Happy B-day LSU!

by Heather Miller, SIFE Faculty Fellow

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

But what does that win really represent?

First of all, it represents an incredible experience for our team to compete on a truly world stage. What an honor it was for us to watch and listen to the presentations made by teams from other countries, such as Brazil, Ghana, South Africa, Australia, Poland, Russia, China, Malaysia, the Ukraine, and others.

In all, the national champion teams from 23 countries competed in the World Cup. (Although teams from 25 countries qualified, two teams were unable to participate because they couldn't get visas.) The team from Russia was especially new to technology, while the team from Ghana started a soap-making business in a village to help people increase their income. Our team was both humbled and encouraged to see how free enterprise is taking root around the world, thanks to the efforts of college students involved in SIFE.

The win also represents overcoming tremendous odds simply by the sheer number of teams that compete. From an initial field of more than 1,200 participating university teams in 23 countries, 25 national championship teams earned the right to compete at the SIFE World Cup. Our team had already passed four levels of competition just to make it to Amsterdam. (Since nearly 800 of those 1200 teams come from the US, our country has more than 200 rounds of competition than most others do.) Two more levels awaited us in Amsterdam.

What an exhausting yet exhilarating thing demanding to progress through competition after competition after competition. But, it is also very rewarding to recognize for what our team has accomplished. Thank you to all those who supported our SIFE team this year, participated in the La Sierra University SIFE team. Who's back? by Sallie Barcelo, SALSU President

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

"He My name is Saul and I am a student if you see me on campus, let me know how things are going. And remember Saul is here to work for you!!"
Jesus Found in Topock Gorge

by Whitny Braun, Criterion Editor

It is tradition for the SALSU officers to take a trip together before the start of each new school year. It is meant to be a bonding experience, an opportunity for the officers to get to know each other and discuss their pie-in-the-sky dreams for the future of the school.

This year I had the distinct pleasure of going on the SALSU officers’ retreat and I really had no idea what to expect. You see, I have never been very good at the whole networking front and I am much too cynical to stand for any bonding exercises. Fortunately, or not, for me we didn’t perform any contrived bonding rituals on this trip, or you consider kayaking seventeen miles down the Colorado river a bonding experience. In fact most of the trip is sort of blends together in my memory except for the last day of it.

We all woke up that morning of September 12th and packed our bags, loaded up the van and braced ourselves for a five hour drive through the desert during the hottest part of the day. We were crammed into a fifteen passenger van and a small rental car. I was smack in the middle of the van and settled in for a long hot drive. Just as I was settling into a stupor, cruising along through a canyon, Kim Odle exploded with a scream filled with horror. Kim thought she had seen a man on the side of the road covered in blood. Natan Vigna whipped the van around and a few moments later Kim’s vision was confirmed as we pulled up alongside a young man slumped on shoulder of the road, shirtless and dripping with blood. I jumped out of the van and ran over to him. He was alive, but obviously seriously injured. He was able to explain that he had been riding the train from Dallas, where his truck was in an impound lot. Apparently his exiting strategy was not well planned. He had jumped off the train and rolled down the hill to the bottom of the canyon where he was hit by a car. He started to cry a little and asked me if I would hold his hand. OK, yeah, I know, mean, he was a human.

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He began squeezing my hand and I jumped off the train. I asked him what was going on and he told me his backpack. I asked him what was in the backpack and he began squeezing my hand tighter and tighter. After a few minutes he turned to me and said that I needed to help him find his backpack. I asked him what he had in the backpack and he began squeezing my hand tighter and tighter. I called the emergency room and I was tugging on my hand for doing what I did. He had told me his backpack. I asked him what was in the backpack and he began squeezing my hand tighter and tighter. His right arm and left ankle were broken and he began crying.

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

A half hour or so had passed when the ambulance arrived from Needles. The paramedics took control of the situation at this point but he still didn’t let go of my hand. He told the paramedics what he had told me earlier, his name was Christopher Alpert and he was twenty-nine years old. One of the emergency medical technicians put an oxygen mask over his face. He began to relax and loose the grip on my hand. I told him I had to leave him and he nodded. I looked down at my hands which were covered in his blood and I could see where he had been squeezing my hand so hard that his fingernails had broken my skin.

Maribel Aguilar came over to me and began pouring alcohol on my hands. I got back in the van and we drove back to La Sierra. A couple of days ago I was putting on a pair of shoes, the same pair I was wearing that day, when I noticed that there was a reddish brown spot on the laces. It was Christopher Howard Alpert’s blood. I have been thinking about him ever since. I wonder who he is and if he is okay. I tried calling the emergency room but was told that it was taken to the hopes I might learn how he was doing but I was to not know. I hope that wherever he is he’s safe and somebody is taking care of him.

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

**The World at a Glance:**

On Tuesday by burning the Chinese flag in Hong Kong. As they demanded an accounting for the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre.

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**We Gotta Be Prudent**

**by Jay Reznik**

The prospective war with Iraq has no doubt become the dominant focus of American politics and policies. Not more than a year ago the United States was catapulted into a war on terrorism with a green President shoved to the helm. The latest stage in withdrawal of all its forces from war-ravaged Congo that Rwanda, its hope to live up to week's end, a top commander said.

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**Why We are Going to War with Iraq**

**from an Anonymous Submission via E-mail**

It is comforting to analyze the current global political situation from the perspective of what is moral, ethical, and legal under the United States social mores and law. However, the fact that really is not what this whole thing is about.

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Religion

Is required worship a good thing?

by Rob Nicaragua

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

Some may say we are a Christian university and Christian universities require their students to attend worship services. That is an argument we from the secular universities. I have been given that line of reasoning before and doubt one of the most absurd things I have ever heard. For if the only thing that distinguishes a Christian university from a secular university is the fact that we force our students to attend worship, then I think we are in big trouble.

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

What does LSU feel compelled to force an added requirement on its student body? Is this what it means to be Christian? Do we believe that church attendance brings salvation? Does it make sense to teach students about a God who created us with free will, allows us to reject Him, and then requires them to attend a worship service to this same God? It does not make sense. Nor do I believe that is what God desires.

In the gospel of Mark, Jesus confronts the hypocrisy of the Pharisees by quoting the prophet Isaiah, saying, This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrine (Mark 7:6-7). Jesus goes on to say, for my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. And as that is something that can never be forced or required. I believe we as a church need to set the students of La Sierra free to choose for themselves how, when, where, and if they want to worship the God of the Bible, the one who loves freely. Let us stop trying to force something that God never has, worship.

Woe is Me

According to linguists, the oldest phrase in the English language is "Woe is me." It is more likely one of the oldest phrases in any language.

It first appeared in the book of Job which was written about 1200 BCE, making the phrase about 3,200 years old. The first appearance is in chapter 3:1 and would obviously be Wyckoff's Bible translation in 1823. The feeling took hold and the phrase has been in daily usage ever since.

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

Psalm 102:6. "Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell in the tent of Kedar!"

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

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

Religious Services Calendar

La Sierra University hosts a variety of religious services throughout the week, some have been listed below. If you are interested in any small group meetings you can contact the Campus Pastor's Office at 783-2081.

Mondays

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

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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

Saturdays

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

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

Church on Campus, October 12

9:00 am: Breakfast (Free) - Alumni Pavilion

10:00 - 11:00 am: Sabbath School

11:15 - 12:30 pm: Church Service

12:45 pm: Lunch (Free) - Commons

3:00 - 5:00 pm: Community Outreach - Alumni Pavilion parking lot

6:30 - 7:15 pm: Vespers - Hole Memorial Auditorium

8:00 - 12:00: Gym Night (food, fun & games - All Free) - Alumni Pavilion

Roy Rantung (SALSU Religious-vice)

Praches the Word

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

One of the biggest events of the year, Church on Campus, is coming your way NEXT SABBATH, October 12th. A collaborative effort of Students Life, SALSU, Campus Ministries, Homebase Missions, Hispanic Ministries and the Black Student Association, Church on Campus this fall aims to bring our school together under the theme of "Community." Campus Pastor Sam Lzomor, Chaplain Steve Hemensway and SALSU President at La Sierra will team together to present a unique and innovative sermon experience.

Bring home what it truly means to be community. Food will be provided throughout the day, proving that at Church on Campus, there is such a thing as a free lunch (see below for Who, Where and When!)

Also coming soon is the annual Tri-Campus Retreat (November 1-3) where we come together with Pacific Union College and Loma Linda University for a combined retreat at Camp Wawona right in the scenic heart of Yosemite National Park. Cost is only $30/person, plus one meal on the road going up to Yosemite. Cost includes all other meals (including the one on the road coming down), lodging and transportation. Hurry, reservations are limited to the first 30 students who sign up and pay at the Campus Ministries office in La Sierra Hall. Make plans now to attend this retreat. It's a must.

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

God bless!
And what better way than to be welcomed by a former rival, Larry Bird? Those two made basketball history in the 1980s. Too bad most of us weren’t old enough to watch and understand basketball back then.

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With sixty seconds on the shot clock, Magic Johnson was induced to play for the Hall of Fame... and about time, I’d say.

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**“Barber-shop”**
*by Tamara McGee*

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

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

Barber-shop is a movie that will make you laugh and make you think. Go. Go now.

**The Cutting Edge of Electro-pop**
*by Ruben D. Lopez*

In fashion, trends seem to repeat themselves every twenty years. Music trends seem to go forward, yet still draw elements from the past. For instance, Ladytron draws heavily from synthesizer and vocoder sounds of the early 1980s. The same can be said for Fischerspooner, a New York duo whose sophomore album #1 is reminiscent of New Order, Human League, and Yaz, all of which garnered fame in the Reagan years. The duo formed in 1998 after recording a track at the Astor Place Starbucks. Casey Fischer and Warren Fischer combine multimedia as well as strange handmade costumes, dancing and high-energy stage as a reflection of their unique music.

The album opens with the catchy “Invisible,” with breathing pulsating notes from the synthesizer. Enter Casio-esque programmed beat and vocals from Casey Spooner, Cindy Greene and Lázzy Yoder. Other tracks incorporate this 80s sound with somewhat dark and brooding lyrics, often associated with punk rock and other alternative outfi. Stand outs on the album include “Invisible,” “The 159,” “Emerge” (the single for the album Import versions include a video for this track), “Turn On,” and the minimal as “Erratz.”

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

**Rise to Rebellion**
*by Jeff Shaara*

As we begin the school year and try to find the books it is easy to look at all forms of reading with disdain, especially when the word “required” is meant to it. Yet, there is hope for those who are sick of their textbooks but still would like to curl up with a good book. If your organic chemistry is bogging you down and you are in the mood for a good page turner, try Rise to Rebellion by Jeff Shaara. Jeff is the son of Michael Shaara, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of Killer Angles. The younger Shaara lives up to his name in this narrative of the Revolutionary War. Rise to Rebellion is the first of a two part series on the American Revolutionary War that follows various characters through the years leading up to the birth of the United States as a nation.

While it is a bit of history lesson, it is also a tale of different prominent players from the war, such as John Adams, George Washington and General Gage. Honestly, this is a very pleasant read. It is well classified as a novel and retains the entertaining qualities of one. Each chapter is a narrative of different prominent players from the war, such as John Adams, George Washington and General Gage.

If you are looking for a war with suspense, then this is the book for you. And if you can spell “Civilization” then this is the book for you. What’s your word “required” is next to it. Yet, there is hope for those who are sick of their textbooks but still would like to curl up with a good book. If your organic chemistry is bogging you down and you are in the mood for a good page turner, try Rise to Rebellion by Jeff Shaara. Jeff is the son of Michael Shaara, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of Killer Angles. The younger Shaara lives up to his name in this narrative of the Revolutionary War. Rise to Rebellion is the first of a two part series on the American Revolutionary War that follows various characters through the years leading up to the birth of the United States as a nation.

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**Dr. Phil: Diplomat**

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

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

Bush: “He’s the one lyin’. I ain’t lyin’!”

Saddam: “Evil ways. Did I forget you have evil? Did I forget you have evil?”

Bush: “I didn’t start it, you did and I can prove it!”

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

Bush: “Okay...now get this...the FBI and CIA showed me that...that nonsense. My

Dr. Phil: “Look, both of you quit yer dyma yapping! We’ve had this war going on for a long time and all we’ve done is start a war. Now my Daddy used to say: “If a dog poops in the woods, he probably ain’t housebroken. Now, both of ya just don’t get it. You’re talking to each other but ya just ain’t listening.”

