SIFE Triumphs with a Threepeat!

By Evan Graham

La Sierra University’s SIFE team returned victorious to campus after winning the international competition in Kansas City for a third time May 21. A reception at the School of Business and Management welcomed the champions home on May 22, attended by the mayor of Riverside and the president of the Riverside Chamber of Commerce.

President Larry Geraty said during the reception, “I’m thrilled to see the success—we expected it, of course.”

“Our LSU SIFE team has set a standard,” said Management. Mayor Ron Loveridge said that to achieve this success twice was “almost impossible, but three times is a profound undertaking.”

On the first day of the international competition, LSU SIFE and eighty other teams from around the world competed in several competitions. LSU SIFE won the Halt the Deficit and the Success 2000 awards and at the end of the day was singled out to be one of ten finalists to compete in the final competition the following day. Our team gave its 3-D animated presentation before 155 CEOs from around the nation, including those from Sears Roebuck & Co., AT & T, and Ford Motor Co., that served as judges.

According to SIFE's presentation director, Steve Taggart, there were several teams that La Sierra was anxious about—including the team from Pittsburgh State University in Kansas, who were eventually selected as first-runners up. Taggart also said that when Sears’ CEO congratulated him and asked him how he got his school so involved in SIFE, he said, "We don’t have a football team, so our SIFE team gets a lot of attention instead.”

Bradley New CAS Dean

Henry Felder, dean of the School of Business and Management.

It is Graduation Time

By Alison Rice

It’s almost here. Filled with pomp and circumstance, robes and tassels, and most important: diplomas. Graduation weekend, marking the culmination of years of hard work and determined study, is nearly upon us.

Senior class officers in the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Business and Management have been working together for months to make sure the first part of graduation weekend goes smoothly. The festivities will begin with a Parent/Senior Dinner in the Dining Commons at 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 14. This is a new addition this year. One CAS officer explains: “It is designed to give parents and students a chance to relax and socialize, without having to worry about getting a meal together before the evening worship service.”

The Friday evening consecration service will feature a homily by La Sierra University’s representative.
Sigma Alpha Theta Responds to Allegations

In the last issue of the Criterion, two articles discussed several serious allegations against the group Sigma Alpha Theta. We, Sigma Alpha Theta, feel that several misconceptions are circulating concerning our group. It is our intent to shed some light on the various misunderstandings of our group and to respond to the allegations printed in the May 8 issue of the Criterion.

Sigma Alpha Theta is not affiliated with any national or local organization. To our knowledge, the only other organization that uses the name is a sorority in Texas. We use the Greek letters because of their positive association and emphasis on pursuing excellence in all aspects of life. Furthermore, Greek letters have been traditionally used for male and female clubs at Adventist academies and colleges for many years and continue to be used.

In response to the second allegation, two years ago, Sigma Alpha Theta submitted a constitution with the name of a faculty sponsor to the former dean of student life. Furthermore, Sigma Alpha Theta has repeatedly been invited by SALSU to participate in various university functions.

The final allegation is perhaps the most disturbing due to the nature of the subject matter. Sigma Alpha Theta's constitution contains a hazing policy which forbids the type of activities described in the allegation. Also Sigma Alpha Theta's constitution specifically contains a sexual harassment provision which forbids any type of activity that would be deemed sexual harassment. We as a group categorically deny any participation in support of, or any knowledge of any activity that could be construed as sexual harassment.

In the previous issue of the Criterion, the allegations itemized above were made to appear as though members of Sigma Alpha Theta were already known to be guilty. Most specifically, the article stated the "This organization (Sigma Alpha Theta) is guilty of sexual harassment against women here at LSU." The implication of this statement is that Sigma Alpha Theta had been tried and found guilty of these allegations. In fact, our group was made aware that such allegations existed, through a letter Dr. Lennard Jorgensen sent out to a group member, only seven days prior to the printing of the articles in the Criterion. Before this time, members of Sigma Alpha Theta had no specific knowledge that such allegations ever existed. Furthermore, there was no attempt by university administration to contact the group, or those who might be involved in this issue, prior to printing the articles in the Criterion.

We (Sigma Alpha Theta) understand that it was necessary for the administration to take action in view of the complaints raised. However it is the action which the administration took that is questioned. Sigma Alpha Theta is accused of violating various school policies, but in the same respect the university did not follow school policy in their attempt to discipline the group. The rights of due process and confidence should be considered.
Women Seniors and Leaders Honored

By Angelica Martinez

It is not often enough that we see people getting involved, working hard in school and for their school. Moreover, it is even less often that we see female leaders receive recognition for their efforts. Yet on May 13, Angwin Chapel was the place to be for the women's recognition service.

Women seniors from the residence halls were honored with flowers and certificates for their contributions to LSU.

Leadership awards were also given to women on campus who contributed their leadership skills this year. The annual event seems to grow as each year goes by. It is an opportunity to show appreciation for women who work hard in their school work and still manage to contribute to La Sierra and its community.

