only in double digits. I log in only once or twice per day to check for messages, update my profile, or see how hot total strangers think I am (by the way...not very).

But I'll be honest—I am hooked. When I'm really bored—or even sort-of bored—it's my go-to website. If I don't check it out regularly, I start feeling like I may be missing something really cool. And every time I see new messages in my e-mail inbox, I think to myself, "Hooray! Maybe it's a new friend!" Maybe I'm a huge dork.

Stupid Myspace. After my awkwardly effeminate interest in the O.C., Myspace is the thing I'm most ashamed of being involved with. Why did I get into this junk? I'll kill Tom if I see him.

I was introduced to this life-ruining habit by this girl I dated. She was one of those hardcore Myspace kinds—you know, the ones who narcissistically provide photo documentation of every swimsuit in her closet—the one with 10,000 "friends" that they've never met. She helped me set up my first page.

It seemed like a good idea at the time: talk to your friends online, see and display photos, post your thoughts for all to see. Sounds cool, right? But then I discovered that this simple system soon grows and morphs, demanding more and more of your time. It even multiplies, spreading among friends like a contagious virus. "Oh, you're not on Myspace? Let me send you the link! THEN we can be friends!" Thanks jerk...I guess we're not friends already?

It got bad for a while. There was a point when I was actually getting jealous of people who had more Myspace friends than me. I would crave hits like I was going through withdrawals.

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## What makes Thanksgiving special?

Compiled by ALEX CHILSON



"First of all you get a break from school which is always nice. I also like the fact that I can go home to a loving family in Ridgecrest that I rarely see. And there's also lots of food!"

**Matt Minnick, Senior  
Financial Management**



"I get the whole week off to celebrate my birthday and EAT. It gives me time to get caught up on school work."

**Lina Saucedo, Junior  
Biology/Pre-Dentistry**



"Being able to sleep in, visiting family, able to be lazy more than usual and last but not least, it has to be the FOOOOOD!"

**Lily He, Sophomore  
Pre-Pharmacy/Biology**



"I get to eat all these good Filipino foods and I also get to sleep more than 12 hours in one day. And you can't forget those random parties that you crash."

**Darren Goltiao, Freshman  
Chemistry**

## The Bastionettes of Wisdom

Ms. Divine and Dr. Pinder-Schloss

Two teaspoons of sugar, a half cup of milk, three... Oh! Sorry, wrong window. Anyway, this is Ms. Divine here, ready to introduce this week's fascinating question. This time we have "Fretfully Lonely in LA." She comes to us with another question regarding long distance boyfriends, as her fiancé lives in Chicago. "Times have been hard, separated from him all the time. We plan to get married soon, but until then we have to be apart. What can I do to ease my pain?"

MD: I admire your strength. As the saying goes "While the cat is away the mouse will play." And well, I've had my fair share of straying mice. Wait. How is this helpful? Oh yes! To keep your man by your side and ease the loneliness, I advise that you take advantage of all the new technologies out there. Not only do you have the traditional telephone, made even better in the form of cell phones, but now the cell phones have cameras that you can use to take pictures of your life and send them to your honey. The internet also allows you to video conference with the use of web cameras. I recommend talk to facilitate that, since... well it is a Google product and it is

free! The time you spend apart may seem hard, but it allows you time to develop your relationship into something even deeper. But hey, if you really miss the contact, you can always create life-size dolls of each other. It may not be as warm as your sweetie, but if you close your eyes, call each other up and hug it tight, maybe it'll do until you can once again be together.

DPS: Unfortunately, there are not many words I can offer that will be completely comforting in a situation such as this one. Separation is a hard and painful experience to go through—even if you are only a few miles apart. Now, Chicago and LA! Well, there's not as much visiting that can be done in that instance. The only thing I can really say is to keep the contact—though it can be heartrending to hang up the phone or to stop instant messaging each other, communication is essential towards keeping the relationship solid. Of course, you probably don't need much of that advice, as you are already well on your way towards marriage. Keep praying for each other and try to concentrate on your work and studies. The time

will pass much more quickly that way. Other than that, I offer you my warmest and heartfelt congratulations...as well as my prayers for consolation.

MD: Just in time for Thanksgiving we received this question from "Confused Meat Eater" asking what he should do when he visits his vegetarian girlfriend's family for Thanksgiving. "I can't imagine Thanksgiving without the turkey! But everyone in her family is a vegetarian. What am I going to eat and how can I avoid appearing rude if I don't eat their To-furky?"

MD: I completely understand your pain. Except I usually have the reverse problem, as I do not eat meat. What I have found to be useful is to simply be upfront about the issue. Be sure that your girlfriend's family knows that you are a meat eater. Just try to take a little tiny bit of everything that looks vaguely edible, don't insult any of the food, and be sure to compliment those dishes you enjoy. It may be hard to have Thanksgiving without the turkey, but you can always stop at the Boston Market, get yourself a mini turkey dinner and slip out of the house to grab a few bites of your meat.

DPS: Well, on this one, I'm afraid I'll have to agree with Ms. Divine. Spending time with your girlfriend is an important thing—especially spending time with her family on a holiday like Thanksgiving. Make sure that it's a pleasant and memorable experience for the both of you. So, eat whatever you can muster, and the turkey? Well, yes, if you could slip out and catch a bit of it somewhere else without offense to anyone, then I can't go against it. After all, tradition is tradition is tradition. It can be a wonderful thing.

MD: And don't forget to send in your questions to lsuadvice@gmail.com. To encourage a wider variety of questions, we have in our possession gift certificates to Say What? coffee house, for any person whose question we use in this column. Send in your questions, get free advice AND delicious coffee. What more could you want?

## Shiny Things: Thanksgiving Edition

By AMANDA O'REILLY

**Tofurky:** It is flavored pressed soy protein and wheat gluten with a core of wild rice stuffing. It has a nice texture to it and it feels more like eating meat than Jello, unlike soft tofu. If you serve it with a gravy or sauce it is pretty delicious. It is 100% Vegan and Kosher if you are into that, but all I care about is that it is 100% tasty.

**Cranberry Sauce:** A staple of every good Thanksgiving dinner, no two families make this quite the same, but you can usually count on it to taste good as long as it doesn't come out of a can. Tangy, sweet, mixed fruit, nuts, no nuts: if you think you don't like cranberry sauce—you just haven't tried the right version.

**Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade:** This is an exciting event; just ask any of the lucky Chamber singers who had

the privilege of seeing this parade live last year. While it may lose some of its luster when viewed on television, you can always liven the show up with your own at home commentary. Somehow Snoopy balloons are much more amusing when your second cousin and your aunt Mildred are imagining a conversation between him and the Spongebob balloon following.

**"A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving":** While not as good as "A Charlie Brown Christmas," this is a charming lesser-known Charlie Brown holiday special. You can not go wrong with Charlie and the gang, and of course we learn about the true spirit of Thanksgiving!

**Christmas Decorations:** Disgusting! There is something wrong with a world so commercialized that not only are Christmas items on sale before

Halloween, by the time Thanksgiving comes, the stores have been completely decorated, Christmas songs are piped through the sound systems and you can see the Salvation Army Santas just hovering near their corners waiting for the clock to strike midnight for those after Thanksgiving-sales.

**Football games:** A tradition for many families, a football game can either be a great way to bring a diverse group of people together...or clear the room. Just be careful that you know which classification your family falls under. There is nothing worse than listening to Uncle Theodore and your cousin's wife Michelle fighting over whether the family should watch football or if the television should be shut off so all the sleepy people can nap away their stomach aches.



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## Sexual Harassment on the Rise

By BRANDON HERRMANN

Sexual harassment charges on campus are a growing concern, according to the Office of Student Life.

The problem may be becoming more serious because students are not aware of university policies on the subject. This trend may also be fueled by certain individuals who abuse the emerging sexual harassment policies and legislation to harm or retaliate against people of their choosing.

Sexual harassment legislation, especially in California, has given victims powerful tools to fight inappropriate sexual conduct in the workplace.

The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) defines Sexual Harassment as follows: "Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute Sexual Harassment when: submission to such conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of an individual's employment; submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or

offensive work environment."

Most people know that it is illegal to discriminate based on a person's gender or to use a position of power to require sexual favors. However, some people are unaware that the third part of the definition is considered sexual harassment.

Actions that create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment are sexual harassment. While it is absolutely fair to enforce a workplace free of offensive acts, it is difficult to define these acts. Therefore, it can be difficult to know when a "respondent," the accused party, is guilty of harassment, or merely exercising free speech.

Businesses and institutions, are being cautious—investigating every sexual harassment charge as is required by law.

According to an article in The Chronicle of Higher Education, the University of Pennsylvania charged a student with sexual harassment after the student posted to his blog images of fellow students having sex by an open window. This charge came after school officials carried out a formal investigation of the matter, and recommended that the student, a junior, be put on probation. *see HARASSMENT on page 5*



Cafeteria food sits gently on a plate, unaware that it is a point of contention among La Sierra University students.

## Students at Townhall Voice Dissent over Cafeteria

By BRANDON HERRMANN

Nov. 29—Students attending last week's townhall meeting had the opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns—most of which involved the cafeteria.

Among the faculty members available to answer questions were University President Dr. Lawrence Geraty and Vice President of Student Life Jennifer Tyner. In total, there were more faculty members in

attendance than students.

Before opening the floor to students' questions, Geraty gave an update on the new science complex, announcing that the \$22 million project was scheduled to finish in May, 2006. After asking for questions, Geraty left to attend a lunch meeting with UCR and LLUMC heads to discuss UCR's plans to *see TOWNHALL on page 3*

## Desperate Houseflies

If insects don't embrace family values our planet's ecology is in danger!

By DREW SULLIVAN, Source: *Weekly World News*.

BUGWUMP, N.J. - "Marital strife among bugs has reached a peak," entomologist Buzz Hedison of the Bugwump Institute for Insect Psychoanalysis claimed in a recent speech before fellow scientists. "Unless we can persuade our insect friends to re-embrace family values, our planet's ecology will become dangerously unbalanced!"

"Like you!" someone shouted back. Hedison snickered as he left the stage. He is accustomed to responses like that.

"Here at BIIP, our fly wing has released the startling results of its 40-year inquiry into the sex lives of flies," Dr. Hedison explained. "My colleagues are understandably jealous."

According to the 1,957 page report studied by *Weekly World News*, houseflies -- as their name suggests -- have lived in a symbiotic relationship

with humans for centuries. Such close proximity to mankind has resulted in the fly mirroring our rites and rituals -- courtship, marriage, childbirth, migration to Florida, death.

"As a result, since the sexual revolution of the 1960s, a large number of male flies have been dumping their wives and hitting the dung heaps with a vengeance," Hedison told us. "At the same time, the male housefly's roving eye -- each individual facet -- has resulted in a population explosion never before seen in nature."

And not just among flies. "Our studies are incomplete," Hedison admitted, "but cheating houseflies have shown an especially aggressive interest in the alluringly spotted ladybug. Generations of crossbreeding has produced a ladybug whose black spot has faded to a grayish hue. The so-called shady ladybug lives to breed.

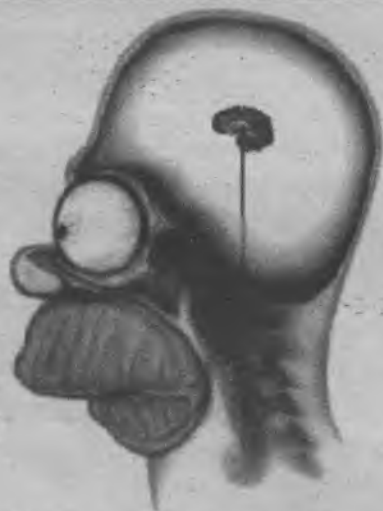
Truly, this ladybug is a tramp."

Hedison sounded another alarm when he predicted the complete extinction of arachnids -- spiders -- if houseflies cannot be induced to return to their former habits.

"From coast to coast, spiders' parlors are empty as flies busy themselves elsewhere," he said. "At BIIP, our top scientists are working overtime to persuade black widows to abandon their homes and open fly-by-night motels. So far, we've had little success.

"Our best bet to save the entire bug population is to promote monogamy as a natural and desirable condition and send these flies back to their families," Hedison said.

"But there's no sugarcoating the problem. As it is with the human race, so it is with the insect world: The first step toward disaster will always be an open fly."



## Idiots Abound

Discover how intelligence affects your daily life. This *Criterion* exclusive reveals the latest research findings revealing "how to keep a dummy busy."

Take our quiz to find out if your brain is part of the problem, or part of the solution.

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## News Briefs

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

### Barely Fashion

Do you know James Authier? Well, ask a student attending Chapman College in Orange County and you will be sure to get a response. Authier has put Chapman College on the map, not by his scholastic knowledge or his athletic ability, but just by earning the name the 'shirtless guy'.

Authier, a 20-year old junior film major, has been going shirtless for the past year to school. Every day, he paints sunglasses and strategic black dots on his chest.

When interviewed by the Associated Press, Authier says he only gets cold sometimes when he isn't moving around.

Authier even makes profit, charging \$1 per message posted on this chest and back. He has even celebrated holidays, painting his mammary papillas green on St. Patrick's Day and carving a heart on his chest for Valentine's Day.

He even has his own fan club--the Club Dedicated to the Fellow Without a Shirt, which is the second most popular online Chapman College club. The Associated Press reports that the club was created by a 19-year old sophomore named Regina Aletto. The group posts shirtless guy sightings and debates how hot he is.

### Bigger is not always better

The increasing weight of this country's population is affecting more than just their own health, now it's crippling their ability to receive appropriate medical care. According to the Washington Post, American Medical Response, a major ambulance company, recently equipped its ambulances with special reinforced ramps and unique winches to hoist obese patients into the ambulances. Yet this is just a step in the right direction.

The new upgrades have still not been enough aid. The next step was to produce new extra-wide stretchers, flexible enough to pinch through small doors and paths into the ambulance and around the corners in a hospital.

The company has spent \$5,000 for the stretcher to be manufactured. The new stretchers are sturdy enough to hold 1,600 pounds which is on average as much as a very large male buffalo weighs.

It doesn't stop there. Medical personnel are also having problems running tests on the obese. In an interview with Reuters, Dr. Raul Uppot, a physician at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, says, "Hospital



Left: Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez (left) and soccer star Diego Maradona (right) speak to protestors at a rally against U.S. trade deal. Right: A protestor attempts to "stop Bush" by kicking a window. He was unsuccessful.

## Protests, No Free Trade Deal at Americas Summit

By DANIEL TARANGO

Mar del Plata, Argentina—Thirty-four nations from the Americas met from Oct. 8 to Nov. 5 to talk about the stability and economic future of the region.

Main issues discussed were immigration, job creation, and disaster relief for areas devastated by hurricanes and earthquakes. But the main battle came from the discussion of free trade throughout the Americas.

President Bush and President Fox of Mexico were the main proponents for the idea of spreading a free trade zone from Canada to Argentina.

The summit was also shadowed by the ideological war of words between the United States and Vene-

zuelan President Hugo Chavez who came to the summit vowing "to bury the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA)."

With bush and Chavez personally meeting with most nations in the summit, pushing their views on FTAA, it was ultimately Chavez coming out of the summit with diplomatic victory over Bush when no deal was struck on FTAA.

"Today the big loser was Mr. Bush," Hugo Chavez proclaimed.

Chavez's statements represent a growing number of Latin American nations who say that they will not tolerate unfair trade agreements that benefit the rich in their nations and the U.S. economy.

### Violent Summit Protest

As a result of Bush's visit the Argentinean resort town of Mar del Plata was filled with protestors. Small bands of people threw Molotov cocktails, set bonfires in the streets, set U.S. flags on fire, and burned cars.

The demonstrators protested U.S. economic policies in the region, military intervention in Latin America, and free trade. A large rally was led by Chavez and soccer star Diego Maradona who wore a t-shirt accusing Bush of war crimes.

Chavez said to the demonstrators, "Peoples of the Americas are rising once again, saying no to imperialism, saying no to terrorism, saying no to intervention, and saying no to death."

radiology department are increasingly unable to adequately image and assess obese patients because of the limitation in current radiology equipment."

The problems are caused because overweight patients have more than the average amount of body tissue which the ultrasound waves need to penetrate through to produce adequate images for physicians to view.

### I'm wearing your face

A new breakthrough in plastic surgery was announced when the Associated Press reported that a surgeon in France performed a face transplant on a 38-year old woman who was mauled by a dog. According to the surgeon, Dr. Jean-Michel Dubernard, the woman, who wishes to stay anonymous, is in excellent condition. The procedure took place in a hospital in the northern city of Amiens, France.

Dr. Dubernard transplanted a brain dead donor's, nose, lips and chin. Chinese surgeons say they have performed scalp and ear transplants but say the face is a very sensitive and difficult area to perform transplants on.

The surgery is a big success and a step forward, but is lined with controversy. Many argue about its ethicality and the psychological ramifications of the procedure.

### X the Xbox 360?

How did you get your Xbox 360? Some Xbox 360s auctioned on eBay are selling for about 3 times regular price. When the game console was released on November 22, many hopeful customers camped out for hours and a few bribed their way into getting one.

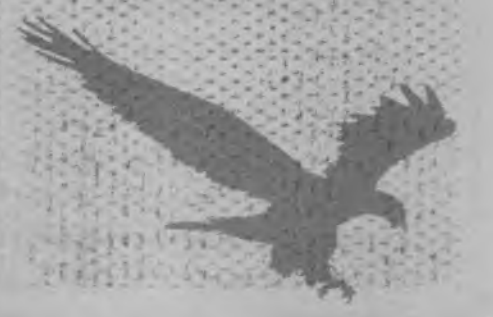
With lines wrapping around stores and waiting lists for them, 360s are in huge demand. Although the craze is not a big surprise, one question must be asked: is it all worth it?

Recently, some owners of the new Xbox have been complaining of malfunctions such as crashing and overheating. According to postings on Knowledgeultra.com, some say that their Xbox 360s began freezing once or twice but now freeze every 2 minutes when trying to play a game.

According to News.com, however, Michael Pica, a staff member of Xbox-Scene.com, a website devoted

to discussions on the game console, says "I have 12 friends in (my) area who...purchased Xbox 360 units on launch day and I had a number of them over to my house Sunday for some Xbox 360 LAN (Local Area Network) gaming. We talked about the reports of faulty Xbox 360s and all of them claimed to have experienced no problems at all."

Regardless of the negative comments about the gaming system, one thing's for sure: the Xbox 360s popularity is still going strong. A freshman at La Sierra University, Clyde Ramacharan, has played it and says, "The Xbox 360 is at the next generation level, a full on entertainment entity." Henry Frohlich, a sophomore who has played on the gaming system agrees, saying the Xbox 360s games are "lifelike and super-duper fun."





Students ready to begin a 5 mile walkathon to benefit Guatemalen children. The event raised over \$2000 dollars.

## Exercising Philanthropy

By BRANDON HERRMANN

Dec. 2—The Pre-Med Society along with Tri-Beta and SALSU, raised over \$2,600 in a walkathon for the children of Guatemala.

The event, aptly titled "The Walkathon for Children," involved a 5 mile walk through Riverside, and included the La Sierra University track.

In addition to the walkathon, the Pre-Med Society is planning its second annual trip to Guatemala where

they will use the money raised in the walkathon to buy clothing and medical supplies for Guatemalan orphans.

The walkathon was a great opportunity to donate to the cause, said Jeff Koning, treasure of the Pre-Med Society, "We want to thank all of those who contributed their resources to bring the Christmas spirit to those most in need."

## Food-o-pile

By BETHANY MORSE

This week's featured food is cinnamon. Cinnamon can be found in quills, sticks or powdered. It has a spicy, nutty, sweet flavor. Ceylon cinnamon is less sweet, cassia cinnamon is the more common one used in most foods.

Use in warm winter drinks, or flavored ice tea. It can also be used to help flavor chutney, stews and pickled foods.

Remember to keep your cinnamon in an airtight container in a cool dark place.

### Dried-Fruitcake Ingredients:

- 2 cups (about 6 oz.) finely chopped dried apples
- 1 1/2 cups (about 6 oz.) finely chopped dried apricots
- 1 1/2 cups (about 8 oz.) halved pitted dates
- 1 cup currants
- 1 cup dark raisins
- 1/2 cup apple juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 pound (2 sticks) butter or margarine, at room temperature
- 6 large eggs, at room temperature
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 jar (15 oz.) applesauce
- 1 cup (about 4 oz.) chopped walnuts

### Dried-Fruit Fruitcake

From *Season's Greetings* by Marlene Sorosky

Please note that no nutritional values available on this dish... but nobody really eats fruitcake, the joy is in re-gifting it to another family member!

#### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Grease a 10-inch tube pan or bundt pan, or two 8 x 4 x 2 inch loaf pans.

Mix the dried apples, apricots, dates, currants, raisins, and apple juice in a medium bowl, let stand for 1 hour.

Cream the sugar and butter in a mixing bowl with an electric mixer until light and creamy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Add the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and applesauce, mixing on low speed until incorporated. Stir in the fruit mixture and nuts. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake for 2 hours, or until cake comes out clean. Cool 30 minutes. Go around the sides with a knife and invert onto a cooling rack. Turn right side up and cool completely.

Soak a large piece of cheesecloth in "Brandy," yet I suggest the non-alcoholic Sangria (available in the soda isle in most stores). Wrap the cake in the cloth, and then in foil. Store in a cool place. Remoisten the cloth every couple of weeks or as necessary.

## Well @ LSU

By LSU PR

Riverside, CA - The faculty, staff and students of La Sierra University are all invited to join a new comprehensive fitness program called Well@LSU. The kick off event was held on campus Dec. 1 to invited participants and inform the campus community.

"We had a lot of students turn out to the event," says Sue Curtis, chairperson of the La Sierra University Wellness Committee and dean of students.

To begin the process individuals need to go to Health Services for analysis. Next they will work with Donna Morgan, La Sierra University Wellness Coordinator, on a realistic

fitness plan that is sent to Human Resources.

"By commencement time we will look over the fitness plans and see who has reached their goals," says Curtis. "If they reach their goal they will get a free t-shirt and each group, faculty, staff and students, are eligible for a drawing of \$250."

The next Well@LSU event will take place Tuesday, January 10, at noon on the La Sierra University campus mall. They will take blood pressure, provide water, and many door prizes will be given away.

For more information on Well@LSU contact Student Life at 951-785-2100.



Blood pressure tests are given on the campus mall, adjacent to the cafeteria.

## Club Profile: Pre-Law Society

BY JACQUELYN WEISCHADLE

The Pre-Law Club is adamant about paving the way for future LSU lawyers. Be on the lookout for their activities that are well underway.

"This is the first year the law club is active," says Lyndsay Fejeran, Pre-Law's Social Vice President. "Our goal is to set a standard that we hope will carry over to next year."

One way they wish to set this standard will include fundraising, such as an upcoming car wash, to finance various activities.

The Pre-Law Club is also working with local lawyers for career shadowing as well as a trip to a San Diego law firm for a day of interning. Monthly law school campus visits and community service activities are being scheduled and the club hopes to initiate a mock trial that will take place at a local law school and in a practice court.

The club is also planning a dinner for sometime this year for students to reflect on the year and plan for the future year. Sponsored by Wally Lighthouse of the School of Business, the club meets the first Friday of every month with officers and the club's president, Adrian Evers.

For more information, e-mail lfej365@my.lasierra.edu.

## Townhall

Continued from front page

build a medical school.

Tyner then opened up the floor to student questions. The most prominent concern among the students in attendance was the quality of the cafeteria. Complaints were made about many aspects of the cafeteria's operations, including inadequate hours, over-priced food, and the poor quality.

Other student concerns were the shortened Friday business hours in the administration building and the poor condition of Raley Drive.

No immediate fixes to these problems were announced, but Tyner did say that the cafeteria will be modified next year.

Tyner also said that the concerns would be discussed by the administration. "We take these comments seriously," Tyner said, "We want to know what is important to you."

The next town hall meeting will be next quarter. Look for the exact date to be posted in the Criterion and the campus television screens.



**PRESIDENT**  
Gabriel Uribe

21 year-old History major from Calexico. Hopes to attend law school to practice law and start a family business in the near future. He is often spotted hanging out at the Eagle's Nest on campus. Past memories include spending long nights in the SIFE room preparing for Nationals. He recommends that everyone take *Ethics in the Modern World* before graduating from LSU.

**VICE President**  
Tania Mina Kurunathan

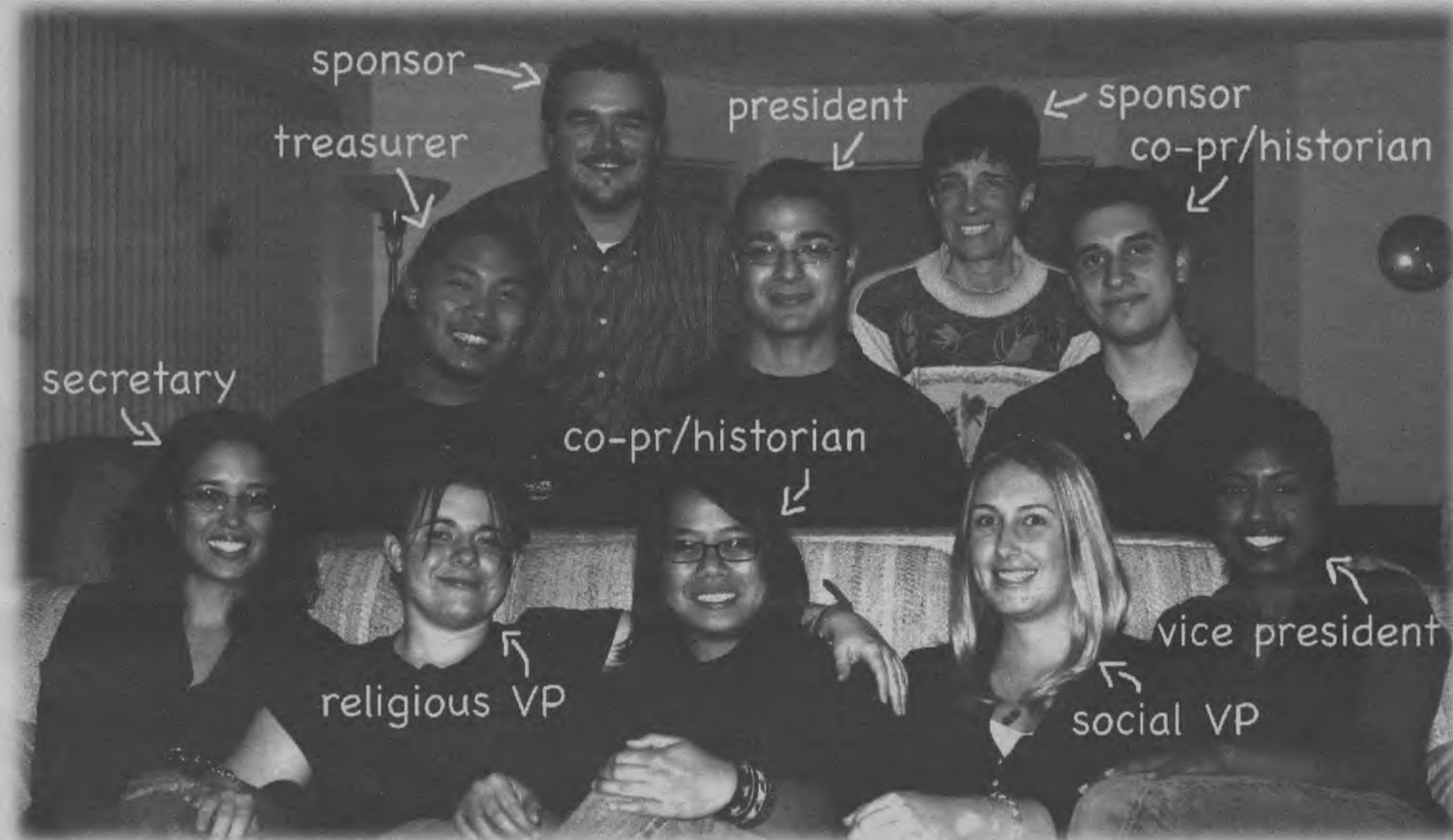
22 (soon-to-be 23) year-old Pre-Physical Therapy Exercise Science major from Grand Terrace. She is anticipating graduation and going to Loma Linda University. She will always cherish the SALSU Salsa banquet at Sevilla. Her most influential professors have been Robert Thomas and Roger McFarland from her department. She encourages all students to take *Humanities 205*, and *Social Psychology*.

**SOCIAL VP**  
Jennifer N. Meyers

21 year-old Pre-Med Psychobiology major from Corona. Hopes to attend med-school and become a doctor to raise a healthy and loving family. She would like to be remembered for her school pride and fun personality. She will treasure the memories of the Christmas tree lighting, basketball games, and her baptism. Her most influential professor has been Dr. Moshiedler. She Recommends everyone take *Thanatology--Death and Dying*.

**RELIGIOUS VP**  
Stacy Lynn Gurgel

23 yr. old Pre-Seminary / Psychology major from Ontario, CA. Would like to become a pastor and eventually build a youth center in East L.A. She wants to change the cafeteria prices. She is often spotted on the rocks beside the waterfall on campus. Her favorite worship option is *Meditation and Nature* with Dr. Leslie Martin. She recommends that everyone should take *New Testament Scriptures*.



(Not pictured are Dr. Kendra Holoviak, sponsor; Cherisse Bent, Senator, and Linette Martin, Senator.)

**SECRETARY**  
Erika Cesia Robinson

25 yr. old that would like to attend grad school and become a psychologist. She would like to change the sprinkler system that waters the sidewalks and not the grass 24/7. She will always remember SALSU's talent show fall of 2004 Salsa dancing with her group. She advises that everyone should attend the Peru Tour with Dr. Teel, "It is an experience you will never forget."

**TREASURER**  
Michael Andres Tomas

21 yr. old Exercise Science/Physical Education major that hopes to become a dean of men either at an academy/high school or university. He would like to see new dorms built for the school along side a mens volleyball team in action. He will always remember all the opportunities of playing gigs with Homebase, and K.C. and Kevin. He recommends everybody taking weight training.

**CO-HISTORIAN/PR**  
John Eric Razzouk

21 yr. old Psychology/Criminal Justice major from Hinsdale, IL. His goal in life is to increase his understanding of the world and his ability to change it. He would like to be remembered as someone who refused to be a bystander. He would change the name of the Dining Commons to "The Max." His fondest memory at La Sierra is meeting Lovelyn. He recommends every student register for *Prejudice* with Dr. Paul Mallery. Fire in the Hole!

**CO-HISTORIAN/PR**  
Lovelyn Joy Sampayan

22 yr. Music Education major that is excited to enter the world of teaching. She is often found locked up in HMA practicing or rehearsing for upcoming concerts. Her favorite worship option is *Fire in the Hole* which meets Thursday nights. She admires all her professors that have encouraged her to finish her Music Ed degree. She enjoyed taking *Adventist Heritage* from Dr. Harwood and advocates students to take this class.

**SENATOR**  
Linette Martin

21 yr. old Business/Pre-Dent major that will pursue a career in pediatric dentistry. She enjoys worship services that feature Pastor Sam as the speaker. She recommends taking *Women in Management*. Her most influential professors have been Dr. Pollard and Dr. Motscheidler. You can catch Linette working at the Eagle's Nest. She would like to be remembered for her enthusiasm and charismatic personality.

**ATTENTION SENIORS:**

**Keep up with what is happening with senior class issues, graduation announcements, and so on and so forth with D2L**

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**SENATOR**  
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22 yr. old Pre-Med / Psychobiology major from Boca Raton, FL. Before she heads off to medical school, she would like to take a year off and work as an EMT. You can catch Cherisse sitting on the grass on Founders' Green. She would like to be remembered as a woman who loves God and brings joy to people's hearts. Her favorite worship option is with *Called 2 Praise*.

## Problems with Free Trade and Problems in Latin America

By DANIEL TARANGO

Opponents of free trade in the Americas claim that the United States would take advantage of smaller nations. Free trade also hurts the American worker by sending factories to third world nations. Free trade only throws money at the problems of Latin America without fixing them.