Bush: “No, I aint listenin’ to that man, he’s an extro-”

Besides, Uncle Dick says I need a war before he election.”

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

**Drama Auditions**

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

If ever over the past two years you have had the privilege of visiting the Office of Student Life, then you have probably been greeted by a lovely young woman named Raenelle. She is friendly and helpful and is always a pleasure to talk to. However, Raenelle is more than just a pretty face, she is the one person on this campus who you can be absolutely sure will be a pleasure to talk to. 

Raenelle came to La Sierra University in the fall of 1996 from Los Angeles, Missouri, spent most of her elementary school years in Los Angeles. My parents now live in Maryland. 

If your families live anywhere within driving distance of the university, you can still visit the holidays. Be with his family for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If your families don’t live anywhere within driving distance of each other, you can still visit the holidays. Be with his family for Thanksgiving and your family for Christmas. 

Insecurity Corner

Ask Betty and Steffy:

"My boyfriend and I have been going out for a while and we want to get married when we are both finished with college. We want to have our wedding in LA in summer. It is a big deal in our family to have Thanksgiving and Christmas but I want to spend the holidays with my family. We aren’t married yet and so I feel we should each spend the holidays with our families. This has been a big deal in our relationship lately. Is this a sign of things to come? is this a sign we should get married? If we don’t even agree on where to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas? What should I do?"

Betty: 30-year-old waitress at Denny’s and the says: "Dear Concerned,

"Ok, yeah. Great! This is your problem? I should be so lucky to get married. Before the money this is a problem. Get over yourself. If you think this is a problem that you need to get married, then it is. When you get no money to pay your bills, when your husband doesn’t come home for a week and when he does, he skips you around because you ask where he is. These are problems. I think that you have a hard time deciding where to spend the holidays is something that you need to get married. If you would you want to do the poor schmuck out. Do him a favor and let him find somebody to argue with, someone who will. Ask him to say that you should rather spend the time with your family than with him. So, go spend the holidays with your family. If you, you wouldn’t want him to feel special or anything, would you?"

Steffy: is a socially well-adjusted, pretty and popular girl, Steffy says: "Dear Concerned,

"My advice to you and your boyfriend would be to visit the holidays. If your families live around the same area, split the holidays in half. Spend Thanksgiving lunch with one family and dinner with the other. Be with his family for Christmas Eve and the other for Christmas Day. If your families don’t live anywhere within driving distance of each other, you can still split the holidays. Be with his family for Thanksgiving and your family for Christmas. Leave it to your own to find somebody to argue with. Ask him to say that you should rather spend the time with your family than with him. So, go spend the holidays with your family. If you, you wouldn’t want him to feel special or anything, would you?"

For the first issue of the new school year, my first faculty member to go under the magnifying glass of The Campus Criterion is the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry’s newest faculty member Kristin Motschulsky Brand.

1) What is your full name? Kristin Ruth Motschulsky (Brand)
2) Hometown? Lincoln, NE
3) Favorite Word in English Language? "Beautiful"
4) Mini-Van or Roadster? Sports Car
5) Favorite Word in a Foreign Language? "Miau"
6) What are your hobbies? Reading, running, hiking, skiing and beach-going
7) What is the focus of your research? Drug discovery and certain types of organic molecules.
8) What’s your dream vacation? A trip to Thailand with the University Church.
9) Favorite Place you image to be in the middle of a field what would you do with it? "I’d go to Borders in Barnes and Noble and buy a new book"
10) Place you imagine to be the most like the DMV or the DMV? DMV!"
Pendleton Seeks Re-election

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

Library Extends Hours

In response to a request presented last year by the Student Association, the Library is extending its service hours until midnight, from Sunday through Thursday, starting on October 7, 2009.

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

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

Sculpture Unveiling

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

Who is Hole?

By TONY ZARSKAUK

Hole Memorial Auditorium, one of the finest buildings on the La Sierra campus, is named after W.J. Hole, who foreclosed on his large Spanish land grant in 1910, and developed it into Rancho La Sierra, later the Hole Ranch. In 1922 he sold 310 acres in the La Sierra Valley to the Seventh-day Adventist Church for $120,550. W.J. Hole further donated a sum of money for the building of an auditorium, which is an ancient college tradition dating back to the Middle Ages was named after the benefactor who paid for it.

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

Insecurity Corner

The dialogue between Shelley and the Starbucks’ girl and myself went something like this:
Shelley: Hi, what can I get for you today?
Me: How's it going? Hey what's the difference between the hot chocolate and the hot cocoa? Shelley: Well the hot chocolate is just chocolate, but the hot cocoa is like cocoa. (She said all the while staring at me blankly)
Me: Well great, now that we've got that clarified I guess I'll take the hot cocoa.
Shelley: Okay well what size would you like, the Tall, Grande or Venti?
Now mind you I was still in a bad mood from the facial. My nerves were on edge and having to learn to speak Starbuckanese just to order a cup of cocoa was basically the straw that broke the camel's back.

Like Lou Ferrigno morphed into the Incredible Hulk, I transformed into my
The Incredible Dri-gnulted Starbuckanese Patron
Me: Tall, Grande or Venti, that is just big in three different languages?! I don’t see how that makes any sense? I just want a cup of hot chocolate!
Shelley: So which size do you want?
Me: Oh I guess I’ll just have a size “big”
Shelley: So which size is that?
Me: See, you’ve just proven my point! You can’t even tell which one is big! Your system for naming your beverages absolutely makes no sense!
I defy you to explain to me how the names are representative of the size of the cup the drink comes in!
Shelley: So being blankly like a deer caught in the headlights of an oncoming truck
Me: May I please have a Grande cup

HAPPY B-DAY!

during World War II.

During 1967 Loma Linda University absorbed La Sierra College (while gaining its current name for its full accreditation).

The school became Loma Linda University Riverside Campus, and you can still see that name on some of the older signs around campus. The late 1980’s saw a move by Loma Linda University to consolidate all its operations on the Loma Linda campus, which would have involved closing down the Riverside campus. This caused considerable controversy (if you want details, see the files in the Heritage Room), and in 1990 the Trustees voted to split the two campuses.

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

Happy birthday, La Sierra!

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

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

Gay and Joy, Aussen
Arrest at Church on Campus Sparks Controversy

By Whitney Braun

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

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

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

A friend of Tutt told the Criterion that he has to park illegally in order to unload his equipment for musical performances. Whatever Tutt’s personal needs are, blocking the fire lanes is not an acceptable remedy.

Regardless, the parking violations are not the issue at hand. The real issues are the placement of the boot on Tutt’s wheel, the alleged theft of the boot and even more importantly, how Campus Security dealt with the problem. Many have stated that it was not appropriate to have Tutt arrested at all, not to mention in the middle of a vespers service in which he was performing.

It must be stated that Tutt’s name is being used here with his permission. With felony charges pending, this is a delicate matter to say the least. Tutt admits to the unpaid tickets and the placement of the boot on his vehicle. The disparity in accounts of the incident come into play after Tutt left the Security office to complain about the boot. Tutt claims that the boot had been removed when he returned to his vehicle. What happened with the boot is not for us to speculate upon.

So what then is the real controversy? What has many upset is the timing of the arrest. RPD actually made the arrest after the charges were reported to them two days earlier. The charge was alleged grand theft.

Students who were present claimed that they had no idea that there was anything going on at all and that the entire incident was handled very discreetly. One of the three interviewed explained that had she not stepped outside for a moment to return a cell phone call and seen the officers taking Tutt away in handcuffs she would not have known anything was going on at all.

Obviously, this is a sensitive situation. Campus Security has no authority to deal with such matters off campus and was apparently handling the problem according to the working relationship established with RPD. It is now a matter for the civil authorities to resolve.
The attack of the shoe critics

By Whitny Braun

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

So the other day I was walking through the shoe department in Nordstroms when I spotted a pair of the cutest shoes I had ever seen. They looked something like a cross between soccer cleats and bowling shoes and I knew the second I saw them that they had to be mine. While the saleswoman attending to me went into the back to find my size I took a seat next to the display of shoes and looked around. About two minutes later a couple of middle-aged women walked by and stopped in front of the shoe display. The slightly older of the two reached down and picked up the exact same shoe I was about to try on and gasped, "God, these are so ugly! Who would buy this shoe? It's just awfully ugly." So then I said, "That's what I like about them. Bowling is to America what curling is to Canada, do you see?" I think my point was lost on them. Perhaps using a curling/bowling analogy was not the best course of action in this case. The woman looked at me and then smiled and said, "Well if you like them, then enjoy." The ladies walked off and immediately after, the saleswoman returned with my shoes, but upon handing them to me she noticed that she had brought the wrong size and apologized profusely. As she disappeared back into the stockroom I sat down in the chair next to the display again. A little girl and her mother came strolling along and the little girl, completely bedecked in Hello Kitty merchandise, pointed at the shoes and squealed, "Oma [Korean for Mommy] look at the ugly shoes!" Okay, so I can't win. I bought the shoes. I happen to really like the shoes, in fact when I wear them I feel like I am rebelling in some sort of way. These shoes were not cheap though, and as I paid for them it occurred to me that they were not especially comfortable either. So why was I buying them? I mean no one else seemed to think they were cute besides me, and furthermore isn't the point of buying fashionable clothing and accessories to make yourself appealing and aesthetically pleasing or enjoyable to those that have to look upon you? Who are we really dressing for? The obvious answer to this question for most women is that they are probably dressing for the benefit of men. But, if you ask most guys what a girl wore yesterday they won't remember or care. So do we dress for other girls, and if so why? Is it not enough to dress for yourself, or at least shouldn't it be? Perhaps there is no answer to these questions because in the big scheme of things does it really matter what anybody wears or why we wear it? Let's take this one step further. Have you ever worn an outfit that was not comfortable, in fact so uncomfortable that at the end of the day you couldn't wait to take it off? Girls know what I am talking about. Case in point, stiletto heels are a staple of fashionable female's closets. They make a girl's legs look long and lean and they can make any slinky dress look ten times better. Unfortunately, they feel as if you're balancing on the handles of ice picks, and if you wear some brands of stilettos like, Manolo Blahniks and step the wrong way you can snap one of your metatarsals like a toothpick. Regardless of the pain and danger associated with high heels all it takes is one person to say that they look good on you, and you will grit your teeth and bear the agony just to ensure that you are being the hottest you can possibly be. All I can say is that there's no rhyme or reason to fashion. Wear what you like and if you can't wear that, then like what you have to wear because chances are there's someone somewhere in the world who thinks your second hand rags are the sweetest ensemble ever.

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Muslim interest group takes aim at Snoop Dogg

By Whitny Braun

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

According to Launch, a group that produces the kid-friendly show “The O’Reilly Factor,” just as he had criticized Pepsi for going to take my kids with me out there [to the set in Vancouver] so they can meet and support anyone who is involved in those types of sexually explicit projects and materials. “Informed on Monday that Snoop had been cut from the final product, he said, “I’m sorry, it’s a direct result of many people who probably complained about Snoop Dogg being on the Muppets, but I’m glad to say that we were the catalyst who have once again tried to be a voice of morality, a voice to protect children.”

Among those complainers was Fox News Channel’s conservative Bill O’Reilly, who criticized NBC on Friday’s “The O’Reilly Factor,” just as he had criticized Pepsi for using Ludacris as a spokesman in its storyline. Unfortunately, one of the scenes we have had to cut has a brief appearance by the talented artist Snoop Dogg.”

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

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

By Larry Pena

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

For the last few months Bush has been pounding the national and international pavement trying to gain support for a pre-emptive strike on Iraq. To the American audience, Iraq is a defensive war, waged against heartless and evil enemies with weapons of mass destruction. It is a war to keep America safe. To the foreign community, this is a war to uphold the standards and resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. We will teach Saddam for denying U.N. inspectors. It is a war for justice.

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

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

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

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

Finally, an Iraqi war would have some serious effects on the domestic theater as well. While a quick and successful war may help the economy, an expensive war doesn’t. An already-staggering American deficit could go stratospheric. Do not be fooled by the Bush Administration’s rhetoric. A pre-emptive war in Iraq is dangerous, costly, and wrong. For such an "enlightened nation," we sure could learn a little self-restraint.
The story behind the sculpture
By Rob Wolcott

La Sierra University marked its 80th anniversary on October 3, 2002, with the unveiling and dedication of a magnificent bronze sculpture, “The Glory of God’s Grace.” The sculpture, a representation of the parable of the prodigal son, has deep symbolic meaning for our University whose mission is “to seek, to know, to serve.” Nonetheless, the installation of the sculpture has led a number of students to express concern over the fundamental aspects of its aesthetic addition to campus life.