“I think it’s great that we are recognized for our efforts in college,” commented Ericka Gonzalez.

The seniors recognized were: Dinah Barlongo, Rocio Cardenas, Tina Fields, Kim Guynn, Tina Halliam, Shelley Kennedy, Sue Lee, Agnes Poey, Terina Poti, Carla Suarez, and Lisa Torrey.

Dean Curtis says, “We are extremely proud of their accomplishments.”

The women leaders were recognized for numerous leadership contributions. The women leaders and their main contributions are: Rebecca Bartholomew, for her work with the Student Alumni Assoc.; Irene Clóva, for her work with SIFE; Julia Clarke, for her work in drama groups; Ericka Gonzalez, for her work in social work efforts; Cindy Loh, for her work as editor of the 1995-96 Perspectives; Gina Kim, for her work as assistant campus chaplain and R.A.; Lani Kreitner, for her work as editor of the 1995-96 Criterion; Gabrielle Rupert, for her work with the Student Alumni Assoc.; and Alison Rice, for her work on various community and campus-related projects.

LSU Unveils Two New Academic Programs for the Fall Quarter

By Bonnie Quiroz

This fall, La Sierra will offer a new 28-unit minor in the area of gender studies. The program has been on the planning board for the last two years, and will be housed in the history and political science department. The new minor will be interdisciplinary, combining the efforts of several academic areas and schools in the university including biology, history, sociology and anthropology, psychology, and the Schools of Religion and Business and Management.

According to Clark Davis, assistant professor of history, “La Sierra University will become the first Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher education to offer an academic program in gender studies.” In providing this minor, says Clark, “La Sierra will join an elite group of small private universities who provide opportunities for undergraduates in any discipline to incorporate gender studies into their academic program.”

So why does LSU need a gender studies program? Davis explained that when evaluating the programs available at LSU, the history department decided that the major missing components were programs in gender studies and ethnic studies. This new program is a step toward filling that gap, with a program in ethnic studies likely to follow.

The new minor will include courses in critical analysis, theorizations of gender, and the place of sexual identities in larger cultural, economic, and political frameworks.

Also in the fall, the history and political science department will offer a newly enhanced pre-law curriculum to better prepare its students for law school. Currently, the department runs a pre-law resource center containing information concerning law school opportunities, has two lawyers serving on the department’s faculty that provide mentorships and networking opportunities, and offers five pre-law scholarships because of the generosity of its alumni.

The new program is designed to add to these resources, and will stress critical thinking, critical writing, and legal studies. The curriculum will offer courses including “Introduction to Law,” “Critical Analysis,” “Laws, Rights, and Revolutions,” “Gender, Law and Justice,” “US Constitution,” and “Law and Society.”

Davis comments that “La Sierra University has been the leading center for pre-law education in the Seventh-day Adventist church for many years. This revised new program will assure that it remains so for many more years.”

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Sierra University Church Pastor Dan Smith. The message will be followed by a student response, and a number of graduating seniors will participate in the program. Pastor Morris Venden will speak Sabbath morning at the worship service also held in the church. Chamber Singers and graduating music majors will provide the music for the service.

The commencement service will take place at 8 a.m. Sunday, on the lawn behind the mall. Speaker Caleb Rosado, professor of sociology at Humboldt State University, has titled his address “Prize the Seed Rather than the Bouquet.”
Transfer Students to Receive a Ceremony

By Mariel Castaneda

The La Sierra University administration has responded to the May 8 Criterion's In My Opinion column regarding the need for a transferring student ceremony by adding one to graduation weekend.

The ceremony for pre-professional students headed for programs such as physical therapy and dental hygiene, will be held Sabbath, June 15 at 3 p.m. in Hole Memorial Auditorium.

President Geraty and Adeny Schmidt, vice president for academic administration, responded to the request and have initiated the effort. Marilyn Bradley, alumni director, has provided support and office resources for the preparation of this program.

Many pre-professional students feel this ceremony gives them a sense of closure. Rolando Mendez, occupational therapy major, says, “I think it’s really good for those of us who have completed the curriculum because it feels like we’ve accomplished something big and we would like to be recognized for it.”

Based on registration records, the number of eligible participants will be approximately 50 students.

Campus Briefs

Senate Update

By Evan Graham

Senate ended this year with Shasta Emery nominating Reuben Sutter as the coordinator for next year’s new program, Community Action, which cleared the Senate during the last meeting. Sutter was unanimously confirmed.

Freshman Senator Fabian Carballo proposed setting up a class officer system (to be incorporated in to the SALSU Constitution) for students below the senior level.

Carballo stated that this plan would encourage more student involvement in school and further unite the student body. The freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes each would have had to elect a president, vice-president, and treasurer under this plan. However, the Senate dismissed the proposal, 8 to 1, with 10 abstentions.