Free trade only benefits the wealthy business owners of each nation with a bigger slice going to the United States. It also sends only sweat shops and factories to Latin America, which exploit workers. This exploitation is the cause of immigration to the United States from Latin America.

What the region need is for the raw materials to be developed in Latin America so they can compete in the global market. This will also create an increase in higher paying jobs. Latin America needs to expand these industries so they can keep their young and educated population from immigrating, and this needs to be done with a positive economic relationship between Latin America and the United States that benefits the growth of the parties.

The tarnished image of the United States in Latin America came also from the military intervention in the region during the cold war. At the time, the U.S. preferred right wing dictatorships rather than good leader in the region. As a result of the U.S. actions in created multiple coups, dictatorships, and civil wars throughout the 20th century. For the United States to regain and influence in the

region it needs to stop worrying about which side of the political persuasion the leaders of Latin American nations are, and instead try to work diplomatically with the nations and their people. This may help the U.S. to have better luck in pushing free trade in the region.

Latin American nations also have internal problems. In Mexico for instance anyone will tell you that the main problems are police and political corruption. Many of the law enforcement have become allies with drug bosses. Corruption is also a main cause of the killing of women in Juarez. But there is also another effect to the Mexican Drug industry. It was in WWII when the U.S. contracted Mexico to produce morphine for American soldiers. The U.S. used the rich agricultural land in Sinaloa to produce a vast amounts of opium in a large scale production. But after the war, many farmers wanted to continue building their wealth and exploited the U.S market that was addicted to narcotics, keeping their business clandestine.

But Mexico is a nation on the rise. With one of the best university system in the world, Mexico's intellectual community seems to be increasing. Also with the defeat of the PRI's 75 year reign Mexico is showing more political diversity that is vital for democracy to succeed. With natural richness from petroleum, minerals, and agriculture; Mexico has the resources to become a world power.

## Harassment

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tion until his graduation.

Andrew B. Geier, a graduate student in experimental biology at the University of Pennsylvania, volunteered to advise the student. Geier is quoted in the Chronicle: "The kid took a picture of a public event, and he's being crucified for it."

The University of Pennsylvania later dropped the charges against the student, but had the student not had help in advisement and public support, he would have sexual harassment on his record.

Sexual harassment at La Sierra University is also an emerging issue. Jennifer Tyner, Vice President of Student Life, says that she has witnessed a growing number of sexual harassment charges over the past 5 years. Unfortunately, sometimes the claims process is misused.

By law, La Sierra University must investigate every charge of sexual harassment, and so fraudulent charges rob university resources, as well as place an innocent person at the mercy of an investigation.

Tyner says that those accused of

sexual harassment charges have few options for responding, "There is very little they can do after being charged."

As a student on this campus, I know that as defined by law, sexual harassment happens frequently on campus. Many comments made by students every day could be considered sexual harassment, but students don't consider it so because neither the sender nor receiver of the message are offended.

While sexual harassment is usually recognized as "unwanted" sexual attention, comments made in a work environment affect anyone within hearing distance. For this reason, the law states that even a third-party who is negatively affected by a comment made to someone else can file charges of sexual harassment.

In these cases of a third party victim, the law says that actions which a "reasonable person" would find offensive are sexual harassment. This leaves one problem and it is sizeable—who or what is the standard for a reasonable person?

## United States: Religious Freedom Bill Gets Hearing

By MARK A. KELLNER, Source: Adventist News Network (ANN)

Nov. 11, Washington D. C.—The fight to protect the faith of America's workers on the job advanced slightly in the United States House of Representatives Nov. 10, when the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held what is believed to be the first hearing on the "Workplace Religious Freedom Act," or WRFA.

Attorney James Standish, congressional liaison of the Seventh-day Adventist world church to the Congress, said the hearing was a milestone. A similar hearing in the United States Senate is expected sometime in the new year, a Senate staff member told ANN.

"This is a very important step forward, and I think that while we have a long way to go, we've made great strides," Standish told ANN. "What we need is for everyone who supports freedom to do their part and let their Representatives and Senators know their views and ask them to move this thing forward."

"In general, employees should not have to choose between a job and their religion. It's just that simple,"

declared subcommittee chairman Rep. Sam Johnson, Texas Republican, in an opening statement. However, Johnson also declared "the right balance" needs to be maintained between the needs of business owners and those owners "respecting all employees."

If passed as written, the bill would require employers with more than 15 workers on their payroll to not discriminate against any employee who "with or without reasonable accommodation" is qualified to perform the essential functions of a job, unless that accommodation constitutes an "undue hardship," according to the bill's draft. It exempts both dress codes and scheduling issues from "essential requirements," meaning that an employer must accommodate an employee's request for leave to participate in religious observances or to modify a dress code for religious purposes.

More information on religious liberty issues in the United States can be found online at <http://www.religiousliberty.info>.

## Shiny Things

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equally charming and lesser known specials? It Nearly Wasn't Christmas, while garnering a low 4.8 rating on IMDB, is a cheesy movie filmed in the late '80s. It has an overly sweet, implausible plotline, yet every year I search for it in the TV Guide. Next on the list of campy but fun movies is A Very Brady Christmas. This movie brings almost all of the original Brady Bunch together (with a new Cindy)

and is set about twenty years after the original, with all of the characters grown up and living normal lives. True to Brady form, there are of course personal conflicts that all resolve with the family happy again at the end of the approximately 100 minutes. Branching out from the traditional films may have odd results at times, but sometimes it is nice to partake of the cult-favorite side of holiday movies as well!

## Open Letter of Apology

An article featured in the second issue of this year's *Criterion* was improper in that it is classifiable as sexual harassment.

It was not the intent of the *Criterion* to create an offensive environment for anyone reasonable, or to purposely present gender differences in a negative, mean-spirited manner.

For creating an offensive working environment, the *Criterion* apologizes to the students, faculty, and community of La Sierra University.

In addition, we would like to apologize

to the individuals directly affected by the article that ran in the Nov. 3 humor section entitled "Hottest Faculty Members."

(Although those mentioned by the article complained, those who did complain should be recognized for their genuine concern for your image and well-being.)

To those individuals mentioned in the article, we are sorry for objectifying you. We failed to realize how such comments degraded you, and undermined your professionalism. Please forgive us.

Good Luck on your Final Exams!  
Have a safe and wonderful  
Christmas Break.  
Please take copies of the  
*Criterion* home with you—  
they make great stocking stuffers!



**Lakers Tickets**

Student Life has tickets available for various Lakers 2005-2006 season home games. Price is \$25 per ticket. There is currently a 2 ticket maximum per purchase. Stop by AD 202 for more information or to make a purchase.

**iPod Battery Fix**

The battery on Apple's iPods tend to loose the ability to hold a charge. Sonnet Technologies has released a line of high-capacity 3.2-volt batteries for all iPods except the new ultra-small iPod Shuffle and Nano. Sonnet executives say their products will play up to 78 percent longer than the original iPod batteries.

The Sonnet kits, which cost \$30 to \$40 depending on the iPod model, include tools to open the iPod's case and remove the original battery. They also come with a step-by-step instructional video on a CD-ROM. The kits are available from the company's Web site, sonnettech.com.

**Writers Needed**

If you write good, join the *Criterion* staff second quarter. If you write well, even better.

Anyone familiar with the concept of "paragraph" is invited to email Brandon at oskrr1@hotmail.com, or show up to the SALSU office at 12:10 p.m. on the first Monday of second quarter.

**Essay Contest with \$5000 Prize**

The Thomas L. Phillips Collegiate Journalism Award recognizes excellence in collegiate reporting in which the student's work demonstrates an understanding of the basic ideas that support a free society, including freedom of the press, freedom of speech and free-market economic principles.

Judges will recognize students who show initiative and original reporting, and superior writing skills, as well as an understanding of the principles of individual freedom. In addition, a quality piece will also demonstrate a skill for accuracy in reporting as well as good use of sources.

**CABL Track 1st Place Winners:**

- 10 meter crab-walk  
**David Jacobsen**
- Shuttle run  
**David Jacobsen**
- 50 meter dash  
**Jed De La Paz**
- 100 meter dash  
**Jed De La Paz**
- 1/2 mile run  
**Ronson Wolf**
- 5K run  
**Ronson Wolf**
- 10K run  
**Danny Marledge**
- 4-person relay  
**Jed De La Paz, Darren Goltiao, Ronson Wolf, & David Jacobsen**

La Sierra University's SIFE Team Presents:

# Christmas in Storyland

Featuring  
"The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree"  
By Gloria Houston

1-3pm  
Dec. 9, 2005  
Alumni Pavilion (Gym)

**Community Service Opportunity**

Adopt a kid for two hours and enjoy the festivities

Give them the gift of your favorite children's book and read it to them

**CONTACT:** Kristin Penington ext.2255 or visit the SIFE office at SBM#107

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**Dead Week**

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mative would be the correct answer. The minutes dredged on like hours before the dreaded exam came. And when it did, the hero looked at it in astonishment. His friend, now slightly conscious, began to weep subtly when he was unable to life the packet with both arms. Our hero thought he heard the professor snicker but didn't have the attention span to investigate farther.

Instead, he looked at the clock. He would have one hour and a half to finish the test. Attempting to take a positive tone, he tried to trick himself into the notion that this would prepare him for the final scheduled for the next week, but the depression started to settle in.

Our hero clumsily scribbled his way through the test, dozing off once or twice, then waking up with a glare from the professor. The man called for pencils to be put down just as the student began on the last page. A single tear dropped from his cheek

onto the unfinished exam.

As the hero stumbled back up the mountain to Sierra Towers, he nodded at other beings stumbling down the steep steps, knowing they too were headed towards an unhappy fate. He sat on a step half way up and surveyed the La Sierra University campus. When had it gone awry?

Rumors whistled through his head of schools that defined Dead Week differently. Instead of assigning masses of work, and squeezing in pre-final exams, the faculty at these schools vowed not to assign anything, letting the students prepare for the following week of Finals. It seemed like a mystical far-off concept that he'd heard in a science fiction movie.

Our hero hung his head as he lifted himself back onto his feet and trudged up the remainder of the mountain. Oh how he longed for a true Dead Week, when it was the assignments that were dead, not the students.

**December 8**

- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Los Amigos: Disc. w/ ID
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms' Front desk)
- 11:00 AM - University Worship with speaker Sam Lenor (LSUC)

**December 9**

- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms' Front desk)
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

**December 10**

- Human Rights Day
- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
- 7:30 PM - Men's Basketball Pomona-Pitzer College (LSU)
- 7:30 PM - Women's Basketball vs. University of La Verne (La Verne)

**December 11**

- Nothing is scheduled today. Stay in bed.

**December 12**

- Johnny's Burgers: 10% disc. w/ ID
- Fall Quarter Exams begin
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (Campus Mall)
- 12:00 PM - Prayer at the Statue (Statue)
- 7:30 PM - Women's Basketball vs. U of R (Redlands)

**December 13**

- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (Campus Mall)

**December 14**

- Hot Rod Pizza: 10% disc. w/ ID
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (Campus Mall)

**December 15**

- Fall Quarter ends
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Pre-Med Society Guatemala Mis-

## sion Trip

- Los Amigos: Disc. w/ ID
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (Campus Mall)

**December 16**

- Christmas Recess
- Pre-Med--Guatemala
- 2:00 PM - Angwin Hall and South Hall close for Christmas Break
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

**December 17**

- Christmas Recess
- Pre-Med--Guatemala
- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Chanukah Festivities (Stahl Museum)
- 7:30 PM - Men's Basketball vs. Whittier College (LSU)

**December 18**

- Christmas Recess
- Pre-Med--Guatemala
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Chanukah Festivities (Stahl Museum)

**December 19**

- Christmas Recess
- Johnny's Burgers: 10% disc. w/ ID
- Pre-Med--Guatemala
- Winter Quarter registration
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Chanukah Festivities (Stahl Museum)
- 12:00 PM - Prayer at the Statue (Statue)
- 7:30 PM - Men's Basketball vs. Occidental College (LSU)

**December 20**

- Christmas Recess
- Pre-Med--Guatemala
- Winter Quarter registration
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Chanukah Festivities (Stahl Museum)

**December 21**

- Christmas Recess Discount
- Hot Rod Pizza: 10% disc. w/ ID
- Pre-Med--Guatemala
- Winter Quarter registration
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Chanukah Festivities (Stahl Museum)

**December 22**

- Christmas Recess

## • Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot

- Pre-Med--Guatemala
- Los Amigos: Disc. w/ ID
- Winter Quarter registration
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Chanukah Festivities (Stahl Museum)

**December 23**

- Christmas Recess
- Pre-Med--Guatemala
- Winter Quarter registration
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Chanukah Festivities (Stahl Museum)
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

**December 24**

- Christmas Recess
- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Chanukah Festivities (Stahl Museum)

**December 25**

- Chanukah begins at sundown
- Christmas
- Christmas Recess

**December 26**

- Christmas Recess Discount
- Johnny's Burgers: 10% disc. w/ ID
- Winter Quarter registration
- 12:00 PM - Prayer at the Statue (Statue)

**December 27**

- Christmas Recess
- Winter Quarter registration

**December 28**

- Christmas Recess
- Hot Rod Pizza: 10% disc. w/ ID
- Winter Quarter registration

**December 29**

- Christmas Recess
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Los Amigos: Disc. w/ ID
- Winter Quarter registration

**December 30**

- Christmas Recess
- Winter Quarter registration
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

**December 31**

- Christmas Recess
- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)

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## Dead Week Death March

By MIKE TYLER

The sleep-deprived student crawled up the stairs of Palmer Hall, heaving his own weight, along with the weight of his loaded backpack, towards another class, with another paper due, and another test.

It was his third exam in two days, and he still had to write and present a ten page research paper in the next fourteen hours. He now understood the term "Dead Week."

When our hero finally arrived in class, with seconds to spare, he sat doggedly in his seat as the professor paced purposefully in the front of the class. The man seemed to have a sinister grin plastered to his face.

Our hero looked to his left to ask if his friend had noticed the grin, but his friend was asleep, mumbling definitions and carbon structures. That was all just as well, our hero thought. He surely wouldn't have been able to articulate a question in the first place.

A girl sat heavily next to him, glanced at the professor, and grunted what might have been an inquiry. He nodded in response; assuming affirmative *see DEAD WEEK on page 6*

## You might be an Adventist if...

Adapted from chain emails and personal experience.

- You feel mildly guilty reading Song of Solomon.
- Your "Little Friend" wasn't a person.
- Your church bulletin includes the time of sunset.
- If your watch beeps at the above time.
- If you've ever eaten Haystacks more than three times in one week.
- Your first date was to vespers.
- You have ever looked for the angels outside a movie theater.
- You collect books by a certain author/prophet but haven't gotten around to reading most of them.
- You have wondered if the earth would last long enough for your "first kiss."
- Somewhere in your attic you have a board with a bunch of knots glued to it.
- You take more time at the Taco Bell counter than the last 6 customers.
- You can tell the difference between Linkettes and Vegelinks with your eyes closed.
- Your guilt trip ended the day Nabisco started using vegetable shortening in Oreos.

## Idiots

Intelligence is a decreasing trend in society, and as a result, big corporations and mean jerks are taking advantage of gullible people by keeping them occupied with worthless tasks.

Find out how to defend yourself!  
*see IDIOTS ABOUND on the front page*



"I think it's pretty crazy because right after the giving season people go trample other people to get something like a shirt instead of letting someone else have it. Right after the giving season comes the selfish season."

**Andrew Harrison, Freshman Music Performance**

## What do you think about those after holiday sales?

Compiled by ALEX CHILSON



"I wish it was a week long and it would be before the holiday so I could get gifts for my family."

**Sonia Whang, Sophomore Business/Pre-Med**



"I stay away from the sales as if they were the plague. I don't go to the sales because the people act crazy."

**Natalie Jung, Junior Psycho-Bio/Pre-Dent**



"I think it's the only time I can afford to buy anything. Most of the stuff I want is not that high in demand so usually it's still there. So it's cheap and that's fine with me."

**James Dexter, Freshman Business/Pre-Med**

## The Bastionettes of Wisdom

Ms. Divine and Dr. Pinder-Schloss

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Everywhere I go!" It's almost Christmas, and I, Miss Divine, am keeping a running tally of the days with my handy chocolate filled advent calendar. Sadly, standing between me and holiday bliss is the looming cloud of finals. Our questioner for this week has a similar issue, although I must say I do not envy the poor fellow. "Swamped out of Spirit" writes to us with this problem: "Not only do I have two major finals on Monday; I have an important social event on Saturday night and a family gathering on Sunday. What can I do to balance my time between those things and still have time to study?"

MD: Swamped, I must say, I think that you are in over your head. While I always prefer to have a full social calendar, it is important to balance what is necessary to do with what you want to do. In your case, you have to figure out what your priorities are. Can you miss that party...I mean social event...and still be on good terms with your

friends? Can you maybe skip out of the family gathering a little early? Personally I would go to the social event, but leave before the night turns into morning. Then I would attempt to get a little studying in before the family event. Bring your books to the family event and then no one will feel bad when you obviously have to leave early to study. Isn't managing to please everyone fun? Just make sure you leave a little time for yourself, in order to maintain your sanity. And good luck with those finals!

DP: Well, well, well... I can only empathize with your situation, Swamped. I have found myself in various similar circumstances in the past. Firstly, I do not know the importance of each of your events to their full extent. In order to do them justice, I will have to leave the prioritizing up to you. However, I do have a bias over getting a decent score on finals, so I would advise as much studying as possible. Weigh the different possibilities and their conse-

quences honestly. Yes, friends and family are very important, but they will be there the day after your finals. Finals come and go once... and they have resounding effects on your ultimate grades. Of course, a short break between studying is rarely a bad thing as long as you don't get carried away. So, ultimately, I would have to say that setting your restrictions before you go to either the social or the family gathering would probably be the best idea. That way you have a clear focus on when you need to leave, and won't be as easily persuaded to forfeit your studies. Wishing you all the best of luck on those exams!

And folks, just in time for the holiday season, Doctor Pinder-Schloss and myself have a fantastic treat for you. We will be giving out gift certificates to Say What?! to any person who sends in a question that we use in this column. Our e-mail address, in reminder is lsuadvice@gmail.com. So send in your questions today!

Merry Christmas!

## Shiny Things: Christmas Edition

By AMANDA O'REILLY

### Pink Traffic Cone . . . ~Christmas Tree~

The spirit behind the tree at La Sierra is admirable. The fact that you can see this seemingly electric pink object from a few miles off campus is not so admirable. Still, allowances must be made for the fact that to store and assemble a true artificial tree is nigh unto impossible. Despite that, it would be nice if we could find some alternatives that look more cheery than lights stretched in the shape of a tree.

### Mission Inn

Thanks to Riverside Christmas tradition, the Mission Inn is not only a historic downtown building but also, at this time of the year, completely decorated for the season. You can make a trip downtown, do a little Christmas shopping, and then

swing by to examine the Inn. If you have a little extra time and money, the Mission Inn also offers carriage rides and eggnog, and carolers will serenade you as you partake. Either way, it is a fun and cheap way to get in the holiday spirit—and remember, due to the thousands of lights, it is a sight best viewed at night.

### Mountains

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas! However, here in Riverside, the closest you may come is a donut shop refilling flour at night. Luckily, Southern California offers us some opportunities—particularly the nearby (okay, an hour's journey) Snow Valley Resort. If you don't mind setting out later at night, you can pay between \$10-20 and not only play in the snow but also go sledding! Once finals

are over, a brief road-trip to get your fill of Christmas snow is a good way to unwind.

### Church Concerts

By the time you read this, the Candlelight Concert will have passed, and of course I am sure that you all attended. Even if you missed it, La Sierra Church has Christmas vespers every evening leading up to Christmas. In addition, other area churches have similar events planned. Free, with good music and holiday decorations—what more could you ask?

### Christmas Movies

So, most of us have seen It's A Wonderful Life and Miracle on 34th Street around twenty-three times, but what about those *see SHINY THINGS on page 5*



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## D.C. Lobbyist Swindles Tribe

By DANIEL TARANGO

Whether it was a free steak dinner, box seats at the MCI Center, or golfing trips around the world, for republican staffers in Washington D.C. it was at their finger tips—and lobbyist Jack Abramoff was a major provider.

Congressmen like to deny their relationship with Abramoff and staffers play him down as insidious and subtly idealistic. But Abramoff has been brash and arrogant about his business dealings.

"Guess what I scored," Abramoff wrote in an email to his longtime friend and former director of the Christian Coalition, Ralph Reed. Abramoff was boasting about a jet he arranged to fly partners (including congressmen Robert Ney and Tom Delay) to play golf at the St. Andrews golf course in Scotland.

Congressional rules do require staffers to report all gift and to turn down gift costing more that \$50 dollars, but there are ways around these rules—ways that usually involved spending taxpayer money. For instance, when business interest in the U.S-run Northern Mariana Island hired Abramoff to block federal labor regulations meant to crack down on sweat shops abuses on the island, he led congressional staffers on a "fact-finding" expedition to the island using taxpayers' money. Instead of being used to investigate the matter, the money went to charter fishing trips, lavish dinners, and massages.

Abramoff's most dubious feat is perhaps how he swindled \$82 million from Native American tribes with help from Ralph Reed. In emails sent between the two, Abromoff referred to the Native Americans as "troglodytes."

Abramoff conned Native American tribes into believing that campaign contributions would protect their interest in congress. Hired as a consult to a tribe in Louisiana, Abramoff worked to wage a grass-roots campaign to shutdown a gambling casino operated by the Tigua tribe in Texas. He then turned around and offered his services to the Tigua tribe to lobby congress to reopen the casino. For these services, the Tiguas paid

see **ABRAMOFF** page 3

## Cruise Ship Takes Flight

By DEEJAY WALAYAT



The new airbus A380 dwarfs even the largest hangars. The plane is said to be longer, taller, and wider than the White House.

One-hundred-and-two years after the Wright brothers first achieved flight in their 600 pound plane, Airbus has unveiled the new A380, which at 1.2 million pounds is said to be longer, taller, and wider than the White House.

The A380, demonstrated last month in Toulouse, France, is the largest passenger plane ever made and holds a maximum capacity of 550 passengers, as reported by USA Today.

The amenities for these passengers is impressive—the A380 will reportedly provide the regular passengers with many of the comforts of first class. The planes size will allow every passenger to have his or her own individual armrest.

Despite all the recent publicity, Singapore Airlines is the only airline

currently planning commercial service this year. Still, outlook is good, and as of January, 159 orders have been placed for the A380.

James Boyd, the spokesman for Singapore Airlines says, "it will be a complete departure from anything a business traveler has been so far."

Virgin Atlantic Airway also wants to fly their A380's, but intends go beyond the traditional flight experience by giving the A380 a cruise ship feel. They plan to equip the planes with beauty parlors, bars, gyms, massage areas, and even casinos.

The manufacturer of the plane, Airbus, is very proud of their new model, and spokesperson Mary Anne Greczyn says the plane's large seating capacity will enable airlines to use fewer planes, reducing airport

congestion and flight delays.

There are problems due in large to the planes size. The International Civil Aviation Organization, which represents government aviation agencies, is concerned about the distance between the A380 and other planes. They say that other planes must maintain twice as much the normal distance.

According to USA today, Airports must make adjustments to accommodate the size of the A380. U.S. airports must adjust the width of their runways, and also strengthen the taxiways to support the jet which may weigh 1.2 million pounds at takeoff.

The excitement and press for the A380 is phenomenal, and many people hope that this plane will boost the flight industries ticket sales.

## Town Hall Reveals Plans for an Assisted Living Development

By BRANDON HERRMANN

The town hall meeting on Jan. 17 changed its format to allow a group of land developers to share their plans to bring an assisted living complex to La Sierra University land.

The La Sierra University Board has since approved a 99 year lease to Griffin Industries who will be developing 200 houses on the 500 plus acres of land behind the La Sierra Market where the tennis quarts used to be.

The assisted living complex will only be available to occupants 55 and older, and its construction is will begin later this year and be ready for occupancy by 2007.

Many of the students in the audience were concerned that bringing an assisted living complex into the university community will have a negative impact on campus life. One student mentioned that she already felt alienated by

a significant age gap between students and the members of La Sierra University Church, and she was worried that bringing in an assisted living complex would further alienate her from what is supposed to be a student church.

Concerned students asked Dr. Geraty, president of La sierra University, how the development would improve the lives of university students. Geraty re-

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## Note the New Laws

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

Other than traffic laws and common laws such as theft, murder and assault, many California citizens don't know their California state laws.

Sean Benggon, sophomore, when asked about state laws, says "besides road rules, I have no idea!"

For the sake of Sean and the many others, the following are some of the more interesting new California laws that took effect at the beginning of this year.

- Pick your dog wisely! Local California governments can now require specific breeds to get spayed or neutered, and not permit breeding.
- Internet Hunting: This law prohibits any internet site to allow any shooting of animals, including commercials, ads, and web links.
- Putting on cancer? Cosmetic companies are required to label cancer causing ingredients on the packages.
- For your safety: Some entertainment venues must announce where the exits are before the start of the show.
- Rechargeable batteries: Stores who sell rechargeable batteries must set up a recycling center for rechargeable batteries. Only ears...the California government is now cracking down on those who make piercing. If you make body piercing on a minor, you may get fined \$250! The ears are an exemption from this law.
- Celebrity wishes answered: Paparazzi who commit assaults when trying to get a picture of a celebrity can now be assigned with large civil penalties.
- Text Messaging Campaigners! Beware! Campaigns are not allowed to text message any campaign ads to your cell phones.
- Two day limit...Used-Car dealers are now required by the Car Buyer's Bill of Rights to allow you to return used cars with a two day limit, depending on the circumstances.
- DUI: Law enforcement is now permitted to impound your vehicle if you are found with a blood-alcohol level of 10% or more and you have one or more convictions of a DUI in the past several years.
- Knowing from right or wrong... some employees of counties, cities and specific districts are being required to take an ethics course.

## One on One with the President

By WILL GILE



The Criterion decided to visit the the big guy on campus to get a better perspective on the school, so they sent me to interview Dr. Lawrence Geraty, the university president.

Will Gile: Dr. Geraty how are you doing today?

Dr. Geraty: I'm doing well thank you.

WG: Do you read the Criterion?

DG: I do

WG: So are you aware that you were mentioned in the Hottest Faculty at La Sierra article? In fact you came in the top four.

DG: I am aware of that fact.

WG: How did that make you feel?

DG: I was surprised, I took it as someone having a little fun and didn't think it was anything serious.

WG: Do you have any advice for

the Criterion, or ideas on article we could run to make it a better newspaper?

DG: You know, as a University, I would love to see articles on issues that people are grappling with in today's world. You could have articles on issues such as Health Care, Illegal immigration, and Bush's proposal on solving the national debt. I would love to see the President's State of the Union address analyzed and picked apart. Maybe articles on what's going to happen in Iraq, how are we going to solve the problems we've created over there? I think it's important that we have funny articles, but I think it's equally important to have articles on the issues of today's world.

WG: How did you like President Bush's State of the Union address?

DG: Well I think Bush is getting better. You know I'm not a big Bush supporter. Being an archeologist who worked and lived in the Middle East I feel like the policy we have with them is flawed. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, we have totally sided with Israel and ignored Palestine, and that's not the equalitarian thing to do. I believe that Bush has done a lot of good things, and I'm definitely not a Bush hater, but I think he has a lot of work to do.

WG: So if you were President Bush, how would you have handled the Iraqi situation?

DG: I would have worked with the Arab leaders and the European Union through diplomatic means. I'm for

Martin Luther King's and Ghandi's ideas of a nonviolent approach, I am very much against violence.

WG: Now Dr. Geraty, I'm sure you are aware that this month is Facial Hair February, in which students here on campus are going the whole month without shaving. Are you going to be participating in this annual holiday?

DG: Well I have been for a long time now, and I really don't plan to stop.

WG: Thanks a lot for the interview Dr. Geraty, is there anything else you'd like to say to the student body?

DG: I'm very proud of LSU's students and I admire the number of students who help out with community services. I'm proud of the students who go as missionaries for a year, I'm proud of the number of students who help out the community through SIFE. The students here make a good name for La Sierra University which in turn helps me when I go out and speak on issues in the community I wish that when we get together for worship that the students could not be so loud and pay attention to what's going on. I really believe it takes a sense of maturity to be able to pay attention every worship service to what's going on. But for those who are going to study or do homework, please do so in a quiet way. After all, University Worship is one of the opportunities that makes an LSU education unique.

## What to expect from 2006

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

Experts have begun discussing the upcoming year. Here are some of their predictions.

### Economic Struggles

There is growing concern for the well-being of the country's economic status, and many factors feeding this concern.

One of the primary concerns is the increasing level of energy prices—The Daily News projects an increase in gasoline and natural gas prices over the next year.

The real estate market is also expected to fluctuate this year. Because the cycle of prices have already soared, the prices are set to decrease, causing great worries in the real estate market.

Medical care prices also keep rising. In addition to the higher prices, it is expected that it will be the employees and not the employers who will pay for the increase.

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## Leading with a Vision

By JOHN RAZZOUK

While the world prepared to remember the life of one of history's greatest visionary leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., another group of leaders were working on their own vision.

The La Sierra University SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) team has consistently demonstrated leadership through the creation of economic opportunity and empowerment of local and global communities. Seeking to enhance their effectiveness, LSU SIFE held a leadership retreat at Camp Cedar Falls from February 13 to 15.

Dr. Prudence Pollard, a professor of the School of Business, worked with the team on further development of their leadership skills. In coming

issues of the Criterion, members of SIFE will share the knowledge and experience gained over the course of that event.

Before one can further develop any skill, it is important to first realize that this development is a continuous process. There is no such thing as an expert, and those who fully understand this would likely refer to themselves as "lifetime students". For years, SIFE has provided a process of valuable experience resulting in highly

capable leaders.

So how can you apply this when building your own project-based team? One of the first things you must do is define your project. What is the need? What is it that you plan to accomplish? In team selection, what skills and temperaments are needed? You must conduct careful self-evalua-

all business students. While a number of members and leaders are business students, many come from programs such as Education, Music, or Psychology. This diversity has reduced the risk of problems such as isolation or groupthink.

It is also important to note that leaders and managers are often not



Warren Sturt leads the team as they come up with innovative ideas for their upcoming projects.

one in the same. If you have successfully built a team of "lifetime students," there is minimal need for leaders to micromanage every task for every team member. Leaders, rather, serve as facilitators, working to strengthen the team in contrast to their own control over it. For your team to be sustainable, the team members must be part of the planning. The

team must determine the process of development. As a leader, even the most subtle influence can have an astronomical level of impact. With every action, keep in mind that anything you do is everything you do.

**Next Issue:** Evaluating your team

If you would like more information about SIFE and/or would like to join the team, please contact John Razzouk (Johnnyrazz@gmail.com)

## Abramoff

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Abramoff and Reed 4.2 million, but congress never reopened the casino.

Perhaps even more shocking were Abramoff's actions while visiting the reservations. Abramoff conned senior citizen on the reservation to purchase life insurance from him, but instead of placing the families as the beneficiaries, he put himself.

In an email to Reed, Abramoff wrote, "I wish those Tiguas were smarter in their political contributions, I love getting my hands on their money, oh well stupid people get wiped out."

Abramoff's actions proved too

much, and he was arrested. To reduce his jail sentence, Abramoff made a deal to reveal all of the congressmen whom he bribed. This had Republicans in congress racing to deny dealings with Abramoff, and to return any money they got from him. House Speaker Dennis Hastert returned \$71,000, Delay permanently stepped down as majority leader, and Republican congressmen Robert Ney of Ohio, who likely received more money than anyone else on Capital Hill, was forced to resign.

These scandals have prompted Congress to change the way lobby-

ists operate in Washington, and may usher in a new era of American politics where big business does not control our government.

People across the nation should be rising against these people who are corrupting are government. The actions of Abramoff and his friends are nothing more that racist and fascist forms of controlling this country. Fascism roughly defined is when a country is controlled by corporations, and when lobbyist and big business operate unchecked. When business rules, our democracy, our freedom, and our nation will be for sale.

## SALSU Officers:

### What do they do?

By JACQUELYN WEISCHADLE

It is time again to cast our ballots, to fulfill our duties of freedom and bask in democracy. While basking, think long and hard about the upcoming SALSU elections on Tuesday, February 21.