Rest assured that the improvements you see taking place on campus are the result of entirely different sources of funds than your tuition dollars. “The Glory of God’s Grace” sculpture was a gift to the University from alumnus Thaine Price, M.D., in memory of his wife, Wanda, who was also a student at La Sierra. In addition, the landscaping work being done on the new entrance, as well as the construction of the entrance itself, is being funded by the sale of the land for the development project.

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

Bush bends First Amendment
By Rob Wolcott

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

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

Pacifism or just war: A Christian perspective
By Johnny Ramirez

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A response to Rob Wolcott’s “Is required worship a good thing?”
By Michelle Sarsoza

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

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

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**CABL’s Message**

**The Fitness Corner**

By Dwight Barrett

What exactly does the CABL Director do? Well, CABL is an acronym for Collegiate Advocate for Better Living, and it is a part of the North American Division of Health Ministries of Seventh-Day Adventist college campuses. Basically, the job entails coming up with ideas for activities that will encourage students to improve their health. From suggestions for dietary habits to an exercise regiment, the CABL Director is here to lead you to a happier, healthier self, which includes the mental, physical, and spiritual self. In association with the Office of Campus Ministries, the Collegiate Advocate for Better Living will invite inspirational guest speakers to address the student body as well as lead morning jogs around the campus.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming CABL sponsored events.

**Sports nation**

By Anjali Jiao

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

We know that the best basketball teams are in California, but who would have guessed that the best baseball teams were here too? For those of you who don’t get out much, the Anaheim Angels and the San Francisco Giants both clinched their league titles (ALCS and NLCS respectively) - the Angels on Sunday, and the Giants on Monday - moving them both on to battle each other in the World Series starting on Saturday, with the Giants playing at Anaheim. The amazing thing is, both teams are Wild Card teams. Almost no one expected either of them to get this far, but this certainly is a time in baseball history to remember. Let’s hope we remember it the right way. The last time the Giants played in the World Series, the Bay Area was rocked by an earthquake, resulting in a postponement of what turned out to be a 4-0 loss to the A’s.

We’re six weeks into the national football season with Miami, San Diego, Green Bay, New Orleans, and Tampa Bay - who’s on a five-game winning streak - all holding strong at five wins and only one loss each. On the flip side, Cincinnati (0-6) has been getting rather poor weather, while the St. Louis Rams - who’s on a five-game winning streak, all holding strong at five wins and only one loss each, on the flip side, Cincinnati (0-6) has been getting rather poor weather, while the St. Louis Rams (1-5) won their first game 28-13 last week, the St. Louis Rams are looking pretty good this early in the season. The Kings aren’t doing all that bad so far either, with wins against the Phoenix Coyotes and the Stanley Cup Champions Detroit Redwings. The Kings opened the season with an honor to #99 - the legendary Wayne Gretsky... to better days!

In golf, the Ivenys Classic in Las Vegas is in its fourth round with Phil Tocca and the Clippers (who aren’t all that bad themselves) and the Nuggets (nasty 103-81 loss) during the preseason, but that’s nothing to be worried about. However, this season, the rivalry between the Kings and Lakers might be something worth looking into. I’m sure the fact that the Kings took the Conference Series into the 7th game overtime made many Lakers’ fans’ hearts skip a beat. The regular season will start on the 29th of this month.

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**Tennis, the gentleman’s sport**

By Marlen Resiwain

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

It was not until recently that I actually tried my hand at this sport until I realized how truly great this game is. It requires strength, technique, and a soft touch, not to mention all the sprinting, stopping, and then running off to another direction. Tennis is an exciting game, a sport that when you know you give it your all you end up grunt- ing so loudly all the people in the surrounding courts can hear you.

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

By Damon Holmes

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

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

Do we even have to mention the tidal wave of horrifically violent video games that are flooding the market? Moore takes aim at the “gun culture” and infers that it is a causal factor in the violence running rampant in our nation. We are all familiar with the bumper sticker “If guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns.” It does not take a great deal of investigation to realize the validity of this catchphrase. With every gun law passed, it becomes increasingly easier to buy guns illegally. If we look at other nations that have passed restrictive gun laws, we see gun violence climbing, not dropping.

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

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

It is amazing how certain brands define a whole category in the market, whether it be food or clothes. When you hear peanut butter, you think JIF, and likewise, when you hear shoes, you think NIKE. It certainly is not surprising that 90% of people think "Honda Accord" when they hear midsize sedan. It's been the most practical and reliable sedan of choice in the US since the early 80's. Naturally, the redesign of this bread-and-butter automobile calls for some attention as the '03 Accord bows in with a smorgasbord of improvements and new options. Style-wise, the new Accord sedan and coupe hardly break new ground, and the lines of both are offensive or breathtaking. Instead, in usual Honda sensibility, the design is refined and clean, giving a very streamline and crisp appearance. Power for the 4-cylinder powerplant has increased by some 10 horses, and makes 160 horsepower. The 240-horsepower V-6, however, certainly breaks new ground, and by far crushes competition in terms of power (other than the 240-hp Nissan Altima). The ride of the new Accord has been softened a bit, yet at the same time, handling and cornering (both traits that the Accord is known for) have not been sacrificed. Both Accords sport tighter panel gaps, refined ergonomics, and a new navigation system is offered option. Judging from the improvements and first impression offered by this redesigned hot-seller, it looks like the '03 Accord has the potential to become, yet again, the best-selling sedan in the US.

Student spotlight: Aaron Troia
By Whitny Braun

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

Aaron appears to have the honor of being the only student at LSU to ride his unicycle to class, and when asked he like his one-wheeled mode of transportation so much? He responds, "I have not really thought too much about it but I would say that it's unique, not too many people I know can ride one, and it's fun to learn more things to do with it like go up and down stairs, ride backwards, and crazy stuff like that." It is easy to figure out that he is a very talented teenager who is just enjoying his youth. And although he is undecided as to what major to pursue, he does have some very definite passions which include, juggling, unicycling, playing his guitar, photography, listening to music, reading, snowboarding, and playing baseball. He says that his dream is to one day write and play his own songs, and maybe, one day, figure out what to major in.

Homebase team invades Rio Lindo Adventist Academy
By Arbee Tabo

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

During our welcome we introduced "Huggi Hogg", a little activity to get everyone warmed up. However, most of the students just stood there like statues never getting involved in the worship. I was a little disturbed by the lack of participation but life must go on and so we followed up with a drama performed by the students answering the question "Impressing God". In this skit a crowd sees God on the street begin to perform various acts to impress him, such as singing, juggling, and acting. After the display God was still not impressed. A girl in the group then emerges and falls to his feet. She begins to cry as God looks down at her. God is amazed. The play demonstrated to our young audience that God is always willing to accept those who are willing to fall at his feet and come to him, exactly as they are. The drama was a huge success and it seemed that many of the students were truly moved.

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

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

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

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

Relationship advice
By Doctor Aundeez and Nizzles

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

"Dear Doctors Aundeez & Nizzles this particular babe has been hitting me as I walk from the gym and around campus. She justocks me dead in my arm for no apparent reason. I know she thinks I'm cute and all, but why is she doing me like Debo?"

Well Battered D. We think you may be experiencing something we would like to call A SEXUALLY FRUSTRATED FEMALE. You have to take extreme caution in dealing with these, for they tend to be very volatile. Our words of advice to you would be: the girl likes you plain and simple and the ball is in your court. You can either reject it or take it to the hole. But whichever actions you decide to take remember to always have sportsman like conduct. Now for our general advice for the week. "You don't have to lie to kick it, just be real."
Graphic Designers Needed!
Are you interested in graphic design, multi-media arrangement or web site development? Would you like to help Homebase and help yourself by earning community service hours? If this sounds appealing to you then please contact Chris Grant at egrant3d@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

1. Trust your instincts. If you suspect something is wrong, or a situation seems dangerous, you may be right! Do not dismiss suspicious people, cars, or situations, report them to security immediately.
2. Avoid dangerous situations. Do not invite trouble. Use your best judgment when deciding where you go and what you do.
3. Walk to your car with your key in your hand and look in the vehicle before getting into it to see if anyone is inside.
4. Keep valuables out of sight and in the trunk.
5. Lock your car and use locking devises.
6. Be aware of bushes and tight corners you cannot see around
7. Call for a Security escort in the evening or walk with a friend.
8. If someone attempts to rape, assault, or abduct you, follow your instincts. Attract attention by blowing a whistle or screaming. Run, hide, bite or do whatever comes naturally and do it immediately!
9. Your goal is to escape and survive.
10. If a crime does happen make sure you report it to Security as soon as possible, and remember to tell the officers the time, place, person’s appearance and any other details you might have observed.

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

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

Check it out!!!

Remade
Presented by the Department of English and Communication.

Showtimes:
Thursday, October 31 @ 8 p.m.
Saturday, November 2 @ 8 p.m.
Sunday, November 3 @ 8 p.m.

For tickets or more information, call x2241.

Remade
Written by
Patti Poblete

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

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It’s a woman’s world...really

By Whitny Braun

It is apparent at La Sierra University that females outnumber males. According to Nate Brandstater, LSU’s Director of Institutional Effectiveness 59.2% of the students enrolled at our beloved school are ladies. Is La Sierra an anomaly or the norm? According to recent statistics reported by both the venerable television news magazine 60 Minutes and the fast-paced Center for Educational Statistics show that by 2011 the number of women enrolled in college compared to men will increase by almost 30%. The United States Census Bureau reports that in the 18 to 24 year old age group men outnumber women. As of 2001 there were 12,470,000 females and 12,993,000 men. Statistically the number of men attending college should be higher than the number of women, but as the data shows this is simply not the case. So why is there such a disparity in the number of men and women going to college?

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

The sociological ramifications of this trend in education are not clear. What if in the future the woman’s role in the family was that of the breadwinner and the man became the homemaker? With more and more girls and women earning graduate and post-graduate degrees this could be the scenario we are facing. Will white collar women want to be married to blue collar men?

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

In a future where educated men are the minority they will no doubt be a valuable commodity not only in the job market but on the dating scene. One could argue that a college education is the best investment that a young man can make in his future.
A Response to “Arrest at Church on Campus Sparks Controversy”
By Marques Turner

On October the 12th during the Church on Campus Sparks Controversy, the La Sierra student body witnessed an unexpected turn of events. Vespers service in HMA an unfortunate set of circumstances led to a scenario that has left many people to analyze their actions and reasons for them.

On this, we all agree. There are numerous issues that are in need of explanation only the La Sierra University Patrol (LSUP) and its Staff, namely David Channer, can answer. Channer decided the best time to question, and ultimately detain Keith Tutt was in the opening few minutes of an evening vespers program in which he was scheduled to perform in out of the 6 musical selections. Needless to say, when Tutt was made unable to perform, the program ended having finished half of its service.

Even while Tutt was being questioned, repeated pleas were made to Channer to allow him to finish his service. Was he acting in the best interests of La Sierra University and its student body’s spiritual and physical well being, or was it purely vengeful malice?

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

Tutt returned to his vehicle to discover the cuff on his wheel and proceeded to Sierra Towers explaining how the University Patrol put a cuff on his car. Many heard this and went outside to take a look. Tutt then went down to the patrol office and discussed the matter directly with Channer for more than 20 minutes. He then returned to his car to find the cuff removed. Tutt then went home.

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

In conclusion, it is important that the student body recognize where University Patrol’s priorities are. How do these priorities dictate its personnel make and who they feel you have to help yourself to socializing in the cafeteria. The programs all seem too great to wrap even our own, idealistic minds around. I personally do not see it as overwhelming. Whenever I am tempted to, I remind myself of something my Grandpa said to me many times: “You can save the World, but you have to do it one person at a time.”

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

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

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

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration is bracing for further delay in U.N. action on Iraq, with a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross saying Monday.

SAO PAULO, Brazil - Soccer fans fighting with police caused a stadium to collapse, sending dozens of people hurtling to the ground and injuring at least 30, officials said.

In the hot seat this time is sophomore Business/E-commerce/Pre-Med student John Koning.