Awards Assembly

Seventy-two awards totaling approximately $200,000 were given out to 165 lucky students at the May 21 Awards Assembly.

Of the 72 awards, 68 are endowed scholarships given every year. The awards ranged from $100 cash book awards to the largest, the $5,847 Marie Barber Marchus Endowed Scholarship awarded to English major Karin Schilt.

New Faculty in SBM

Robert Beshara, will be coming from the University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada where he was professor of accounting for 27 years. He will be professor of accounting at LSU.

John Pesulima and Lies Pesulima both will be coming from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, Manila, Philippines. John will be professor of management and marketing. Lies will be professor of accounting and finance.

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“The team was confident that we had a strong presentation and we had the potential to win,” said Patricia Wise, executive director of SIFE. “There was strong competition, and a threepeat was not going to be easily accomplished, but we had worked hard all year and stuck together as a team.

Based on registration records, the number of eligible participants will be approximately 50 students.

World News Briefs

America

The first trial in the Whitewater investigation convicted three May 28. James B. McDougal, owner of the savings and loan, was convicted of 18 felony counts. His former wife, Susan, was convicted of four felony counts. Jim Guy Tucker, governor of Arkansas, was convicted of one count of conspiracy and one count of mail fraud. He has announced that he will resign his office by July 15.

California

The University of California, Riverside, will vote on a proposed minor in gay studies May 30. The minor would offer courses focusing on sexual identity and orientation, and courses on how gays and lesbians are portrayed in the media and the arts.

A state Senate committee rejected Gov. Pete Wilson’s proposed 15 percent tax cut May 28. Opponents to the tax cut argued that the cut would hurt state programs.

Riverside

As of May 28, it is 33 percent more expensive to get married in Riverside. Marriage licenses and the charge for a county clerk to officiate a marriage ceremony has increased.

No matter what the outcome, we were proud to be there representing La Sierra University.

John Thomas, SIFE faculty fellow, had to leave the competition early because his wife went into labor. Jonathan Borg Thomas was born the morning of the threepeat. Thomas proclaimed it one of the best days of his life!
A Presidential Summer Send-off

By Lawrence T. Geraty

This has been a good year at La Sierra University when it comes to academic rigor, the library's new on-line catalog, the new general education curriculum, spiritual atmosphere, enrollment, finances, volunteer gifts, student life, a revitalized SALSU, a regularly published quality Criterion, a SIFE "three-peat," renovated spaces and newly painted buildings, but especially because of YOU.

We are delighted at the progress you have made here and congratulate you on the achievement of your current goals, but we also have to say we are going to miss you this summer. Without you, campus life will definitely not be the same. But thanks for the memories. That's what college life is made of, isn't it—at least that is what countless alumni tell us!

As you leave this university, either for the summer or for good, I trust you are leaving with more than an academic experience, degree, or entry into your chosen profession. I hope you have learned at La Sierra what Solomon, the wisest person who ever lived, took his whole life to learn. By his own bitter experience, Solomon learned the emptiness of a life that seeks in earthly things its highest good. As he turns to the close of his autobiographical discourse, in the appendix to his Biblical book we usually call Ecclesiastes, we read Solomon's summary of what life has taught him. "This is the end of the matter; you have heard it all. Fear God and obey His commands; for this is the whole of one's being" (12:13). So recognition of the Creator and obedience to His life requirements should be the supreme personal objective of life, while service to others is the complementary objective. Albert Schweitzer, that great physician, organist, author, and missionary, once said, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

In the meantime, strive to be the very best you can be, remembering along the way that you ARE God's gift to you, and what you BECOME is your gift back to God. He made a world of difference, and so can you! May all your good dreams come true! And if you are not graduating, hurry back after the summer. One of life's important lessons is to complete what you start. You'll never be sorry.

Thanks for making La Sierra the better place it is becoming!

New Vice President for Advancement Chosen

By Lani Kreitner

Gregory Gerard has been chosen as new vice president for advancement, filling the position left by Jon McTaggart in March. Gerard has been director of development at Andrews University since 1989. While there he has directed all aspects of university fund raising including direct mail, phonathons, major donor cultivation and solicitation, planned giving/trust services and corporate/foundation relations.

According to President Geraty, LSU will greatly benefit from Gerard's experience. "As Andrews University's director of development, having designed and brought to completion its recent $12 million capital campaign," he says, "he has just the proven ability and experience needed to continue LSU's fledgling development thrust while at the same time overseeing the university's alumni and public relations offices. We eagerly await his arrival in July."

Gerard received a master's in educational leadership from Western Michigan University in 1981. Also in 1981 he received a master's in religion from Andrews University. He received his doctorate in educational leadership from Western Michigan University in 1884.

Gerard will begin his duties July 1.