Because the best vote is an educated vote, the Criterion is here to help (check out the latest issue of the Criterion). Of course the candidates are significant but it is not the only thing to be aware of. Another important thing to know is what those you elect will actually do and the duties they are responsible for while in office. The chief position in most people's mind is often seen as the only important office, the President, the leader of the Student Association of La Sierra University (SALSU). Most of us would like to think the president has it easy, sitting back in an oversized chair behind a desk and giving out orders to the other officers, making sure the jobs are done. Past presidents probably wish it was that easy. Fortunately, the office is exciting but it's not all fun and games. Being in the president's seat also means they are a member of all necessary committees such as the University Council, Student Life Committee, represent LSU's students at the Board of Trustees meetings and chair of the SALSU Executive Council, where they assure the meetings are conducted properly and productively. Those in the highest office also are overseeing all student activities and are members of committees such as the OSA council and the Spiritual Life committee. Next in line is the Executive Vice President. With a big title comes a big responsibility, that of serving as the chair of the Senate and assuring meetings are productive alongside the president. Also, in the absence of the president, the executive VP sits in that president chair to keep things running smoothly. The Financial Vice President handles the fundraising and presents a proposed budget for the year, dividing funds for the various supplies, expenses, and the events held for students. They keep accurate records of business transactions and make sure reports are always on hand to make sure that enough money is coming in more than going out. The Religious Vice President is solely responsible for keeping the campus focused on God by organizing and executing all of the Student Association's religious activities. This includes the popular Wednesday night Rendezvous', quarterly retreats, Friday night Midnight Cafes services and the Spiritual Emphasis Week. The Social Vice President deals with the social aspects of La Sierra's campus by

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## Pre-meds Hold Clinic in Guatemala

By DANIEL NG

What if I get kidnapped by guerillas? Will I get Montezuma's revenge? Won't a jaguar leap down from a tree and bite me? That would put a damper on my medical career, no doubt.

The 19 fearless members of the Pre-Med Society prepare to leave the country for the 2nd Annual Mission to Guatemala. In the midst of Finals Week, which is cause enough for angst ridden nights chugging Coke and Krispy Kreme to induce oneself into a sugary state of alertness in hopes of absorbing a full quarter of information into one early morning study session, a trip to a third world country (with Jaguars!) only added to my Maalox overdose.

John Perumal, LSU professor of biology, and Noel Nepumoceno, Pre-Med Society President, would be our leaders. I expected them to be donned in Safari hats and 2 foot machetes, yet was disappointed. I brought a pocket knife...which also happened to have a bottle opener attached to it. Be prepared.

Upon arriving in the humid and bustling Guatemalan Airport, we were greeted by our amicable hostess for the week. Surprisingly, the Guatemalan roadways were more akin to Grand Theft Auto - San Andreas, as drivers seemed required to drive erratically and without abandon. I could've

sworn I saw a Guatemalan hijack a firetruck and ram it into a mobster whose life-meter thus went down, but the tropical climate may have caused me to imagine things.

Our three-vehicle caravan narrowly dodged donkey-carts and swerved around falling power lines, all in a city that seemed to not embrace the concept of "lanes". After quickly acclimating to the driving conditions, cli-

bers of the club entertained waiting patients, while others assisted the doctors in a cold, wet room with camping cots serving as examining beds. I was able to help take vital signs in addition to chomping on a tamale.

We made our way to an impoverished coastal town where we threw a party for all the townsfolk and children. This would encompass the entire week, as we all became the best

we did what we could to lift their spirits and tend to their emotional needs. They also loved our Tootsie Rolls.

"This trip would not have been possible without the support of the university community as well as the dedication of each individual who went on the trip", commented Nepumoceno, whom still did not don a Safari hat and/or a 2 foot long machete.

The Pre-Med Society would like to express the deepest gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of this Mission Trip. Large contributions were generously donated by The Stahl Center, Iris Landa, John Perumal, and many others. The Pre-Med Society is very thankful to be on a campus that embraces a strong affinity towards global humanitarian work.

I return back to La Sierra grateful for the chance of getting to help those that truly needed it. Guatemalans are the kindest of spirits, and seem to possess an uncanny ability to recreate Grand Theft Auto - San Andreas upon their roadways. In the end, we all got the chance to see a beautiful country while helping our fellow man...although, I still carry around my pocket knife / bottle opener, as one can never be too certain when a jaguar will leap from the tree and bite one's neck. Be prepared.



LSU Pre-Med club takes a lovely picture with locals in Guatemala.

mate change, and lack of Los Amigos, our group was eagerly ready to begin our mission work.

We started with a temporary Adventist Clinic. In a worn church being beat by heavy rain, we enthusiastically hustled to find ways in which we could offer our services. Some mem-

playmates these children have ever had. We were able to spread cheer, laughter, and Tootsie Rolls at a Children's AIDS Hospice, an Adventist Orphanage, and the local Children's Hospital. Though we weren't able to do much in terms of helping these people with their physical afflictions,

## Smallest Month Big on Significance

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

From the transition between Aquarius to Pisces to President's Day and Valentine's Day, many people recognize these dates to be in February. Yet more important than remembering to buy flowers and getting an extra day out of school is the national remembrance of Black History Month.

A month dedicated to remember the fight for civil rights for African-Americans in the United States. First remembered as Negro History Week in 1926, it eventually was changed to Black History Month.

We owe the celebration and remembrance of the Black History Month to Dr. Carter G. Woodson who enrolled in high school at age 20, graduated in two years and graduated from Harvard with his Ph.D.

Woodson was bothered by the fact that the history books in the United States lacked sufficient information of the African-American population. Woodson carried out his goals to bring attention to this dilemma nationally and was successful in his diligence.

After celebrating Negro History Week in the second week of February it was changed to the whole month of February, naming it Black

History Month which we acknowledge nationally.

Why February you ask? There is much significance to February since many of the civil rights leaders had birthdays and important dates correlated in February. Among them, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays, the passing of the 15th Amendment which granted African Americans the right to vote.

So as you go about your activities this month remember that February is remembered and honored for the importance of the civil rights movements, and the sacrifices which many individuals took to fight for equality.

### Winter Quarter

Although winter quarter is the shortest quarter of the year, many students find it as the hardest quarter. The lack of inspiration may be hard because of the winter blues but here are two simple studying tips which will help you through the grind. Reminding you of what you're doing right or wrong.

#### 1. Be prepared

Make sure you know what you need to do, and what you need to get

the job done. Forgetting your book when you have already decided that you need to study for Biology isn't the best situation to be in.

Schedules are easy to make and although seem extremely nerdy and old-fashioned, it's an easy way to see everything you have to do in the amount of time you have, and this way you can actually go to your friend's party instead of having to cram the night before the test.

#### 2. Remember to be effective

It doesn't matter how long you study, it is how effective you are in studying. Studying in front of the television, talking to your boyfriend or studying on the second floor of the library are not the best situations or places to learn the information you are studying.

Make sure to choose a place where you can pay attention and learn the information in half the time needed to do it elsewhere.

Remember, although monotonous your studying will pay off. So put the stud in studying!

#### Danish Cartoons Provoke Protests

Angered by Danish cartoons Muslim protestors in Beirut, Lebanon

have left their mark. Just a year after the assassination of the Lebanese Prime Minister there is escalation again in Lebanon. Muslim protestors were against Danish drawings which depicted the Prophet Muhammad as a stereotypical fundamentalist. BBC News reported that ambassadors of 10 Muslim countries have complained to the Danish Prime Minister of the drawings in major Danish newspapers.

On February 5, 2006 the Lebanese Prime Minister Hassan Sabej resigned after protestors set fire to Danish and Norwegian embassies. Danes which live in Lebanon have been told to leave the country or stay indoors.

These violent acts have been condemned by leaders across Lebanon, Saad Hariri one of Lebanon's leading Sunni Muslim leaders labeled it as a "Black Day" for Lebanese Muslims.

Starting off as peaceful outcries these protests escalated as Muslim extremists forced themselves through security barriers. There is heightened security in Lebanon and efforts to stop the protests are under way.

## Baseball Joins University Sports Roster

By KATELYN KILBY

The sports program at La Sierra is GROWING! Gone are the days when students would come to this university and wish that it had the sport they love because with the addition of soccer in the fall and the now starting seasons of softball and baseball our program is building up and rounding out to accommodate what the students have been asking for.

The baseball season is now in full swing and no one is more excited than the players. This being the first year for the program the coach and players have had very little to work with, number one being that we are without a home field. They have been putting in numerous hours of practice in nearby parks and the dirt field on the front of campus that some players have nicknamed "the sandlot", to do and learn what they can with what they've been given. "This will be a very stressful season where basically we just need to be preparing for next year" stated second baseman Robert Guevara.

The team knows that this being their first year they have a lot of work to do and a lot to prove to their opponents. "We are not as good as we could be but it is the first year and we have very few players. We are coming together though as a team. We have good guys that know how to play" said senior and short stop to the team Isaiah Rojas.

When asked what the goals were for the team this year improvement was very high on the list. "For the team the number one goal is improvement. It's hard to be specific because it's the first year but just in general from working out to playing we need to build up our skills and improve as individuals and as a team," said pitcher Kevin De Leon. "Our team spirit is always up and that's a critical key for improvement."

"We also want to compete with every team. We don't necessarily have

to win but we need to at least compete," stated Rojas.

"Our mentality is high. Everyone loves to play and so that makes the game that much better and more enjoyable" stated De Leon.

The team is very optimistic and it seems to be because they all have one thing in common, a love for the sport.

Most of these guys have been playing baseball for as long as they can remember. "I've been playing ever since I was old enough to hold a bat" said De Leon. When asked what it was about baseball that they love so much no one could pinpoint one specific thing. "I love everything. It's not like any other sport, it's an individual sport as well as a team sport" stated Rojas.

Baseball is a passion for these players. They love hearing about it, talking about it, and will practice outside of set practice time to bring all they can to better the team. "I work hard to bring a good bat and good arm to the team. This is a sport that I feel privileged to play so working hard for me is key" said De Leon.

"Leadership is what I bring. Since I'm the oldest on the team I try to help out and lead where I can" stated Rojas.

Guevara and De Leon both feel that it's important for them to bring encouragement to their fellow teammates. They try and help where they can to get the other players to play to the best of their ability.

During the interviews there was one topic that the players would not stop talking about and that was their coach. They had so many good things to say about him it would take up this whole article. "There is one word to describe him, Dedicated. He has come into a first year program that is in no way developed, we have no field, he has no assistant coach, he did not get to recruit the team, he was given nothing

that he was promised yet he never complains and is always optimistic" said De Leon "The level of respect that I have for him is very high. In all my years of playing baseball he might be by far the best all around coach and guy that I've ever been able to play for."

Guevara agrees stating, "I have a lot of respect for him coming into a program that has just started. He puts in so much time and is doing the most he can with the little resources that he is given."

Coach Lance Hallberg comes to La Sierra after being head coach at Mesa Grande Academy for three years. He has been coaching baseball close to eight or nine years but what really impresses him team is the background experience that he brings. Hallberg played professional baseball in both the minor and major leagues for seven years and also was given the opportunity to play overseas in Europe for a year. "I've had the best of both worlds, being able to play and teach. I get self-satisfaction in teaching some major league knowledge to my players. I want to give them the knowledge to taste what I didn't get to."

Hallberg shares the love of baseball with his players which is probably why they like him so much. "I'm guilty of hitting. My background is in hitting and it's really what attracted me to the sport. Going out there and crushing the ball is something I love."

Hallberg has had to change around his fundamentals and strategies this year to fit with the little resources that they have. "For us, this year, hitting is our biggest attribute. Since we have no field I'm concentrating on practicing hitting and not so much defensive work. What we want to go out there and do this year is if our opponents score three runs on us we have to score four runs on them."

Hallberg has not tried to hide the fact that this year will be hard for the team

but he has made sure that that does not cause the players to play scared. "The one thing I do tell the team is not to fear the game. Don't be intimidated but play with confidence. We have a lot to prove this year against the other schools but it's up to each individual how far they want to push themselves."

The admiration and respect that the team and coach have for each other really gives the future of the baseball program only high hopes. "I'm interested to see how the team progresses from nothing to competing," said freshman Nick Giffin.

Some though won't be able to see the future progress and wish that this had all happened earlier. "It sucks that this will be my first and last year being able to play. I wish I had been here five years later when the field was done and the team was established. I'm glad it finally happened, I just wish it had been sooner," said Rojas.

Everyone agrees that they are very excited about the new additions to the sports department but now hope that this support will only continue as the years come. "The school is really backing us up. I hope that they are as excited as I am so that this program will continue to grow," stated Coach Hallberg.

The future of this team is what the LSU student body should watch out for. The growth and establishment to become a team that will represent La Sierra in a high competitive atmosphere is the team's goal. "Keep your eyes open for drastic improvements in the next couple of years. We need support from our peers to keep baseball going strong," said De Leon.

So La Sierra stay tuned for updates on all of our sports teams and remember that your support can strengthen the progress of our sports department making it one that the players are privileged to play for and the students are privileged to cheer for.

## Affair

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twice about attending the banquet. Brett Saunders, a Junior Business major from England, said, "For thirty dollars I would rather go to the cinema, play a round of golf and eat at Kentucky Fried Chicken."

To each his own, Brett—you may be trading the chance to meet the lady of your dreams for a greasy date with the Colonel. I'd choose the banquet—or better yet, bring a tub of wings to the banquet. There is no place happier than with one arm around a hot date, and the other arm around a tub-o-fowl.

So there you have it. Go have a wonderful time. Remember to open doors for ladies and keep the after-parties short—it's a school night people.

## Assisted Living

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plied that by leasing the land, the University would be able to keep tuition costs down in the coming years. Geraty was asked this very same question again, and again he stressed that the deal would keep tuition from going up.

Other people in the audience were concerned that the assisted living complex would bring about noise restriction on university events. Still other students made the observation that university students tend to drive at a high velocity and asked if the new complex would add to congestion and pedestrians to the streets.

The spokesperson for Griffin Industries assured students that there would be no new noise restrictions, and that while the complex would increase traffic mildly, the current roads and signals can handle the increased capacity.

One of the key questions covered student housing. A student noted that most students cannot afford the houses build recently, and dorm space can be very limited. The student asked why the land wasn't being used to provide students with affordable housing.

Dr. Geraty assured everyone that there is still plenty of dormitory space available, but he neglected to specify where.

In addition, the Griffin Industries representative said that the new development, which will feature housing units in addition to the assisted living complex, will be sold at market value, which he said was projected to remain stable for some time.

In addition to the assisted living discussion, there were questions about general campus live. Many students

complained that the cafeteria is of poor quality. Administration answered all questions about the cafeteria by referring students to a Student Life task force formed to improve the cafeteria. One student became frustrated with this answer, and asked how to get in touch with the task force. The students were told to get in touch with Jen Tyner, Vice President of Student Life.

To close out the session, Bethany Morse, senior, exercise science, said that she was tired of asking questions only to be referred to other departments. She said, "We are constantly sent in circles, who can we go to not be sent to another administrator?"

Geraty, who had already left the meeting, did not tell Morse to go to Cal Baptist. Instead, the administration thanked her for her concern.

## Food-o-phile

By BETHANY MORSE

### This Week's Recipe: Valentine Layered Gelatin

*Cherries are Red  
Blueberries are Blue  
This week's featured food  
will make true love find you.*

If you are looking for a creative way to say "I love you and I love your waistline," this week's featured recipe is a quick, lite and fun way to say just that!

#### Featured Food

This week's featured food is the cherry, a carnival of flavor and a good source of vitamin C.

When selecting cherries, look for firm, plump cherries with green stems. Once home, store your cherries in a plastic bag, then keep your fruit in the refrigerator for 2 to 3 days.

If you are one to plan ahead, you can also freeze your cherries for up to one year, ensuring your access to a cherry whenever you have the urge.

To properly freeze cherries, rinse and dry the fruit and place them in a

zip-seal plastic bag. Close all but one inch of the bag, and then insert straw and suck out air, then fully seal.

Before using, cherries can be pitted with a cherry pitter or the tip of a vegetable peeler.

If you are baking the cherries, add a few drops of pure almond extract to intensify the cherry taste.

#### Cherry Facts

A serving size of cherries is about a cup full. They have 90 calories, 2g protein, 0g fat, 22g carbohydrate, 3g dietary fiber, and 0mg sodium. Vitamins and minerals include Vitamin A 100mg, Calcium 14mg, Magnesium 5mg as for antioxidants: Carotenoids 39mcg, and Ellagic Acid.

#### Nutrition per serving

Calories: 152  
Total Fat: 1  
Protein: 3g  
Sodium: 191mg  
Cholesterol: 0mg  
Carbohydrates: 35g

#### Ingredients

6 oz. cherry gelatin powder  
2 cups boiling water  
1-1/3 cup cold water  
6 oz fat free Cool Whip, thawed

#### Directions

Dissolve gelatin powder in boiling water.

Add cold water. Cool slightly.

Measure two cups, pour into heart molds.

Place in refrigerator and chill until slightly thickened, or about one hour.

Return remaining gelatin to refrigerator to chill slightly.

Fold in whipped topping.

Spoon over firm gelatin in molds. Chill until firm, or three hours.

Unmold by running smooth knife or spatula around top edge.

Dip in hot water five seconds.

If necessary, place in microwave set on defrost for 30 to 60 seconds.

Unmold each heart mold onto serving platter.

Recipe makes 6 servings.

## Academy Weekend: Here and Gone

By JACQUELYN WEISCHADLE

You could ask almost any LSU student who lives in the dorms and they could attest that the weekend of January 27-29 was anything but ordinary. It was University Experience for Seventh-day Adventist academies on the national level, an experience you might have had eons ago. But it is expected when they are coming from across the country to stay over the weekend and are bound to invade the cafeteria, the campus and classes. Friday was particularly swarming with academy students huddling in groups and clutching packed LSU promotion folders. You might recall those days, or promptly decided to forget them, as you walked around with no clue what class or department you were supposed to visit because you and your buddies ditched

the tour guide. Well, now that you're past that and on the opposite side of the occasion, everything's changed. They are the visitors and you are the resident, and they have no idea where anything is, which leads to the incessant wandering. Of all the things they decide they have to do, where they hang out takes precedent over every thing else. And of course when it comes to a place, it always happens to be in their host's room. If they leave, it's a minuscule chance they will lock the door on the way out. Count it lucky if they throw away their trash in the trash can, luckier if you get to sleep in your own bed. And what are we supposed to do? Stop worrying about it for now because it will be awhile before they swarm in again.

## LSU Homecoming 2006

By LSU PR

La Sierra's annual alumni weekend takes place Feb. 24-26, with the theme "Renew, relive, refresh!" featuring the new waterfalls. Highlights of the weekend include the Homecoming banquet with M.C. Jerry Davis '60 on Sun., Feb. 25, 5 p.m. in the Dining Commons, \$30/person. University employees are warmly welcome, especially those who know the honored alumni. This year's honorees are: Alumni of the Year: Bennett and Yvonne Lau '51; School of Business: Doug Rebok '72; School of Education: Shirley McIntyre '84 '94; School of Religion: James Kyle '73. Rising Star recipients are SE: Gale Gorke '85 '96 '99 and SB: SanDee Priser '94.

Sabbath services will feature Gordon Bietz '66, speaker for church service. Sabbath school lesson study will be given by Rick Rice '66. There will also be a mission/ministry feature with moderator Bonnie Dwyer '76

and interviewees Bennett & Yvonne Lau '51, Carolyn Roth Sutton '66 and Bob Schneider '56. Pianist Josh Tuburan '01 will give a mini concert during Sabbath school.

The traditional potluck follows church service. Faculty and staff are invited to bring salad and dessert and to stay and mingle with alumni. The Melashanko Family will perform at 4 p.m. in the LSU Church; all five brothers are La Sierra alumni. Sunday morning activities include a pancake breakfast (\$5/person) on Sculpture Plaza and a program of music and drama on the Hamilton Terrace.

Many on campus are already involved with Homecoming preparations, but it is not too late to add something to the schedule. To submit an event or for more information, email [alumni@lasierra.edu](mailto:alumni@lasierra.edu), or call ext. 2LSU. To view the complete Homecoming schedule, check <http://www.lasierra.edu/alumni>.

## "Cheap New World"

By LYNDSEY FEJERAN-BOLIVAR

La Sierra University's Brandstater Gallery presents the exhibit "Cheap New World," by Georg Burwick, Curator of the Digital Studio, at the University of California, Riverside, Photography Museum. The exhibit will run January 17 through February 16, 2006.

The public grand opening artist's reception will take place Monday, February 13 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Brandstater Gallery, in the Visual Arts Center at La Sierra University, 4500 Riverwalk Parkway, Riverside, CA.

In the exhibit Burwick "focuses on relationships formed with the 'objects' that fill our world and how these relationships inform the landscapes in which they are presented." The exhibit focuses on a single point perspective where Burwick frames the object.

"Filmatic space and its potential is the site for my current experimentation," he adds. "Enabled by virtual space and the viewers desire for the super-real, I chose to explore these objects and examine our notions of the super-real."

The Brandstater Gallery will be open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2:00-5:00 p.m. They are closed Friday, Saturday and all University holidays. For information call the Gallery at (951) 785-2959.



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## Campus Wins 2006 Beautification Award

By LSU PR

La Sierra University recently received second place in the 2006 Beautification Award, New Construction with Landscaping for the La Sierra University entrance, from the Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful and Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

The award was presented during

Mayor Ronald Loveridge's State of the City address that took place in the Riverside Convention Center.

The award was presented at the Mayor's State of the City Address on January 26, 2006 and presented from Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful and the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.



An aerial view of the Award Winning Campus Entrance.



Lawrence T. Geraty (second from left) accepts the 2006 second place Beautification Award for New Construction with Landscaping.

## Bastionettes

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friend, off-campus, and emergency time between all your work. If you can create a schedule and stick fairly close to it, perhaps even passing up on a midnight run for coffee so you can get a few more sleep hours, it'll go a long way to helping you make it through the quarter with your sanity intact. However, making sure you add in those "free time" hours is important. After all, a life with nothing but work is enough to make anyone go crazy. Work hard in the hours you have for work, but in the time dedicated to relaxation, do it with the skill of the most dedicated beach bums and you'll feel much better. Lastly, if you are lucky enough to have one of those jobs that enable

you to do homework in your spare time, I suggest you use that time for school stuff. I often get distracted by the ever tempting internet, but if you can avoid such traps it will allow you to have more fun in your remaining time. Good luck with your quarter!

DPS: Working thirty hours and taking fifteen units of classes, what's so difficult about the arduous and demanding task of using your full potential every day of the week? Oh dear, did I just say that aloud? Well, in all honesty, however, I must admit that your schedule certainly involves an overflowing and exhausting load by anyone's standards! To survive such a schedule will truly be

## Criterion Pauses to Appreciate Campus Beauty

Compiled by BRANDON HERRMANN

In light of La Sierra University's recent award for being beautiful, we at the *Criterion* realized that we don't spend enough time appreciating the campus aesthetically.

Please share with us a few moments so together we may bask in the bubbling pool of beauty that is La Sierra University.

Let the beauty cleanse your soul.



When the sun climbs over Sierra Towers, 1970s architecture really comes alive. When walking up the cement stairs, it is hard not to get choked up. Nothing beats coming on this beauty from the 91 and thinking, "I'm home."

Only after exploring the expansive grounds does one begin to understand the full scope of the word gorgeous. Nowhere else can you see nature so elegantly blended with human progress.



This ivory palace called South Hall is home to students as well as security. Those who live here are fortunate, but the luckiest souls are the residents of Sierra Towers who behold this sight every day.



Words cannot describe the transcendence of this photograph.

When showing this picture to your friends, please cherish their cries of awe with a moment of silence.



difficult, especially since all LSU students have other things besides class and work to worry about—everything from finances, to relationships, to clubs, to first service, etc.

For starters, I highly recommend that you make some time to put together a detailed schedule. Secondly, I would advise that you stick to your schedule as closely as possible, allowing for a few absolutely necessary changes that may have to be made. But since you are attending college, you most likely have already learned the art of planning. In this case, I would suggest being tighter with your schedule. Rest and relaxation is, of course, very important; but in order to get decent

grades, it would probably be best if you not include too many social activities. Since I am inclined to believe that the human mind craves social interaction, I would suggest making sure you find some time to spend with friends over the weekend. Sabbath, of course, will most assuredly come as a welcome break for you. Lastly and possibly most importantly, as much as you're already squeezing time here and there, it is indispensable that you set aside time each day for some form of exercise (as a form of releasing stress and slowing down), and it is equally essential that you try to eat as healthily as possible. Best wishes for a successful quarter!







## Election

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overseeing all of the Student Associations functions, such as the recent successful winter banquet held in the Orange Mining Company Restaurant on January 26, 2006. The social VP officer(s) also serves as a member of all committees and participates in the La Sierra Live Committee. The CABL director heads the Collegiate Advocate for Better Living and is responsible for the promotion of a Christian lifestyle and the organization and executions of activities relating to that. This year it has been done through the daily fitness and wellness exercises. Public Relations Director(s) create the artistic displays that advertises SALSU events which are shown in the cafeteria and other high traffic buildings. They make announcements in front of big crowds and promote the upcoming events. Publications Manager oversees the Criterion, Perspectives, and Visions editors and their respective publications. The Criterion editor busies himself or herself with publishing the bi-weekly paper on time and distributing the paper for the campus to read while the Perspectives editor is busy doing the same with the student directory. The Visions editor is in charge of the creation and pub-

lication of the yearbook. All of the editors are expected to uphold the standards and visions of the spiritual, social and scholastic aspects of LSU throughout their publications. The office of the Parliamentarian keeps the other officers and members of the meetings in line, making sure discussions are productive and not rowdy. The parliamentarian is also in charge of the Senate election and SALSU election. Last but not the least, the Secretary types meeting minutes, assuring officers are aware of what was discussed and voted on for future reference, and assist the president in his or her day to day tasks. Every elected officer are required to attend an eight week SALSU Academy as well as the SALSU retreat in the beginning of the school year. For most of the offices, the responsibilities are more than we might have imagined. Being in office is definitely an experience few are willing to endure. But not only does it build on that experience, it also teaches the tips and tricks of balancing many duties and the piling stress to get them done on time. Keep in mind that if the right person for the office is elected, it can be done. And deciding on that right person is up to you. So vote, and vote wisely.

## 2006 Expectations

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### Worries for the Weather

The catastrophic weather in 2005 left the world speechless.

From Tsunamis to Hurricanes, it seems as if the weather is never going to give us any breaks. The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) reports that 2006 will be the same.

UNEP said that last year had the highest record of incident since record keeping of weather began 150 years ago. Among the list were hurricanes, tornados, heavy rain in some areas, and drought in others.

Officials are concerned about the coastal areas and flood zones due to the current development in such high-risk areas.

### Religion or Science

The fight for intelligent design to be taught in public schools is growing.

Religious leaders and activists continue to stand strong in the belief of creation rather than natural selection.

A recent Gallup Poll shows that the majority of the American adult population agrees with the religious view about creation, yet the majority of scientists in America agree with the Darwinian Theory.

### Pandemics

The avian flu (H5N1), also known as the bird flu, is a major concern for 2006 because of growing possibilities that it could turn become a Pandemic. As reported by Dr. Jamie Love, the avian flu has killed about 100 million birds.

In 2005, the number of humans infected with the disease began to increase. To prepare for a possible major outbreak, researchers are striving aggressively to find vaccines for this dangerous and fast spreading disease.

BBC News reports that the flu has spread to many countries like Thailand, and Cambodia, and is also reaching Russia and Romania.

### Thursday, February 9

- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount w/ LSU ID
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)
- 11:00 AM - UW (LSUC)
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Christian Heritage College (San Diego)
- 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM - **SALSU Cosmic Bowling (AMF Lanes)**

### Friday, February 10

- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

### Saturday, February 11

- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
- 7:00 PM - Stahl Museum Film Night: "Seven Years in Tibet" (LSH 222)
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Men's Basketball vs. Chapman University (Orange)
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Chapman University (LSU)

### Sunday, February 12

- 7:00 PM - Stahl Museum Film Night: "The Last Emperor" (LSH 222)

### Monday, February 13

- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% off with LSU ID
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)
- 10:00 PM - Residential Life Winter Blessings (Meier Chapel)

### Tuesday, February 14

- Valentine's Day
- TBA - OSA Study Break Bash
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)
- 11:00 AM - **Spiritual Emphasis Week (La Sierra University Church)**
- 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle's Nest)
- 10:00 PM - Residential Life Winter Blessings (Angwin Chapel)

### Wednesday, February 15

- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% off with LSU ID
- 11:00 AM - **Spiritual Emphasis Week (La Sierra University Church)**
- 10:00 PM - Rendezvous (HMA)

### Thursday, February 16

- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- Residential Life Annual PB&J Blow-out (in Angwin after worship)
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)
- 11:00 AM - **Spiritual Emphasis Week (La Sierra University Church)**
- 6:30 PM - Campus Wide Meet The Firms Career Fair (Alumni Center)
- 8:00 PM - **SALSU Winter Talent Show (HMA)**
- 10:00 PM - Residential Life Winter Blessings (Angwin Chapel)

### Friday, February 17

- Residential Life National RA Recognition Day
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

### Saturday, February 18

- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Southwestern College-Phoenix (Phoenix, AZ)

### Sunday, February 19

### Monday, February 20

- Presidents' Day (No School)
- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% off with LSU ID

### Tuesday, February 21

- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)
- 11:00 AM - **Assembly: SALSU Elections (Gym; Required)**
- 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle's Nest)

### Wednesday, February 22

- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% off with LSU ID
- 10:00 PM - Rendezvous (HMA)

### Thursday, February 23

- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)
- 11:00 AM - UW (LSUC)
- 8:00 PM - Drama "American Sisters" (Matheson Chapel)

# SALSU ELECTION

FEBRUARY 22 . TUESDAY - 11 am . GYM

VOTE 4 the BEST Candidates  
for the '06-'07 school year!!!

## A day in the life of Anon

By MIKE TYLER

(The following is based loosely on true events, actual names have been withheld.)

Anon Omys was finally released from his last class of the day at five o'clock, so he headed straight to the cafeteria to replenish his body with nutrients. Over the last few months, eating at the Dining Commons had become little more than a required scientific process for survival. At times, he wished they would just sell small capsules of nutrients with no taste or texture. But, no such luck.

He grabbed a to-go box and started to fill it with strange looking mush in many different shades of brown. He thought about adding a salad for color purposes, but it was dominantly brown as well.

After paying for his food, he awkwardly juggled the box, a bottle of juice, a napkin, a plastic fork and knife, and his iPod. When the music was finally blaring in his ears, he trekked off towards Sierra Towers. His steps were energized by the music, and it was hard not to start singing along with the music only he could hear. It was a good thing his hands were full and he couldn't play air guitar. Those types of things weren't the greatest for social status.

When he finally ascended the mountain that lead to the men's dorm, he was very glad that he would be relaxing in his room soon enough. He was quite hungry, as this was the first meal he'd be eating this day. He'd slept past breakfast had and classes straight on until five, due to an obnoxiously scheduled and terribly pointless colloquium class. Needless to say, he was starving, and even the grey-brown mush was starting to smell appetizing.

He needed some time to rest alone in his room, and was glad that he had

no roommate this quarter. His lack of tidiness had finally worked to his advantage when his original roommate simply couldn't stand the mess piling up, and moved out over winter break. Anon had just never minded ants or any of the other wildlife that called his room a temporary home. He'd actually thought of building a bird house for the pair pigeons that frequented the window sill to munch at the pieces of day – or possibly week – old bread. He'd decided against it, though, as the pigeons had saved him the trouble and simply built a nest in a nearby tree. And who wouldn't love Squeaky the overweight squirrel? Well, he supposed no one really liked Squeaky, but that didn't matter. The squirrel was a welcome pet in Anon's room. He didn't really mind the ants, either. They took and ate things that Anon would otherwise have to throw away himself eventually.