By Andrea M. A. Poblete

Student Spotlight: John Koning

What is your favorite word in the English language?
John
What is your favorite book of the Bible?
John
What is your favorite brand of clothing?
Seaborn
What is your favorite song?
John Jacob Jingleheimer-Schmidt
What is your favorite word in a foreign language?
Juan

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

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

National
Former army riflemen Allen Muhammad and seventeen-year-old John Lee Malvo were arrested in the early morning hours of October 24 in connection with the shooting spree that left 10 dead and three wounded near Washington D.C. The alleged gunmen were taken from their blue Chevrolet Caprice that seemed modified to handle sniping from the trunk. A Bushmaster rifle, the civilian version of the M-16, was discovered in the suspects’ car. Prosecutors in numerous counties are now rushing to examine evidence and press charges. Since the arrests, life has seemed to return to normal in the nation’s capital as people return to their daily, outside activities. The democratic seat was left vacant in what was to be one of the closest elections in the country after Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota died in a private-plane crash alongside his wife, daughter, three campaign workers, and two pilots on October 25. Democrats are expected to nominate former Vice President Walter F. Mondale to fill the vacancy with less than a week remaining till elections.

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

What is University Studies?

By Andrea M. A. Poblete

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

In the bulletin, there is an objective that begins:

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

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

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

For more information, consult with your advisor or call the University Studies Department at ext. 2499. There is also more information about the University Studies curriculum concerning units needed to graduate in the Undergraduate Bulletin.
My sweet Indonesia, what has happened to you?

By Rama Tampubolon

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

I once knew a homeland that was beautiful, where people of different religions could live side by side without suspicions, when demonstrations were not so frequent and violent, where some of nature’s most awesome scenery could be found. For the past four years, many things have changed. Churches have been burned and thousands have been killed in confrontations of both religious and political natures. It seems like lately, Indonesia has been nothing but a pool of blood. I guess what I thought I knew I did not know at all. I feel a bit disappointed and ashamed, but who am I to deny my own homeland?

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

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

Is chivalry really dead?

By Steffy

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

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

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

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

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

Author W.M. Lewis once said, “The tragedy of life isn’t that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it.” From that one year you learn in any classroom. “But I can’t preach like this person” or “I can’t sing or play guitar like that person,” you say. Listen, God has dedicated to God will come experiences that will change the course of your life—lessons you can’t not called you to be this person or that person; God has called you to be you. Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

God doesn’t just call the equipped. He equips the called. Do you really think that a ragtag bunch of common uneducated fishermen had any sort of qualifications to be the disciples of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Savior of all humanity? The only thing the disciples had going for them was one thing: they said yes when Jesus called. In Ephesians 3:8 the Apostle Paul writes, “Athough am less than the least of all God’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.”

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Conservative but less moral American youths
By Marlen Resiwain

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However, adults (74%) tend to think that violence on TV is a serious problem, while youth (45%) think the same way. Also, other statistics have shown that cheating, lying, and stealing have increased dramatically in high schools recently. Interestingly, a report from the Josephson Institute of Ethics shows that students who attend private religious schools are more likely to cheat and lie to their teachers but are less likely to shoplift. The study also found that students, no matter what kind of school they attended, behaved socially in the same way. Those that attended private religious schools and/or professed that religion was an important part of their lives generally performed on the national average.

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

Faith in Action

Adultery as a capital offence?

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

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No Bragging Rights
Reviewed by Larry Pena

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

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

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

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

The Ring: A perfect fit for horror
By Richard Igros

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

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

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

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

Reviewed by Ana Gamboa

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

Michio Kaku did an exceptional job of simplifying complex ideas in such a way that people who have a limited background in math or physics can understand. I strongly recommend this thought provoking book if you want to be exposed to other ideas about the nature of the universe.
Travel smart
Taking a trip anytime soon? Regardless of whether your answer is yes or no, the Puma 96-hours suitcase is a neat thing to have. Imagination leaving for a business trip, or perhaps just an ordinary vacation. You want the right balance of preppy, sporty clothes, and the appropriate dash of dressy clothes. Under normal circumstances, the intricate planning of this combination of clothes would take at least an hour or more, not mentioning the fact that your sense of fashion might not be intact at the given moment. The Puma 96-hours suitcase eliminates such pain and hassle by throwing a balanced mixture of stylish and trendy clothing into one lightweight aluminum suitcase no larger than a normal piece of luggage. Included in this combo are 26 articles of clothing (shirts, dress shirts, pants, sweaters, etc), 2 pairs of shoes, and check this out: the thoughtful guys from Puma didn’t even forget to include a few pairs of underpants. A necessity? Probably not, but the 96-hours suitcase by Puma is surely an alternative to the old "throw it in the bag ‘n leave" approach. For more info visit www.puma.com.

75 Wacky Things That Make America Great
By Josh Parsons

1. Sporks
2. Free ketchup
3. Ice in the drinks
4. Free refills
5. V6, V8, V10, V12 and anything over 2 litres
6. 99 cent gasoline (when available)
7. Peanut butter (not nutella)
8. Peanut butter and Jelly
9. Ranch dressing
10. Deoderant
11. Guacamole made from Avocado
duo
12. Voltage that doesn’t kill you
13. Radio playlists that include more than 5 songs.
14. Driving on the right
15. Women who shave their legs and pits.
16. Rock and Roll (American Style)
17. American Football (Charger Football)
18. Laker Games
19. NASCAR
20. Color, gray and favorite
tones
21. Triple digit TV channels
22. The steady, foldable dollar
23. Slip and slides
24. Pickup trucks
25. Super Size
26. Buy one get one free
27. Drive thrus
28. Drive-ins
29. Malls
30. 99 cent stores
31. Costco
32. Large supermarkets
33. Watching Starwars first
34. The current seasons of West Wing and Friends
35. Taco Bell
36. TV Dinners
37. Rootbeer
38. Pizza Delivery
39. Chevy, Ford, Dodge & Harley
40. Baseball
41. superbowl Commercials
42. An open academic system
43. Do-it-yourself fasion
44. Multiple skin tones
45. 64oz drinks
46. Rally monkeys
47. Drag racing (at a track of course)
48. Semi-sweet chocolate
49. Packaged meat
50. Butterfingers
51. Gravy
52. Free Beaches
53. "Instant" food
54. Kool Aid
55. Cereal
56. The standard measuring system
57. Fareheight
58. Freeways
59. Slurpees
60. Desert for breakfast
61. Pie
62. Corn dogs
63. Twinkies
64. The Beach Boys
65. Microwave burritos
66. Diet Juice
67. I can’t believe it’s not butter
68. Infomercials
69. Thanksgiving
70. Westerns
71. Country Music (debatable)
72. AM/FM Radio
73. Month/Day/Year
74. Cheap drivers liscences
75. No smoking

The Ultimate Advice Column
By Doctor Aundeez and Nizzles

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

Sincerely,
Confused Cutie

Dear Cutie,
You are confused. The reason you are here at college is for EDUCATION, not BEAUTIFICATION. Are you sure guys don’t notice you? They probably do. You want them to notice you for your brain not your body or beauty or your Burberry! If you want to attract someone by your looks paint your nose red and put a sign on your back that says ‘kick me’. They’ll notice you all right but that would be for the wrong reasons. The fact that you are writing us for advice shows you have at least a smidgen of intelligence, now use that intelligence to evaluate your priorities, then to attract boys if you have time!

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

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

Sincerely,
Bewildered Bob

Dear Bewildered Bob,
Well at least you made a step in the right direction... which is consulting us. Your next step is to look in the mirror and realize that although stakes look high you are your only obstacle. You have to reach down deep and pull out the inner potential within yourself, tap into the mojo man. First step is to save what’s left of your face. You need a little more self respect. Don’t let these females push you around and play mind games with you. That mess is for the birds!! Play it cool, don’t sweat the girls, let them sweat YOU. You work hard enough as it is in school, you don’t need to be working an extra job on the side making below minimum wage with no benefits. Once you start to kick back and relax, the girl will start to warm up to you. They don’t like it when the game is easy, especially this one. Feel free to let other girls associate themselves with you. Don’t let her think she’s the only hot wing on your plate! Remember the story of Beauty and the Beast? The Beast was just that—a BEAST!! He was fugly as all get out, he made a fool out of himself, and he was obnoxious. Remind you of anyone? But guess what? Once he kicked back and relaxed the girl came prancing back to him. See how simple it can be? It takes focus and skill, all you need to do is find those qualities within yourself. The girl should come back, and if she doesn’t many more will take her place. And remember, when it is all said and done don’t forget to BE YOURSELF!!! Good luck!
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**COMMUNICATION AT ITS BEST**

By Erin Grall

Although the phrase Lambda Pi Eta paints a picture of a fluffy lamb eating a pie Greek style, we as the communication honors society would rather you think of fun and incorporating activities when you hear our name—because that is precisely what we intend on doing. Our goal this year includes bringing the Communication and English departments together through activities our majors support. For example, Lambda Pi Eta is sponsoring a speech contest at a local elementary school at the beginning of Winter quarter. We are also planning a fundraiser along with Horriebase and a trip to a TV taping in Los Angeles—fun for everyone! Keep your eyes open for information and details. Long live Lambda Pi Eta! (Baaaa!)

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**The 411 on Library's common myths**

By Tony Z

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

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YES. If a book is 14 days overdue, we charge a $50 fine, plus $10 for being overdue and for our processing expenses, and $40 to replace the book. You have a short grace period. Plus, if you return the book, we remit the $40 replacement charge. On the whole, we would much rather have our books back than the money. Can I highlight passages in library books?

NO! NO! NO! Highlighting damages books (ballpoint ink and highlighter pens contain chemicals that corrode paper over time). Worse, it makes it harder for the next person to read—and some other student will be wanting that book next year, or next decade. I heard the research librarian could find any fact for you if you just ask him.

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

**Are you allowed to buy one for my professor selected as a textbook?**

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

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**The Hook Up**

By Mike Wogu

There is a new fun and exciting way to meet people here at La Sierra. It is called the “Hook Up”. The founder and president of the organization is a young lady by the name of Xenia Wright. She told me she came up with the brilliant idea one day while she was in the cafeteria with her friends. They were talking amongst themselves about how they could meet and get to know people at La Sierra, particularly members of the opposite sex. It occurred to them that they should start an organization whose sole purpose was to help coeds like themselves meet other students.

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

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

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**Graphic Designers Needed!**

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

BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL WOMAN IS HERSELF.
OH MY GOD, I THINK I'M BECOMING THE MAN I
WANTED TO MARRY!
GINGER ROGERS DID EVERYTHING FRED ASTAIRE DID,
BUT SHE DID IT BACKWARDS AND IN HIGH HEELS.
A WOMAN IS LIKE A TEABAG...YOU DON'T KNOW
HOW STRONG SHE IS UNTIL YOU PUT HER IN HOT
WATER.
I HAVE YET TO HEAR A MAN ASK FOR ADVICE ON
HOW TO COMBINE MARRIAGE AND A CAREER.
SO MANY MEN, SO FEW WHO CAN AFFORD ME.
GOD MADE US SISTERS, PROZAC MADE US FRIENDS.
COFFEE, CHOCOLATE, MEN...SOME THINGS ARE
JUST BEYOND RICH.
DON'T TREAT ME ANY DIFFERENTLY THAN YOU
WOULD THE QUEEN.
I'M OUT ON ESTROGEN AND I HAVE A GUN.
WARNING: I HAVE AN ATTITUDE AND I KNOW HOW TO
USE IT.
OF COURSE I DON'T LOOK BUSY...I DID IT RIGHT
THE FIRST TIME.
DO NOT START WITH ME. YOU WILL NOT WIN.
ALL STRESSED OUT AND NO ONE TO CHOOSE.
I CAN BE ONE OF THOSE BAD THINGS THAT HAPPENS
TO BAD PEOPLE.
HOW CAN I MISS YOU IF YOU WON'T GO AWAY?
DON'T UPSET ME! I'M RUNNING OUT OF PLACES TO
HIDE THE BODIES.
IF YOU WANT BREAKFAST IN BED, SLEEP IN THE
KITCHEN.

The search for a motto intensifies
Compiled by Criterion Staff

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

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

2. “You can pick your friends and you can pick your nose, but you can't pick your friend's nose. Fake tears you can pick up a copy of the Criterion while picking your nose.”
3. “The Criterion, almost as interesting as the Enquirer, but with less integrity.”
4. “The Criterion, pegging the low common denominator.”

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

The world’s funniest joke — it’s official
Provided by the Internet

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

Researchers found significant differences between nations in the types of jokes they found funny. People from the UK, the Republic of Ireland, Australia and New Zealand preferred gags involving word play, such as:

PATIENT: “Doctor, I’ve got a strawberry stuck up my bum.”