Welcome By Next Year's Criterion Editor

By Bonnie Quiroz

Well, this year is almost over, which means that the time is getting closer for me to start working on next year's paper. It's a scary prospect to be taking over such a big responsibility, and let me tell you, I am plenty scared! However, I have been working on ideas for columns and features for the 1996-97 Criterion.

Here's a synopsis of what you might expect for next year:

Yay/Nay...the final judgment. This will be something like a "Cheers/Jeers" section of the Criterion which will congratulate or reprimand actions taken by people or organizations on campus.

Local/State/US/World News. I'd like to include more news of what is going on outside the campus. Since students don't always have a chance to get the news from other sources, this section will give the main news briefs of what has been happening in the world.

Red Tape. This will be a section dedicated to telling what's going on in our own student government.

Professor's Column. Each issue will feature a column from a different professor on campus, writing about current subjects.

Creative writing/Poetry Corner. An outlet for the creative side in you.

In My Opinion. This column next year will again be a controversy column written by students and faculty with the added twist of an introduced topic of discussion. Students and faculty will be invited to write a column, in their opinion, about the subject, and these opinions will be printed in the following issue.

Advice Column. I don't know about you, but I really liked reading the "Dear Carmella" advice column in the 1994-95 Criterion. I'd like to bring back some sort of advice column, so if anyone is interested in being the author, please contact me!

Classifieds. This will be a section for students to send messages to each other, and advertise buying, selling, or renting intentions.

Well, those are some of the rough ideas for next year, and of course, the regular pages such as sports, features, news, and entertainment will also be included. I am still looking for the rest of my staff, so if any of you are interested in getting more involved, or have any suggestions as to what you would like to see in next year's paper, don't hesitate to contact me. See ya next year!

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In My Opinion...

By Sonya Nyrop

There’s a park in London where anyone can bring a box, stand on top of it, and say whatever his or her little heart desires. People come to the park just to hear these speakers voice their opinions. I’ve been told that only gangs occupy the parks around here. This column would seem a safer medium.

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On Saturday, May 18, I had the pleasure of watching several friends participate in the Loma Linda and La Sierra University’s Minority Consecration. Because the program said “Minority,” I expected to see minorities. I was puzzled to see only Hispanics and African Americans. Last I knew, there were more than two minority groups.

I asked for an explanation from the Office of Diversity at LLU and the Office of Academic Affairs at LSU, and both stated that the ceremony was for the under-represented groups at both universities. Logical explanation. However, they should then say on the program “Under-represented” and NOT “Minority.” This implies exclusivism. After all, Asians, Pacific Islanders, Middle Easterners, and many other groups are minorities as well. In terms of their numbers in the United States, some of these groups are even more “minority” than Hispanics and African Americans. So please, to those in charge of this event, either use the proper wording or include all minorities. You claim diversity? Make good that claim.

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While I’m on my soapbox, I have another opinion to voice. I know financial aid is often the target of criticism. Students complain about the same faults year after year. Perhaps this is an indication that financial aid is not listening. I have been asking politely, mind you—since January for them to return to the bank my loans for the past two quarters. And they still haven’t returned the funds. Since January! What did the office do, go to Hawaii with my loan money? Meanwhile, interest is accumulating.

Another student has been waiting for her loan money since the Carter administration. Financial aid told her they could not locate her check. I’m telling you, they went to Hawaii. Meanwhile, it is accumulating interest. She could have it in the bank where it could gain interest in her favor but I suppose this is immaterial to financial aid.

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Don’t take the soapbox away yet. I have more to say. I’ve just completed a fifth year program in education. It’s the same number of units as a master’s but because it’s not a structured program, I’m not entitled to a degree or participation in the graduation ceremony. Seems unfair considering I have more units than most completing a “real” masters.

Instead of griping I decided to do something. After getting the expected phone runaround from various offices and their secretaries, whose chief duty is to protect their bosses and make sure a student never gets through and distract them from their jobs, I was finally directed to academic administration. Again it was made obvious that students are merely the “little people,” the troublesome crowd that make working here so complicated. I was never allowed to talk to anyone in charge, and, despite three weeks of my calling them, I never received a call back. The office person who answered my calls would pleasantly tell me that the vice president was “working on it.” Are we taking examples from the U.S. government?

All I wanted was an official piece of paper, much like a certificate, that stated I came here and completed a graduate program. I thought it would be nice to have something that showed that I had been a student at La Sierra University and had accomplished something while here. I give up. I don’t care anymore.

Besides, I get an official paper every three months from the bank reminding me of my interest-accumulating debt which more than confirms that I was a student here.
LSU Crime Report

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, 1995 and April 30, 1996.