Anon unlocked the room and shouldered his way past a pile of to go boxes piling up near the door. "It's ok, Squeaky," he called to his squirrel friend, "I'm home." Something felt wrong about his room. The squirrel hadn't come skittering up to him immediately hoping for more food. He glanced around the corner to his bed and saw a strange sight. The colony of ants had massed into a pile three feet high and ten inches in diameter at its base. Squeaky was dashing around the ants in a frenzy. A swarm of flies filled the room, and the pair of pigeons were perched in the window sill and immediately started squawking at him and glaring at him with a sort of malice only a pigeon could muster. At the sound, all the wildlife seemed to pause. Squeaky stopped and glared

up at him, mumbling something menacing in his high pitched squirrel talk. "Squeaky?" Anon asked nervously.

And just as his voice faded all havoc broke loose. The flies swarmed towards him, and the birds screeched without mercy while picking at his hair. The mass of ants was slowly approaching, and Squeaky seemed unable to control his excitement as he chattered and bounced around the room aimlessly.

Anon protected his box of food from a diving pigeon. While holding the precious food with his left hand, he brandished his plastic knife in his right, swiping and jabbing at the swarming flies and birds. The ant mass was closing, and he released a roundhouse kick, knocking off the top half. They scattered, but the horde kept coming, and Squeaky seemed to have found himself, and was now bouncing slowly towards him with malevolence in his eye.

The ant pile reformed and finally met him, scurrying around his lower body. His legs instinctively started to kick and dance as if he had, well, ants in his pants. The flies massed so thickly around his head that he couldn't see, and soon the birds were pecking at his arms and shoulders without mercy. He screamed in agitation, and felt Squeaky jump onto his chest, knocking him over and forcing him to drop the food. He slashed violently with his weapon, but couldn't hold off the horde. They'd taken over the room! He had no hope of survival! Anon's bellows slowly died as his energy drained. The plastic knife slashed with less fervor, and his arm finally dropped to exhaustion. The animals had taken over, and he finally regretted the mess of his room.

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## What do you do think keeps the "spice" in a relationship?

Compiled by JENNIFER LEE



**KEANNA  
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"It's the small, thoughtful things that matter. So, I would be there for him as best as I could, and pray that things work out for the best for us."



**MICHAEL  
WOGU**  
Graduate  
Business

"Try not to bore each other with too much time together."



**CHRISTINA  
WIDMER**  
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"Nothing — My relationships are non-existent."



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"Trying new things together and always keeping the ladies laughing and smiling."

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**Wierd Beard**

By LARRY PENA



(Larry in 20 years)

Ahh, February. This is always a special time of year for me, a very important month. It's not St. Valentine's Day that stirs my heart. It's not Groundhog Day that puts spring into my step. It's not even Black History Month, despite my love and respect for my brothers of another color.

This special month is set aside for us men to show who we are. To stand tall and strong, and display our manhood proudly for all to see.

HEY! Stop snickering! I'm talking about our beards!

This is the time of year I like to call Facial Hair February, and it is a time like no other. All year long, we are slaves to our razors. We grind sharp blades across our faces, day in and day out, in an effort to glimmer up our images. We want to look classy. We want to look clean. We want to impress girls by showing them that, hey, maybe we're not so different after all. Well, I say, for just one month of the year, enough is enough!

It's a bold move, I know. Some of us have fancy jobs. Some of us, let's face it, are a little patchy. Some of us have girlfriends...girlfriends who whine and complain when I...I mean we men...go two days without putting blade to face. But we're men. Bold moves come with the bait and tackle.

Think about it. Some of the greatest, most powerful, most influential men in history have sported gratuitous facial hair. Abraham Lincoln! Lawrence T. Geraty! Chewbacca! Jesus! Imagine—for 28 glorious days, we can join this noble fraternity.

Some of you have already started. I see you, Shane Bickner, like ZZ Top in a John Deer hat. I see you Dennis Asenjo, the red-headed freshman goat man. I see you, Daniel Polemini, straight out of the Old Testament. And I see you Shaun Loo, grappling with genetics itself to push those whiskers through. To each of you I say Well done, sir. You are truly men.

So here's what I propose. For the month of February, just 28 days, be that mountain man, that lumberjack, that prehistoric hunter that nature meant you to be. Neither shave nor trim. Not a Bic, not a straight blade, not even a stupid waste-of-time electric. Unleash all the facial hair you can muster. No matter if we look scruffy, ratty, shaggy, or even homeless. Let all men of La Sierra look homeless together.

Shave on January 31. Shave, if you must, on March 1. Be a man for 28 days in between. It's Facial Hair February.



**JENNIFER LEE**  
Junior  
Liberal Studies

"Their delectable, mouth-watering Five Cheese Ziti al Forno dish, baked and served with marinara sauce, herbed ricotta, parmesan, romano, fontina, and mozzarella cheese. This Italian sensation also includes a luscious slice of Chocolate Fudge Pound Cake, drizzled with white chocolate to make a delightfully decadent dessert..."



**ARTHUR BROWN**  
Sophomore  
Business

"They actually serve food? My favorite food would have to be the water."



**HENRY FROHLICH**  
Sophomore  
Business

"Before I started boycotting the cafeteria, I used to eat the week old rice, the brown lettuce, and the burned grillers."



**LAQUITA EASON**  
Junior  
Premed/Biochemistry

"The cheesy rice surprise thing with the mushrooms and the veggie meat. It looks nasty but it tastes good."

*A Bonus photo poll is on Page 9!*

**The Bastionettes of Wisdom**

Ms. Divine and Dr. Pinder-Schloss

Welcome to a new quarter! In case any of you are picking up this newspaper for the first time, I am Miss. Divine—resident expert on all things relating to...well...everything. My colleague, Dr. Pinder-Schloss (expert on everything else) and I are here to answer your questions. Of course this excludes such suspicious questions as "I have a...flight...to Kenya and was wondering about the history of Adventism in that country." We can redirect such questions however, so feel free to send them in if you must. For any questions that are sent to our email, lsuadvice@gmail.com, and selected for this column we offer the tantalizing reward of a gift certificate for Say What?! coffee house.

This takes us to our lucky ques-

tioner of the week, Swamped with Work. Swamped has contacted us to ask what he should do to survive taking fifteen units and an additional thirty hours of work every week.

MD: Oh you poor guy! I think we've all been in that boat at some point in the past. I would ask if it were necessary that you work that many hours, but I bet you wouldn't be writing in if the solution were that obvious. If I'm correct, my next suggestion would be to plan your time in a detailed schedule. It might sound silly to write out a diagram with such things as "Eat" "Sleep" and "Study" but I think you should make it even more ridiculous and attempt to plan in such things as

see *BASTIONETTES* on page 7

**Sudoku**—Sudoku is a Japanese Puzzle that appears in news papers across Japan. The object is to fill each column, row, and 3x3 square with numbers 1-9 without repeating a number. Beware of addiction!

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**Scrumptious Affair**

By WILL GILE

Inevitably that special time of year has come—time to strive and achieve in what is know as the greatest sporting event of the year.

I'm talking of course about the annual La Sierra University Winter Banquet. Yes my friends, it is here, a chance to ask that special someone out to share a romantic evening.

I know, I know, you thought that once you graduated from academy there would be no more banquets—no more great chances to get dressed up, take pictures, and eat luscious meals with someone you totally and wonderfully tolerate. Think again.

Inside the cafeteria, a social hot-spot on campus, I asked a few students how they were dealing with this impending social climax.

Dale Enderius, a Sophomore Biology major, said he doesn't stress over it. Then he shared his secret to asking a girl out to the banquet. "First, you put a little extra sugar in their coffee, to make them a little hyper, then BAM!—pop the question."

I should take this opportunity to bring up the ethical dilemma posed by sugar—for those of you concerned with the manufactured nature of granulated sugar, might I suggest using honey instead.

Sajeel Hameed, a Junior Business major, raised another concern. "I just can't find the right person to ask right now. It's really too much of a headache; I need to find someone fast before all the quality girls are taken."

The *Criterion* wishes all the best to Sajeel and the difficult task he faces. But is his plight necessary?

Some students aren't thinking

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## Bush Proposes 2007 Budget, Education Cuts

By DANIEL TARANGO

President Bush recently released his \$2.77 trillion budget proposal 2007. The proposal calls for major cuts to programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, and other health services. There are also proposed cuts in education and college aid.

The only groups that appear to gain from this budget would be the wealthy by way of more permanent tax cuts, and the military.

The most controversial cuts are to Medicare. Bush's budget calls for \$39 billion in cuts over the next five years, including \$6.4 billion from Medicare and \$4.7 billion from Medicaid. The Medicare cuts would affect health research by subtracting 4.4% in annual research spending for diabetes and heart failure treatment. In addition, \$5 billion would be cut over the next five years from health services for low-income people, many of which are children. The money would come from the many free clinics and immunization centers in the inner-city and rural areas.

The proposed educational cuts would leave behind 70,000 high school math and science teachers by cutting spending on their training. There is also a proposed cut of \$15 billion for after school programs, programs for the arts, and Head Start programs. Additional cuts will lessen the money available for student financial aid, putting additional strain on college students.

Despite the many cuts outlined in the budget proposal, there are areas of massive spending. Oil companies would receive \$4 billion for drilling in the Arctic National Wild Refuge. This expense is suspect because Congress has continually blocked drilling in the arctic refuge in Alaska because it houses numerous species on the endangered list.

Elsewhere in the proposal, Bush has set aside \$439.3 billion for the military, although this money does cover the war in Iraq and Afghanistan—the war will cost an additional \$120 billion.

There was compassion shown by Bush's budget plan. He did vow to defend a group of citizens that he

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Sola House Director Ron Bowes and his wife stand outside their Sola House project. The couple plans to make the house into a place of support for people with disabilities.

## Sola House Article

By RENEE HESS

SOLA house, located just off the La Sierra University campus, doesn't look like much. It's just a small white house on a residential street with a simple sign above the front porch. Many people who pass by probably don't even know what it is.

But the truth behind SOLA house is actually quite remarkable. A Christian ministry for the blind, SOLA house is the brainchild of Ron Bowes, an employee of Christian Record Services. Based in Lincoln, Nebraska, Christian Record Services is a ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist church that offers free magazines, Bibles, and summer camp opportunities to children and adults who are visually impaired. Bowes has worked with this organization for nine years, as well as teaching at Andrews University, Union College, and here at La Sierra University. Last year, Bowes decided he wanted to do more, and came up with the idea of SOLA house. In June 2005, Bowes dedicated SOLA house to God and to the people of Riverside, bringing his dreams of community service to the La Sierra campus.

The reason Bowes is so excited for La Sierra University to become involved in this disability service project is because of a man named Justin Dart. Dart, who passed away in 1993, was the creator of the Americans with Disabilities Act which passed in 1990, and was also an alumnus of La Sierra University. Bowes envisions a service project that will include La Sierra University students as well as the entire community—an endeavor that would have made Dart proud.

In addition to services for the blind, SOLA house provides rich service learning opportunities to the SDA academies in the area, such as La Sierra Academy and Loma Linda Academy. Students from these schools participated in a miniature golf tournament back in November 2005 by helping and cheering on their teammates, who just happened to be blind.

SOLA house is currently in collaboration with California Baptist University on a very special project. On Saturday March 11, the National

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## Chris Estay Unveils Married Life

By WILL GILE

Since Valentine's day has just passed, and everyone is exhausted from trying to put on a romantic evening, the Criterion sent me out to get the scoop on how LSU's married students are doing, so I interviewed LSU's unofficial spokesman of married life, Chris Estay, a junior business pre-seminary major.

Will Gile: So Chris, how are you doing today?

Chris Estay: I'm doing pretty good, Will

WG: I understand that you are only 21 years of age, yet you are a married man. Don't you feel that you're a little young to be married?

CE: Yes and No. Yes because most wait until they're done with college, and no because age is nothing but a number and it all depends on the maturity of the couple.

WG: Now a lot of us students here at La Sierra would like to get married someday, but we're not really sure how you go about doing it. I've talked to some people about it, and they still can't give me a good answer. How does this marriage thing actually work?

CE: Well it works like a bank. In order to withdraw, you have to deposit first. As much effort as you put into it, that's what you're going to get out of it.

WG: Would you consider yourself a "whipped" husband, or are you free to do the things you did before you were married?

CE: I'll say this, I don't have as much freedom as I did, and some people might consider that to be "whipped." But in marriage you make sacrifices because you love the person you are with so much, and the sacrifices are really just acts of love.

WG: -So how'd you know when to bust the big question?

CE: I knew that if we kept dating, our relationship would've gotten worse, we would've gone backward. I think it's detrimental to drag out a relationship five or six years. It's like a fruit on a tree: you have to pick it when it's ripe, you can't let it sit there too long.

WG: What's your advice for students who are tangled up in a relationship right now?

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## Budget

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calls his core and his base. His big Texas sized heart did not forget about the wealthy minority in our nation. Bush called for the tax cuts for the rich to become permanent. These cuts would account for \$1.4 trillion over the next 10 years. His rationale for this is that the privileged on top the social pyramid would create the jobs and be generous enough to let the wealth trickle down to those of us at the bottom.

Bush defends his budget plan saying that, "my administration has focused the nation's resources on our highest priorities—protecting the homeland and our citizens."

He has priorities straight all right—to benefit his rich friends. They are the ones who will not sacrifice to pay for Bush's war on terror. When there are cuts in education and increases in military spending, the effect is that the only opportunity for poor for students to receive a college education is to risk dying in a war for scholarship money—like living in poor third-world conditions with no health care and after school programs isn't hard enough.

## Sola House

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Association of Christians in Special Education is having their second annual meeting on the Cal Baptist campus, located about two blocks from the Arlington SDA Church. Bowes is currently organizing a Sabbath morning service at Arlington SDA Church focusing on Disability Awareness, as well as a Sunday morning breakfast at SOLA house on March 12 followed by an afternoon meeting mirroring the one at Cal Baptist the day before. This innovative gathering will include the keynote speaker from Cal Baptist, Dr. Jeff McNair, welcoming the community as well as the faculty and students from La Sierra.

Ron Bowes seems like a busy man. He enjoys his job and says that working with the blind "gives a great deal of insight". He tells me that the Mission Statement of SOLA house is this: We help the blind see Jesus. Now doesn't that sound like something you would like to be a part of? For information on SOLA house, contact the Service Learning Department, extension 2185.

**SALSU.CABL.NEWS:**  
**"SUPERSIZE ME"**  
 movie  
 Thurs. Feb. 23  
 8 PM  
 student center

## Editorial: Immigration Bill Threatens Rights

By DANIEL TARANGO

After the terrorist attacks on 9/11, Americans gathered together and proudly displayed their flags—I was one of them. But underneath this nationalistic revival, something ugly began to happen. Many people in the U.S. began to target immigrants as a foreign enemy as a sense of nativism swept the nation. With it came the cry to suppress immigration from Latin nations, especially Mexico. We see the vigilante Minutemen patrolling the border with guns looking for immigrants. Nativist pundits like Pat Buchanan and Lou Dobbs go on television proclaiming that there is an invasion from the south and that the Anglo-Saxon protestant ideals of America are threatened.

I myself, born and raised in the United States, have been called "wetback" and "illegal" many times, something I have never been called before the 9/11 attacks. But now things have turned for the worse with Congress's new immigration bill—House Resolution 4437. The bill states that anybody who assists an undocumented immigrant can be arrested and charged with a felony and may face up

to 5 years in prison. This would include churches, non-profit organizations, good Samaritans, or anyone caught giving even a ride to an undocumented immigrant. If you are stopped for a minor traffic violation, anyone inside who "fits the description" of an immigrant would be asked to provide documentation. This bill would give jail time to priests, pastors, nuns, or any church official caught helping an undocumented immigrant.

HR4437 was co-authored by New York congressman Peter King, Rep. 3rd district, and has so far been passed by the House of Representatives and is on its way to the Senate. Not since Proposition 187 has there been an immigration bill that violates human rights so blatantly. (Proposition 187 denied the children of undocumented immigrants the ability to receive health care or participate in Head Start programs; it was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court). HR4437 scares many in the Latino community because it has the potential to trample many rights in the blind march for national security. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales claims that the bill is

constitutional and protects national security. But this scramble for security ignores one thing: immigrants—with or without documentation—are not terrorists. Immigrants put more into our economy than they take. They simply want the chance to improve their lives. Most often, they do this by providing the rich and/or the ungrateful with cheap work, service and convenience.

Human rights are at stake. A new potential for human rights violation emerges as the duty of enforcing immigration laws has been taken from the Justice Department and given to the Department of Homeland Security. The perception of such a change is that all immigrants are a threat to the United States and are the enemy in the war against terrorism. Such an allegation will effectively strip immigrants of their inalienable human rights.

In a land built by immigrants, it is immoral for Buchanan, Dobbs, and Congressman King, as well as other Nativist, to deny Latino-Americans—indigenous and native—the same opportunities afforded to their ancestors.

## Letter to the Editor:

### Response to the Feb. 9, 2006 article "D.C. Lobbyist Swindles Tribe"

By Un-signed Editor's note: Letter has been edited for spelling only

In response to the again ridiculous and bias assertions by Daniel Tarango's article, "D.C. Lobbyist Swindles Tribe." The article is purely bias with a liberal agenda.

Fact One: Tom Delay didn't step down because of the Abramoff scandal. Mr. Delay had to step down because of his own party rules in light of an investigation. These false charges are still being investigated. When Delay is cleared, I expect Tarango to mention this in one of his ridiculous articles. To bring unwarranted charges against Delay was the only way to get him out of politics. But don't worry he will be back.

Fact two: the statement "Abramoff deal sent Republican's running," is another laughable assertion. Tarango does not want you to know that Harry

Reid, head of the senate democrats, collected nearly \$68,000 in donations from Abramoff's firm. After Reid received these donations, he wrote four letters helpful to Indian tribes represented by Jack Abramoff, according to the Friday, Feb. 10, 2006 addition of the Riverside Press Enterprise associated press article. Will you hear this from Tarango? No. It is because Tarango has a liberal agenda. All we ask is that Tarango be balanced in his assertions. If he can do this then there would be validity to his articles and people just might start believing him and liking the *Criterion*. Every political article he writes is junk and laughable.

Editor's Response:

Whoever you are, thank you for your opinion. You are the first person this

year to submit a written response or opinion.

First of all, you are correct in your assertion that Tarango has a liberal slant, you must be very clever. In his defense, he signs his name to what he writes.

I do share your concern that such a bias may effect an un-balanced newspaper. However, we hope that the readers recognize that we do not have a large enough staff to represent all sides. We would like to offer more points of view, but most of the rightists on this campus are busy studying the business model of Halliburton, and do not have time to offer their perspective.

Finally, in order to start some kind of conversation, we have tried to push the envelope in order to stimulate reader response. Thank you again for your letter.

## Food-o-phile

By BETHANY MORSE, CABL Director

February is the month when people focus on their hearts, both emotionally and physically. For more than 30 years, the American Heart Association has recommended that people "cut back on fat and increase their consumption of carbohydrates and fiber-rich fruit, vegetables, legumes and whole grains in order to lower the risk of developing heart disease. These nutrient-rich foods may help lower blood cholesterol levels, prevent fatty accumulation in blood vessel walls that leads to heart disease and possibly protect heart tissue from damage." However, eating well is only half the battle against heart disease - don't forget to exercise daily.

### Featured Food

This week's featured food is actually a mineral, namely calcium. Calcium

maintains strong bones and teeth, regulates heartbeat assists with blood clotting. Osteoporosis can be caused by insufficient calcium intake as a youngster. Almonds, broccoli, escarole, for-

tified soymilk, kale, peanuts, spinach, tofu, turnip greens are great sources to find calcium. Adults need 1,000 mg/day and 1,200mg/day for menopausal women.

### Hummus

Easy to make and great in sandwiches, as a dip, or just being creative.

#### Ingredients:

1 can chick peas (400 g), drained  
 2 Tbsp. oil  
 2-3 cloves garlic  
 2 Tbsp. tahini  
 Juice of 1 lemon  
 Water

#### Directions:

Spin it all in a blender until fairly smooth.  
 Serve with pita bread.

**Thursday, February 23**

- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- 6:00AM-7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)
- 8:00 PM - Drama "American Sisters" (Matheson Chapel)
- 8:00 PM - SALSU.CABL presents "Super Size Me" (Student Center)

**Friday, February 24**

- Alumni Weekend
- 2:00 PM - Drama "American Sisters" (Matheson Chapel)
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)
- 8:00 PM - Drama "American Sisters" (Matheson Chapel)

**Saturday, February 25**

- Alumni Weekend
- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
- 8:00 PM - Drama "American Sisters" (Matheson Chapel)
- 10:00 PM - 4:00 AM - SALSU Dodge Ball Tournament (Gym)

**Sunday, February 26**

- Alumni Weekend
- 8:00 PM - Drama "American Sisters" (Matheson Chapel)

**Monday, February 27**

- Eating Disorders Awareness Week
- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% discount with LSU ID
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)

**Tuesday, February 28**

- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter

- Work-out (Fitness Center)
- 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle's Nest)

**Wednesday, March 1**

- Women's History Month
- Women's Health Month
- American Red Cross Month
- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% discount with LSU ID
- 10:00 PM - Rendezvous (HMA)

**Thursday, March 2**

- Last day to submit an S/U petitioner withdraw with a "W"
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)
- 8:00 PM - SALSU Winter Talent Show (HMA)

**Friday, March 3**

- National Nutrition Month
- National Craft Month
- Save Your Vision Month
- SALSU Beach Vespers (Corona Del Mar)
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

**Saturday, March 4**

- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
- 10:00 AM - SALSU Church on Campus (Sierra Vista Chapel)

**Sunday, March 5****Monday, March 6**

- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% discount with LSU ID

- National Foreign Language Week
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)

**Tuesday, March 7**

- National Foreign Language Week
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)
- 11:00 AM - Assemblies by Schools (Various Locations; Required)
- 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle's Nest)

**Wednesday, March 8**

- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% discount with LSU ID
- National Foreign Language Week
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Cholesterol Testing (Campus Mall)
- 10:00 PM - Rendezvous (HMA)

**Thursday, March 9**

- National Foreign Language Week
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)
- 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM - SALSU Broomball: Bring LSU ID & \$2 (IceTown)

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**Murder**

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not the year, in full by the time mid-terms come around. If a student did, in fact, die, all of that money very likely stays in the pockets of the administration.

Mid-terms, though, is not the only time in which students feel a deadly amount of academic pressure. Many reports have been logged near the end of each quarter during the weeks known cryptically as Dead Week and Finals Week. "Man, during Dead Week, I just feel like I'm about to, well, die," said junior Music major John Doe.

While the alleged attempts at murder are concentrated during these specific times of the academic year, many theorists have suggested that the University keeps a subtle effort throughout. The questionable food at the cafeteria has long been a health concern that has been neglected, but fresh theories about the crowded lines after University-wide assemblies have begun to surface. "We think that the rush to the cafeteria after Tuesday and Thursday assemblies is a very dangerous event," said an anonymous representative from the anonymous research team. "Students tend to jog or even run across the streets and through the bumpy grass. Ankles can be sprained and knees can be twisted. Someone could even be hit

by a car."

But, the danger doesn't end when the student reaches their destination in line. "The line for the cafeteria could be the most dangerous place of all," continued the representative. "Students are anxious and hungry after a long morning of classes and sitting in assembly. Fist fights and riots could easily break out." While there may never be hard evidence that all of these harsh coincidences have been caused by the University, it is evident that the students' health may be at risk.

**Bastionettes**

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essentially what you are doing? Believe me, there will be days— though it may not seem so at the moment— when you will be bored and have absolutely nothing to do... what better way to spend a sluggish day than by playing "WoW"? But now, there's homework, tests to pass, a degree to look forward to, and besides all that, there's friends, and socials, and other fun stuff... why, there's the whole world out there to experience, while you're sitting at your computer playing "WoW". Why don't you try something new for a change, like playing your favorite sport, or go-

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CE: Know what type of person you want, don't settle for anything less. Depend on God one hundred percent. Never let anybody tell you what life you should be living. Know what you want out of a relationship. If you're dating just to date, that's fine, but always make sure the relationship is headed in the right direction. Last but not least, stay pure.

WG: Did you participate in facial hair February?

CE: I thought this was Black History Month.

ing out for a movie, or hanging out with friends. It will, of course, be hard, at first, and I am certainly not suggesting you quit all together. However, if you give yourself a timeframe, things might be a lot easier. For example, do homework for an hour or two, and then play a while. This "reward-yourself" method might work. All in all, make sure you spend a little time with yourself everyday, reflecting on what you did, making sure you do not fall back into the addiction, and making sure all other areas of your life are satisfactory to your standards and wishes.

**LSU Murder Scandal**

By MIKE TYLER

*Editor's note: This is a work of fiction.*

Recent studies suggest that La Sierra University may be plotting to kill many of its students for financial reasons. The study, conducted by an anonymous student research group, produced evidence suggesting that during the middle and at the end of each academic quarter, the University puts forth action that may purposefully be causing students physical and mental harm, much of which may be fatal. Though no numbers were confirmed, it is rumored that as many as three students per term have died during mid-terms and finals. This quarter has seen even more action by the University that many have interpreted to be directly harmful to the student body.

The study put forth arguments showing that a conspiracy involving a large majority of the faculty has succeeded in putting students through extreme stress, which can lead to mental breakdowns and other hazardous medical conditions. This conspiracy, known to both students and professors alike, is known as "mid-terms." During mid-terms, nearly all of the school is proctoring major tests that usually determine a large percentage of the students' grades. Many classes require large mid-term projects as well, and when all of these projects and tests fall within a period of a week, the result is devastating to the student population. "I'm not sure what to do," said Faye Kname, a freshmen biological chemistry major. Faye could not complete the interview due to an ensuing emotional breakdown and the need to study for two separate tests.

This mid-term period has been especially devastating, as the students have been feeling a large amount of other pressures. Many wish to watch the Winter Olympics, but can't find time due to constant study or work. As well, the University scheduled Spiritual Emphasis Week during mid-terms, which requires a majority of the student body to attend three assemblies in the middle of the day, taking up even more precious study time.

The research group states that all of this is likely driven by financial greed. "Apparently the money students lose on their café cards at the end of each term isn't enough." Many students have paid their bill for the quarter, if

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**MELISSA BROOKS**  
Freshman  
Business Management

"A witty woman is a treasure...A witty beauty is a power..."

~George Meredith~



**CHRIS AIKEN**  
Junior  
Psychology

"Get busy livin' or get busy dyin."



**BRANDI BAYUS**  
Freshman  
Psychology

"I rock and you don't."



**JACETA**  
Junior  
Psychology/Business

"To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance..."

~Oscar Wilde~

**The Bastionettes of Wisdom**

Ms. Divine and Dr. Pinder-Schloss

Welcome, one and all, to another installation of the Criterion advice column. I, Ms. Divine, will be your hostess for our time together. Before I begin with this week's question, I regret to announce that the offer for a free Say What?! Certificate, delivered upon the appearance of YOUR question in this paper, must be rescinded due to their closing at the end of this month. However, we will be replacing it with an equivalent certificate from the Coffee Depot, so please continue to send in your questions to lsuadvice@gmail.com.

This week, we have "Lost in Azeroth" writing to us about his addiction to on-line games. Apparently this poor fellow has taken to skipping classes and traveling around campus and the greater Riverside area in search of more consistent internet, in order to spend time with his level 35 Night Elf "Leroy" in World of Warcraft.

MD: Hail good sir! While I appreciate the lure of on-line games, myself wanting to be able to join in on this whole "WoW" craze, some people may say that you are taking it a bit too far. When games intrude on your life so much so that you begin to waste \$20,000+ a year tuition, you might want to start thinking about that whole "Hello, My name is XY and I have a problem" route. That doesn't mean you should have to quit playing altogether. Instead, limit yourself to set times of play. As you mentioned in your letter, the men's dorm is known for its poor connection to the game servers.

Perhaps if you took advantage of that and only played when you went home or had access to more secure Internet, you could break away from your addiction. If that isn't an option, you could continue to take a page from the alcoholic's anonymous help groups and find yourself a buddy. Have that buddy hold you accountable to your limits on game time, so you do not have to try to break the addiction alone. Otherwise, you may find yourself standing on the side of the road someday with a large "Will Work for Internet and Access to WoW" sign. And nobody wants to be that person.

DPS: Oh my, oh my... addictions can be such hideous affairs, particularly when they start overturning, absorbing, and demolishing your life... ok, a bit exaggerated, maybe, but it certainly sounds like the path you have chosen. Addictions (even if they be something as seemingly preposterous and ludicrous as online games—a joke people,

a joke... I fully understand the seriousness of this craze) are unsettling. The hardest part about them, of course, is admitting you are addicted and seeking help. Obviously, you have conquered this first part, as you have come to us for advice. I want to make sure, however, that you are completely aware of the gravity of your problem. When things start getting in the way of an expensive educational opportunity, you really ought to re-evaluate your priorities. While playing "WoW" is incredibly fun (not that I would ever play such a game), failing classes, spending more than five years at LSU, and neglecting the million of other exciting things in this world, are not very wise choices. As they say, you are only young once. Why would you want to waste all your days sitting in front of a computer screen, moving objects on a screen, when you have all these bright, happy days ahead of you? Isn't that es-

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**SUDOKU**—Back by popular demand (my dad liked it). The object is to fill each column, row, and 3x3 square with numbers 1-9 without repeating a number. Beware of addiction.

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**Back Page Award**

**"Facial Hair February Hero"**



As Facial Hair February draws to a close, we see that one man, Shane Bickner, aka "Spud," has fully embodied the heart and soul of this special holiday. We know that some of you are growing weak and are tempted to shave, but let this man be an example to you—live...nay, grow out Facial Hair February to its fullest.



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## College Pricing Trends

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

In 2003, the House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce stated that "America's higher education system is facing a crisis."

It has become common knowledge that college prices are continually rising. The College Board Office of Public Affairs published a table on the college pricing trends from 1976-2006 on the constant dollar. The price in 1976 for a private four-year university was \$8,458. Today the cost is \$21,235.

Currently, La Sierra University costs more than the average private university. At the end of this school year, a dorm student at La Sierra University will have paid \$24,327.

Despite rising tuition, prices are not necessarily related to the quality of education offered by a university. An undergraduate four-year degree at Harvard is \$28,752, while at USC it costs \$30,703.

Despite the rising costs, enrollment is on the rise. The Society for College and University Planning stated that enrollment is growing at four-year campuses. The member of the Council

for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) are having the fastest growth in student numbers, and recent research by the Higher Education Research Institute states that these faith-based schools are not only attracting their own members, but also others seeking the same type of education. This rapid growth might be too much for these schools to take on without state support.

So what is being done? Experts say not to be intimidated by the sticker price of college because there is financial aid available. This year, the government has increased the price of aid to \$129 billion according to The College Board Office of Public Affairs. The Pell Grant, Stafford Loan and Federal Work Study Programs are some of the choices of aid given by the government.

The increase of government aid is helpful to those who qualify. But poverty levels are rising, and a growing portion of the population who are stranded between poverty and middle class will not be able to afford college despite available scholarships.

## Rotation Of Earth Plunges Entire North American Continent Into Darkness

By THEONION.COM

NEW YORK—Millions of eyewitnesses watched in stunned horror Tuesday as light emptied from the sky, plunging the U.S. and neighboring countries into darkness. As the hours progressed, conditions only worsened.

Satellite view at 4:50 p.m. EST shows the sun disappearing from the sky.

At approximately 4:20 p.m. EST, the sun began to lower from its position in the sky in a westward trajectory, eventually disappearing below the horizon. Reports of this global emergency continued to file in from across the continent until 5:46 p.m. PST, when the entire North American mainland was officially declared dark.

As the phenomenon hit New York, millions of motorists were forced to use their headlights to navigate through the blackness. Highways flooded with commuters who had left work to hurry home to their families. Traffic was bottlenecked for more than two hours in many major metropolitan areas.

Across the country, buses and trains are operating on limited schedules and will cease operation shortly after 12 a.m. EST, leaving hundreds of thousands of commuters in outlying areas effectively stranded in their homes.

Despite the high potential for danger and decreased visibility, scientists say they are unable to do anything to restore light to the continent at this time.

"Vast gravitational forces have rotated the planet Earth on an axis drawn through its north and south poles," said Dr. Elena Bilkins of the National Weather Service. "The Earth is in actuality spinning uncontrollably through space."