DOCTOR: “I’ve got some cream for that.”

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

TEXAN: “Where are you from?”

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

Texan: “OK — where are you from?”

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

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

But instead said: “You silly cow, you have completely ruined my life.”

Marriage-mocking also featured in the top American joke:

“A man and a friend are playing golf one day. One of the guys is playing an ace up onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course.
He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer. His friend says: ‘Wow that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You are truly a kind man’

The man then replies: ‘Yeah, well, we were married 35 years.’

Death earned big laughs in Scotland:

“I want to die peacefully in my sleep, and my grandfather. Not screaming in terror like his passengers.”

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

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

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

The first again yells, ‘I SLEPT WITH YOUR MOTHER!’

The other says: ‘Go home dad, you’re drunk.’

The survey revealed other funny facts:

- Of the countries rating the highest number of jokes, Germans, perhaps surprisingly, laughed the most. Canadians laughed least.
- If you want to tell a funny animal joke, make it a duck.
- The most frequently submitted joke, at 300 times, was: “What's black and sticky? A stick.”
- Researchers said no one ever found it funny.

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

Canadians: The unseen enemy
By Larry Penn

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

That’s right. Canadians.

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

Now, many of you are probably saying to yourself right now, “Larry, what’s wrong with Canadians?” They’re friendly. They play hockey. They have entertaining funny accents. Why not embrace them?

Well, my friends, you are probably Canadians.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blessings,

Lola Moore

The English and Communication Department is pleased to announce that tickets are now on sale for the following fall drama productions:

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

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

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

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

Rats live among us in Angwin Hall

By Tiara Snowden

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

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

Campus Info

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

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

Thursday, October 31
11:00 am - Interview at University Worship on Thursday 1:00-2:30 pm - “Sacred Art: A Russian’s Path to God” lecture and slide presentation, Cassentine Hall, Room 100
Admission: Free. For more information, contact: La Sierra University Art Department, (909) 785-2170
This event is open to the public
6:00-7:00 pm - Reception in Honor of Mr. Sergeev’s 2nd U.S. Tour, City Cuisine, Riverside Art Museum
Admission: $20, by reservation only (price includes lecture). For more information or to make reservations, contact: La Sierra University Art Department, (909) 785-2170

Saturday, November 2
9:30 am - La Sierra University Church Sabbath School interview 11:00 am - La Sierra University Church Service, short interview 3:00 pm - “Sacred Art: A Russian’s Path to God” lecture and slide presentation hosted by Adventist Forum of Loma Linda Loma Linda University Church Chapel, Admission: free. For more information, contact: Bernard Brandstetter (909) 792-9144
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Words of Wisdom
By Steffy and Penny

Dear Steffy and Penny:

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

Steffy, a socially well adjusted and popular girl says:

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

If you surprise them, then there's a more likely chance of your boyfriend witnessing the side of your parents that you don't want him to see. Also, it will probably make everyone a bit uncomfortable because of the tension that may occur.

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

Good luck!

Penny, a random science nerd says:

Dear Anguished in Angwin:

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

My Love
By Heather Maddox

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

Warm breath caresses my tear stained face, his steady heartbeats calm me. Gentleness so indescribably perfect surrounds my huddled form. My head lifts, my hands steady, I take another step. Holding his strong hands, I sing a song. His dead eyes beaten, yet the power he gave me, the strength I felt. I take a deep breath and realize that I am in love with this man. I have never been so in love before. My heart soars above the waves his hands have woven for me.

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

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

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

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

"And does she love you, Son?"

I was kneeling, trembling against the cold earth. It smelled of blood and vinegar. I was holding something in my hand. What was it? I straightened, raising my hand to the level of my eyes. A hammer, splattered with blood hung heavy in my clenched fist. My eyes focused past this, on a wooden pillar sticking up from the ground. Mutely, I let my eyes wonder up the post, taking in the entire object. A cross. I reeled back in horror as I recognized the man dead upon this crude tree...it was my love.

"No! No!" My screams echoed through my dream, pulling me back to reality. "Hush, my love." He calms me. "You don't need to leave me. I've already taken care of your problems, your guilt. I have experienced them for you."

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

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

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Grantsmanship offers writing workshop

By Maynard Lowry

Dear Campus Colleagues:

Grantsmanship, or the art of writing funding proposals, is an invaluable skill for anyone in an academic setting. Foundations and other grant making entities look for sophistication and well constructed proposals when they choose among the thousands of requests they receive annually. It has been estimated that 70% of grant proposals are rejected solely on the basis that the requester does not adequately match the grant with the type of projects that fit the objectives/ geographic scope or other criteria of the funding agency.

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

Odds & Ends

From December 2nd to 6th, the University, in conjunction with the Nonprofit Resource Center here in Riverside will host the world-renowned Grantsmanship Training Center, Inc., proposal writing workshop. It will never be closer. The Alumni Center will be the venue for this workshop. The cost is $775. If you have an interest in learning how to be a more effective grant writer, this hands-on practical workshop may be of interest.

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

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Sports Nation

By Anlai Jiao

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

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE

GIVING G I F T S ON A COLLEGE STUDENTS BUDGET

BY WHITNY BRAUN

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

Idea #1

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

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

Total:

$14.00 (at Edwards Cinemas)

$1.98 (Snickers Special Buy at Sav-on Drugs)

$.65 (Paper to attach a note explaining the meaning of the gift)

$17.03

Idea #2

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

But what if I don’t have a CD burner? Whitny? Well that is easy to answer, MICOL has CD burners in most of the PC’s. A good source of music on the internet is Kazaa.com.

Idea #3

If a picture is worth a thousand words then it should at least be worth a few cents. Take a picture, or find one you already have and either make a color copy or scan and print one, then go to Marshalls or Burlington Coat Factory and find a lovely frame at a discounted price. Write a sweet message on the picture and place it in the frame and voila you have a keepsake of a gift.

Total:

$7.99 (4” by 6” frames as advertised at Burlington Coat Factory)

$1.00 (The cost of making a color copy at Fair’s Stationary Store)

$1.99 (Gold Glitter Pen at Fair’s Stationary Store)

$10.98

Idea #4

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

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

STUDENTS WALKING FOR JUSTICE

By Elliott Kim

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

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

Key points in the program put together by the KIWA organizers included performances by traditional Korean and Hispanic dance groups and keynote speeches by representatives of different Los Angeles and national youth, labor and activist organizations, and two moving accounts given by former employees of the Assi Market. Religion Professor Wonil Kim, Ph.D. also addressed the crowd of protestors, police and bystanders gathered just outside the Assi Market parking lot. His speech gave reasons to why the protestors were there, “We want you to see and feel our anger...You have stolen our working hours, our sweat, our money, our food, our apartments, our joy of working, our right; you have stolen our dignity...that’s why we walked.”

The event ended without incident at around eight that evening. The owners of Forever 21 and the Assi Market could not be reached for comment. For more information about these injustices, check out www.garmentworkercenter.org and www.boycottassi.com.
As the quarter draws to a close we find ourselves in the midst of the holiday season. Having stuffed our collective stomachs with Turkey (real or fake) we now start preparing for the last stretch of the Christmas season. Yet amidst the rush to find the perfect gift and travel to spend time with family, another religious holiday is just coming to a close. No, I am not referring to the Jewish holiday Hanukkah, but rather to the Islamic celebration of the holy month of Ramadan.

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

I have often wondered if perhaps Christianity could learn a few things from our Muslim brothers and sisters especially when it comes to the spiritual discipline of fasting. Though fasting is depicted throughout the Bible as a way of drawing near to God and focusing on spiritual matters, it seems to have gone out of style. At least that’s the way it seems in Protestant America today. Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights fasting in the wilderness, yet I can not remember ever fasting for even 40 hours, let alone days.

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

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

The Circle
Compiled by Geoff Trenkle

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

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

This year The Circle has been re-started by Sabrina Newbold, a third year Biology major. “It was a lot of fun last year and I couldn’t just sit back and watch it disappear,” Newbold says. She discussed with Jodi Cahill the plans for the new and improved Circle on campus and determined that it was even going to be better than last year. Too much new and exciting ideas to bring the students of this campus together,” says Newbold.

According to Cahill, The Circle is a group of peer counselors/family mentors that will meet regularly to discuss, digest, and define life on campus.

The Circle will work hand-in-hand with Home Base to provide support for students, says Cahill. The Circle will consist of roughly 10 groups each lead by two group leaders. These leaders will be assigned to a number of students, “ideally about 6-10 per group,” Newbold explains. These groups will meet once a week for two hours. During that time, the group members will decide what they would like to do each week. The leaders will suggest activities to choose from such as playing cards, going to a movie or just sitting back and relaxing. For the most part this time will be spent getting to know new people and trying to forget about the stressfulness of life’s terms.” The Circle will provide a place where anyone can relax, get away, and just have fun,” says Newbold.

Everyone knows how stressful school can be, explains Newbold, and some people need a place to relax during the week. The Circle was created for those who do not always have the same schedule as their friends or might not know many people on campus. It can also provide an escape from the pressures of school. The Circle will be held at a time and place that is convenient for the students.

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LSU’s Club Rush
By Daniel Bermudez

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

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

Tables belonging to the many clubs and organizations on campus stood around the gym walls. After the pep rally, students flocked the makeshift fairgrounds. Sign-up lists and enticing stickers grabbed hands like shares on Wall Street.

Some students carefully visited every booth before committing to their traditional rush to one or two clubs. Other students seemed eager to join as many organizations as possible. “I think it [club rush] went pretty well,” said Carter W覆ston, president of both Club Towers and the senior class.

However, W覆ston noted both of his booths were placed far from the action. “We had very bad locations, and people didn’t even know we were there.”

W覆ston added that unlike his organizations which have exclusive memberships, the OLE club is open to everyone. “I felt bad for the OLE club because they were also in the boonies.”

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

This year, most clubs added between 20 and 40 names to their membership lists. Ross Pender, president of the Pre-Med Society, added about 25 names to his membership list during club rush. “I think the event went well, and we appreciate the work put in by Kim Odle,” he said.

Commenting on this year’s achievement, Odle said, “We have, compared to last year, way more clubs that are active.”

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

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

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

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

“We want people to stay at LSU because they want to,” Odle said, explaining the emphasis on student involvement.

OSA, a division of Student Life, is responsible for such things as Self-help, Mary, La Sierra club challenge, clubs, nurturing, activity petitions, and poster stamping.

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

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

Starting winter quarter, sign-ups will be posted throughout the campus. Different time slots will be available for sign up since there are already more than 20 group leaders ready to go. Newbold anticipates that the groups will begin meeting around the second week of winter quarter. During the first week, the group leaders will undergo a training session to prepare them for the quarter. The Circle is open to anyone who is interested in becoming leaders or just want more information may, contact Jodi Cahill at Home Base, extension 2081.
The cafeteria: even the mention of the word itself brings shudders to many of LSU’s hungry students. However, it is a fact that you, as well as I, have to deal with. The food that the cafeteria provides isn’t always pleasing, but with the right amount of knowledge and willingness to eat healthy, the cafeteria can actually provide an acceptable balance of nutrition and essentials. Let’s start off with the carbohydrates: the cafeteria food at LSU definitely has enough carbs, if not too much. What you need to do is carefully choose what kind of carbs you are going to take in. Donuts, for example, with their glaze and high amounts of sugar are carbs, but those carbs you need to take in are not the processed and polyaccharides, come products such as bread, spaghetti, rice, and even potatoes. When talking about bread, whole wheat is usually preferred, but the cafeteria usually does not provide that kind of bread; as necessary as carbs are, no one forces the body to turn them into sugars, which would probably contribute heavily to “freshmen fifteen.” Potatoes are a good source of carbs, but since fries are usually the main source of them for college students, it is a good idea to watch the intake of them (a teaspoon of oil is about 150 calories, and a single plate of fries can contain that much easily). Keep in mind that carbs should consist of about 55-70% of your diet, any amount significantly lower or higher is not recommended. Another large part of the cafeteria food is cheese. Since meat is not provided, cheese is often substituted in such items such as enchiladas, and ravioli, and is used heavily on their menu. Now, cheese is a good source of calcium and contains monounsaturated fats (much better than saturated fats found from animal fats), but since cheese is so tasty and it is used so much in the caf food, it is very easy to “overdo” on this milk product. In no time, the amount of cheese consumed can rack up hundreds calories without you knowing it. Next, we discuss the truth about veggie meats. Many people have a preconceived notion that veggie meats, because they are in fact veggie meat, must contain very low amounts of fat and calories. That is anything but true. A single griller (the vegetarian patty found near the fries) is about 300 calories, which is around 200 more than a piece of chicken breast of about the same size. By eating more than 3 grillers at a meal would not be recommended. They are usually, however, very plentiful in protein, and legumes (the soy beans veggie meat is made out of), contain, “complete proteins” which the body most definitely needs. Vegetables in the cafeteria come plenty, and there is a huge assortment of them found in the salad bar, and also accompanying the entrees; can we say veggies galore!?! Salads are healthy, but not exactly super-nutritious; around 70% of the lettuce found in salads consists of water, and it is easy to overload your salad with bacon bits, croutons, eggs, fried noodles, and the infamous salad dressing (Italian dressing is much healthier than creamy dressings such as ranch and thousand-island). Therefore, it is pointless to eat a salad if you are going to have more toppings than the lettuce itself. These are the main things to watch out for when compiling your menu in the cafeteria. With caution and care, you should be able to avoid that freshmen 15, and perhaps even lose a few. Good munching to all!