Crime Statistics:
- Murder: 0
- Robbery: 1
- Burglary: 8
- Theft: 33
- Rape: 0
- Aggravated Assault: 7
- Motor Vehicle Theft: 8

The number of recoveries for the noted crimes occurring on campus:
- Motor Vehicle Theft: 3
- Theft: 2

The number of arrests for the noted crimes occurring on campus:
- Liquor Law Violations: 2
- Drug Abuse Violations: 0
- Weapons Possession: 0
- Motor Vehicle Theft: 0
- Aggravated Assault: 2
- Burglary: 1

Social Work Program Revised for Fall

Although not sophisticated or glamorous, social work is an exciting and fulfilling career. Social workers interact with abused children, troubled youth, mentally ill individuals, the disabled, AIDS patients, and the elderly. They work in a variety of environments, such as schools, criminal justice agencies, community action agencies, and even politics.

The social work department at La Sierra University has updated its program. The department has a new program director, Sigrid James, assistant professor of social work, and has hired a new faculty member, Jill Rasmussen. Rasmussen is a licensed clinical social worker with experience in administration as well.

According to James, “We are planning exciting things for next year.” She says the program has a lot of potential to offer an even better major.

Students in the program are given opportunities to interact with the community. Many students do volunteer work on a regular basis. Seniors are placed as professional social work interns in a variety of agencies in the community doing hands-on work. Many also become involved in agency-based research projects.

1st Annual Celebration of Completion for transferring Pre-Professionals

Saturday, June 15th 1996
3 p.m.
Hofe Memorial Auditorium

Family, friends and faculty are invited to celebrate along with transferring students

Only transferring students need R.S.V.P. as soon as possible to Marilynn Bradley at x2444 (AD 232)

After hours: leave name, current address, phone number, pre-professional major, and indicate if you have a desire to volunteer

Basic Guidelines for Resume Preparation

As a prospective employee your resume is your calling card. It sells you to your potential employer. It will be beneficial for you to take extreme care in preparing a resume that will be a professional presentation of your qualifications. The placement office offers the following tips:

Standard Requirements:
- Use 8 1/2” x 11” paper.
- Make your resume as legible as possible.
- Include only necessary personal information.
- List jobs in reverse chronological order.
- Include your job discipline(s) near your name at the top of page one of your resume and as a title to each assignment.
- Include pertinent education and/or training.
- Include total number of years experience.
- Write job description in easy-to-understand terms, and as completely as space allows.
- Try to keep to maximum of two pages. Include your name and page number on each page of a multiple-page resume (except no number on first page).
- Use quality paper. Consider a white bond paper with rag content (available from most printers or paper supply stores).

Tips to Help You Shorten a Lengthy Resume:
- Have it typed by a professional typesetter.
- Eliminate all extra spaces between lines (except between job assignments).
- Use narrower margins.
- Keep job descriptions to 3-5 sentences (especially for older positions).
- If your “length” problem is due to an extensive number of job assignments, leave the oldest positions off and type the following at the bottom of the last page of your resume: “Experience from (date) to (date) available upon request.”
- Then prepare a “complete” resume to furnish only to firms asking for it.

Things You Should Not Do To Your Resume:
- Don’t include personal references.
- Don’t include your social security number.
- Don’t exaggerate your experience.
- Don’t show salary or pay information.
- Don’t offer explanations for leaving prior employers.
- Don’t use your photographs.
- Don’t use abbreviations (except those that are acceptable in the engineering/technical fields, such as IBM, CAD, E/M, etc.).
What Happens after all the Pomp and Circumstance?

Now after all their hard work is almost over, what will LSU's graduates be doing after graduation? We found to our surprise that none of the ones we asked said they were going to Disneyland. Imagine that!

**Alison Rice.**

English, French, and history major, will attend one of the six Pew Younger Scholars Summer Seminars that will take place at Notre Dame University, May 29 to June 18. The purpose of the Pew Younger Scholars Program is to encourage promising students from Christian liberal arts colleges to pursue careers in academia. The Summer Seminars provide students a rigorous research experience and an opportunity to work with an outstanding scholar in their field. Alison will participate in the English seminar directed by Patricia Ward, professor of French and Italian at Vanderbilt University. The seminar topic is "In Search of the Implied Reader."

Rice plans on attending the University of California, Santa Barbara in the fall to pursue a graduate degree in comparative literature.

**Scott Garrels.**

a double major in psychology and art, plans to go to South America following graduation to work as a student missionary for a year. Although Scott is not absolutely sure what country in South America he will serve, he believes that he will probably go to Argentina or Paraguay.

After his year as a student missionary, he plans to go to graduate school to work concurrently on a doctorate in psychology and a master's in theology.

**Heather Ferguson.**

literary and religious studies major, will be attending an intensive eleven-week immersion program in modern Hebrew at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem this summer. She will return home for a brief visit in September, before leaving again to spend the next year teaching English abroad with her husband, Adrian McIntyre.

**Adrian McIntyre.**

anthropology and sociology major, will return to the Middle East for a second season of archaeological excavations with the Madaba Plains Project in Amman, Jordan. When the MPP season is finished, he will stay for another month to do additional research in the Araq al-Amir region of Jordan. He will return home for a brief visit in September, before leaving again to spend the next year teaching English abroad with his wife, Heather Ferguson.