Bilkins urged citizens to remain calm, explaining that the Earth's rotation is "utterly beyond human control."

"The only thing a sensible person can do is wait it out," she said.

Commerce has been brought to a

see NORTH AMERICA on page 4



A line of brave and ready dodgeballers dare the other team to "Bring it."

## Dodgeball Tournament a Smashing Success

By WILL GILE

At approximately 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26, the happenings inside the La Sierra University Gym were barbaric and chaotic. Tempers were flaring, men were sweating, and balls were flying.

It was time for Dodgeball. The history of this sport remains a mystery, though some rumors hint that the ancient Mayans started it as a ritual to the Gods. Others believe it started here in America when kids in the Great Depression were so poor the only entertainment they could find was to throw balls at each other. One thing is for sure, the sport finally made its way to the campus of La Sierra and its coming was long been past due.

With eight teams in the brackets and only one walking away with the first place prize (gift certificates to Sports Chalet), competition was in the air. The format was a round robin, with each team playing each other once, and then going on to single elimination

playoffs. Some of the teams donned uniforms, while others dressed in tights, thus creating no resistance for the dodging motion. While the sport was meant to be co-ed, only one woman actually showed up to participate, causing a loss of respect for the female Dodgeballers (save one) who were to afraid to "bring it."

As the first games began and the first balls were thrown, no one really knew which team had the better Dodgeballers. But as the night drew on, the Jacques, a team of six males from fourth floor of Sierra Towers looked like they were the favorites. With the arm of Nick Jackson and the gracefulness of Ronson Wolfe, this team had what it takes to make it to the top. Only two other teams, the Condors, and Hit and Run seemed to have a shot at stopping them.

Team Hit and Run had a secret weapon in the arm of Kenny Aguirre, see DODGEBALL on page 5



Ryan Robinson, Senior Business Finance, examines what the firms have to offer. For story, see page 2.

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## Blind Woman Gains Sight

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

For Mrs. Urch of Coventry, England, "I was blind, but now I see" is a literal statement. According to the Telegraph Group of the United Kingdom Press Joyce Urch regained her eye sight after 25 years of being blind.

Mrs. Urch was diagnosed with glaucoma when her eyesight began to deteriorate and soon after she became blind. Yet 16 months ago Joyce Urch suffered from a heart attack, admitting her into the Walgrave Hospital in Coventry and for three days the doctors struggled for her life. After being in a coma Joyce woke up with a whole new perspective on life, and her eye sight!

This is the first time Joyce Urch is able to see her five children clearly since she became blind and now she can see her 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her husband Mr. Urch is ecstatic and doesn't care if the reason is scientific or labeled as a miracle all he knows is that the Urch family is overjoyed by Joyce's recovery.

Although Doctors don't exactly know why this happened to Joyce, Dr. Deepinder Dhaliwal, director of the Laser/Vision Center at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center commented on Joyce Urch's recovery. As asked by ABC News Dhaliwal diagnoses two theories to why Mrs. Urch's sight was regained, one reason being dislocation of cataracts which is the most reversible blindness because of the clouding of the lenses in the eye. Another diagnosis is that Mrs. Urch was suffering from functional blindness, where something going on in the brain blocks the persons sight for example and traumatic event could trigger this effect.

Altogether Mrs. Urch's recovery is miraculous and one of a kind. This event has left medical personnel searching for answers, the Urch family with happiness and praise, and all others baffled.

## Meet the Firms

By LARRY PENA, LSU PR

La Sierra University's School of Business hosted its 22nd annual Meet the Firms night Thursday, February 16. Representatives from about 40 companies gathered in the La Sierra University Alumni Center to meet with prospective employees from La Sierra University's student body. Among the companies were: Century 21 Insurance, Chase Home Finance, Adventist Health, Walgreens, Nordstrom, Sav-On Drugs, and Infiniti Motors. Two companies even sent former La Sierra University students as their representatives.

"We've had many students connect with internship programs," says Cheryl Bauman, La Sierra University coordinator of student services for the School of Business. "We also have a higher number of our alums back as representatives of companies. I think that gives

## It's in March

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

March, usually known for St. Patrick's Day but what most people don't know are the number of significant dates labeled in March. So here's a list of them for you to jot down!

**March is...**

**American Red Cross Month** - President Roosevelt proclaimed March to become the American Red Cross Month in 1943. It celebrates how the American Red Cross has served the communities in the United States that year and promotes donation and volunteerism in the American Red Cross.

**Women's History Month** - In 1981 Congress passed a bill for the first week of March to be the remembrance of Women's History Week but in 1987 it was changed to be the whole month of March. The purpose is to remember the strides in which women have made over the past years.

**National Craft Month** - National Craft Month is carried out by the National Craft Association to promote craft activities and the benefits derived by craft projects. National Craft Month is celebrated by industry and consumers alike.

**National Nutrition Month**

**Save Your Vision Month**  
**National Foreign Language Week:** March 5-11 - Inaugurated in the Spring of 1957 the National Foreign Language Week is to promote the importance of learning another foreign language and is to motivate the learning of another language. Alpha Mu Gamma who inaugurated the significance provide specific lectures and seminars in the importance of learning another language.

**St. Patrick's Day:** March 17 - To wear something green. Although this is the broad understanding of this holiday St. Patrick's Day roots from Ireland. St. Patrick was a saint who struggled to convert people to Christianity for over thirty years. The color green goes along with the Irish theme which celebrates St. Patrick and the Shamrock's importance is know because it is said that St. Patrick used a Shamrock to explain the trinity to non-believers. This holiday came over from Ireland in 1737 and has been celebrated since.

**National Sleep Awareness Week:** March 27- April 2- Celebrated by the National Sleep Foundation to promote what else, but the necessity of sleep!

### ATTENTION: YEARBOOK DATE CHANGE!

The yearbook pictures scheduled for this week have been canceled. The background for the pictures was not shipped correctly. The photos have been rescheduled for the second week of spring quarter.

APRIL 10 - Freshmen

APRIL 11 - Sophomores

APRIL 12 - Juniors

APRIL 13 - Seniors

APRIL 18 - Faculty/Staff & Make-up day

## Bizzar March Holidays

List courtesy of <http://www.bizarrenews.com/>

March is Foot Health Month, Humorists Are Artists Month, National Furniture Refinishing Month, National Frozen Food Month, National Noodle Month, and National Peanut Month

March 1- National Pig Day and Peanut Butter Lover's Day

March 2 - Old Stuff Day

March 3 - I Want You To Be Happy Day, Peach Blossom Day and National Anthem Day

March 4 - Holy Experiment Day

March 5 - Multiple Personalities Day

March 6 - National Frozen Food Day

March 7 - National Crown Roast Of Pork Day

March 8 - Be Nasty Day

March 9 - Panic Day

March 10 - Festival Of Life In The Cracks Day

March 11 - Johnny Appleseed Day and Worship of Tools Day

March 12 - Alfred Hitchcock Day

March 13 - Jewel Day

March 14 - National Potato Chip Day

March 15 - Buzzard's Day and Everything You Think Is Wrong Day

March 16 - Everything You Do Is Right Day

March 17 - Submarine Day

March 18 - Supreme Sacrifice Day

March 19 - Poultry Day

March 20 - Proposal Day and

Festival Of Extraterrestrial

Abductions Day

March 21 - Fragrance Day

March 22 - National Goof-off Day

March 23 - National Organize Your Home/Office Day and National Chip and Dip Day

March 24 - National Chocolate

Covered Raisins Day

March 25 - Pecan Day and Waffle Day

March 26 - Make Up Your Own

Holiday Day and Spinach Festival Day

March 27 - National "Joe" Day

March 28 - Something On A Stick Day

March 29 - Festival Of Smoke and Mirrors Day

March 30 - I Am In Control Day

March 31 - Bunsen Burner Day and

National Clams On The Half Shell Day

"It takes a lot of time, a lot of sacri-

face," says Entezari. "Toward the end it gets pretty stressful. But when we get alumni coming back with companies that they met here, it's very rewarding to see that we've accomplished something for them."

Current students were equally excited about the opportunity to meet prospective employers. "I think it's a wonderful opportunity to get your name out there," says business management sophomore Christina Hicks.

"One problem we have when putting Meet the Firms together is that since it's hosted by the School of Business, people think it's just for business majors," says Entezari, who is looking forward to next year's event. "We have companies here looking for all kinds of people—engineers, writers, marketing and advertising majors. Meet the Firms is for everybody."

## LSU Dedicates

### Patio

By **CHRISTINE CALES, LSU PR**

More than 50 friends, family, and fellow members of the Association of Adventist Forums gathered on the La Sierra University campus on Sunday, February 26, 2006, to dedicate a patio on Path of the Just in honor of James and Averille Kaatz, of San Diego, California.

Speakers such as Bonnie L. Dwyer '76, editor of Spectrum magazine, Jan Kaatz '84, son of the honored couple and a pastor in the Southern California Conference, and Frederick Hoyt '48, professor emeritus of history, paid tribute to the couple for their openness and service to others. Particularly noted were James's 25 years of leadership of the San Diego chapter of the Association of Adventist Forums, and the couple's promotion of acceptance and open discussion within their family and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Lawrence T. Geraty, LSU president, closed the ceremony with a prayer of dedication after the Kaatz's grandchildren unveiled a stone that bears the following inscription,

**AVERILLE & JAMES KAATZ**  
Southern California churchpersons  
Fostering lay inquiry  
Promoting an open church

Director of the Ana & Fernando Stahl Center for World Service and one of the founders of Path, Professor of Religion and Society Dr. Charles Teel opened the event by explaining the meaning of Path of the Just as a tool for teaching students by example. Through commemorating men and women in modern history whose lives of altruistic service have facilitated individual empowerment, human rights, or religious toleration, Path offers students a new set of heroes after which to model their values and actions.

For more information about participating in the Path of the Just project, contact the La Sierra University Office of Advancement at 951-785-2500 or advancement@lasierra.edu. A scale model of Path of the Just can be seen on the second floor of the Administration Building.

## CAS DEAN'S LIST

The following students are on the CAS Dean's List of Academic Honors for fall quarter because they earned a 3.5 - 3.99 on at least 15 units and received no grade below a B-, no incompletes, and/or no "U" grades.

Aledia, Louisiana  
Anderson, Megan  
Avila, Jay  
Balan, Laura  
Barakat, Michael  
Bayen, Nolan  
Bearden, Timothy  
Bolivar, Giannette  
Bosse, Christian  
Calaustro, Kristina  
Carlos, Gianina  
Chae, John  
Chai, Christopher  
Chan, Jeanne  
Chan, Pei  
Chang, Jung Yoon  
Cordova, Xiomara  
Corona, Yuriana  
Dale, Wendy  
De la Paz, Jed  
Delgado, Raymond  
Duong, Anna  
Fevrier, Jaceta  
Fortajada, Jeremiah  
Fujimura, Takatsugu  
Galecka, Alicja  
Gamino-Gould, Maryana  
Garcia, Keren  
Goltiao, Darren  
Gomer, Jeremy  
Gonzalez, Ister  
Griffith, Nickolas  
Hashemi, David  
Herbert, Michaela  
Hernandez, Jose  
Horton, Creola  
Hunter, Caprice  
Isberto, Russell  
Jo, Susan  
Kilby, Katelyn  
Kim, Dae Ho  
Klotz, Heather  
Kohatsu, Aimee  
Korsich, Damian  
Krueger, Diana  
Kwon, Soon Rye  
Latt, Hein  
Lee, Andy  
Lee, Chang Yeol  
Lee, Cindy  
Lee, Jennifer  
Lee, Sang Kyu  
Love, Jacob  
Lyn, Jodian  
Ma, Yi-Shen  
Marchand, Natalie

Mariam, Angeline  
Mariano, Jennifer  
Marovitch, Debra  
McDonough, Megan  
Medway, Tonya  
Meharry, Candria  
Miller, Jennifer  
Modell, Niccole  
Muchinyi, Juliana  
Mursic, Zachary  
Ochoa, Nataly  
Ochoa, Patricia  
Offinga, Tiffany  
Ohara, Reira  
Opitz, Shanna  
O'Reilly, Amanda  
Park, Jung In  
Pasamba, Lorraine Mae  
Pattanaprommas, Valitsine  
Pecore, Erin  
Penington, Megan  
Perez, Edgar  
Pitcher, Phillip  
Rampasan, Melissa  
Robinson, Erika  
Rodriguez, Edgar  
Roh, Grace  
Roque, Page  
Ross, Jonathon  
Salome, Julian  
Schoepflin, Charles  
Shan, Clarissa  
Shaw, Raj  
Silva, Steven  
Skaf, Amin  
Szutz, Thomas  
Tampubolon, Rebecca  
Torres, Shering  
Trenkle, Darcy  
Turner, Monique  
Tyler, Michael  
Waite, Sherian  
Webster, Kevin  
Weischadle, Jacquelyn  
Werner, Karisa  
Whang, Sonia  
Wheatley, Jonathan  
Widmer, Christina  
Williams, Amy  
Wilson, Claire  
Wilson, Malinda  
Yoshida, Hiroshi  
Yow, Maribel  
Zhong, Kailin  
Zimmerman, Melanie  
Zygowiec, Nadine

## SCHOOL OF RELIGION DEAN'S LIST

Students named to the Dean's List of Academic Honors completed 15 or more units of class work and earned a 3.5 - 3.9 grade point average during the Fall Quarter of 2005.

Heather Barbian  
Adam Hicks  
Miguel Mendez  
Tony Parish  
Ruben Rios  
Arvy Wuysang

Students named to the Dean's Letter of Recognition completed 15 or more units of class work and earned a 4.0 grade point average during the Fall Quarter of 2005.

Kassy Skoretz  
Syahryl Yazid

## CAS 4.0 DEAN'S LIST

The following students are on the CAS Dean's Letter of Academic Recognition for fall quarter because they earned a 4.0 for at least 15 units.

Aceres, Kimberly  
Aceres, Lori  
Adonay, Dennis  
Brodersen, Ashley  
Chi, Han-Bit  
Cho, Lydia  
Choi, Raeyoung  
Cronk, Amy  
Fleming, Bethany  
Hoang, Jimmy  
Holliday, Shurena  
House, Larissa  
Mesipam, Avinash  
Nelson, Natalie  
Obeid, Rindala  
Oh Joohee  
Pyburn, Enjoli  
Trupp, Laura  
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## Meet the Next Year's SALSU Officers

By RENEE HESS

### ESTHER GUERPO PRESIDENT

Moving up from Secretary to SALSU President in '06-'07, Esther is going places. She is enthusiastic about getting students involved in next year's SALSU events, and says she plans on "pestering" everyone to get the word out there. She wants people to know that her theme is "Connection." She wants to connect with the students on campus, and promises by the end of the year, you will know her and her fellow officers' faces. Esther's favorite SALSU event so far this year has been the Costume Skate Night, held in October of 2005. She also tells me that her favorite book is *Memoirs of a Geisha*, by Arthur Golden, and thinks that the movie did not do the book justice. She also wants the student body to know, yes, both her parents do work on campus, but she does not have a brother, that guy is her cousin.

### DANIEL RUIZ RELIGIOUS VICE PRESIDENT

Daniel is a familiar face around campus, and he is now going to be moving from the position of Co-Religious Vice President, to flying solo in the position. He plans on keeping the momentum of the high level of interest in the religious events on campus, and wants to get even more students involved. He says that he enjoyed the Fall Quarter San Diego Retreat the most so far this year, and he wants the school to know that he IS NOT a pre-seminary or religious studies major.

### JEREMY CRUZ VICE PRESIDENT

Jeremy is continuing on as the Executive Vice President, but this will be his last term, as the Constitution says that an officer can only serve for two terms in the same position. Jeremy decided that his favorite SALSU event this school year was definitely the '06 Winter Banquet. He tells me that he is a liberal studies major and plans on teaching 5th grade. Continuing his work as Executive Vice President, Jeremy says that he wants to start off the year by giving more money to clubs on campus. He says that he realizes that clubs spend so much time raising money; they hardly have energy for anything else. He wants to solve this problem by starting off these clubs with some money from his budget, so they can focus their enthusiasm on what is important.

### ANNA DUONG PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Anna is really excited about her new job as Public Relations Director. She tells me that her favorite SALSU event so far this school year is either broomball or ice-skating, because she has always loved the ice. Her favorite food is cheesecake; look out guys, she says she can eat an entire cake in one sitting if she tried hard enough! Anna plans to tackle the important task of advertising to the commuters and the upperclassmen, which she wants to get more involved in SALSU activities.

### FERUZI MWERO SOCIAL VICE PRESIDENT

Feruzi is our new Social Vice President, and he tells me he has a few ideas up his sleeve for next year. He participated in the Senate in his previous position, and was on the Emerging Issues Committee. Feruzi tells me that his favorite SALSU event this year was definitely the Spiritual Retreat this past November held in San Diego. He plans to organize events in locations where people can break out of their usual friendship boundaries, and get to know their peers. He also plans to include off-campus students and commuters. Feruzi says he wants "social events to be the first thing on people's lists and the last thing on peoples lists." He also shared a favorite quote with me. He is not sure if he came up with it, or if he heard it somewhere, but he says that it inspires him. "A man is defined by nothing more than himself". Those are powerful words to live by.

### ROBERT HARVEY CABL DIRECTOR

Rob is a new SALSU officer, never having held a position before this one. He is the new CABL Director, and has great things planned for our campus next year.

The positions of Parliamentarian and Secretary are chosen by the President. All of the pictures of next year's officers will be available in the next issue.

## North America

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virtual standstill, with citizens electing either to remain home with loved ones or gather in dimly lit restaurants.

"I looked out the window and saw it getting dark when I was still at the office working," said Albert Serpa, 27, a lawyer from Tulsa, OK, who had taken shelter with others at Red's Restaurant. "That's when I knew I had to leave right away."

Ronald Jarrett, a professor of economics at George Washington University who left his office after darkness blanketed the D.C. metro area, summed up the fears of an entire nation, saying, "Look, it's dark outside. I want to go home," and ended the phone interview abruptly.

Businesses have shut their doors, banks are closed across the nation, all major stock exchanges have suspended trading, and manufacturing in many sectors has ceased.

Some television stations have halted broadcasting altogether, for reasons not immediately understood.

Law-enforcement agencies nationwide were quick to address the crisis.

Houston-area victims flee their workplaces ahead of the growing wave of darkness.

Said NYPD spokesman Jake Moretti: "Low-light conditions create an environment that's almost tailor-made for crime. It's probably safe to say we'll make more arrests in the next few hours than we have all day."

Darkness victims describe hunger pangs, lassitude, and a slow but steady loss of energy, forcing many to lie down. As many as two-thirds of those believed afflicted have fallen into a state of total unconsciousness.

Many parents report that their younger children have been troubled, even terrified, by the deep darkness. To help allay such fears, some parents are using an artificial light source in the hallway or bedroom.

As of 2 a.m. EST, the continent was still dark, the streets empty and silent. However, some Americans remained hopeful, vowing to soldier on despite the crisis.

"I don't plan on doing anything any different," said Chicago-area hospice worker Janet Cosgrove, 51. "I'm going to get up in the morning and go to work."



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## Lady Eagles Softball Takes-off

By KATELYN KILBY

The La Sierra University Lady Eagles softball team is off to a great start this year. With two wins already under their belt and only nine girls to make up the team, they are at a decent place for a first year squad. The women, like the men's baseball team, know since this is the first year of the program they have the task of proving to their competitors, as well as La Sierra, that they deserve to play and will continue to improve to keep the support coming for the future.

"Since it's our first year we just really want to become established. We want to do well in getting respect from the other teams that we play," stated third basewoman Amanda Vasquez.

As I traveled down to the field one day to get my interviews, I was quite surprised by the vibe I got from the group. I was surrounded by jokes, insults, and energy bouncing around from every direction. This is a team that likes to have fun and everyone is comfortable with each other. This includes the coaches as well. Coaches Hal Pfeiffer and Justin Caudill would throw out a joking insult but then the girls would fire right back.

"The great thing about our team is that we don't take everything seriously; we have an element of fun that I think really helps bring the team together" said centerfielder Anita Torres.

"I like to keep it loose with the girls; it's no fun if things are uptight. They learn better and play better with some fun in practices," said Coach Hal Pfeiffer.

When it comes to game time, though, the girls get down to business and know what needs to be done. With

fun also comes a lot of hard work. Since there are just enough players to have a team on the field, each girl gets out there and gives 110% because it's what they love.

"We only have nine girls on the team and most of the time not all can make it to every practice, but when game time comes everyone is there and has the intensity and energy needed to play and I think that's what a team needs" says pitcher, Arlene Tapia.

The Lady Eagles' main goal like any new team's is always to improve. "I know that we just really want to improve after each game. We want to build up our knowledge and experience and become an all-around set team with the nine girls that we have," says Torres.

Coach Hal Pfeiffer started his coaching career in 1964 and has coached just about every sport out there. Softball though has been his passion for the last six years. Pfeiffer had actually decided that it was his time to retire from coaching. We were lucky enough that when he heard about this position he decided his days of teaching and molding young minds weren't over.

"My favorite thing about coaching is the challenge," says Pfeiffer, "At this point in my life it keeps me young and involved in life. I was retired and could have been sitting around dwindling away but I heard about this job and knew right away that I needed to come in for the interview."

Pfeiffer, having so many years of experience in coaching, came into this new program with specific goals and fundamentals in mind for the girls so they would work hard but wouldn't be intimidated.

the games, McMurray wore a somewhat ridiculous uniform comprised of Spandex and Speedos. When I asked him about his "uniform" he simply replied, "I know people thought my uniform was outrageous, but the lack of clothes really brought the wind resistance down, allowing me to dodge balls with ease."

Some say the sport of Dodgeball is too aggressive for a Christian campus like LSU, yet others believe that flying balls will bring the divergent masses closer in brotherhood — A new intramural sport perhaps? Maybe with the approval of the esteemedletic staff the university start its very own varsity team.



Mitch McMurray sports some tight thread.

"I like to play small ball. I like to play the things that people lose sight of. I really want to teach the girls fundamentals of college ball since most are coming in from high school ball. We have set our goal at 5 wins this season and so far the probability is looking good. And you know if we lose, we lose. But I hope at least we always learn something after each game," says Pfeiffer.

Assistant Coach Justin Caudill joins La Sierra after being head coach for girl's softball for two years at Rialto High School. He has his degree in sports medicine and comes from a family line of coaches.

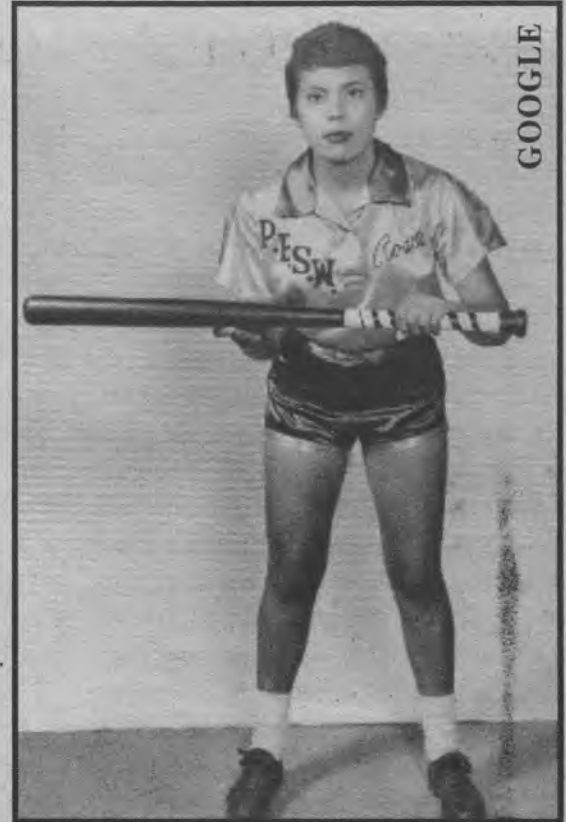
"I didn't start out wanting to be a coach but after seeing some of my family members being involved I decided that I wanted to be a part of helping to shape and teach young players, getting them prepared for the next level," says Caudill.

Caudill is definitely a jokester down on the field, giving the girls a hard time and joking around with them but at the same time is very impressed with them and how they step up during a game when it comes down to crunch time.

"Our goal this year is to win 5 games and so far we're achieving pretty well. The girls bust their butts off and it's really paying off. The two games that we won so far we were way behind but they saw what they to be done and ended up coming back and winning those games."

This team is hopeful and excited at how the school is planning on helping these programs grow in the following years. They all envision such great things and hope that the administration sees what needs to be done and do what they can to make it happen.

"I just picture a beautiful field with new infield plates and a fenced in field, and even some batting cages would be great. We already purchased



Women's softball comes to LSU: Game on!

a scoreboard and that is a huge step that really makes me happy," stated Pfeiffer.

"Looking at next year we really need more girls and we need to get a better set foundation. Of course everyone is waiting for a home field and we just really want the administration to see how great we're doing and the hard work that we're putting in so that they will continue helping us out" said Caudill.

The bottom line is that the administration needs to know how important the sports department is. Having the additions of softball, baseball, and soccer this year has been fantastic. Now let's just make sure the support continues. The same goes for the programs we've already had including basketball, volleyball, and tennis. To the student body, the sport programs are very significant and everyone hopes that the administration sees that and will continue to grow in its support so that this department will thrive and develop into an essential characteristic of La Sierra University.

## Dodgeball

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but the path to victory would have to be hard fought if they wanted the coveted gift certificates.

The Condors looked good as they had the dynamic athleticism of the two Tomas brothers on the team, led by team captain James Labajo. But the famous "Tomas Temper," shown by the younger brother Jason, destroyed the team chemistry and got in the way of a victory run. The team ended up in third place.

The final match was between the Jacques and team Hit and Run, two teams who had the spirit of Dodgeball with them. But the Jacques pulled out an easy victory and walked away with the prize. Team Hit and Run showed a valiant effort and came away with no prize but a respectable second place in the tournament.

I was able to catch up with one of the key players on the Jacques, freshmen Mitch McMurray, to talk about the big win. "I would never have made it this far if it weren't for the great guys I play with," said McMurray, "I'm really stoked that our hard work and training paid off." Throughout

## Food-o-phile

By BETHANY MORSE

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Add some "green" back into your

life with this great salad.

Recipe courtesy of Heather Hartley.

### Featured Food

Spinach is high in folate, iron, lutein and helps with vision and blood vessels.

### Baby Spinach Salad

- 1 bag baby spinach leaves (washed)
- 1 package chopped walnuts
- 1 small package Fetta Cheese
- 1 cup Dried Cranberries

### Dressing -

- 2 parts Balsamic Vinegar
- 1 part Olive oil

Mix, eat and watch the weight melt away!

## Your Voice and My Failure

By BRANDON HERRMANN

I cannot complain that there is little discussion on campus or in the *Criterion* because I haven't written any editorials. I cannot complain about problems on this campus because we don't have a staff large enough or with enough time to press administration on issues like tuition, campus policies, or problems with the university.

I think our biggest problem is that we don't ask enough questions; as a newspaper, and as a society. There is a disconnect between the public and the news media. Much of the news I see is interesting, but it does not affect me and it does not represent me. I think the problem is that since the news media is a business, it wants to entertain. In the political scene, the news media panders to our interest instead of serving as our voice; the result is that we have no voice and the news media has no muscle—and the government can do whatever it wants.

This is the part of the editorial where I am supposed to say, "don't just sit there and be idle, get up and go make a difference." I won't say that

because I hate it when people say that. The people who say that rarely explain how to make a difference aside from registering to vote.

Voting is a multiple choice test asking you to choose between watered down Kool-aid and watered down Tang. Neither answer is good. As a statement, voting is merely choosing between ideas other people said. "Vote or Die" means nothing to my many living friends who did not vote. What I am trying to say is that we as a society do not have a voice; all we have is the opportunity to choose whose voice we like best. We are not sure how to make a difference.

I have one suggestion that requires three parts. First, we should ask more questions in the pursuit to know what may or may not affect us. Second, we should do our best not to criticize questions so that people are not shy to ask them. Third, the news media needs to function as a forum where we can ask questions and have them answered and those answers investigated. Even though the news media has

the background and expertise to ask many of the right questions by themselves, they are scared to offend their bosses and lose their audience, and when they ask all the questions, we as a public forget that we play a part in our world that goes beyond voting.

The news media probably won't change on the macro level where corporations run the news, but on the micro level, the *Criterion* level, we can try to give you the students a voice. If any of you care about something enough to blog on it for hours, consider submitting it to the *Criterion*. If you want to chew out or question the administration, the faculty, the student association, or me, write down what you want to say (being careful to include all important details such as why you think I should jump off a tower) and submit it to the *Criterion*. I will give your argument a voice. The rest of the staff and I will do our best to get your questions answered or your opinion in print. Email your questions or opinions to either [salsu.publications@lasierra.edu](mailto:salsu.publications@lasierra.edu),

or my personal email account at [oskrr1@hotmail.com](mailto:oskrr1@hotmail.com).

So as a test to see if this is going to work, I would like to hear your opinions on one matter in particular. Go watch the following movie on Google Video and write back what you think. The URL is [salsu.lasierra.edu/movielink.html](http://salsu.lasierra.edu/movielink.html), or at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=2023320890224991194>

**Brandon Herrmann**  
*Criterion* Editor

p.s. If you want to be even more active in questioning the state of things, consider writing for the *Criterion* next year. If you want to be involved in asking questions, and you want the authority to demand answers, work for the *Criterion*. If you are interested, submit your name and contact information to either me, Brandon Herrmann, at [salsu.publications@lasierra.edu](mailto:salsu.publications@lasierra.edu) or next year's Publications Manager Marlen Resjwain at [salsu.president@gmail.com](mailto:salsu.president@gmail.com).

## Turn for the worst in Iraq

By DANIEL TARANGO

It is almost four years since the invasion of Iraq and it is a perfect time to check the progress. Sadly, events in Iraq have fallen apart into civil war. Sunni and Shiites are fighting in sectarian violence for the power of the chaotic nation. Kurdish Iraqis are also continuing their struggle for a homeland. All these factors have caused a civil conflict.

In Samarra, Iraq insurgents posing as police destroyed the golden dome in one of the holiest Shiite shrines, setting off sectarian violence throughout the nation. In retaliation, angry mobs hit the streets attacking Sunni mosques, and 19 people were killed by militiamen. The government response was to issue a curfew for the streets of Iraq, but it was rarely obeyed. Anyone reading news about Iraq can see that there are countless attacks of retaliation between the two groups. People feel that security can only be achieved through vigilantism and by militias. And sadly our men and women are trapped in the middle.

As a responsible public, proper criticism of the course of the war is the right thing to do. We can't count on Democrats or Republicans to stand against the war. We are paying for this conflict with taxes and our soldiers are dying and being errantly maimed. The troops have been performing well, except for the few involved in the Abu Ghraib scandal. But unfortunately, they have been left out there with no plan from American leaders. Right now there are two options left for the U.S.: to stay and see a civil war explode up-close, or get out and watch a civil war from a distance. In Bush's defense the conflicts

between the different groups in Iraq were already present, just waiting for the opportune moment to surface. But really these conflicts should have been seen and prepared for—they were not that hidden.

In the Muslim world the majority are Sunni, with the exceptions of Iraq and Iran which are Shiite. The division between the two can be traced back to the death of the prophet Muhammad. Sunnis regard the first four caliphs as rightly guided—that is to say that they ruled in accordance with the Quran and the Sunnah. The Shi'a regard Imam Ali as the first Imam, and generally disregarded the following Sunni caliphates. They believe that the only Imam and Caliphate should be from the lineage of the Prophet Muhammad and Fatima. Iraq, like most nations of the Middle East, was created as a British mandate after WWI when they basically drew lines in the sand and tried to unite different peoples. Iraq really was never united until Saddam Hussein went into power. But he did not unite with kindness and fairness; he basically killed or tortured any opponents and united them with force. And the Kurds, Shi'a, and even Sunnis were waiting for Saddam to be removed from power and struggle for their own dominance.