By Adam Phillips

Every once in a while a truly awe-inspiring band comes along that enlightens people, and raises the bar for amaz- ingly written music. This is not one of those times. My band Somewhere closer to you is a real great group though. Our originality and diversity gives us an edge that other bands don’t have. We also put on a great show! You can check out a couple of our songs at www.myspace.com/somewhere_closer_2. We’ll be playing the music Corner again on Sunday December 15th. This is a thought-pro- voing anything on Sun- day December 15th and want to forget about how you failed all your classes, then try to make it down to San Diego. We are playing at Caines venue in Mission Beach with 24 other local San Di- ego bands. So if you don’t like us at least know there are a bunch of other bands you might like! For tickets or further information call extension 2694, or email me at myspace.com/taproot3.0 or see you out there! By the way, I’m Bryan.
**Campus Info**

**Grade vs. Health**

By Dwight Barrett

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

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

Methamphetamines give someone the ability to stay awake and do continuous work with less need for sleep. They pump up a person’s heart rate, breathing, and blood pressure. They also cause increased attention, hunger, hallucinations, blurred vision, dry mouth, hot flashes, and dizziness. People who are abusing methamphetamines feel high and full of energy. But methamphetamines can cause dangerously low blood pressure, diabetic complications, and death.

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

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

A Note From SALSU

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

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

We’re really looking forward to having a great and exciting quarter. If you would like to help out and get involved, please contact us at x2065 or ilovesalsuandsmiles@hotmail.com. We also want to start a new column in the "Criterion" about SALSU. If you want to review some events, give comments, etc, please send it to the email above.

Thank you! Good luck on your finals and we hope you have a wonderful Christmas break!!!
Your social v.p.s.
Marietti Gay and Joy Asumen

Sports Nation

By AJ Liao

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

On the NFL, Philadelphia (9-3) has pretty much established itself as a playoff team this year, leading NFC East East and having won six out of its last seven games, the last one a 10-3 win against the St. Louis Rams (5-7). Unless the Rams win the rest of their scheduled games, the 49ers (8-4) will go to the playoffs as the NFC West champs. Green Bay (9-3) leads NFC North and is also expected to make the playoffs. The race for NFC South is still pretty uncertain, as at the last game the Atlanta Falcons (6-3) will get a chance to challenge the Buccaneers’ (9-3) position as the leader of NFC South at Tampa Bay, and New Orleans (8-4) is not that far behind with a game against the Ravens (6-5) in Baltimore next Sunday. The AFC is not so well-defined however, with most of their teams still within range of making the playoffs, except Cincinnati (11-1) of course, whose only good news is that they get first round draft pick next year.

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

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**School Info**

**former Chair of the Department of Modern Languages celebrates 90th birthday**

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

**Annual Christmas Tree Lighting**

Tonight, Thursday the 5th of December is the annual Christmas tree Lighting and Christmas Carol Sing-alongs will be served.

Off at 5 p.m.

Dr. Simmons will light the tree, the Occident will sing, delicious Christmas Carol Sing-

Hey, why hot, eat, drink, be merry and hear some great music at the same time.

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Retired LSU professor murdered in his home

By Whitny Braun

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

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

"As far as we know, he didn’t have an enemy in the world," said Brian’s brother-in-law Kenneth Vine, who lives just a few blocks away. "It’s just an inane random shooting of some kind. Certainly, it wasn’t because of enemies. If there was ever a peacemaker in the world, he was one."

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

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

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

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

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

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

No arrests have been made.

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

Brian Jacques Memorial Fund

Yucca Valley Adventist Team School

8035 Church Street

Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Phone (760) 365-6637

Bangladeshi Assistance Fund

C/O Stanley Taylor

2465 Redlands Blvd., Suite N

Loma Linda, CA 92354

(909) 799-3637

Blood Bank seeks type ‘O’ blood

By Whitny Braun

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

Tammy Rotellini, spokeswoman for the blood bank, said this is the worst shortage of Type “O” blood since the organization started in 1951, adding that hospitals are canceling surgeries because of it.

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

Officials are asking that anyone who can donate blood, especially Type “O”, contact or visit the blood bank’s Riverside office at 4006 Van Buren Blvd.

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

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

Coyote attack on campus

By A.J. Jiao

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

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

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CONSISTENCY IN CONDEMNATION

By James Braun, Faculty Sponsor

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

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

It was, however, a huge problem for a friend and fellow collector. In a very condescending tone, he let me know he was horrified that I would own anything with a swastika on it. He wrote me an email that began:

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World at a Glance

Compiled by Jay Razzouk, News Editor

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

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

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

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

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

Why Orwell Matters

By Damon Holmes

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

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

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

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

So, if information is so essential, why did those biographies disappear? Orwell predicted Big Brother/surveillance systems like this happening. There have been several other recent government programs that frighteningly resemble Orwellian predictions. For instance the government introduced the new Terrorism Information and Prevention System (TIPS) that aims to “enlist the aid of millions of US citizens as domestic informants (i.e. letter carriers, utility employees, and truck drivers) to report on any wrongdoings they witness. A few months ago the Pentagon admitted to creating an Office of Strategic Influence which specialized in spreading disinformation and propaganda abroad. This department sounded very similar to Orwell’s fictional Ministry of Truth in 1984. The US Patriots Act violates many of our 1st and 4th amendment rights which for all practical purposes says that we, as American citizens, are now guilty until proven innocent. The Homeland Security Department (is it just me or does Tom Ridge look like the cartoon Dick Tracy?) just sounds like a something that would come out of a Orwell novel. Christopher Hitchens writes in his new book Why Orwell Matters: on the significance of George Orwell in modern times. In an interview with the Atlantic Monthly, Hitchens stressed that his worry went far beyond what the government is capable of with technology. It is the willingness of the people to be complacent about living in an increasingly oppressive and invasive police state and to believe anything that they’re told. Orwell matters more now than ever before because the future is now and we are part of both. We can see it happening before our eyes in this increasingly technological post September 11 world. Americans can not give up their civil liberties fast enough to try and “feel safe” again.

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

Illinois Governor Grants Blanket Clemency

By Whitney Braun

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

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

"How many more cases of wrongful convictions have to occur before we can all agree that this system in Illinois is broken?" Ryan told a cheering audience at Northwestern University Law School that included several wrongly convicted former death row inmates.

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

Ryan said he was a staunch supporter of the death penalty when he took office four years ago, but began to change his mind after watching a wrongly convicted man walk free — only 48 hours before he was scheduled to be executed.

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

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

"A blanket anything is usually wrong," he said. "There is no one-size-fits-all approach. ‘We’re talking about people who committed murder.’ Ryan pardoned four men convicted of murder, saying confessions were tortured out of them by police in Chicago. One of the four used a paper clip to scratch professions of innocence on a bench in a police interrogation room even as he was being forced to admit to a crime he didn’t commit, Ryan said.

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

Back, and this time with a full band

By Ruben D. López

In support of the critically-acclaimed Strange Little Girls, Tori Amos, her Bostendorfer, a 1900's vintage piano and her band, performed gems from Scarlet's Walk and other favorites to two sold out shows at the Universal Amphitheatre in L.A. I was lucky to see her on Wed., Dec. 18, 2002, a great way to end Fall quarter.

Amos opened with "Wampum Prayer," a short and simple song asking for relief and blessings upon Native Americans. She then tore into the first single from Scarlet's Walk. For a seven song section, Amos delved into familiar favorites as well as stunning new tracks. After that, the band left and Amos was alone for three songs, called Roadside Café, including the semi-autobiographical "Baker, Baker" (which produced a few lighters) and as the cameras did a close-up, you could see a tear in her eye.

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

Chicago: More than "All that Jazz"

By Ruben D. López

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

The movie opens with an act by Velma Kelly (Catherine Zeta-Jones), after the murder of her boyfriend and her sister. It just so happens that Roxie Hart (Renee Zellweger) is in the audience with her aspirations to be a singer dancer just like Kelly. Soon, Hart is with her lover and shoots him when he tells her that she hasn't the talent to be singer dancer. Soon, Hart's in jail and meeting Kelly, along with other murderesses and Matron 'Mama' Morton (Queen Latifah). She manages to land Chicago hotshot lawyer Billy Flynn (Richard Gere) and the attention away from Kelly. But as soon as Hart becomes the media darling, Kitty Baxter (Lucy Liu in a non-singing role) takes it away from them. Hart has another trick up her sleeve and manages to steal the media attention just in time for her trial.

But can Zeta-Jones, Zellweger, and Gere sing? Of course. Zeta-Jones was once an opera singer back in her native Wales and Zellweger had some experience singing in 1995's Empire Records. All of them had great voices and executed dance moves that were flawless, especially Zeta-Jones and Zellweger in several intense numbers.

If you're looking to escape into an era long gone full of dazzling songs and dance numbers, make sure you visit Chicago, which is playing at Edwards 22 at Ontario Mills and nationwide in February and March.

An Evening at the Cinema

By Daniel Paden and Katie Parsons

Got movies?

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

The movie centers around a stressed out secretary/social activist named Lucy (played by Sandra Bullock) and her charming but helpless boss (played by Hugh Grant). This formulaic romance follows the two through their professional relationship and ends with a much anticipated (and expected) declaration of mutual love at the end.

She Said: It was very predictable, but it was just the kind of mindless romantic entertainment that I wanted after a long Sunday of studying. Do not go to this movie if you want to be intellectually expanded, but if you want a reason to get out of the dorm and escape your Calculus homework, this one will suffice. There is a good deal of humor in the film, which comes from the actors and actresses expressions rather than the lines which they are speaking, which makes the characters all the more endearing.

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

In conclusion, "Two Weeks Notice" was worth seeing, but it won't win any awards from the Academy. **1/2
PHAIR.

What is PHAIR anyway?

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

What’s the Big Deal About April?

by: Rebekah Rustad

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

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

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

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

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

Know the Facts.

—dispelling the myths

Myth: Sexual assault is an impulsive act.
Fact: About 82% of all assaults are planned in advance.

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

Myth: If the victim did not physically struggle with or fight the assailant, it wasn’t really rape.
Fact: If you are forced to have sex without your consent, you have been assaulted whether or not a struggle was involved. Besides, assailants are not looking for a fight and they use many forms of coercion and threats to rape. Alcohol, and other drugs such as Rohypnol, are often used to incapacitate victims.

Myth: People who dress or act in a sexy way are asking to be sexually assaulted.
Fact: No one asks to be abused, injured or humiliated. Individuals of all ages, from all walks of life, have been the targets of sexual assault. Besides, most rapes are planned and many convicted assailants are unable to remember what their victims looked like or were wearing.

Myth: Assailants are usually crazed psychopaths who do not know their victims.
Fact: As many as 80% of all assaults involve either a known acquaintance, or someone the victim has had contact with but does not know personally. Only 1 in 5 are strangers.

Myth: Many women claim they have been sexually assaulted because they want revenge upon the man they accuse.
Fact: Only 2-3% of sexual assault cases are based on false accusations. This percentage is the same as with many other reported crimes. Also, sexual assault is highly underreported. Women are more likely to lie and say that they haven’t been sexually assaulted, out of shame or fear of further assaults or harassment.

Myth: Only young, pretty women are assaulted.
Fact: There is no such thing as a “typical victim.” Both male and female assailants rape both men and women. Victims have ranged in age from newborns to 100 years old.