**Karen MacLaughlin.**

accounting major, has been hired by Soren McAdam Bartells, a prestigious mid-size regional CPA firm in Riverside. MacLaughlin plans to pursue her master’s in accounting at the University of Southern California in the fall of 1997.

**Gabriela Riffel.**

French major, will begin a degree in fashion and textile design at The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles. Riffel hopes to incorporate her knowledge of both French and fashion design into a career.

**Susan Ross.**

religion master’s graduate, is in negotiation stage with two nearby conferences. She expects to minister to the Gen-X population with specific emphasis on working with high school graduates who are not on Seventh-day Adventist campuses.

**Sherwin Thia.**

violin performance major, has been accepted to the Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati on a full scholarship. Thia hopes that he will be able to study with world-renowned violinist Dorothy Delay, the teacher of Thia's teacher Lyndon Taylor. Thia will begin his program in the fall.

**David Stone.**

English master’s graduate, will be teaching English at Korean Sahmyook University in Seoul, South Korea beginning in August. Stone plans to pursue a doctorate in English the following year.

“A college education should equip one to entertain three things: a friend, an idea, and oneself.”
-Thomas Ehrlich
1996 Graduation Facts:

A total of 294 students are scheduled to march in graduation events this year.

The College of Arts and Sciences will graduate the largest number, with 150 expected to march, 4 to receive associate degrees, 142 bachelor’s degrees, and five master’s degrees.

The School of Education will graduate 58 with master’s degrees.

The School of Business and Management will graduate three with associate degrees, 45 with bachelor’s, and 10 with master’s degrees.

The School of Religion will graduate seven with bachelor’s degrees and four with master’s degrees.

Did You Know...?

There are 134 female graduates and 141 male graduates.

Of those scheduled to march, 172 were born in the United States. Of those born in the U.S., 102 were born in California. Australia is next with 8.

The graduates represent over 30 countries.

What Faculty Do for Fun in the Summer:

President Geraty will be leading an archaeological project in the Madaba Plains of Jordan from June 18 to August 2. At least one faculty member, Dr. Chang-ho Ji from SE, and several students are going along from LSU; they will join more than a hundred and twenty scholars and students in this international ecumenical research project which occurs every other summer, cosponsored by LSU.

Judy Myers Laue, assistant professor of English, will be presenting a paper entitled, “The Institutionalization of Nathaniel Hawthorne: Mosses from an Old Manse and The Library of America,” at the Nathaniel Hawthorne Society meetings in Concord, Massachusetts on June 28.

Roger McFarland, associate professor of health and physical education, along with the ACRO team, will be attending the USA Trampoline and Tumbling National Championships in Phoenix, Arizona for the first of July and the U.S. Sports Acrobatics National Championships the last of July in Palm Springs. He will be head of Delegation for an international competition with the USA national men’s pair from LSU to Switzerland in September and then attend the World Championships in Germany.

Ivan Rouse, professor of physics, as part of a summer and fall sabbatical, will be doing a research project at the proton accelerator in Loma Linda. He will have an honors student assisting on this project that will be studying the gamma rays coming from materials that have been irradiated by the high energy protons.

Edna Maye Loveless, professor of English, will be presenting a paper, “A Rhetoric of Integrity: Women of Note Who Have Exhibited Critical Thinking Skills Worthy of Examination,” at the International Conference for Critical Thinking at Sonoma State University in July.

Bob Krone, visiting assistant professor in SBM, will be reviewing the progress of four doctoral students in Singapore and Hong Kong.

Gary Burdick, assistant professor of physics, will be presenting two papers at the Twenty-First Rare Earth Research Conferences this July in Duluth, Minnesota. Also, he has a “Visiting Scholar” appointment to do research at the University of Virginia for six weeks this summer.

John Jones, associate professor of New Testament theology, and Charles Teel, professor of religion and society, will be conducting the LSU study-tour thru China, Tibet and Nepal May 20 to June 17. Teel will also do another tour later in summer.

Cheryl Koos, incoming assistant professor of history and gender studies, will be spending five weeks in France this summer researching for her book Engendering Reaction: Family Politics and the Road to Vichy, 1919-1945.

Bailey Gillespie, professor of theology and Christian personality, and Rick Rice, professor of theology, will do their annual “Experience” tours of the Middle East this summer. Gillespie and Teel are both teaching courses in our extension MA program in Avondale. Gillespie also has a leading role at a Youth Ministry convention in Toivolinna, Finland this July.