Really the only way to keep Iraq together is by force. Democracy really has not been successful in the Middle East. Democracy, roughly defined, leaves the minority controlled by the majority. That can cause people to be oppressed and results in rebellion. What is preferred is a liberal democracy which is majority rule with protection of the minority. But that will come in

conflict with the different sects of Islam that struggle for power and believe they are right. In the Middle East there are also too many outsiders from the west who wish to control oil in the region.

This brings us back to the conflict in Iraq. President Bush used three reasons to justify invading Iraq. One was that Saddam had ties to Al Qaeda. This could not be because his Bathist ideology is in opposition to Islamic fundamentalism. It is like comparing communism to fascism. Saddam even suppressed the fundamentalists in his government. The second reason was that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction capable of harming the U.S. To date no weapons that are nuclear, biological, and chemical have been found in Iraq. The third reason was to spread democracy, and given the definition of democracy, that can't work in the region. It is not that the people aren't intelligent enough; really we all pray for people to live safe. Maybe for Iraq to be divided into three separate nations could work out the best.

The reason for invasion is obvious, we are not dumb. The reason is too secure the oil in Iraq. And the administration has mismanaged the war, wasted money, and have put the world in more danger. We are not safer now than before the invasion of Iraq, except for maybe the people facing Saddam's wrath. We need to either commit a stronger force on the ground in Iraq or pull out. Iraq is in a civil war; even a revolution, and they may need to fight it out and work out their own destiny, just like we did in 1776. Bush has turned an unmanageable quagmire into an exploding civil war.

SALSU's CABL  
Event of the Quarter

Sunday March 12

TENNIS  
MATCH

8 a.m. to NOON  
@ the TENNIS COURTS

Mr. & Ms.  
LSU  
(weight lifting competition)

NOON to 1 p.m.  
@ the FITNESS CENTER

Sign ups for participation in this event are available in the SALSU office and the Cafeteria during dining hours.

**Thursday, March 9**

- National Foreign Language Week
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Spring Quarter advising and registration for continuing, new and transfer students
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Off with LSU ID
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)
- 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM - SALSU Broomball, \$2, Bring ID (Ice Town)

**Friday, March 10**

- National Foreign Language Week
- Spring Quarter advising and registration for continuing, new and transfer students
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

**Saturday, March 11**

- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)

**Sunday, March 12**

- TBA - Modern Languages Hilts Lecture Series/Gamma Tau
- 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM - SALSU/CABL Tennis Match (LSU Tennis Courts)
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - SALSU/CBL presents "Mr. and Ms. LSU" (Fitness Center)

**Monday, March 13**

- Off Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% off with LSU ID
- Spring Quarter advising and registration for continuing, new and transfer students
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms)

**Tuesday, March 14**

- Spring Quarter advising and registration for continuing, new and transfer students
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms)
- 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle's Nest)

**Wednesday, March 15**

- Off Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% off with LSU ID
- Spring Quarter advising & registration for continuing, new and transfer students
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms)
- 8:00 PM - SALSU TO GO, free food, first come first served (Brickyard)
- 10:00 PM - Rendezvous (HMA)

**Thursday, March 16**

- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Off with LSU ID
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms)
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

**Friday, March 17**

- St. Patrick's Day
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

**Saturday, March 18**

- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)

**Sunday, March 19**

- Study and Relax Time!

**Monday, March 20**

- Off Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% off with LSU ID
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- Winter Quarter Exams begin
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (LSH, PH, SB)

**Tuesday, March 21**

- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (LSH, PH, SB)

**Wednesday, March 22**

- Off Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% off with LSU ID
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (LSH, PH, SB)

**Thursday, March 23**

- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Spring Quarter advising and registration for continuing, new and transfer students
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Off with LSU ID
- Winter Quarter ends
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (LSH, PH, SB)

**Friday, March 24**

- Spring Break. Pamper yourself day—Go to a spa, see a shrink, eat candy, you've earned it!

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**Diaries**

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their mission unsuccessful. They told the story as if the ill one had nearly died on the venture, and the healthy one is now sure that he, too, has picked up this flu. I wonder if either of them will survive.

Last week I discovered a very interesting resource for study. The University, or some of its students, put out a publication called the *Criterion* which seems to report on some of the more important happenings on campus and throughout the world. I plan to read this publication religiously, though its release schedule doesn't seem to be consistent at all. It claims to be a bi-weekly publication, but many times it fails even to do that. I hope that my reading this *Criterion* will not bring suspicion. Very little of the student population use it for anything but scratch paper. In fact, I don't believe I've ever seen a single student read it. I'll have to study it in private, as to not raise suspicions.

**Day Forty**

My suspicions are nearly confirmed. For the past few weeks (a concept I have not yet fully come to grips with) I have wondered if the University is, in fact, trying to kill off some

of its students. Maybe it is a sort of evolutionary process. Studying history, it doesn't look like the Humans have evolved for the positive in the past few millennia. But, my suspicions were confirmed when reading the *Criterion* yet again. There was an article published under a fictional humor title, though I think there may be more truth to it than is let on. The article states strong evidence that the University is in fact using many different means to bring the students into harm's way. The author makes very logical connections like the food and the high level of stress put on students. I seem to have discovered a great class struggle between the students and the professors. All of the students live in perpetual fear of something called "Finals", apparently a week in which they are tested on an entire term's worth of information. There are heavy periods of academic stress at other times in the term, and I hypothesize that it was that very academic stress that seduced my roommate into his illness, not three weeks ago.

**Day Fifty-Seven**

My time on Earth comes to a close, but I must report on one more major

finding of mine. In the student class, it seems that even stronger than the academic pressures of the University is the social pressure of finding a mate. Both the males and the females are constantly searching for someone to partner with, but there is a strange lack of partnering going on. It seems that all of them are too picky. I've concluded that Humans are very inefficient in their breeding. If this trend continues, I don't think we will have to do any sort of conquering, but instead the Humans will simply cease to exist due to a failure in reproduction.

**CLUB TOWERS****Floor v. Floor Volleyball**

March 12 (Sunday)  
10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Gym

BE THERE!!!

## I ♥ the Closing Ceremonies

By LARRY PENA

If any of you are anything like me, you just finished basking in the glory, the spectacle, the majesty of the 2006 Olympic Games in Torino, Italy. I personally couldn't peel myself away from this international celebration of competition and camaraderie, of pride and passion, of fellowship and...

Wait, wait, wait...I'm, sorry, I can't continue this heavy stream of lies. OF COURSE I didn't watch the Olympics! Not a second, not a moment, not a single stupid, non-sport event. In fact, I haven't watched this worldwide waste of time since I was like 10 years old. The Olympics disgust me more than that slimy cube thing in front of SBM.

And as if Olympics aren't bad enough, this year it was the WINTER Olympics! I could maybe respect some international basketball, some track and field, some fencing even. But figure skating? Luge? Curling??? How can any human being with half a brain get into this crap? "Oh wow, people from our country are the best in the world...AT SLIDING ON THEIR FANNIES DOWN AN ICE HILL! What a wonderful achievement!"

Ok, so they added snowboarding to the lineup. Too little, too late homie. One cool event doesn't make up for years of the biathalon. What a dumb sport! Cross-country skiing combined with shooting a gun? Wait... that actually could be kinda cool. Ok, I'll give you that one, Olympics.

Now I know some of you are probably saying, "Larry, these people are great athletes! I'd like to see you try half of the things they do. You can't!" Yeah, well, I can't do algorithms either. Being unable to do something incredibly lame and pointless doesn't exactly fill me with shame (No offense, math majors, but seriously... math?).

Anyway, the point is, thank God the Olympics are finally over. I mean, I didn't even watch the stupid thing, so I guess what bothers me the most is that it ties up NBC for like two weeks. Now that it's over I can get back to watching real entertainment like The Office. And I'll take Dunder-Mifflin over ice dancing any day.

## Mother Goose?

Do you hate English class? Read the paragraph below and try to understand the meaning.

Two individuals proceeded towards the apex of a natural geologic protuberance, the purpose of their expedition being the procurement of a sample of fluid hydride of oxygen in a large vessel, the exact size of which was unspecified. One member of the team precipitously descended, sustaining severe damage to the upper cranial portion of his anatomical



MELISSA ELLOWAY  
Junior/Senior  
Liberal Studies

"The food and dressing up for the SALSU Winter Banquet."



KIMBERLY ACERES  
Junior  
Exercise Science/Pre-PA

"Team Four vs. The Armada."



NICK IZVERNARI  
Sophomore  
Business

"Finding mold on the bottom of my hot dog bun..."



JOY WOGU  
Sophomore  
Business Management

"Sitting in the back of the cafeteria with my friends and giving nicknames to people."

## Alien Diaries

By MIKE TYLER

### Day One

I've been stationed on this planet Earth, in the land known as California, in the city of Riverside, at a place called La Sierra University. My job is to study the native beings, called Humans, and report as to how we can dominate them. I've assumed the guise of a young Human that would attend an institution like La Sierra University. My current form is interesting to say the least. While mostly symmetrical, it has odd imperfections, and obnoxious hairs growing almost everywhere. I wonder if this is just typical of the male species, or if the females encounter the same issues.

My quarters are cramped, a small room in a building called a dorm, more specifically called Sierra Towers. I share these quarters with two roommates. I suspect that my close proximity to them will be very useful in my studies.

### Day Six

I've been here for almost an entire week. The 'week' is an interesting term here on Earth. While the day and the month and the year are based off of the movements of the planet and the moon with respect to the sun and one another, the week seems to have no scientific reasoning. It seems to be an arbitrary decision that has been passed down throughout Earth's history. I wonder if this small fact will lead me to any sort of key conclusion about these Humans.

Life in this University is interesting

in and of itself. While attending what is known as "class" which seems to dominate the life of a university student, I believe that I've discovered a class distinction. The more populous student class is made up typically of young Humans, not very long out of their pubescent stage. The "professor" class seems to be made up of older Humans, all of which find themselves contented to stand in front of a group of these students at any given time during the day, and talk about a given subject to no end. This is the process known as a "class" - not the social class I was talking about previously. It is all very confusing, because the language is rather insufficient and repetitive. The professors handle their classes in different manners, but all of them seem to dominate the class with their speaking. Some claim to encourage discussion, but of course they always take the center of the discussion stage. Many, though, are content to

ignore that the students are there at all, and simply talk for the entire duration. The class interaction, both the process of class and the student-professor interaction, is intriguing itself. I shall study it further.

### Day Twenty-One

Today I discovered one of the great failures of La Sierra University. One of my roommates has been afflicted with an illness known as "the flu." It is a disgusting virus that makes the Human body ooze with strange liquids from the nasal area. My roommate's body temperature has risen quite high, and he has been unable to lift himself from his bed. The great failure of the University is as follows: the only services that are offered on campus are in fact, not on campus. Both of my roommates set out on a mission to take the sick one to what is known as Health Services. An hour later they returned,

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**Sudoku**—Sudoku is a Japanese Puzzle that appears in newspapers across Japan. The object is to fill each column, row, and 3x3 square with numbers 1-9 without repeating a number. Beware of addiction!

Courtesy of [www.dailysudoku.com](http://www.dailysudoku.com)

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3				4				2
	5						6	
2				6				9
	2					9		
		6	3	5	8			1
					7		8	5

Jack and Jill went up the hill  
to fetch a pail of water  
Jack fell down and broke his  
crown  
And Jill came tumbling after.



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## LSU Tuition to Increase

By JACQUELYN WEISCHADLE

According to the proposed university budget's Comparative Schedule of Tuition, La Sierra University's tuition for the 2006-2007 school year will increase 7.3%, an amount of almost \$2,700. Room and board expenses are expected to rise 12% as well. The previous tuition increase for the 2005-2006 school year was 6%, making the total over the last two years more than a 13% increase.

The Comparative Schedule of Tuition gleans its information from the College Board's 2005-2006 Annual Survey of Colleges, the 2005 Higher Education Directory and individual college and university websites. According to this data, it ranks LSU as the second least expensive school in the area, with Cal Baptist as the least expensive. Only six schools on the schedule have higher tuition increases by percentage than LSU.

When compared to other SDA colleges and universities and their respective tuition increases, LSU will be the third most expensive, topped only by Pacific Union College and Loma Linda University. LSU's percentage increase on the schedule in tuition will also be the third highest among SDA colleges and universities.

When asked about tuition, LSU president Dr. Lawrence Geraty was not hesitant to say that "[It] is going up like everything else." Geraty also

said that even though the room and board costs "are going up modestly, [LSU] housing is still the least expensive in the area."

But what about the land LSU has sold for development and the future senior citizen complex? Wasn't the reported \$93 million net profit supposed to, as Geraty said at the January 17, 2006 town hall meeting, keep tuition costs from rising? Unfortunately, this is not necessarily the case.

The land deal, which to date has collected \$60 million total profit, has been budgeted to keep tuition at an "affordable level," not keep it from increasing, said the president. Geraty said that without the land deal, the tuition increase could have been significantly worse. And according to Geraty, the income has supposedly gone to student aid and financial security for the Price Science Complex building expenses.

"We realize [higher tuition] makes it potentially more difficult," Geraty said. He hopes student aid will offset the changes and students can still be financially able to attend LSU. Gene Edelbach, Vice President of Enrollment Services, stated, "We truly want to keep everyone at LSU that wants to be here." Other high-ranking University administrators refused to comment.

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## Recycling Program Sponsors Third-World Education

By COURTNEY WALSTROM



Members of Recycle\_4Life, a group started Joshua Thompson (far left) and Jennifer Young (second from left).

When La Sierra University students Joshua Thompson and Jennifer Young visited Perú last year, they witnessed poverty stricken children selling homemade goods on street corners, making only a few cents from each sale. These children were living on the streets, barely earning enough money to provide food for their families.

Then they visited Platerí, an Adventist School where children with similar economic problems were given a chance by sponsorship to obtain an education. At the school they read letters from the children asking for their help. Young said the opportunity for the Peruvian children to get an education inspired the two to help out.

"It was a very eye-opening experience for the both of us," Young said.

She said after seeing what little these children had compared to what she has, she felt she had to do something.

After their class trip to Perú in March, Thompson, 28, and Young, 22, decided to start a project to merge their passions for the environment and social justice. They created their project "Recycle\_4Life" in Riverside.

"We were looking for things we

could support," Young said. "We thought this was perfect. Even if it was just Josh and I, we'd still do it. Our focus is on the people."

Thompson and Young have been able to establish a project that induces family, friends, small businesses and community members to recycle their goods and donate the profit for one year to the children's education in Perú. They now have the men's dorm at LSU, La Sierra University, recycling their bottles and cans for the project.

"The 5th floor puts out two, three, four bags a week of recycled goods," he said

They hope to get the entire school involved with this project. Thompson and Young were given an action booth at LSU to inform the students about their cause and were happily greeted with many volunteers willing to help.

"This project is very helpful. You don't lose anything by picking up bottles, it's just cash lying on the floor," Young said, referring to how easy it is for college students with limited incomes to help.

Their project has reached out to a few small businesses recycling their goods for the children, but they hope

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## End of the Year Bash / Night of the Gladiators

THURSDAY - June 1

6 to 10 p.m.

CAMPUS MALL

FREE pizza &  
lots and lots of giveaways!

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## People Know More About the Simpsons than the Constitution

By DANIEL TARANGO

According to a study by the new McCormick Tribute Freedom Museum, Americans know more about *The Simpsons* than the American constitution. The study found that 22% of Americans know the name of all five family members on *The Simpsons*. In contrast,

the educational system, bad parents, or stupid students. We all were basically raised on *The Simpsons*. We have learned some valuable life lessons from the show. So please take time off from watching *The Simpsons* and learn the five basic freedoms which are: freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition. The Simpsons show reruns anyway.

only one in one thousand could name all five of the basic freedoms designated in the First Amendment. The study also found that Americans are more familiar with the three judges of *American Idol* than the Constitution of the United States.

Now you may think that I am going to go on a tirade about our school system and uncover a government conspiracy eliminating our basic

freedoms, but I am not. Even I, a history major, had to pull out my Intro to Government textbook to make sure I was right. But Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie, even Mr. Smithers, comic book guy, and Krusty the Clown easily pop into my head.

So really I don't blame the educational system, bad parents, or stupid students. We all were basically raised on *The Simpsons*. We have learned some valuable life lessons from the show. So please take time off from watching *The Simpsons* and learn the five basic freedoms which are: freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition. The Simpsons show reruns anyway.

## Response to a Dissatisfied Reader

By DANIEL TARANGO

I feel that it is proper for me to personally respond to the person who responded to my article on the Abramoff Scandal. First off I want to thank the person for expressing his/her mind and having the conviction to respond.

Well now that I got all that P.C. stuff out of the way, let me get to work. First point: the rightist person claimed that I falsely incriminated Congressman Tom Delay in the Abramoff ordeal. You claimed that Delay stepped down temporarily because of the majority leader's party investigation rules. Delay did indeed step down temporarily due to his money laundering investigation. I made that clear in one of my earlier articles on the subject. But later after the pressure from the Abramoff scandal he was forced to step from majority leader permanently. As for his whole political career down the drain we can only see what happens in this year's election.

Second: the reader claimed that I don't want everyone to know about Harry Reid's involvement with Abramoff. I don't deny he did possibly break rules and that he and people like him are why there is no confidence in the people who run this country. But since the Republicans have taken control of Congress there has been an increase in major lobbying groups and organizations using money to buy votes. And Abramoff, former Christian Coalition leader Ralph Reed, and people involved in the inner circle with them are partisan and conservative. There is no denying that conservatives have a special relationship with corporate America. So I am capable of out-

ing the problems with Democrats and Democratic messages. Anyone who knows me has heard me target the faults of liberals as well. My articles are attacking issues and the incompetence of our nations leaders. True I do not agree with the president's administration; however, I saw conservatives tear apart Clinton and Democratic candidates with viciousness and lack of respect.

As for the personal attacks on me: the rightist person claimed my articles are "laughable" and show a "liberal bias." It is true that I am liberal and very proud. Back up a real democracy kid, and respect all sides of the issues so hopefully the nation can meet somewhere in the middle and do what is best for the people. Cuts in Medicare, cuts in education, problems with NAFTA, and the corruption with lobbyists should alarm all Americans. Also I am working at the Criterion to spin a liberal bias, but I do them with my editorials not my articles. The editorials are my own opinion. We are seeking to engage the student body some sort of dialogue, and we welcome any conservative to write for the paper. There was also an attack on my last name that was not printed. The rightist person wrote my last name "Tarangle" insinuating my political angle. Hey! My name is Tarango. That's my grandfathers name. Show respect for that; I honor my name and my family's name. And if you want to personally attack me please have the decency to write your name. I sign my articles and put my self out there for critique because debate is something I think is important for our campus.

## Recycle

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to gain the involvement of more companies.

"It's all small amounts, in these businesses, but they end up adding up to large amounts," Thompson said.

Thompson and Young find it most rewarding when they see volunteers with a sincere desire to help out with this cause. They said big things happen when people use a little effort to bring recycled goods together.

"People hear the idea and it just clicks," Thompson said. "Even if you just pick up one, we think that every bottle and every can makes a difference."

Eventually they would like to travel to meet people needing aid in other countries and situations, and develop relationships with them.

"We want to know who we are supporting," Young said.

"We'd love to work with the city

of Riverside to establish a stronger recycling program," Thompson said.

One of their goals is to have an event recycling team and use the money for worthy causes. This group would go out to an event, set up recycling containers and pick them up at the end of the day.

Volunteers have been very helpful, but Thompson and Young still need more human resources. Interested people can get involved by donating their own goods and sending in the money to the project or by arranging for a drop off or pick up of recycled goods by a Recycle\_4Life representative.

Anyone willing to volunteer, provide recyclables, or make a donation can contact Recycle\_4Life by visiting its Web sites at [www.myspace.com/gr33n\\_rm](http://www.myspace.com/gr33n_rm), [www.freewebs.com/gr33n\\_rm](http://www.freewebs.com/gr33n_rm) or sending an e-mail to [Recycle\\_4Life@sierra.edu](mailto:Recycle_4Life@sierra.edu)



Volunteer helps collect recyclables for Recycle\_4Life.

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# Ice Cream Feed

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## Myspace.com

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

*"Teens' Bold Blogs Alarm Area Schools."*

*"Is your school forcing you to give up Myspace?"*

*"Intruding on Myspace."*

These are just a few titles of recent articles written about runaway Internet friend site Myspace.com. Myspace's recent hype is stirring up a lot of issues for people in all walks of life.

The new networking website was founded on July 2003 by Tom Anderson, a UC Berkley and UCLA graduate. The website now has 71 million registered members and as of March 2006 is the fifth most popular English website in the world, as reported by Wikipedia Online Encyclopedia.

While the growth of the website has been phenomenal, the concerns of government agencies, school officials, and parents have grown as well. Salmon and Bustamante of the Press-Enterprise says that "for teens, [the] social site is [a] great tool, but others lurk there, creating dangers." The Press-Enterprise also reports many other problems occurring through the website like the fact that profiles include detailed personal information about users, and lack propriety in content, many of them



including drug and alcohol use and provocative pictures of women.

An interview with a La Sierra University Student Life representative candidly informs the student body of the issues of concern with Myspace from the administration's viewpoint. When asked if La Sierra University will discipline students in consequence of content on their sites, the representative said that students have and will be disciplined for conduct that goes against the student code of conduct as outlined in the student handbook.

This led to the question of what the criteria or limit is for a La Sierra student to post on the website. The reply from the representative was straightforward, "If they don't want us to see it, they should not post it," also adding that any content on Myspace.com should not be contradictory to the lifestyle contract and the La Sierra University Student Handbook which outlines the university's expectation of student

conduct while enrolled at the university.

When asked about how the university searches Myspace.com for content, the representative said that thorough investigation is involved in this process. The university is not hasty to make judgments, but many times students notify the university of other students' questionable content, and the university will research the accusation made against the student.

So how does the administration decide what the punishment will be for a student guilty of a Myspace infraction? The representative said that there is not one person making all the decisions. There is research done on proving the validity of the accusations, and the discipline committee reviews the information to further decide what disciplinary actions will be taken, depending on the nature of the content.

La Sierra University is not the only university or entity which is

beginning to take note of Myspace.com. The Washington Post reports, "School administrators have begun to take notice, and some are warning students that their online activities may affect not only their safety, but also their academic and professional lives." Also "some colleges have expelled teenagers for violating codes of conduct after discovering photos of underage students posing in front of kegs or writing about drinking binges, and employers often look up job candidates on the sites," said Parry Aftab, an Internet lawyer and the executive director of Wiresafety.org.

On the other side of the argument, there are some who feel as though Myspace inquisitions attack the personal privacy of users. One student from La Sierra anonymously said, "What a student does off campus should not concern La Sierra." Yet when a student begins study at La Sierra University they have signed a contract stating their intent to follow the student conduct requirements.

Whether or not you agree with the actions taken, La Sierra claims full right to inspect all content of its students and is fully prepared to make decisions upon content posted by an individual on Myspace.com.

## Young Promises Faster Internet

By WILL GILE

La Sierra University has been plagued this year by the slow speeds of the Internet. Compared to last year, there has been an increasingly significant problem with the speed of the Internet on campus. With each student being charged a \$50 technology fee every quarter, which broken down means roughly \$20 a month (the price of some in home DSL services), students are wondering why the Internet has been degraded to slower than 56K speeds.

"I'm tired of having to drive somewhere like Starbucks and use the Internet there because I can't check my own e-mail in my dorm room," said Kenny Channer, a junior pre-physical therapy major who expressed his distaste with the slow, or sometimes nonexistent Internet service on campus. Many students like Channer have experienced the hardships of trying to check an e-mail before class, or turn in that paper to Turnitin.com before the cutoff date.

Joseph Krpalek, a sophomore nursing major, is an active day trader and relies heavily on the Internet to make sure his investments go right. "My business ventures depend on the Internet, and since it's a big part of my lifestyle I demand high speeds. I am thoroughly disgusted with the poor service I've received in the dorms." It's not just students like Channer and Krpalek who are angry either. Gon-

zalo Castro, a junior liberal studies major, relies on the wireless access on campus, but at often times he is unable to get a signal. "What is the point of having a wireless system if we can't even access it?" said Castro. "There are only like four spots on campus where I can actually get a signal."

Sam Young, director of Information Technology services on campus, said students can look forward to a faster Internet next year. "Right now students are getting 7 megabits of bandwidth, which will be increased to 15 next year," he said. "The price of bandwidth is dropping significantly, and 45 megabits can now be purchased for \$5,000 a month." As it stands now, the budget allotted for the Internet is not enough to buy a decent amount of bandwidth. "Right now the budget is roughly \$2,000 a month, I don't know the exact figure," said Young, "Next year however it will be increased to three to four thousand a month, which will enable us to purchase more bandwidth." Engineers are arriving this week on campus to take a look at the flawed wireless system. "Next year, students will be able to have wireless wherever they go on campus," said Young. When asked why the Internet is so slow this year Young replied, "Students have to realize that with sites like Myspace.com, people

are putting up several pictures on one page, and now even music. It takes up a large amount of bandwidth. "We have been monitoring which sites have been taking up the most bandwidth and Myspace has come out on top," said Young. "It is killing the Internet, not just for us but universities everywhere." MICOL, the computer lab on campus, has already banned Myspace on all of its Macintosh computers. "We might just have to ban it completely," said Young.

Junior business student Shane Bickner recently failed an assignment because he was unable to upload information he needed from

D2L, the new website that many teachers are now using to communicate with their classes. "I'm paying a crazy amount of money to go to a private institution, I expect top of the line quality Internet," said Bickner. "If the college is going to blame the slow internet on Myspace, it should have been able to prepare for the future. Times are changing, and everything nowadays is based on the Internet. All our homework is turned in via the Internet, we research on the Internet, and we use it to communicate with others. If LSU cannot keep up with this then what are we paying for? Plain and simple, the Internet is inefficient."

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33.6 Kbps	Dial-up 33.6k
53.3 Kbps	Dial-up 56k
264.2 Kbps - You	264.2 kbps
384.0 Kbps	DSL/Cable 384k
768.0 Kbps	DSL/Cable 768k
1500.0 Kbps	Cable/DSL 1.5Mbps

The "You" above refers to a test conducted in Sierra Towers. Bandwidth speed test courtesy of Cnet.com. Time of test 4:00 p.m. on May 31, 2006. Speeds subject to vary. Page load speeds may not reflect bandwidth speed.

## Championship Basketball Intramural Game

By KATELYN KILBY

The La Sierra University basketball intramural season ended in a championship game that to say the least could be described as...intense. Bringing together two rival teams meant that the crowd could look forward to an hour of heavy trash talking and the mixing together of friends and even enemies to play in this so called "friendly" little intramural game.

The intramural season saw many teams that tried their best and hung in there as long as they could, but watching throughout the season you could tell which teams were obviously taking it all the way. Rounding out the playoffs were the teams PBA, NBA Live, the Haldemans, and Early.

The first time PBA and Early played one another it was an extremely close game coming down to Early winning by only three points. In the playoff game, during the first half PBA was keeping Early on their toes but in the second half PBA seemed to lose their energy and so in the end lost the game, sending team Early to the championship. During the Haldemans/ NBA Live game, the Haldemans started with a fairly large lead that they kept most of the game. But in the middle of the second half Live decided they weren't going to be shut out quite yet, making a come back putting the scores in very close range. But with a few flared tempers from NBA Live and a few "I don't think so" blocks from the Haldemans, NBA Live couldn't make it to the end. The Haldemans were off to face Early.

The anticipation leading up to this championship game was high not only for the players but for some of the fans as well. Everyone knew that these two teams had mostly been walking all over the other teams all season and the first time these two teams played Early only lost by one by a last second foul call. Though enraged tempers and heavy mouthing-off was nothing new to this intramural season, most expected this hour to be filled with lots of entertainment and in the end the audience pretty much got what they expected.

The Haldemans, led by Howard Hood and Early, led by Pat Creary knew early on that they would most likely be meeting in this championship game and so being the rival teams of the season, tension was on that court before the players were even there.

This is basically how the game went down; the teams hustled up and down the court a few times, a whistle was blown, a foul called, some yelling at each other, yelling at the refs, hustling back and forth a few times, another whistle blown, another foul called, more yelling at each other, more yelling at the refs. It got to be a little ridiculous because for a while it didn't even seem like the game would get past the first half before the refs would call it.

It was a game filled with disagreeing, arguing, getting into each other's faces, and the exchanging of a few words with each other that can't exactly be printed in the Criterion. The testosterone level must have been sky-rocketing in the gym that night, which is nothing new for an intramural season at LSU. Apparently repeating the fact that it's "just an INTRAMURAL game" doesn't exactly work for a player and his pride.

Team Early had a lead that they were quite pleased with going into the second half. They were playing together well and lead scorer Ryan White was easily putting up shots over the not-so-tall and not-so-good-defensively Haldemans. But coming into the second half the Haldemans had had enough and their lead scorer Terrell Hendricks knew exactly what to do to bring his team back. Again

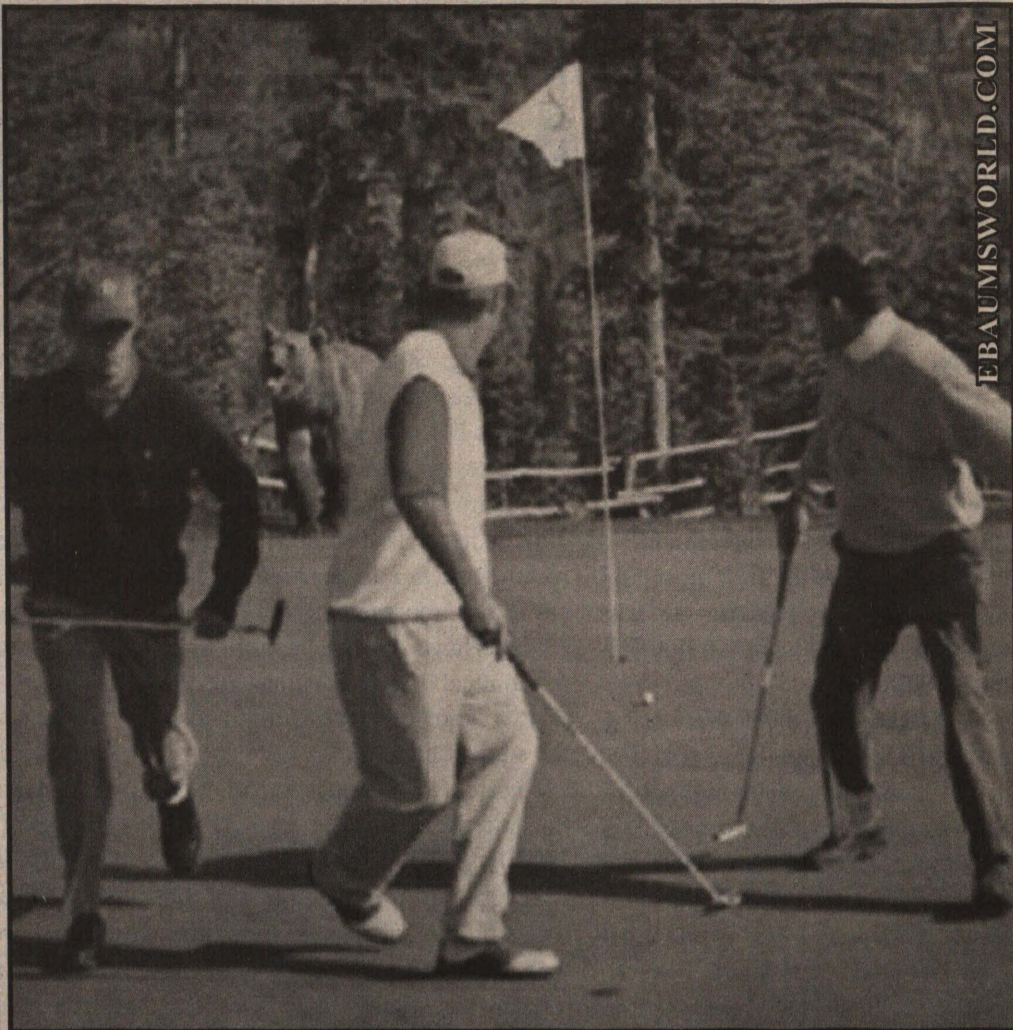
and again Hendricks would drive in, get the foul call, and make his points. The Haldemans together came back and at the last minute or two they were only down by three.