Myth: It is impossible to sexually assault a man.
Fact: Men fall victim for the same reasons as women: they are overwhelmed by threats or acts of physical and emotional violence. Most sexual assaults that involve a male victim are gang assaults by other males.

Sources:
No. What is it about those two letters that so confuses some people? It is the first word uttered by many a toddler, yet grown men and women sometimes seem to misunderstand, ignore, or just not take seriously what the word means. Rape is defined as somebody forcing you to have sex with them despite your refusal. It violates our basic rights of freedom and dignity. The experience of being raped may have serious consequences, such as poor self-esteem, depression, and even suicide.

But sexual assault has not always been viewed negatively. In fact, it was not considered a widespread problem in the United States until the 1970s. In the early 1960s, health officials usually excused rapists on the grounds of environmental stress, poor education or mental incompetence. In the 1940s and 50s, rape was frequently dismissed as a false accusation made by people suffering from emotional problems or mental disorders. But finally the civil rights movement and the hippie culture of the 1960s provided the necessary fuel for the women’s liberation movement in the 1970s.

The liberation movement led to legislation supporting rape victims and the formation of rape crisis centers. Public awareness and services for survivors spread across the country. But although many battles concerning sexual assault have been won, the war is still not over. Studies have shown that as many as 1 in 4 will be sexually assaulted during his or her college career. The fundamental issues remain entrenched. Many men still view women as possessions. Victims are still blamed. There are silences that still need to be broken:

• Making people aware of their rights may be one way to help combat rape. Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a person’s right to say no to sex at any time. You are allowed to change your mind at any point during intimacy.
• Sleeping with somebody is a mutual decision. If your partner does not understand this, it is time to say goodbye.
• But sometimes, it seems, it may not be easy to say no. You may want to please your partner (although that is not your job). Other times, what you communicate is not respected. Your partner may interpret your plea for “not now” to mean “definitely yes” (later), or think “don’t do that” means “try some other approach”.
• As many as 25% to 35% of college males admit to “forcing themselves” on women. These people come up with many reasons for their actions, blaming it on their sexual desires, drunkenness, or saying the woman was dressed provocatively.

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Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) . (909) 656-4673
61-607 Twentynine Palms Highway, Suite 1
San Bernardino
www.rainn.org

San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services
(909) 885-8884
505 N. Arrowhead Ave., Suite 100
San Bernardino
www.sbas.org
24-hour hotline: (800) 656-4673

Morongo Basin Rape Crisis Center
(760) 366-4673
61-607 Twentynine Palms Highway, Suite 1
Joshua Tree
www.newfoundation.org/mbrcc-page.htm
24-hour hotline: (800) 954-8044

Center Against Sexual Assault (CAS A) 
(909) 652-8300
640 N. San Jacinto St.
Hemet
24-hour hotline: (909) 652-8300 or toll free at (866) 373-8300

Coachella Valley Sexual Assault Services
(760) 568-9071
45691 Monroe St., Suite 10
Indio
24-hour hotline: (760) 568-9071

Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center
(909) 686-7273 or toll-free at (866) 686-7273

California Coalition Against Sexual Assault
(916) 446-2520
www.calcasa.org

Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN)
(800) 656-HOPE
www.rainn.org

Victim/Witness Program in San Bernardino County
Director Marilyn Kimball: (909) 387-6540

Victim/Witness Program in Riverside County
Director Marty Crawford or staffer Nancy Cox:
(909) 652-8300

That survivors fear their assailant. We need to make sure that they are not afraid of opening up to friends, family and counselors.

Most of us may never suffer the indignities of sexual assault, but we may see a loved one or a friend go through it. There are many silences we can aid in breaking. We need to be ready to discuss rape and help remove the veil of shame. We can think about and discuss our parameters of intimate behavior—about what rights we have and when to say no.

Raising awareness and aiding in recovery is not about making people feel more victimized or fearful. It is not about man or woman hating. It is about respecting a basic two-lettered word. It is about a basic thing called human rights. We need to be aware of what our rights are, respect the rights of other people, and above all, not stay silent when our rights are being violated.

In doing this, we can be agents of prevention and recovery. We can help people become voices rather than victims. As Maya Angelou says in her poem, we may help people rise.
Did you know...?
—Sexual Assault Stats

Victims
• One out of six Women in the United States have been or will be the victim of rape or attempted rape in her lifetime.
• One out of 10 rapes target a man

College rape
• 13.3 percent of college women indicated that they had been forced to have sex in a dating situation.
• In a study that surveyed more than 6,000 students at 32 U.S. colleges and universities, 84 percent of rape survivors knew their attacker and 57 percent of the rapes happened on dates.

Underreporting
• Experts agree that most rapes are not reported.
• One estimate is that only 16 percent of rape victims contact the police. That makes rape the crime least reported to law enforcement.

Profile of a Rapist
• 99 percent of the offenders in single-victim incidents are male, according to victims' reports.
• 31 is the average age of rapists upon arrest.
• 60 percent are white.
• 40 to 50 percent of rapists were under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
• A majority of rapists were molested as children, various studies have found.

Who, When, Where
• Accounting for underreporting, a 1998 study by the American Medical Association estimated that a woman is raped every 46 seconds in the United States. Other studies say the frequency is closer to one every 2 minutes.
• People with an annual household income of less than $7,500 are twice as likely as the general population to become victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault.
• 53 percent take place between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.
• 43 percent happen between 10 p.m. and midnight.
• 24 percent occur between midnight and 6 a.m.
• About four out of 10 sexual assaults take place at the victim’s home.
• 10 percent occur in the home of a friend, neighbor or relative.
• 10 percent happen outside, away from home.
• About one in 12 takes place in a parking garage.

Fighting Back
• About 7 out of 10 rape and sexual-assault victims reported that they took some form of self-protective action during the crime. Among those who took action, slightly more than half felt that their actions helped the situation.

Other Injury
• The victim dies in about 1 percent of sexual assaults.
• Estimates of victims who contract sexually transmitted disease range from 4 to 30 percent.
• About 4.7 percent of rapes result in pregnancy.

Mental-Health Problems of Victims
• 51 percent suffered Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.
• As opposed to 5 percent of non-victims.
• 31 percent suffered mild depression.
• As opposed to 10 percent of non-victims.
• 32 percent contemplated suicide.
• As opposed to 8 percent of non-victims.
• 13 percent attempted suicide.
• As opposed to 1 percent of non-victims.
• 14.7 percent abused prescription drugs.
• As opposed to 2.8 percent of non-victims.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics

Dater’s Bill of Rights
Be an informed dater—know your rights.

• I have the right to refuse a date without feeling guilty.
• I can ask for a date without feeling rejected or inadequate if the answer is no.
• I do not have to act macho.
• I may choose not to act seductively.
• If I don’t want physical closeness, I have the right to say so.
• I have the right to start a relationship slowly, to say, “I want to know you better before I become involved.”
• I have the right to be myself without changing to suit others.
• I have the right to change a relationship when my feelings change. I can say, “We used to be close, but I want something else now.”
• If I am told a relationship is changing, I have the right not to blame or change myself to keep it going.
• I have the right to an equal relationship with my partner.
• I have the right not to dominate or to be dominated.
• I have the right to act one way with one person and a different way with someone else.
• I have the right to change my goals whenever I want to.

Poetry.

Unlearning Fear
by Courtney Mustad

One heavy foot
In front of the other
Feeling hard
Earth
Under my soles.
Flashes of greenery
Wash past my eyes
And I am utterly
Concentrated in the
Moment.
Rhythms of heart
Drum along my inner walls
Yet instantly Fear whispers,
“You can’t do it.”
Though I resist, legs
Tighten, body closes in.
I stop.
Eyeing the lush forest
I suddenly feel so small.
Dense thicket contains the unknown
And I
Embody that notion
That vulnerable females
Should not face the
Unknown,
That black-eyed dark being
Preys upon our eternal weakness.

A snapping noise
Sends a shot of adrenaline burning
through me.
My mind searches for an escape from
These lifelong fears of Helplessness.

Sunrays reveal a yellow
Leaf, gently twisting and turning
Into the silent abyss.
A golden calm overpowers me.
I was not born with this vulnerability
This fear
Within the “weakened” sex.
Instead I was conformed
Into a distorted reality
I perceived
To be truth.
“I am strong.
Within me lies the heart beat of the

Universe.
I am strength in body and mind.”

The words ripple through my being
Resonating.
Suddenly I feel taller
In the world of
Heaven reaching trees.
My eyesight becomes wide
Colors pierce me and I release.
I am free from Fear
Eyes watch serenity
Taking pleasure in a pine needle
Spinning down from
The silken hair of a spider’s web.

I am proud to be a woman.
Looking down onto my body
My being
I see the legs I have scarred so
Deeply with the regret that they were not
“Perfect.”
Yet now I find pleasure
In my imperfections
Because I am beautiful
And so lucky
To be
Female
And
Alive.

Still I rise
By Maya Angelou

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops.
Weakened by my soulful cries...
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that’s wondrously clear
I rise
I rise.
I rise.
I rise.
Religion

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. - Galatians 3:28

An Opinion Piece

By Gillian Geraty

"...and on earth peace, goodwill..."

I watch TV, with fear gripping my stomach, as more and more soldiers give hugs and kisses and leave for war. I want to say "no, don't go". There are boys and girls in Iraq who will hug in fear as bombs start falling on them.

"War is primitive, barbaric, uncivilized, inhuman..." I hear in passing on the radio and do not note who said it. This voice is welcome to my ears. I long to hear more voices like his.

Our recent death of a La Sierra retired professor by gun shots brings the fear of violence from Iraq to our back door. Now we are outraged that sitting in our own home, in our bed, we are not safe. Three thousand people died on that fateful day, September 11th—a day which created a huge national outcry. And why are we not as outraged that in a year 11,127 (3 times the number of people killed on 9.11) people were murdered by our own hands.

One of the 11,127 is a baby three weeks old. She was taken to an emergency room in Colorado with broken arms, three weeks old, because her father said he didn't want her taking the pacifier out of her mouth. The doctors also found that her legs and ribs had been broken, three weeks old! She is a statistic so horrific because she was not creating weapons of mass destruction; she was not raising a gun and threatening anyone's life. She was THREE WEEKS OLD, the recipient of the most unwarranted, horrendous violence one can imagine. Even a bear could defend its young more vigorously.

"...and in our hearts peace and goodwill..."

We are in need of new determinations. We need to promise ourselves that violence will stop with us. We need to covenant that we will not participate in any violent act, not ever. We need to raise our voices fearlessly. We need to study peace making. We need to examine our hearts and define who we are. We do not need to follow tired old excuses, tired reasons for "just" wars. We need to look again at peace teaching in the gospel, recover our historic roots in non combatability. We can create new ways of resolving disputes, new ways of raising children, new ways of creating homes which are safety zones, homes which teach respect, empathy, caring for each other. Homes where children form attachment bonds that stabilize and enhance their development into loving, caring, peace making adults who can then create peaceful, caring neighborhoods, nations, world.

The Japanese have a yearly murder rate of 39*—if one adjusts for their population, the comparable figure for the US population would be 78. Surely, we can lower our rate.

* Numbers are from the movie Bowling for Columbine.

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Special HESA-sponsored Town Hall Meeting coming up!

Title: “To Hit, or Not To Hit? Institutionalized Violence in American Culture”

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Time: 11:00am Noon

Location: Matheson Chapel

Intended Audience: LSU Students, Faculty, Staff & Administration

Format: Panel Discussion & Audience Participation

Sponsor: Department of Health, Exercise Science & Athletics

Further Info: 785-2084

This assembly will provide the opportunity for attendees to explore the topic of Violence in Sport in a variety of contexts that could include legal, moral, ethical, and socio-cultural issues. Panelists will examine this topic during the initial half of the session, and audience participants will exchange ideas with the panelists during the second half of the session.

The HESA department also solicits written questions from the campus family that could be considered for inclusion in the discussion. Questions can be sent to Rob Thomas, HESA chair, via fax at x2291 or via email at rthomas@LaSierra.edu. The deadline for the HESA department to receive these questions is Thursday, January 23.

SALSU NEWS

By Joy Asuman, SALSU Social Vice President

WINTER BANQUET

Feb 13 2003, Thursday 6:30-10pm

Pomona Valley Mining Co.

300 Tickets only on sale starting next Wednesday, January 22 at noon in the cafeteria. Tickets sold every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon in the cafeteria or at the OSA office. $20 per person.