Ed Karlow, professor of physics, and wife Marilyn plan to visit their son, Norman, in Croatia during the month of August. In addition they will travel the Dalmatian coast, probably will get up to Bogenhofen in Austria. Norman will be spending the summer in Sarajevo, Bosnia, helping one of his ESL students set up a Christian FM radio station in the city.
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Cross Perspectives
Reconciliation and Spirituality

By Madelynn Jones-Haldeman, associate professor of New Testament

The cross symbolizes reconciliation of the earthly realm with the heavenly realm. The words of Jesus in Matthew 10:38, "Take up your cross and follow me," clearly suggest that God's will that is done in heaven is to be carried out on earth. The very first teaching section in Matthew (5:23-24) places on us all the work on reconciliation with our brother/sister. Indeed, the work of reconciliation focuses on others, rather than on our religious rituals, such as church going, an activity that includes singing hymns, praying, giving offerings of listening to a sermon. When we perform the most important ritual, then the secondary rituals have meaning to us.

The context of the reconciliation between people involves a righteousness that exceeds that of the Pharisees (Matt. 5:20-21), a group painted by Matthew as being morbidly concerned with law keeping. The verses following Matt. 5:20 teach us to be reconciled with one another, forego taking vengeance, resist the desire for status at the expense of someone's life and reputation, and include our enemy as a recipient of our many gifts.

How easy to slander, to be "behind someone's back" and yet appear to be somewhat friendly. It is really much easier to preach about the cross or wear a cross around one's neck than it is to "carry one's cross." I'm sure most prefer the former. Matthew alone says it so well: Any humiliating act toward another human being indicates God is with us. We serve God best when we respect the image of God in others. Perhaps we can say that we worship God's image by our religious rituals.

Religion and its ritual has often been used to mask our real duty to God—being our sister/brother's keeper. If we cannot respect the image of God in one another by refraining from negative references, it would seem not only impossible but wholly unacceptable to assume we can worship God's image by our religious rituals.

We want spirituality on our campus, in our churches? It appears Matthew has the unsolicited answer: "Inasmuch as you have done it (not not done it) unto one of the least of these my brothers/sisters, you have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40-46).

The incarnation identifies God so closely with humanity that our faithless neglect of or our faithful caring for the various needs of others are done unto Christ. Spirituality seems to demand a cross, for institutionalized religion of any kind caters to rituals that have very little to do with one another.

Noted Philanthropist Speaks for Chapel

(El News Service)

A standing ovation be lying conventional wisdom about LSU chapels climaxed a celebration of success May 22. On the heels of an announcement about SIFE's triumph in Kansas City, the chapel audience heard Milton Afonso's story. A Brazilian who rose from poverty to establish Brazil's largest health insurance company, the Golden Cross, with two million people enrolled, Afonso was paying a return visit to the Lawrence Geratys and Alejo Pizarros, who visited him earlier this year in Brazil.

Afonso's success story has few parallels. Golden Cross expects an income of $2 billion this year; a food delivery program will gross $500 million; Afonso's 25 hospitals will bring in an expected $300 million, and Amoco, a medical firm, should bring in $200 million. More than 70,000 people are on Afonso's payroll, 18,000 of them physicians.

More unusual than his success are Afonso's philanthropic endeavors. This year he is financing 8,000 Brazilian youths' education in private schools. Last year he purchased 19 radio stations, which he donated to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He operates 15 orphanages, providing home and schooling for over 500 children. He sponsors two weekly TV programs, and when Adventist medical students at Rio's prestigious university, UNISA, were denied diplomas because they didn't appear for Sabbath examinations, Afonso bought the 6,000-student university with its veterinary, dental, and medical schools, plus 17 other schools, and oversaw policy changes to accommodate aspiring Adventist students.

Afonso admits that he eschews tithing, a tenet of the Adventist Church. Instead, his policy is to give 90 percent of his income to the Seventh-day Adventist Church to which he belongs.

The brass quintet fanfare, a faculty procession, the chapel singers' Psalm, and Pizarro's finale prayer in Spanish provided a setting for Afonso's story, modestly told in a voice-over translation on video, which underlined God's providences and made the chapel hour efficacious for most, perhaps all, who attended.

Tour the Holy Land for Credit

By Suzanne Frankze

Does visiting the birthplace of Jesus appeal to you? How about taking a swim in the Dead Sea? Or seeing the Pyramids? What about soaking up some sun in the Greek Isles? It's possible to do all these activities this summer.

The School of Religion is planning the Experience '96 study tour to the Holy Land. Israel, Jordan, Egypt and Greece are the countries on the itinerary.

The tour is made up of two segments. The first part lasts 19 days and goes from August 5 to August 23. Countries visited are Israel, Jordan, and Egypt. The second part goes until September 2 and features Greece and a 5-day Greek Islands cruise. Tour members can elect to do the first segment only or the whole trip.

Credit is available for participating on this study tour. The classes offered are Biblical Archaeology, History of World Civilization, Honors Seminar and World Religions. A total of 8 units can be earned on this trip.

The price is $2,200 for Israel, Jordan and Egypt; and $1,975 for the Greece extension. These prices do not include airfare.