This is what the crowd had been waiting for: a real game. Stop the talking and start the playing. A championship game is supposed to be close and exciting, and though the refs were not making anyone, players or crowd, too happy by a lot of their calls, things were finally getting interesting. But then things turned again. Hendricks fouled out and Early players began passing such easy tip-ins to White that it looked like it was game. Team Early took the game with a final score of 50-39. But surprisingly the fun hadn't stopped and that wasn't the end of the night.

The end of the night actually came by the way of Dean Curtis and one

of our trusty security guards coming down to the gym telling us all to clear out and essentially "Leave Now." I guess after the "hush, hush" fight at the championship flag football intramural game, the administration was taking no chances this time in letting the tension get to anyone. I mean, yes, there was a fairly large group of people gathered in the gym still doing a lot of the running of the mouths. But by the time the "security" had gotten there most -- not all, but most -- tempers had fizzled out and people were just engaging in a healthy, after game conversation.

So that basically wraps up the fiery tempered, trash talking, chair throwing, basketball kicking '05-'06 intramural season here at LSU. Congrats to Team Early on the win, and let's all try to keep it a little less hostile next season.



This picture has nothing to do with the basketball story. But Will thinks it's funny. It is pretty funny. In 2005, 6 people were killed in bear attacks in North America. That's not funny.

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## Tuition Increase

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Geraty claimed the tuition increase comes mainly from national economic inflation, sharing an example of the cement and steel costs of the Price Science Complex and the significant price increases experienced while construction was underway.

However, Geraty also said the changes reflect the rising price of medical costs and utilities throughout the state that trickles down to faculty salaries that must be compensated. In addition, LSU is also hoping to raise enough money to upgrade campus facilities, buy new books, and raise

faculty salaries to maintain a median pay level when compared to other local university's faculty wages.

According to Geraty, it takes over \$25 million to keep the university on its feet each year, and extra costs, as well as financial stability, seem to come at a high price. "[It is] obvious we need to balance costs of operation with the institution's expenses," said Edelbach, adding that the costs should reflect the value of maintaining a quality program at LSU.

There is a glimmer of hope for low income students in need of financial

assistance. As the tuition goes up, so do federal financial aid amounts. Cal Grants and other forms of aid are expected to increase with the proposed California state budget changes. *The Governor's State Budget Highlights* for 2006-2007 from the California Department of Finance website shows that the allotted Student Aid Commission general funds should increase 14.5% from last year.

At the school level, LSU dedicated approximately \$7 million to financial aid this year and has similar plans for next year. There is no expectation of

major rises in enrollment though, said Edelbach, and there is uncertainty whether the tuition increase will cause the University to lose students.

The hope is that students eligible for such aid will have the higher tuition offset by more available financial aid, said Geraty. And with frequent donations set up as endowments and other monetary means, the ultimate goal is that "whoever we accept, we would make sure they have an affordable financial package," added Geraty.



## It's a Bird, It's a plane—No It's a Popsicle

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

Ice slashed through the Drayson Center Gym at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California, according to the Press-Enterprise.

The source of the ice is unknown but people around the area stated that a plane was seen flying away from the gym area. No one was injured in the accident which occurred on Thursday morning, April 13, between 8:55 and 9:15 a.m. Rolland

Crawford, division chief of the Loma Linda Fire Department, said that the people who heard the ice falling said that it sounded like "an artillery shell going through the air. It was a whistling whooshing sound."

The opaque white piece of ice was 2 feet long and was preserved for further investigation as reported by the Associated Press. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokes-

man Mike Fergus stated that it will take at least a week for investigators to identify planes that were in the area 80 miles east of Los Angeles by reviewing radar records, but said it may be impossible to determine where the ice came from. According to Fergus, ice that falls from an aircraft's galley or lavatory is blue, and ice that falls off fuselages tends to be only two or three inches thick.

## The Gourmet Pizza Shoppe

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

Just as April showers bring May flowers, they also seem to make the dating scene blossom. As the weather warms up and the mini skirts come out of hibernation, the dating scene is once again at its climax. Here is a useful tool to win the dating game: an upbeat restaurant proven to woo the opposite sex.

This delightful little pizza parlor is nestled in the heart of Redlands, only 20 minutes away from La Sierra University. Located on Orange Street, the restaurant's

downtown setting is perfect for a charming date or get together. Reasonably priced, the restaurant allows you to order first and then be seated, with quick and timely service. The dress code is casual and the restaurant is not formal in containing the noise level, allowing you to have a comfortable conversation. The lighting is superb and the décor makes you feel as though you are outside on a patio.

Although the setting sounds too good to be true, don't worry-

you'll get your money's worth with the food as well. Don't let the high-class name fool you. *The Gourmet Pizza Shoppe's* fare is hearty and very satisfying. There are many gourmet pizza combinations to choose from, not just the regular old toppings. My favorite is the Malibu Island which consists of pesto sauce, chicken, mozzarella cheese, red potato, garlic and tomato. Their original recipes are superb and will be scarfed down—quickly and noisily if placed before boys.

## Summer Internship Available

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) is seeking qualified applicants for their summer and fall 2006 internship sessions. These are PAID internships that include round-trip travel with federal agencies and private corporations nationwide.

Get more information and applications at [www.hnip.net](http://www.hnip.net) or call 202-467-0893.

## Did you know that we have our very own OBSERVATORY?

On Friday, June 2, 2006 the observatory will be hosting its monthly "Open House."

This event is FREE and open to the public.

The observatory will be open from 7:30 - 10:30 pm.

If the skies are clear, we expect to look at the moon, some stars, and several planets (Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter).

### Where:

The observatory is located at the base of the mountain behind the university.

### Contact information:

Reggie Faust ([rfaust@lasierra.edu](mailto:rfaust@lasierra.edu))

Come and check out the stars, learn more about other universes, and God!

### When:

It is open on the first Friday of EVERY month (weather permitting) 7:30 p - 10:30 p

For more information, please visit their website: <http://www.lasierra.edu/observatory>

**Thursday, Jun 1**

- Fall Quarter advising and registration for continuing students
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- 11:00 AM - UW (LSUC)
- 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM - SALSU End of Year Bash/ Night of the Gladiators (Campus Mall)

**Friday, Jun 2**

- Fall Quarter advising and registration for continuing students
- 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM - LSU Observatory Open
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

**Saturday, Jun 3**

- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)

**Sunday, Jun 4****Monday, Jun 5**

- National Headache Awareness Week
- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% OFF with LSU ID
- Fall Quarter advising and registration for continuing students
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms)
- 7:00 PM - Honors Senior Recognition Banquet (Alumni Center)

**Tuesday, Jun 6**

- Fall Quarter advising and registration for continuing students
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms)
- 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle's Nest)

**Wednesday, Jun 7**

- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod

Pizza: 10% OFF with LSU ID

- Fall Quarter advising and registration for continuing students
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms)
- 8:00 PM - SALSU To Go - First come, First serve! Don't be late! (Brickyard)
- 10:00 PM - Rendezvous-Finale (HMA)

**Thursday, Jun 8**

- Fall Quarter advising and registration for continuing students
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms)
- 11:00 AM - UW (LSUC)
- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Class of 2006 Ice Cream Feed (Alumni Center)

**Friday, Jun 9**

- Fall Quarter advising and registration for continuing students
- 7:45 PM - First Service (Campus Mall)
- End-of-the-year Midnight Cafe (Immediately following First Service)

**Saturday, Jun 10**

- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)

**Sunday, Jun 11**

- Study, Relax, and Good luck on your finals!

**Monday, Jun 12**

- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% OFF with LSU ID
- Fall Quarter advising and registration for continuing students
- Spring Quarter Exams begin

- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (LSH, PH, SB)

**Tuesday, Jun 13**

- National Men's Health Week
- Fall Quarter advising and registration for continuing students
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (LSH, PH, SB)

**Wednesday, Jun 14**

- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod
- Pizza: 10% OFF with LSU ID
- Fall Quarter advising and registration for continuing students
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (LSH, PH, SB)

**Thursday, Jun 15**

- Fall Quarter advising and registration for continuing students
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Spring Quarter ends
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (LSH, PH, SB)

**Friday, Jun 16**

- LSU Consecration (LSUC)
- Summer Break. Pamper yourself day—Go to a spa, eat candy, you've earned it! Take it easy!

**Saturday, Jun 17**

- Worship Service (LSUC)
- TBA - LSU Commencement Concert
- TBA - LSU Educator Dedication
- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)

**Sunday, Jun 18**

- Father's Day
- 8:00 AM - LSU Conferring of Degrees (Founders' Green)

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**Students Hit the Doors**

By WILL GILE

Students at La Sierra University are going door to door spreading the Adventist message by handing out literature to the homes of Southern California. Under the leadership of Teddy Knapp, the literature evangelism team here on campus has been able to distribute 3,000 books all over the area. The books include *The Great Controversy*, *Steps to Christ*, and various children's books. Knapp leads a team of 2-5 students every night Monday through Thursday for 4 hours to cover areas around Riverside. Literature evangelists, also known as colporteurs, have been spreading Adventist literature to homes for over a hundred years.

"Leading the colporteur team has been a real blessing this year," says Knapp, "The students I work with have a real desire to do ministry. It's great to see them share God's love with people at the doors." Knapp has worked all over the country doing colporteur work. He is especially happy with the results he sees at

LSU. "One thing I like about working with the students at this campus is the diversity," says Knapp. "The students I work with are from all over the world; we've had students from Nigeria to Thailand. I've never worked with a more diverse group in my life."

This is the first year an official literature evangelism program has worked from the campus of LSU. Southern Adventist University, Andrews University, and Southwestern University all have active colporteur teams. Knapp is excited about LSU joining the list. "The great thing about LSU is that it has so much territory around the school," he says. "Other Adventist colleges are away from big cities and are in the middle of nowhere. LSU has an opportunity to reach a massive amount of people."

Janina Irving, a psychology/biology major, has been on the colporteur team all school year. Despite the challenges—the students must

handle a 12 hour commitment each week, along with the pressures of a normal class load—Irving feels blessed by the experience. "It's been an awesome experience and I'm really happy about all the people I've been able to reach out to," she says. "I've had a wonderful experience being able to share God's word with people, and it's helped me grow spiritually as a person."

It was a struggle to get the program up and running, but Knapp credits the success of the program to the people who have helped him. "Getting this program off the ground has truly been a team effort. We've worked extensively with the spiritual life department and the human resources department. People like Dr. Geraty and Pastor Sam have supported us a hundred percent."

LSU matches what each student makes up to \$3,000. Students are able to spread God's message and knock off their school bill at the same

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## Dead Week Diary

By LARRY PENA

It's gonna be a short one this week friends. I'm writing to you from deep in the middle of Dead Week, the time of the quarter when the teaching staff attempts to violently bludgeon us to death and suck out our souls as we lie gasping our final breaths. I think our faculty thinks this is a video game. At the end of each level, they figure we should go up against a huge boss, while simultaneously throwing combo moves at the same henchmen we've been fighting past all along. And when and if we get past that, all we get is to watch an anticlimactic little story clip and the scrolling names of 300 Japanese programmers, and then you're bored so you have to start the whole thing all over again, but now you decide to try it on "medium" setting instead of "easy," because you don't want to just be some dork playing the exact same game over and over and over...wait... I got off-track. What was I talking about again?

Oh right, Dead Week. It's rough. But at least it's well-timed. At about Week 7 1/2 in the quarter my already-low concern for all things academic really just drops out from under me. By Week 8 I'm skipping classes liberally, dreamily remembering the warm carefree summer and lustily hating each moment I have to think about research papers or project journals or logarithms. If there was a Week 11 I would literally go insane.

And I'm not the most diligent of students anyway. It might in fact confuse some of you who know me to discover that I even know that it is Dead Week....or what Dead Week is, for that matter. Actually, for the longest time I thought it was the only time of the quarter that you were *allowed* to study. That might be why I'm currently on the Van Wilder graduation plan.

So I got to get back to work now. I have two papers due this week, two more next week, and a slough of tests that I'm not remotely prepared for. Also, I need to play about 7 hours of Halo. . I still can't pronounce those programmers' names just right...

## Colporteur

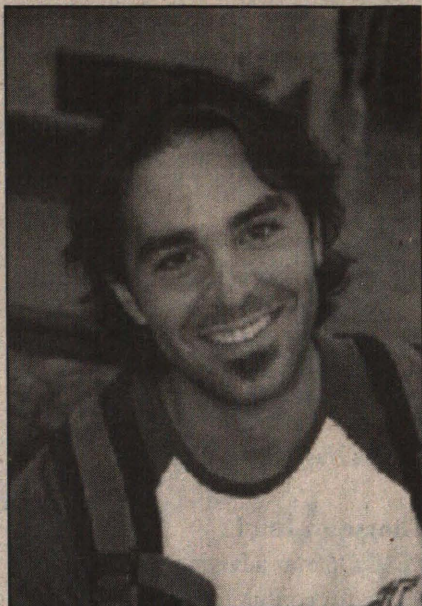
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time. "What this really is a chance to do missionary work and get paid at the same time," says Knapp. Students are earning an average of \$100 a night selling books.

The colporteur team is always looking for new students to come out and help. If you are interested in a job where you can experience missionary work contact Teddy Knapp at 951-522-1094.

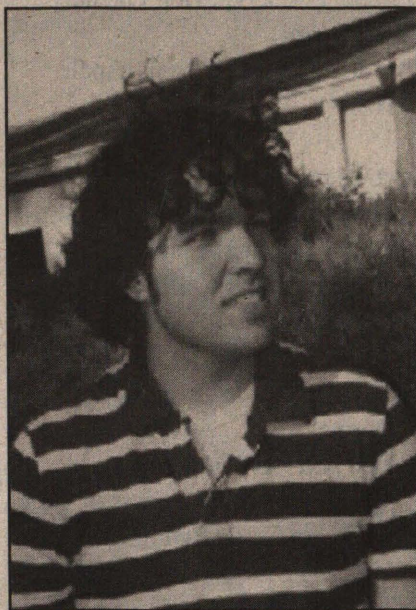
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Compiled by JENNIFER LEE



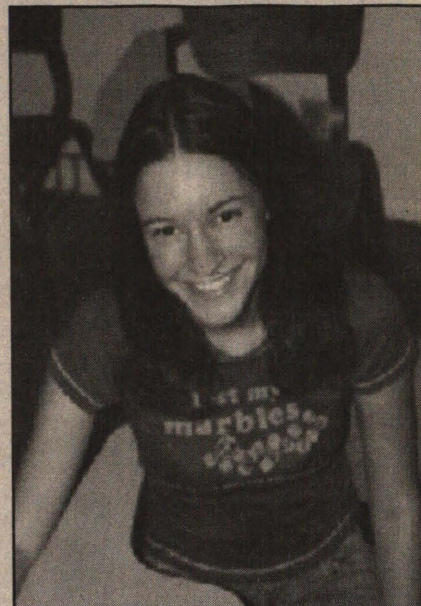
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Senior  
Mathematics

"Last year in French class during a test, Dr. Dudley asked me if the glasses on my head were mine. I looked at him and couldn't help but laugh at his observation."



**ROBERT HARVEY JR.**  
Freshman  
Nursing

"When Pastor Sam played his ukulele and made everyone sing 'Where is the Love?'"



**DEBRA MAROVITCH**  
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## Carl Wilkens to Give 2006 Commencement Address

Carl Wilkens, La Sierra University's 2006 commencement speaker, will give all in attendance at the 8 a.m. Sunday service, including those watching online at [www.lasierra.edu](http://www.lasierra.edu), the opportunity to hear from one of the few aid workers to remain in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide.

Against orders from the government and church officials, Wilkens stayed in Rwanda during the genocide and did what he could to ease the suffering he encountered in the midst of violence.

After returning from Rwanda, he became a pastor, and since 1996, Wilkens has served as the campus chaplain for Milo Adventist Academy in Oregon.

For a profile on Wilkens, turn to PAGE 6.



Commencement speaker Carl Wilkens

## SIFE Coffee Shop Hits the Spot

BY MEGAN PENINGTON



LSU SIFE members (left to right) Marcus Connor, Taylor York, and David Narozniak man the counter at The Spot, a unique cafe.

Soaring summer temperatures have arrived in Southern California, leaving many residents with a longing for ice-cold refreshment. Members of the Altura Credit Union located at 10725 Magnolia Avenue can satisfy this craving with a fruit smoothie while they bank, thanks to The Spot, a non-profit coffee shop owned and operated by La Sierra University's Students in Free Enterprise team.

Its grand opening on May 12 was the culmination of a project that had been in development for three years.

The Altura Credit Union originally approached SIFE with the idea of running a coffee shop inside their Magnolia branch. SIFE committed to the undertaking and went to work, trying

to make it a reality. First, there were financial, legal, and administrative issues that had to be resolved. Health department regulations regarding storage and wall and ceiling materials also needed to be met and equipment needed to be bought, but eventually everything fell into place.

In addition to smoothies, the menu consists of an array of award-winning espresso and coffee products (hot, blended, or on the rocks), fountain drinks, Italian ice, tea, and SIFE water. All coffee and tea products are Fair Trade Certified, meaning they are purchased from merchants who buy the ingredients directly from the growers. Tables outside the credit union offer patrons a chance to sit down and enjoy

## University Has No Plans to Drop SDA Affiliation

La Sierra University's Office of University Relations issued a statement Monday denying the rumor that LSU faculty is pushing to become a secular institution.

Various rumors have been circulating since the LSU faculty senate called an emergency meeting on May 23.

Read the official response to these rumors on PAGE 2.

their beverage of choice.

But now that The Spot has opened, SIFE is facing a new challenge. The shop must break even within its first 90 days or else the university will close it down.

"We are doing everything we can to increase our customer base, and give incentives to repeat customers, so that we can beat that date. But for sure, we need students and others on campus to please come by and do your part by purchasing a drink as often as possible," said Heather Miller, SIFE faculty fellow and director of special projects in the School of Business.

Amarleono Burnett, a student in LSU's Evening Adult Degree Program, has been the project director for the last seven months and functions as the The Spots's general manager. He brings to the project 20 years of food industry experience working as a chef.

According to Burnett, several different strategies have been implemented in promoting the budding business. It has been marketed to different departments here on campus. An article about the coffee shop appeared in the credit union's newsletter, which has a circulation of 85,000. Posters have been put up and hand bills distributed. The Spot even had two grand openings, one for the university and one for the general community. Burnett feels confident that they are on track toward successfully hitting the money mark before the July 17 deadline.

Student employees of The Spot, both SIFE and non-SIFE members, are also trying to attract business by hand-

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## LSU Students Lend Helping Hand

BY WILLIAM GILE

Memorial Day weekend was an experience some La Sierra students won't forget. While most people were hitting the beaches, or kicking back at home, a group of La Sierra Students decided to take a quick mission trip.

Seven students, led by Pastor Steve Hemenway, ventured to New Orleans on a weekend-long mission trip to give relief to Hurricane Katrina victims. LSU students joined students from Oakwood College and relief organizations that helped plan and coordinate the trip.

Once they landed in New Orleans, they went to Waveland, Mississippi, a coastal city that was hit the hardest by the hurricane. There, they worked ten hour shifts in temperatures that reached one hundred degrees.

The small group of students helped to gut low income apartment houses, which meant stripping the entire interior, to remove the mold accumulated from the flooding. They took out the insulation, fiberglass, and broke down cabinets, so it could be ready for construction workers to build up again. They had to wear masks so that the fiberglass wouldn't get in their lungs.

The students then helped paint the house of a family where water rose to the second floor. There they were able to spend time with the family and give them assurance that the prayers of La Sierra students were with them.

Maribel Yow, a freshman liberal studies major, was one of the seven students to go on the trip. "This trip gave me the opportunity to help first

hand," said Yow. "People don't realize there is still a lot of work to be done over there."

Kelly Straine, senior, business administration major, had never done any construction work before she went on this trip. "By the end of the trip, I was ripping out ducts from houses with a crowbar," she said. "This trip was an awesome experience, and I would definitely go again," she added.

The trip, which cost about \$300, represents the second time this year that La Sierra students have gone to help Hurricane Katrina victims.

Another trip is being planned for July, and more volunteers are needed. For more information contact Hemenway via email at [srhemenway@hotmail.com](mailto:srhemenway@hotmail.com).

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## Statement Released by the Office of University Relations in Response to the Rumors surrounding the May 23 Faculty Meeting

**There's a rumor going around that the university's faculty met in secret and have voted that La Sierra University not be a part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church anymore. Is that true?**

The University Faculty did have an officially called meeting on May 23. It was not held in secret. Approximately half a dozen LSU staff who are not faculty sat in on the meeting. Here's some background.

Recently the campus was visited by three members of the AAA, the Adventist Accrediting Association. The written report of their visit was generally quite positive, and included a number of commendations for the progress fulfillment of the spiritual master plan they found at the university. But there was one section that sounded a cautionary note regarding what the review team felt was a potential change in direction for the university's mission and priorities. The university believes that this was based on a misunderstanding of some things that were said in conversation with the visiting AAA team. The AAA report encouraged communication and information flow between the university's Board of Trustees and the various constituencies about strategic plans.

During the Board of Trustees meeting on May 11, some trustees made additional comments regarding the small section of the AAA report, expressing similar concerns. The faculty meeting was an outgrowth of some of the board's expressed concerns regarding administrative direction in this area.

### **But why was this meeting called just for the faculty?**

Because of the nature of the issue (potential change in direction for the university's mission and priorities), there were a number of faculty members who felt it would be valuable to hold a meeting of the entire faculty to discuss the matter in a setting where each would be free to share his or her perspective. While this does not occur often, it is certainly within the

rights of the faculty to hold such a meeting. There are provisions in the Faculty Senate Constitution providing for just such meetings. They can be called in one of two ways:

1. A majority vote of the Faculty Senate;
2. A petition signed by 25 faculty members calling for a meeting and outlining the proposed agenda items.

A petition signed by 64 faculty members was submitted, and the May 23 meeting was set. All members of the University Faculty (defined as all faculty and emeritus faculty, excluding contract, adjunct, and those on leave) had the right to attend. Those half dozen people who were not faculty members were allowed to sit in on the meeting after a positive vote by those faculty members in attendance. They did not have voting privileges.

### **So what did they decide?**

There was an action that came from the meeting that has been made public, approved by an overwhelmingly large number of those present, with a few abstentions but no negative votes. It follows:

- Whereas, The Strategic Plan reflects the academic, co-curricular, fiscal, and infrastructure priorities for the university; and
- Whereas, The Strategic Plan has been approved by the Faculty Senate [Date] and the Board of Trustees [Date]; and
- Whereas, the provost is judged by the faculty to have provided exceptional leadership in implementing the strategic plan; therefore be it
- Resolved, That the faculty of La Sierra University affirm the provost and the administration and their professional, moral, and spiritual leadership of the university; and be it further
- Resolved, That the provost continue his work to achieve for La Sierra University the vision articulated in the strategic plan; and be it further

- Resolved, that the Faculty Senate prepare a written response to the events of May 11 and its aftermath, to be shared with all concerned before the proposed special Board of Trustees meeting on 22 June, 2006.

The Strategic Plan referred to in the faculty's action is the "La Sierra University Strategic Plan, 2003-2008." That document, available online at [www.lasierra.edu/files/Strategic\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.lasierra.edu/files/Strategic_Plan.pdf), outlines La Sierra University's commitment to excellent Adventist education in four dimensions—its curricula and academic programs, student body, faculty and staff, and physical plant.

When you look at the language in the strategic plan and in the faculty's action, clearly the faculty did NOT vote that La Sierra University cease to be a part of the Seventh-day Adventist system of higher education. In fact, they endorsed the vision outlined in the strategic plan, that of excellent Adventist Education.

### **The faculty's action mentions a proposed special Board of Trustees meeting in June. What is this about?**

The members of the Board of Trustees who attended the May 10 and 11 meetings actually discussed the AAA report several times—during a dinner meeting on May 10, during at least one board committee on the morning of May 11, and during the Trustees meeting the afternoon of May 11. While much of the Board's discussion during their May 11 afternoon meeting took place privately in Executive Session, it became apparent that there are trustees who have had some concerns raised by the AAA report as well, and want to discuss the university's direction with administration. A special meeting for that purpose may take place on June 22. As noted in the above action, the faculty will share a written report of their discussions and perspectives relating to the AAA report and their vision for the university to the Board for its consideration.



LSU president Lawrence Geraty at The Spot with SIFE faculty fellow Jodi Cahill.

## The Spot

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ing out free samples to anyone entering the credit union. Michael Wogu, a 24-year-old graduate LSU student and SIFE team member, works at the shop and believes in the power of the sample.

"Customers you get are the ones you grab," he said. "Then they come back. But you first got to put the spoon in the mouth."

Proceeds from The Spot will go toward various SIFE projects taking place around the world. The name of the coffee shop itself is a reference to the Cow Bank started by the team in Karandi, India during the 1999-2000 school year. That project is considered one of SIFE's most successful projects and was also their first international social entrepreneurial project.

While The Spot has the potential to fund future projects, it also benefits SIFE students in a tangible way, which is one of Burnett's main concerns. It offers them an opportunity to experience first-hand what it feels like to run a live business. Wogu enjoys this aspect of the job.

"It allows me to be on the front lines of SIFE," he said.

As the deadline for breaking even draws nearer, workers at The Spot will continue to serve up drinks to thirsty customers, while SIFE maintains hope that their three-year investment will make it past the three month mark.

Hours of operation coincide with those of the credit union, which is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. While the credit union does hold hours on Saturday, The Spot remains closed for Sabbath observance. Discounts are available for teachers, students, and people in the food industry.

## Public Relations Department Wins Two Capellas

BY JESSICA CRAWFORD

La Sierra University's public relations department received two Capella awards from the Public Relations Society of America, California Inland Empire chapter, at an awards dinner hosted at the Marriot in Riverside on Wednesday April 26.

Larry Becker, executive director of university relations, accepted the Capella award, in the magazine/periodicals category, for La Sierra Today, La Sierra University's alumni magazine.

Tamara Wolcott Fisher, director of public relations, and D.J. King, graphics designer, took home a second Capella in the special communications category for their work on the La Sierra Campus Events Brochure. A third entry, the General Conference souvenir DVD, was entered in the multimedia category, but did not receive an award.

This was La Sierra University's first time participating.

The competition was open to all public relations departments in the Inland Empire. All entries were evaluated based on research, execution, and budget, in addition to writing and design. Winners were chosen by the PRSA chapter in Pikes Peak, Colorado.

In an effort to keep politics out of the contest, submissions were not judged by local people and were awarded based solely on their merit, according to Becker.

The PRSA offers three different awards. The Polaris is the top level honor awarded. The two Capellas that La Sierra received are at the merit level. Third place awards, or honorable mentions, were also presented. Other PRSA winners include the City of Riverside and Loma Linda University.

Becker is proud of the quality of their work, and hopes to continue improving for next years presentation.

## 'Do Peru' Trip Teaches the True Value of Life

BY ALEX VILLALOBOS

For people living in the United States, poverty is something that is dreadful, but for people living in Third World countries, poverty is a normal way of life. Yet the definition for "poverty" may simply be relative, because Americans, even the ones who are living in poverty, would be shocked by the standard of living in some of those countries.

The eight-and-a-half hour flight was descending into Lima, Peru. Not knowing what to expect I was excited, but also a bit anxious to see what the next 10 days were going to be like. All the lectures and slide-show presentations in class could not prepare me for what was to come during the "Do Peru with LSU" tour. Students who had taken the tour before told me stories about life for some Peruvians, but I soon discovered that it is another thing to actually see it and experience it.

Arriving in Lima at midnight, along with the three-hour time difference, had me disoriented, but that did not take away from the initial feelings that came to me when I exited the plane. As we traveled to the hotel I could get a sense of how Peru's economy was. A lot of the homes and businesses were dilapidated, with missing or broken windows and pieces of the building falling apart, it looked like they were barely staying up. It seemed very risky to walk through some of the neighborhoods alone because of the dark and shadowy streets that had no view of what was on the other side, yet children were constantly walking and playing on those same streets.

As all cities have their good parts and their bad parts, so did the ones in Peru, but when we toured some of the 'poorer' cities it was abundantly clear that these people were far below our standard of poor. On an eight-hour bus trip from Puno to Cusco all that the eye could see were mud huts, and it seemed like they were living with no electricity. There were no power lines going to these little homes, it was also clear that there was no running water there either. A family had gathered on the side of the river to wash their clothes and clean up. And in the midst of a storm this family was at the mercy of Mother Nature because they didn't know if their home would withstand the rain.

Yet in all this poverty these people seem to be living a good life with positive and graceful attitudes. Living in mud huts, having no electricity, and barely having any food could not put a damper on these people's outlook on life. Everywhere you looked there were children running around, playing, having fun, splashing in the river water, eventhough that water is their only source of hydration. Everywhere we went we



Vendors on the side of the street in the city of Juliaca, Perú attempt to make a living selling fruits, drinks and small trinkets.



The boarder of the city of Iquitos, Perú, is located literally on Amazon River. The residents here use the water for everything from bathing to drinking.

were greeted with smiles and open arms. In Plateria the children's faces glowed when we went into their town. They were amazed at the cool gadgets we were carrying. Showing them our iPods and video cameras was like taking them on a tour to the moon; these children were excited by the technology they had never even heard of before. Some of them were on cloud nine when one student allowed them to hold the video camera and record for a bit. Their friends ran around waving to the camera as if they were on television and saying "Hi" to all their friends. These kids were thrilled just to have us there; nothing else was needed to put a smile on their faces.

Back home, whenever something doesn't go our way, or whenever we can't get something we really want from a store, we feel like our lives are going to fall apart. We see children falling to the ground in the stores screaming at the top of their lungs because they weren't allowed to get the new Barbie that just came

out. We act as if our lives depend on new things, yet children in other countries can't even afford to buy a stick of gum, but they still act as if they have been blessed with the little they have been given.

Going on this Peru tour has really opened my eyes to what I have been blessed with here and what life should be really about. We shouldn't be worried about materialistic things because these material things bring only temporary, shallow happiness. (Sooner or later it won't matter anymore because it will be outdated and our interest in it will have passed). Instead, we should look at what we already have been blessed with and be grateful for it because even our worst state of being cannot compare to the way some of the people in Peru have to live. And if people in Peru and other Third World countries can look past the bad in their lives and see the good, then why can't we? We should start to think more like them and be grateful for what we have.

## LSU Soars over PUC

BY WILLIAM GILE

The Golden Eagle's men's volleyball team flew past the PUC Pioneers last weekend beating them 3 games to 1 and 3 games to 0 in a double header.

The double header, held in the PUC gym added two more wins to the Golden Eagles record putting them at 6-2 and making them the only men's sports team to hold a winning record at La Sierra University this year.

While a few loyal La Sierra fans made the journey up to Angwin to give their support, the Pioneer fans who packed the gymnasium outnumbered them. There was plenty of trash talk to go around with jeers like, "I smell roasted Eagle" being thrown around. But the Eagles did not let the crowd get in their way as they let their talent show throughout the weekend.

Friday, the first day of competition, ended with the Golden Eagles winning 3-1. They received major support on the front line from freshman computer science major Alex Rowell and the defense of junior psychology major Terry Lendeen gave them a strong edge. The setter of the team, junior exercise science major Jason Tomas, delivered perfect sets allowing the rest of the team to deliver great kills.

"Our team really brought our A game," said Tomas. "It wasn't just one person who gave us the win, it was really a combined team effort," he added.

The Pioneers were able to resist a shutout winning the second game 25-23, but the Golden Eagles had no trouble securing victory in the best of 5 series.

Saturday night, junior exercise science major Darryl Duran helped out the Eagles with his jump serves, beating the Pioneers two times on a match point. The Golden Eagles shut out the Pioneers 3-0 silencing the Pioneers' crowd.

Both teams were excited by the popularity of the doubleheader and hope to see it happen next year.

"This weekend was a huge success," said Pioneers' Jon Frederico, sophomore, "Although the games didn't go as we would have liked, hosting the Golden Eagles was fun and I hope we can do it again next year."

Men's volleyball is officially a club team at LSU, which means the school does not officially sponsor it, making it hard for the team to acquire equipment and practice times. The team hopes that the administration will see the amount of success it has had and add it officially into the sports program next year.

Alex Rowell, who plans to stay with the team next year, hopes that the situation will get better. "We ended the season with a 6-2 record with little support from the school, and little to no gym time," he said. "Imagine what we could have done if we were a fully sponsored team."

## LSU Faculty Get Personal, from Ice Cream to Spare Time

It's 2 in the morning. You are working on a paper that's due at 8. You look at the clock, then at your computer and then lovingly at the bed. The chances of you being able to snuggle under the covers are almost nothing...you still have a math assignment to complete by ten.

You decide right then and there to throw yourself a pity party. It's not fair, you think. Your professors don't have anything better to do than to give you homework. You think about how they probably laughed at the misfortune of their students as they went to bed at 8 p.m. You imagine how they probably go home after teaching a class and watch movies and eat junk food while their students slave away at homework all night long.

If you've ever had similar thoughts to these then the following article is for you. Five professors from different areas of study took some time to answer a few questions about what they do while you are struggling to finish the homework they assign.

### Dr. Gary Bradley PhD, Professor of Biology



#### *Dr. Bradley, the Professor:*

**How many classes are you teaching this quarter (Spring Quarter 2006)?**

Five, but they are not all 4-unit courses.

**What did you do when you took a sabbatical Fall Quarter 1999?**

Recovered from administration, prepped courses and wrote a paper.

**When you're working on campus, but aren't teaching, what are you usually doing?**

Meeting with students, doing committee work, corresponding, prepping classes and coordinating Honors Scholarship Projects.

**What other tasks do you perform as part of your job?**

Honors Scholarship Project Coordi-

inator, Honors Council, University Studies Council and CAS Teaching Academy.

**How many hours would you estimate that you spend on campus in any given week?**

Forty to forty-five.

**How many hours a week would you estimate you spend grading, planning classes, prepping, etc.?**

Thirty.

**Where do you usually do your grading, planning, etc.?**

Either my school office or my home office.

**What percent of your time as a professor, would you say, you actually spend in the classroom?**

Twenty-five to thirty percent.

#### *Dr. Bradley, the Man:*

**What did you want to be when you were a kid?**

A preacher.

**What helps you relax?**

Home-improvement projects and dining.

**What do you do for fun?**

Play with my grandkids, ride my motorcycle and travel.

**How do you spend your free time?**

Reading, working on the board of my chapter of Greyhound Pets of America, being a trustee of the Northwest Mosquito and Vector

Control District, and working in my wood shop

**How many hours a night do you think you sleep on average?**

More than I wish I did—I'm a sleepy-head!

**A Few of His Favorite Things: Favorite Type of Music and Why:**

Blues, because it speaks to my soul and lifts my spirit—but then, so do many other genres of music.

**Favorite Flavor of Ice Cream and Why:**

Coconut Almond, because it combines two of my favorite flavors.

**Favorite Movie and Why:**

*Being There*, because it eloquently exposes how easily duped pseudo-intellectuals are.

**Favorite Book and Why:**

*Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* [by Robert Pirsig], because it is a travelogue, a mystery and a philosophy book all in one.

**To Sum It ALL Up:**

**What would you say to students who are surprised to learn that their professors do more than teach?**

While it is true that teaching is really a lot of fun, there is much more to life than having fun. Sometimes one needs to do things that need to be done whether or not they are fun.

### Dr. Mary Wilson Associate Professor of Communication



#### *Dr. Wilson, the professor:*

**As department chair, what sort of new responsibilities do you have?**

The new responsibilities include assuring that there are faculty with the expertise to teach all of the courses required by the curriculum and discussing with the faculty additional courses that should be offered to add depth and breadth to the curriculum. A second responsibility is to balance the load—teaching, research and service between the various faculty members, keeping in mind the academic rank and stage of the career (is this person needing time to pursue the kinds of activities necessary to obtain promotion or tenure). A third responsibility is to set the budget for the department and then to try to live within it—determine which needs can be met and which cannot. There are many other responsibilities, but this will suffice.

**What is the worst part about being department chair?**

The time consumed by chair re-

sponsibilities directly affect all other aspects of my life, personally and professionally. I cannot manufacture more than 24 hours in a day. In terms of my profession, I no longer have time for my research. As for personally, lots of other things suffer.

**How many classes are you teaching this quarter (Spring Quarter 2006)?**

Two.

**What did you do when you took a sabbatical two years ago?**

I did research and wrote papers.

**When you're working on campus, but aren't teaching, what are you usually doing?**

Paperwork, fixing problems, talking with students, teachers, ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS, coordinating work with others, finding answers to questions, writing recommendations, scheduling meetings, putting together meeting agenda items, calling Information Technology to fix problems, calling Physical Plant, Custodial to take care of problems, scheduling the use of rooms for meetings, coordinating work with the department secretaries, doing work for committees, etc...

**How many hours would you estimate that you spend on campus in any given week?**

Forty-five hours a week.

**How many hours a week would you estimate you spend grading, planning classes, prepping, etc.?**

Twenty-four hours a week.

**Where do you usually do your grading, planning, etc.?**

Planning for classes and grading,

this is usually done at home. There are too many interruptions at the office to work on this.

**What percent of your time as a professor, would you say, you actually spend in the classroom?**

Twelve percent of my "working" time is spent in the classroom.

**What other academic activities besides teaching are you involved in?**

My academic activities include: Research—when I'm not the chair, writing up the research, writing & revising, editing my writing, presenting the research at meetings (conventions), talking with colleagues about the research, talking with colleagues about teaching and students, talking about the academic enterprise, how to do what needs to be done, how to solve challenges, how to implement policy and also discussing what policies need to be in place or modified.

#### *Dr. Wilson, The Woman:*

**What did you want to be when you were a kid?**

I wanted to take care of orphaned children and bring them all home with me.

**What helps you relax?**

I run and read to relax.

**What do you do for fun?**

I travel and garden.

**How do you spend your free time?**

I have no free time.

**Do you even remember what free time is?**

Absolutely not.

**How many hours a night do you think you sleep on average?**

I sleep approximately five hours per night.

**A Few of Her Favorite Things: Favorite Type of Music and Why:**

I like many types of music: classical, rock, blues/jazz. Why? Classical music helps me think of beautiful places and things, and helps me to enjoy the perfection of music and musicians. Rock music helps me escape reality. Blues/jazz music is fun.

**Favorite Flavor of Ice Cream and Why:**

Rum raisin. Why? It reminds me of where I was born (they make rum in that country).

**Favorite Movie/Book and Why:**

Too many to list here. I like an old foreign movie "*Elvira Madigan*." Why? It uses Mozart, so the music is wonderful and the script is a very sad love story, one that I relate to.

**To Sum It ALL Up:**

**What would you say to students who are surprised to learn that their professors do more than teach?**

If you think that life is tough when you are a student, you have only begun to understand what life is about. Start managing your time now, because when you are out in life there will be so many more challenges for you to balance.

**What is one thing about yourself that most of your students probably don't know?**

I work hard, play hard, and at one time I was young and irresponsible—that luxury wasn't allowed to last very long.

**Is there anything else you'd like to add?**

Life is great—it becomes what you make of it, so make it good.

## Winona Howe Professor of English



**Dr. Howe, the professor:**  
What are you doing during your sabbatical this quarter (Spring 2006)?

I'm working on the Maine regionalist author, C. A. Stephens. I am giving a paper at the Children's Literature Association Conference in June that examines the attitude of his characters towards education. An education is an important goal for most of these individuals and they are willing to work hard to achieve this goal, not only studying hard, but also working at many different jobs to make it possible. I am also writing an article that looks at the occasional mention of Adventists in Stephens' fiction.

**What are your thoughts on having "time off"?**

A sabbatical is a wonderful institution. Although I am working hard (perhaps even harder than usual), focusing on researching and writing is a different kind of activity than preparing for the quarter, teaching, grading, etc. And because it's a different activity, it recharges my batteries, so to speak. I know I'll come back in the fall, extra ready to begin the quarter, because I've been so focused on my projects for a few months. The only negative of a sabbatical is that I miss seeing students, hearing what's going on in their lives, etc.

**When was your last sabbatical?**

My last sabbatical was during Spring quarter of 1998. I started my

work on Stephens during that quarter, sorting the many pages of notes that I've taken on his works and isolating major themes, etc. His books tend to fall into a number of types of subjects—some are worth attention and some, I feel, are not. I have been collecting his books for years and have now acquired most of them. Identifying his stories, however, can be problematic. If a specific story is not included in a collection, it can not always be identified as his; he wrote many stories under pseudonyms or left them unsigned. Sometimes I am confident that I have identified a story because of setting, theme, or character names, but it is generally not possible to be completely certain.

**When you're working on campus, but aren't teaching, what are you usually doing?**

When I'm in my office, I'm answering emails, examining books that I might use in the future, organizing class records and trying to catch up on my filing.

**How many hours would you estimate that you spend on campus in any given week?**

The time I spend on campus varies from week to week, but it's probably around 30 hours. There's always at least one 12-hour day, sometimes more.

**What other academic activities besides teaching are you involved in?**

I present papers at conferences at least twice a year. This is a part of my job that I really enjoy. Each paper is different and prepared especially for that conference where it is read. The research is fun as it allows me to extend my knowledge about literature and culture. Some of what I learn, I use in the classroom but, even if I don't use the specific material, I think that keeping my mind active makes me a better teacher. Most of my conference papers deal with Victorian authors or culture, or with

children's literature. I have expanded and revised a few of these conference papers that have then been published in academic journals.

**Dr. Howe, The Woman:**

**What did you want to be when you were a kid?**

I didn't really think very much about what my future might hold. I grew up on a small farm with cows, chickens, and lots of fruit to pick and can. As I liked animals, I just sort of assumed that I would probably live on a ranch and life would basically continue the same way that I knew it. The main connection between my life as a kid and my life as a teacher, is that I read all the time then . . . and I still do.

**What helps you relax?**

Working in my rose garden is the best way I know to relax. When something is really bothering me, the physical activity of gardening is helpful, and the beauty of the garden is relaxing.

**What do you do for fun?**

My husband and I really enjoy traveling to new places, trying new food, seeing new birds and animals, and observing different cultures. In the last few years, we've spent time in Norway, Scotland, Argentina, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia and Australia.

**Do you even remember what free time is?**

Well, it happens sometimes. Sometimes, I go birding with my husband and son. Other times, I go to nurseries and gardens with my daughter and son-in-law, searching for especially beautiful roses.

**How many hours a night do you think you sleep on average?**

I usually sleep about 5-6 hours a night. That would be okay if I were getting a lot of work done during the other couple of hours or so that I should be sleeping, but it doesn't happen. I'm too tired to work effectively and very annoyed that I can't go to sleep.

**A Few of Her Favorite Things:**  
**Favorite Type of Music and Why:**

Oldies—and I mean music of the 1940s and 1950s. I love the big band sound, the clever lyrics and the unabashed romantic avowals. The emotionalism of the latter probably explains why my favorite classical composer is Tchaikovsky (although I had to look up how to spell it); I like Richard Wagner also.

**Favorite Flavor of Ice Cream:**

I am devoted to Ben & Jerry's Heath Bar Crunch.

**Favorite Movie/Book and Why:**

It's always hard to make a selection in these categories, because there are so many contenders. For me, the best movie is probably *Casablanca*—it's that romanticism again! What does favorite book mean? Best? Most enjoyable? The one I return to again and again? My valuation probably changes from day to day. For many years, I said that *Kristin Lavransdatter*, by the Norwegian author Sigrid Undset, was the best book I'd ever read. However, it's been so long since I've read it that I think I will have to read it again to see if it lives up to the place where I've assigned it.

**To Sum It ALL Up:**

**What would you say to students who are surprised to learn that their professors do more than teach?**

I'm not surprised at their surprise. I think many students think that people over 30 or so are probably fairly aged and have no lives.

**What is one thing about yourself that most of your students probably don't know?**

You probably didn't know that I was addicted to roses until now, but I'd probably refer to my love for roses as an addiction. When I use up the last possible space in my yard that could hold a rose, I'm not sure what will happen next.

**Is there anything else you'd like to add?**

I think I've revealed enough!

## Dr. Andrew Howe Assistant Professor in the Department of History, Politics & Society

“Dr. Howe. No, the other one. Not that one either, the OTHER one”—just kidding, I go by Dr. Howe.”



**Dr. Howe, the Professor:**  
How many classes are you teaching this Spring Quarter 2006?

Three.

**When you're working on campus, but aren't teaching, what are you usually doing?**

Grading, prepping, committee work and advising.

**How many hours would you estimate that you spend on campus in any given week?**

Thirty.

**How many hours a week would you estimate you spend grading, planning classes, prepping, etc.?**

Fifteen.

**Where do you usually do your grading, planning, etc.?**

At the office and at home.

**What percent of your time as a professor, would you say, you actually spend in the classroom?**

Twenty-five percent.

**What other academic activities besides teaching are you involved in?**

I conduct research in areas that I'm interested in. This past year, I

attended academic conferences and presented papers on Martin Scorsese, Harry Potter, The Chronicles of Narnia and the Falkland War.

**How often (or regularly) are you involved in projects, meetings, conventions, conferences, etc. per school year?**

On average, three to four per year.

**Dr. Howe, the Man:**

**What did you want to be when you were a kid?**

A university professor.

**What helps you to relax?**

Watching films and TV.

**How do you spend your free time?**

What free time?

**Do you even remember what free time is?**

Barely.

**How many hours a night do you think you sleep on average?**

Six during busy quarters, and seven during light quarters.

**A Few of His Favorite Things:**  
**Favorite Type of Music and Why:**

Folk—it's fun.

**Favorite Flavor of Ice Cream and Why:**

Peanut butter cup—it's sinful.

**Favorite Movie and Why:**

*Lawrence of Arabia*—for its visuals and cinematic perfection.

**To Sum It ALL Up:**

**What would you say to students who are surprised to learn that their professors do more than teach?**

That [teaching] is only one-half to one-third of our job.

**What is one thing about yourself that most of your students probably don't know?**

I have driven over 250,000 miles during the past 20 years for the sole purpose of searching for birds.



## Personal Profile: Stephanie Troyer

BY KATHERINE WAGNER

Stephanie "Steph" Troyer, stands in a group cracking jokes and making everyone smile. Yet, when eventually she gets the signal, she grows quiet, wrinkles her brow and tries to focus. When she feels ready, she strides purposefully under the spotlight and starts speaking. As she does so, something strange begins to happen...she becomes a man. Well, figuratively anyway.

Troyer participated in the Spring Quarter "Festival of Student Drama and Film," that took place May 18-May 21, in which she played the part of Dr. Edward Hamilton in "Après Nous, Le Déluge," an original one act play written and directed by LSU sophomores Zulema Ibarra and Amanda O'Reilley. This was the third role this year where Troyer has played a male character on the LSU stage.

Although this has occasionally created some confusion amongst audience members, having people play characters of the opposite sex is often necessary at LSU. "It's something that is needed in such a small department," said Michael Tyler, a sophomore English major.

Troyer sees her role as Dr. Hamilton an opportunity to express herself. "I can take the most savage elements of my personality and utilize them in constructive ways," she said.

Troyer discovered her passion for drama while pursuing another one of her loves: languages. "I was in a literature class at Friedensau Ad-

ventist University in Germany. The whole class wrote a play with the professor," Troyer said. "I had the amazing lead role of Heinrich Heine. When I was on the stage, I found myself engendering this adrenaline rush from acting that was simultaneously strange, unique and wonderful."

Although Troyer enjoyed her acting experience in Germany, drama was only one of the many things she learned while attending school there. She was also committed to the study of the German language. Along with German, Troyer also speaks Spanish, Italian, and French; she knows a few phrases in half a dozen other languages that range from Russian to Thai.

For Troyer, there is a direct correlation between her love of languages and her new-found love of being on stage. "Acting is a passionate language unto itself. Not all may understand it, but those who do understand feel a brotherhood," she said.

Waiting patiently to go back on stage, Troyer spends a few minutes speaking Spanish with Ibarra, a sophomore English Writing major. Troyer hops back on stage as Ibarra mouths along the lines that Troyer recites. "I chose Steph to play Dr. Hamilton because I knew she, of all people, could pull the role off. She's very convincing," Ibarra said.

Tyler also appreciates Troyer's acting. "Steph is very intense and talented but she's also a lot of fun. We have a good time together," he said.



Stephanie Troyer and Michael Tyler mess around during rehearsals for the English departments spring quarter drama presentation of Four Irish Plays

Fellow students aren't the only ones who notice Troyer's intensity. As a junior who has attended two other colleges and worked as an F-15 Crew Chief in the Air Force, Troyer has had ample opportunity to make an impression on many different teachers at LSU. Dr. Robert Dunn, a professor in the English department, is amazed by Troyer's open personality and congenial attitude.

According to Dunn, Troyer says more about herself in her writing than most students he has had. "She writes with a joyful abandon," Dunn said.

And indeed, writing is a passion of Troyer's. She sees writing both prose and poetry as excellent ways of expressing herself. Ibarra, who is in a poetry class with Troyer, says it's wonderful to have access to Troyer's expertise and experience in writing. "Steph is insightful and she doesn't hesitate to offer constructive criticism when necessary," Ibarra said.

Back in the theater, Ibarra yells out

a few directorial notes while Troyer and the other actors listen. One of the cast members begins talking with Troyer about the possibility of spending next year studying abroad. Troyer offers some advice, and they begin excitedly discussing Europe. For Troyer, traveling is nothing new, in fact it is something she passionately loves.

"Traveling with Steph is an experience in itself. Not only do you see the sights but you also find the flavor of the country and the souls of its people," said Angela Reynolds, a senior psychology major. "Language and cultural barriers are no difficulty for Steph because she surpasses them with the ease of one who is a citizen of the world."

Troyer's ease with the world around her is evident in her acting, especially in her portrayal of Dr. Hamilton in "Après Nous, Le Déluge." Both on stage and off, "she has a 'take charge' personality, natural exuberance and joy, and significant intelligence," said Dunn.

## Carl Wilkens Profile

BY BRANDON HERRMANN

Since 1996, Wilkens has served as the campus chaplain for Milo Adventist Academy in Oregon—even though he never intended to be a pastor. He said in an interview on the PBS show Frontline that his feelings on being a pastor changed after he witnessed first hand the genocide in Rwanda.

"[In] Rwanda, [I] began to see that I love building stuff with my hands, and I love doing construction and I like building schools and clinics," said Wilkens in the interview, "But in Rwanda, you'd see those things destroyed; and you recognize the only thing that really lasted was relationships and what was happening between people."

In 1990, four years before the genocide, Wilkens moved to Africa with his wife Teresa and their small children. As a missionary with Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Wilkens went to work directing humanitarian efforts.

Then tension began to rise between the Hutus and the Tutsis, the two primary ethnic groups in Rwanda. Wilkens realized that the situation

was close to exploding. As the war- den for the Adventist missionaries, Wilkens served as the contact person for the evacuation.

Then, on April 6, 1994, Tutsi rebels shot down the Rwandan president's plane. The Hutu Government responded by calling for the extermination of all Tutsis, marking the beginning of a 100-day genocide that left over 800,000 Tutsis dead.

The Wilkens family spent the next day huddled in their house while killings were taking place on the streets around them.

The U.S. Embassy quickly organized an evacuation, and Wilkens sent his family out of the country to Burundi in a convoy made up of Germans, Americans and Canadians. Wilkens stayed behind, feeling convicted to stay behind and help the people caught in the middle of the fighting.

Before his family left, Carl and his wife had opportunities to discuss his staying behind. Wilkens told Frontline, "We would pray, and I'd say, 'Does this still seem right?' and she said, 'Yes, it does.' To my mom and

dad, it didn't seem right, and to people on the outside we're communicating with, it didn't seem right."

For the next three weeks, Wilkens did not leave his house. During this time, he prayed and thought about his situation. When Wilkens was finally able to leave his house, he found the missions supplies looted, and the air seasoned with the smell of burning human flesh.

Despite the surroundings, Wilkens worked wherever he could—risking his own life to serve others. In the mornings, he would hear mortars exploding outside, and he remembers the fear he faced leaving the house every day. He says that prayer was the only thing that kept him going, and that God gave him the courage and peace necessary to face the violence.

Wilkens spent most days transporting supplies like food and water to orphanages, and taking people to the hospital.

At one point, he went to the headquarters office to talk to a secretary he had befriended, and asked to talk with the colonel. Since the colonel was not in, he was directed to speak

with the Prim Minister. Wilkens put together all the courage he had and introduced himself to the Hutu Prime Minister. The Prime Minister was aware of Wilkens, and after a brief conversation, he promised that the orphans would be safe."

Wilkens experience with the Rwanda genocide has strengthened his resolve to underscore the importance of personal responsibility. He doesn't expect most people to stand up to gun wielding militia in the heart of a genocide, but we all must be able to place ourselves in the shoes of people in our daily lives, and in other places such as Sudan.

Wilkens has been presented with various awards including the 2004 Dignitas Humana Award sponsored by Saint John's School of Theology Seminary, and in May, 2005, he received the Medal of Valor awarded by the Simon Weisenthal Center.

Wilkens earned his bachelor's in Industrial Technology from Walla Walla College and an MBA from the University of Baltimore. He and wife Teresa have three children, Mindy, Lisa and Shaun.

## Apathy Drives Poor Communication

BY BRANDON HERRMANN, *Criterion* Editor

Last year, I felt that school pride at La Sierra University was low, so wanting to improve the situation, I started writing an article that featured some of the university's positive attributes.

It seemed as though I spent too much time complaining about the school's list of problems (i.e. sprinklers that water nothing but sidewalks). Realizing that the morale of students was low and sometimes apathetic—myself included—I began talking to department heads and student workers to unearth La Sierra's strengths with the hopes of affecting a better campus attitude.

Most people I spoke with were positive, mentioning the quality of the professors. I agreed. But no one except Sam Leonor, campus chaplain, seemed excited about La Sierra.

Despite Leonor's positive perspective on La Sierra, I never wrote the article—I couldn't find the motivation because I still had serious trouble not hating this university.

It was not that I didn't find positive attributes of this school, but it was that these attributes kept reminding me of the potential of La Sierra University, a potential it is currently unable to reach. I believe that the two primary reasons that La Sierra is unable to reach its potential, as a premier institution of Seventh-day Adventist education, is apathy and lack of commitment to a unified vision—and if that vision does exist it is not being communicated.

The lack of community adds to the sense of apathy that I feel on this campus. I get a sense from some of the staff and faculty that "I'm busy, and anything outside my job description is not my responsibility." From the students, I often sense that their attitude is "I don't want to be here, I'm only staying until I transfer or get my degree."

There are students who love this school, but there are also those students who "end-up" attending La Sierra because they did not want to go to a stricter school or they want an easier admission to Loma Linda University.

The students who end-up here do whatever they can to avoid involvement, and they do nothing to contribute to the campus community. This is evident by their level of professionalism, and the way they treat the university. Some students take the freedom of a lax dress-code too far, and their appearance and demeanor in the classroom takes a toll on the entire class in terms of engaging class material and discussions. Jobs in the real world expect a certain level of professional attire because it projects an atmosphere of respect.

Many students don't respect LSU. I realized this when Ken Kurtz, dean of men, had to remind the men on my floor not to smear food on the walls,

and not to steal toilet seat covers.

Students are not the only ones who contribute to the apathy on campus. Students reflect their environment, and university pride is not always mirrored or encouraged by the staff and faculty. Few faculty or staff attend University Worship, and few are seen outside of their departments. They push for academic excellence, but sometimes at the cost of ignoring a sense community on campus.

Elsewhere on campus, there seems to be an aversion to any task that falls outside of a person's responsibility or job description. Most every time I run an errand in the administration building, I am sent from window to window until I locate the person able to help me. Sometimes it seems as though every job was divided up among the administration personnel, and no person but the one assigned to a job is allowed to help. When I find a problem on my bill or with a class credit, some staff spend time figuring out whom to blame instead of fixing the problem.

That said, most of the staff members treat students well and are quite friendly, yet they are often unable to help and tell me that the manager who can help is out of the office. In large, things run inefficiently, and on a side note, people in the administration building rarely return my phone calls.

I feel that this apathy is caused primarily by what I referred to earlier as lack of commitment to and communication of a unified goal. I don't know if there is a vision for this school other than construction and real-estate, and if there is, the university board and top officials have not communicated it to the students. Every department and school appear to be doing different things based on different goals.

Spiritual goals at the institutional level also seem to be lacking.

I get the feeling that admission policies outweigh spiritual concerns, and that for some of the faculty, academic performance is perceived as the singular reason for higher education, spiritual ideals are rarely emphasized.

In May, the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools had this to say about the LSU spiritual master plan:

1. The current plan is not easily manageable or outcome-specific. Rather, its primary function is to list current campus religious activities.
2. Goals and outcomes of the plan are vague. The plan lacks depth.

As a student, the "spiritual master plan" has not been explained or impressed upon me—what has been communicated is a list of required workshops.

Lack of communication is a big problem at LSU. Department don't know what other departments are doing, and faculty, staff, and students are on different wavelengths. From this, conflicts and rumors arise. Currently, there are rumors circulating that La Sierra University is planning to drop its affiliation with the Seventh-day Adventist church in order to focus on improving academics. While this has been proven to be only a rumor, it is important to realize that this is not the first time this rumor has circulated. There is certainly an element of spiritual apathy on this campus that makes this rumor easy to believe.

Communication is not only what a person or institution says, it is also what it does. Communication does not mean simply stating a goal on a banner—it requires campus leaders to lead by example—demonstrating the ideal through campus events. "From Diversity, Community" is merely a slogan—at LSU we have plenty of diversity, but little community.

With no celebrated ideals or creeds generated by this university, nothing exists to develop a community, a religious ideal, common ground—or even a common enemy. It is no wonder that there is a sense of apathy on this campus—it is hard to care about an institution that sometimes appears to believe in nothing but increasing enrollment and prestige.

It seems as though something is rotten in the state of LSU, and maybe it is time for something to change.

## Car Crash

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We sat on that mountain for an hour.

Flashing red and blue lights woke me up when we reached the intersection of highways 199 and 101. When we got closer, a firefighter knocked on my mother's window and told her that there had been an accident on the bridge ahead and we would have to wait for it to clear. As the ambulance and tow-trucks worked we prayed for all the people involved in the accident. Several hours later we were allowed to continue on home.

I was now staring at a picture of that

accident. The accompanying story explained what had happened. A truck, that red pick-up truck, had grown impatient and tried to pass another vehicle while on the bridge. In his haste, he had clipped the back of the other car and sent both vehicles into tail spins. After both vehicles collided with the guard rail, they were struck by on-coming traffic.

If my mother hadn't stopped our car the night before, we would have been on the bridge when that accident happened. My siblings like to say it was their fighting that saved our

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lives. I don't totally agree with them. My siblings' fighting caused horrible stress for my mother that day, but God turned it into a good thing that saved lives. I don't think it's a coincidence that my mother's favorite verse states, "All things work together for good to them that love God."

Today, whenever something bad happens I remember this. When everything in my life is going wrong, nothing is cooperating, and the whole world seems to be against me ... I know that God can and will make good come from it. *Business World*

Finals Week Can't Last Forever...

BY MEGAN PENINGTON

There is no such thing as a good finals schedule. At least, the finals gods have yet deemed me worthy of one, and I am in my junior year here at La Sierra University.

As each quarter cycles to a close, I come to my senses and realize the time has come to map out my exam schedule. Usually, upon first glance at least, the drawn up testing timetables appear relatively easy. And so I engage in a round of joyful whooping, while, occasionally, a lively victory jig gets thrown in.

But there always comes that special little moment when I realize I am a sucker and have allowed myself to be duped. The schedule has been designed to look deceptively simple. Having one test on Tuesday, two on Thursday (one of which is not comprehensive), and a short paper due Wednesday may seem like an okay schedule, but it is not anywhere close to being ideal. (If only I picked my classes based on when their finals were scheduled.) It may appear to accommodate loads of fun free time activities, but I consistently find myself having to chuck my plans for watching a movie or reading recreationally or taking nap right out the window in deference to work, project making, or (gasp) studying. It's a shame, really.

What's even more of a shame is that for the past two quarters, I have experienced something akin to torture: a late Thursday evening final. And by late I mean it starts at 5:00 p.m. or later. Talk about dragging it out to the very last minute. (And I should know because I am a certified procrastinator.) So not cool. Especially, when it seems like everyone else on campus is by that time prancing around singing happy little ditties about how they are done for the quarter. Oh how I despise those people.

And yet, I try to comfort myself by imagining that they had to endure four finals over the course of two days and complete in a 25-page research paper. However, it is more likely they were only registered for a measly twelve units and had to take 1.5 finals. But I try not to dwell on that.

Another scenario that always warms me, heart and soul, is having a paper of any kind due on Friday by, let's say, 5:00 p.m. When Thursday evening/Friday morning rolls around, my motivation tank has been running on empty for quite awhile. And yet I still must dig deep and pull myself together, long enough to craft an exquisite paper. That's harder to do than it sounds.

These are the times I take to the halls with a haunted gaze while muttering under my breath, "Why me? Why me?" Sadly, there is no one around to tell me to snap out of it. They have all checked out of their rooms the night before. This causes me to slide deeper into the depths of despair (which subsequently decreases my motivation) because now I feel like the only person on campus. Which is probably how out-of-the-area students feel every single weekend of the school year, so I really shouldn't complain.

After all of my experience with bad finals week schedules, I have learned one...okay, maybe three things. The first is that no matter how bad off my schedule may seem, there is always someone with one far worse than mine. To those people I am that person skipping and singing ditties. It's the college circle of life in all its glory. Secondly, the chance of my checking out of the dorm before Friday is highly unlikely. And lastly, test week can't last forever. It too shall pass.

But take heart, there is always next quarter's to look forward to.

Funniest Thing You've Ever Seen

COMPILED BY JENNIFER LEE



STEPHANIE SANCHEZ  
Junior  
Business Management

"In high school, on accident, I ran over my friend's foot. Instead of letting go of the car door, she held on. She had a flower imprint from her sandal for a month."



ANDREW HIBBERT  
Sophomore  
Political Economy

"I saw some guys push their friend into the fountain out in front of campus because he lost a bet."



CASSIE CHLON  
Freshman  
Pre-Law

"I am a cashier at Walmart, and one day a big buff guy came in, wearing neon pink tight pants, and a tight white shirt. His nails were pink, too."



NICOLE LLERENA  
Freshman  
Biochemistry

"It was 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and I was at Mission Bay Beach in San Diego. I saw a man in an American flag designed Speedo, roller blading down the sidewalk with a stereo playing, 'Proud to Be an American.'"

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God in the Midst of a Car Crash

BY JESSICA CRAWFORD

I stare at the front page of The Triplicate with my mouth hanging open. On the cover, the image of a red pickup truck stares back at me. There are four mangled vehicles in the picture but the only one I see is that red pickup. I recognize that truck. I just saw it yesterday.

Our family had spent the previous day Back-to-School shopping out of town. My poor mother had been dragged to, what seemed like, every children's clothing department in the state of Oregon. Somehow, we were able to cram all of our shopping bags and my four younger siblings into the backseat of our 1984 Chevy Astro van. My mother said a quick prayer before we started on our three-hour journey home. As we pulled out of the Rouge Valley Mall parking lot I knew my mother was silently praying for a quiet trip home.

Unfortunately, the word "quiet" is not part of my siblings' vocabulary. As our vehicle navigated the narrow two-lane canyon road that connected Fort Dick, Calif. to Medford, Oregon,

my siblings fought about everything and anything. Shrieks of "She's looking at me," "He's touching me," and "Don't sleep on me" exploded from the back seat for over two hours. Occasionally my mother would yell idle threats, but we had learned long ago that she wasn't actually going to leave us stranded on the mountains overnight, so the fighting continued. When we were only 30 minutes away from home my mother surprised us all by pulling the car off the road and taking the keys out of the ignition.

The shoulder where we stopped was extremely narrow. In fact I'm not sure it qualified as a "shoulder" at all. There were only a couple of inches between me and a massive rock wall outside my widow. We were barely off the road when the red pickup that had been tailgating us flew past. My mother mumbled something about "getting in an accident" and then proceeded to explain that she was not moving the car again until it was silent.

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