There are a few spaces open for the tour. If you would like to reserve a space for this once-in-a-lifetime experience, please call the School of Religion at 785-2091.
Lions and Yo-Yo’s: ACRO
Home Shows a Success

By Christina Viramontes

Excitement filled the air as the audience waited for ACRO to perform its home show May 11.

ACRO’s theme this year was “The Acrobatic Wonders of China.” This theme allowed for several interesting props. A brilliantly colored dragon served as one of two backdrops for this program.

Roger McFarland, ACRO’s coach, began the program with the other backdrop, a vivid image of the sunrise over Beijing.

While ACRO was warming up, children from the audience did their own version of tumbles, cartwheels, and somersaults.

During the acrobatic performance, the team displayed its strength, agility and coordination. It also demonstrated its speed, as each acrobat seemed to be flying through the air with such great speed that they were a blur.

The home show was not without its lighter moments. The ACRO team gave a graceful demonstration of Tai Chi. At another point, McFarland, wearing a straw hat, was brought onto the mat in a rickshaw.

McFarland also brought a large Chinese yo-yo and had a competition with the yo-yo against one of the acrobats on the trampoline to see which one went the highest. The yo-yo won when it nearly touched the ceiling.

The crowd seemed impressed by the evenings performance. One audience member, Kim Snider, remarked, “I liked the whole thing. To do everything the acrobats did is pretty amazing.”

ACRO performed its home show four times the May 11 weekend, including a performance for an audience of 1,500 area elementary school students.

The twenty-member team is formed by ten LSU students and students from area elementary schools and high schools.

ACRO members Florence Alaimo, Christy Emmons and Kimberly Miller perform.

The Loma Linda Chinese group performed the “Lion Dance.”

ACRO’s men’s pair James Gagner and Mike Culligan.
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The Incredible Shrinking Story

By Sonya Nyrop

"...Hello. E.N." long, red fingernails pulled back the curtain. "It is I, Rabana Arlah, mistress of the Sahara." Dustin a.k.a. El Noche, realized with a sinking feeling that he knew who this woman was. She was a legend in North Africa. In fact in all the world: Rabana was the ruthless man-crazy queen of the desert! she collected men like angels collected fishing stories. "Please," said E.N., "I am on a quest. I need to return to the dorm at la Sierra!" Rabana smiled smugly. She replied, "Yes, you are on a quest—a lifetime of slavery to me!" E.N.'s mind whirled, searching for an escape. "I must go back," he cried. "Dean Wilson would never approve! I'm sure I'm way past curfew." Rabana moved closer and closer. E.N. jumped off the sofa, threw himself out the window, and found himself on top of a truck with the following words on the side...

By Todd Cooper

...see's Candy.

"Wow," thought E. N. to himself. "If I can just get down safely from the truck, I could get a box of See's and give it to Dean Wilson—maybe he'll excuse my tardy." His thoughts were interrupted by his body being hurled toward the cab of the truck as the driver ground to a halt. "What are you doing?" he asked E. N. El Noche, reeling from the fall, responded. "I am trying to get back to the men's dorm at LSU." The driver was eventually convinced to sell E. N. a box of chocolates and take him to the dorm. As E. N. opened the metal door to the dorm, his heartbeat accelerated in anticipation of the dean's response. As he was about to reach the desk a familiar voice from his left startled him. "I own you, you are my slave," it was the voice of Rabana Arlah, Mistress of the Sahara. El Noche felt trapped. Was he ever going to lead a normal life again?

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"It's the same with narrow-minded people as it is with narrow-necked bottles: the less they have in them, the more noise they make in pouring it out."

-Alexander Pope
As June approaches, one of America's favorite seasons draws nearer. Summer? Au contraire. It's almost tourist season. Yes, the glorious tourist season, the time when Americans don clothes they wouldn't be caught dead in at home and behave in ways that would shame Uncle Sam. It's the season to clip on a fanny pack, carry ten pounds of camera equipment, and voice profound comments like "Look, a real Englishman!" or "You know, ma, I don't think this is beef."

As someone who's travelled in thirty countries, I've witnessed enough loud Americans to put permanent wrinkles in my neck (cringing in embarrassment does that, you know). Please, let's not go on enough loud Americans to put permanent wrinkles in my neck (cringing in embarrassment does that, you know). Please, let's not go on enough loud Americans to put permanent wrinkles in my neck (cringing in embarrassment does that, you know). Please, let's not go on enough loud Americans to put permanent wrinkles in my neck (cringing in embarrassment does that, you know). Please, let's not go on enough loud Americans to put permanent wrinkles in my neck (cringing in embarrassment does that, you know). Please, let's not go on enough loud Americans to put permanent wrinkles in my neck (cringing in embarrassment does that, you know). Please, let's not go on enough loud Americans to put permanent wrinkles in my neck (cringing in embarrassment does that, you know). 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