Upcoming events: (read Signs and the Eagle Cry for more info)

January 20 (Monday) Movie Night 8-10 pm at the student center

January 23 (Thursday) BLOOD DRIVE: 11am-4pm at the student center. Sign up as soon as possible with a SALSU officer or at the OSA office.

SALSU SURPRISE NIGHT- get ready to be surprised. Hint: there’s free food!!!

January 30 (Thursday) COSMIC BOWLING!!! T.B.A. (to be announced)

February 6 (Thursday) AUCTION Dinner (T.B.A)

February 13 (Thursday) Winter Banquet 6:30-10 pm at Pomona Valley Mining Co. Tickets $20 each

February 17 (Monday) Movie Night 8-10 pm at the student center

February 20 Study Break Bash by OSA (T.B.A.)

February 25 (Tuesday) SALSU Elections (required assembly at the GYM! 11am)

For information if you are interested in running for office, talk to Kim Odle at the OSA office or ask your SALSU officers.

More events coming up....

Snow Summit and Bear Mountain

Tickets for Sale

The Office of International Student Services is now selling lift tickets for Snow Summit and Bear Mountain Resorts. Tickets are good at either mountain and are only $38 (tickets at the door cost $43!)

You can buy tickets for you, your family and friends, and they make excellent birthday presents or gift certificates.

If you would like to purchase some tickets, please contact Natan Vigna at x2100 or via email at nvigna@lasierra.edu.

FOR RENT Sierra Linda Apartments11915 Pike St. Riverside Lrg 900sq 2BD, 2BA @ $765 and 1 BD, 1 BA 700sq @ $675. New carpet, paint, pool, laundry. $200 of first month’s rent on approved credit and income. For more info contact 909-689-2398
Sports Nation
By Anlai Jiao, Sports Editor

It’s time for the Super Bowl! Last Sunday during the Conference Finals, the Philadelphia Eagles were held back by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in a 27-10 loss. Meanwhile, the Oakland Raiders overran the Tennessee Titans 41-21. Philadelphia and Oakland will battle it out on Super Bowl Sunday next week in San Diego. The Raiders have the league’s best offense, while the Buccaneers hold the title for the best defensive team in the NFL. This should all work out to a very interesting game to watch, not to mention the commercials too. The game will start at 6:00pm Eastern time on ABC.

Going on to the basketball courts, the Dallas Mavericks (32-8) lead the NBA in wins and losses, their last game being a 107-86 win over the Houston Rockets (23-17) on Tuesday. The Sacramento Kings (31-11) are second in the association, winning their last game on Tuesday 109-102 against the New Jersey Nets (28-13), who also happen to be second in the standings in the Eastern Conference. The Indiana Pacers (29-12), leading the East, defeated the Toronto Raptors (10-32) on Wednesday 101-98. Other teams that are within playoff reach include the San Antonio Spurs (26-14), Utah Jazz (25-15), Portland Trailblazers (24-15), Phoenix Suns (25-17), Houston Rockets (23-17), Detroit Pistons (27-13), and the Boston Celtics (24-17). The LA Lakers (19-21) "hosted" and defeated the LA Clippers (15-25) 96-92 on Monday. However, they will have to really rally together if they want to catch any glimpse of the playoffs. Coach Phil Jackson stated that they are still waiting for their turn-around. Ever since their poor start in October, the Lakers have been unable to get the momentum they had the three previous years.

Moving to the hockey ice rinks, the Ottawa Senators (31-11-5-1) lead the league, winning their last game 2-1 against the Florida Panthers (14-17-9-8) on Wednesday. Speaking of the Canadians, Vancouver (28-15-5-0) is in second place in the league, although the Canucks lost Tuesday’s game 3-2 against the Nashville Predators (15-20-8-4). The Philadelphia Flyers lead the Atlantic Division (27-11-8-11), winning a 3-1 game on Tuesday against the Toronto Maple Leafs (25-18-4-1), who are second only to Ottawa in the Northeast Division and fifth in the East. The Atlanta Thrashers (15-26-2-4) defeated the St. Louis Blues (26-14-5-4) in an 8-4 win on Tuesday. Other high-ranking teams include the Detroit Redwings (26-13-7-1) and the New Jersey Devils (27-12-3-3).

Dwight’s Fitness Corner
By Dwight Barret, CABL Director

Wanted: Blood Donors

Happy new year everyone! I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas break full of good cheer and healthful living. We are back for another quarter and to get the new year started off right we will be having the blood bank on campus today in the student center.

I am requesting that for those of you who are at least 17 years old, in good health and about 110 pounds please stop by. The reason for this plea is that the county of Riverside is very low on blood for this month, and the blood you give might save a life. It might be your own or a family member. The need has been so great that the local news stations have been requesting donors on behalf of the blood bank. Their fridges are almost empty and this is scary. So can La Sierra help? I KNOW WE CAN! So please come out and be a donor, (there will be free food after you give blood). There are sign up sheets in the Office of Student Activities and if you can’t make it today just ask any SALSU officer and they will have a sign up sheet. So remember Thursday from 11 am-4 pm in the student center...be there!

PEACE!

Women’s Basketball

Thur. Jan 23 Chapman University Orange 7:00 PM
Sat. Jan 25 Southwestern College La Sierra 8:30 PM
Sat. Feb 1 Occidental College La Sierra 7:30 PM
Tue. Feb 4 Christian Heritage College El Cajon 7:30 PM
Sat. Feb 22 Chapman University La Sierra 7:30 PM
Thur. Feb 27 Pomona Pitzer College Claremont 7:30 PM

Men’s Basketball

Wed. Jan 22 Chapman University Orange 7:30 PM
Sat. Jan 25 Southwestern College La Sierra 6:30 PM
Thur. Jan 30 West Coast Baptist College La Sierra 7:30 PM
Tue. Feb 4 Latin American Bible Inst. La Sierra 7:30 PM
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American Idol Finalist to Perform at LSU

RJ Helton, a Top-5 finalist on last year's huge TV hit “American Idol”, will be giving a concert at the La Sierra University Church on Thursday, January 23. He will be giving an inspirational concert and giving his testimony. The concert starts at 7:00 p.m., and the church doors will be opened at 6:30 p.m. For students, faculty, and staff, tickets are free. General admission tickets are $3 each. For tickets, please contact Ralph Martinez (x2444 or rmartine@lasierra.edu).

Earlier that morning, he will be interviewed on KSGN, and will be the featured guest at University Worship at 11:00 a.m. We hope that you can attend both events!

Students for Social Justice Activity
Criminal (In)Justice
Join SSJ for a lecture this weekend put on by the Inland Empire ACLU. Come and learn about what we can do to help change our criminal justice system.
Meet in South Hall at 1:30PM on for a carpool.
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Criterion’s annual Valentine’s Day Poetry Contest

The Criterion is now accepting entries for the annual Valentine’s Day Poetry Contest. The winner will receive $30, the first runner up will receive $25 and the second runner up will receive $20. Entries should be no longer than 250 words and not contain distasteful content. The winning poems and poems that warrant honorable mention will be published in the Valentine’s Day Express Issue of the Criterion. Admissions should be sent to Criterion@lasierra.edu.

Six Flag Magic Mountain
Tickets Are Back!!!

On sale in the Human Resources Office at a discounted price
Regular Price: $42.99
LSU Discount Price: $23.00
Visit the Human Resources Office today to get your tickets!!!
The One in Life
By James Fe/D

Nothing compares to the beautiful smile of that special girl.

The one who makes your stomach twist and twirl.

The one who makes your heart beat rapidly increase.

The one you turn to for a moment of peace.

The one who makes you feel like there is nothing you can't do.

The one who picks you up when you feel you can't make it through.

The one who will stand by your side when you fall.

The one who will pick you up and make you feel tall.

The one who shares with all of your secrets.

The one who knows all of your personal regrets.

The one who knows when you're having a bad day.

The one who has all the right things to say.

The one who feels all your pain and sorrow.

The one who will be there for you today and tomorrow.

The one who will cheer you up when you're feeling so sad.

The one who will talk to you when you are angry and mad.

The one who easily has the power to cure.

The one who knows everything you had to endure.

The one who you have with a very close connection.

The one who you give all of your attention and affection.

The one who can easily make you laugh.

The one who makes your better half.

The one who loves everything you do.

The one who loves you for just bringing you!!!
The Risks of Loving
By Unknown Author

There is a risk involved in everything.
Every time you share a smile,
Every time you shed a tear,
You are opening yourself up to hurt.
Some people tread slowly through life,
Avoiding the cleanness risk brings.
Sidestepping the things they can’t understand,
Turning away from those who care too much.
Those who care too long.
Those who hold too tightly.
There is never an easy way to love.
You cannot approach it cautiously.
It will not wait for you to arm yourself.
It does not care if you turn away.
It is everywhere, it is everything.
Love is the greatest of all risks.
It is not reliable, it is not cautious.
It is not sympathetic.
It is unprejudiced and unmerciful.
It strikes the strongest of minds.
And brings them to their knees in one blow.
Even in the best of times, love hurts.
It hurts to need, it hurts to belong.
It hurts to be the other part of someone else.
Without either of your consent,
But, from the moment it overtook you,
It hurts worse to be alone.

Cupid’s

Lovely Eyes
By James Felix

In my life, you are my brown-eyed girl.
You are my sunshine, you are my world.
You make me whole, you make me complete.
You are so loving, you are so sweet.
You give me courage, you give me strength.
My love for you, I would go at any length.
I am trapped by your beauty.
In passionate love for you truly.

My Valentine
By DeAnne Knipschild

On this day my love I want you to know how special you are to me.
It’s because of you life is more than it used to be.
I thought there was nothing that could bring me absolute joy, but then you came.
Ever since that day nothing has been the same.
You’ve touched my life in a way I thought no one could.
Everyday making my dreams come true and treating me like no one would.
I see love in the sparkle of your eyes as you gaze into mine, and the smile on your face.
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our hands hold one another as if to never part.
I am the luckiest person to be able to say that you are mine.
For all that you are I love you My Valentine.

The Cost of Friendship
By J.A.

He tells me a story
about his latest sweetheart
And I pause on a smile and listen
although it’s breaking my heart.

Later he tells me a story
about the fight that they had
And I feel like running
although I’m pretending I’m sad.

But then he tells me the story
of how they made up again
And I cheered and wished him all happiness
although inside I feel pain.

I want him to know
But I can’t tell him a thing
What if he doesn’t like me this way,
I’m only his friend...
it would ruin everything.

Although I want his stories to be about us
But at least we’re still friends.

REFLECTIONS
By Elsa Sanchez

Looking at you I can see,
Reflections of love, you gave to me.
Your heart, my heart they are one.
You brighten my life like the morning sun.
You brighten my day, you brighten my night.
You fill my heart, with love and light.
You pick me up whenever I fall.
You give me strength through it all.
When I was down, you were there.
You showed me love, you showed me care.
In your love I found the strength.
To meet all the odds, to go any length.
In your eyes, I can see.
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In my life I hope to be.
As strong for you, as you are for me.

Be Mine!

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Thai Bay Café’s Special Ingredients
By Scott Arany

One of Thai Bay Café’s main selling points is “home grown fresh herbs” which come from a garden behind the restaurant. While these fresh ingredients are certainly a positive draw at the café, Thai Bay Café has one of the best lunch deals I’ve found at any local Thai restaurant.

For $4.95 you can get an egg roll, wonton, soup or salad, rice and your choice from eight offered entrées. The entrée include various curried noodles and mixed vegetable dishes. Most items are listed with chicken, beef and shrimp, but every dish is available with tofu replacing the meat.

What to choose? The curries and vegetable dishes are tasty. Any dish with basil is an excellent choice because the basil is so fresh. My friend and I particularly enjoyed the Drunken Noodles (jumbo rice noodles stir-fried with chicken, tomato, onion, chili and basil), and no drunkenness in sight! The Super Sampler appetizer has chicken satay (excellent), tofu, egg rolls, wontons (not veggie), and Thai-bay Chicken (a definite let-down and the only item that was a real disappointment). Be sure to order some Thai Iced Tea (with free refills)!

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Thai Bay Café, 7549 Arlington Ave., (909) 687-6968, Mon-Sun. 10 am-10 am.

Insights to Making Dinner a Pleasurable Experience for All
By Ruben D. López

You’re sitting in the cafeteria, and you realize that you’ve got some of your meal caught between your teeth. What do you do? Do you pick your teeth in front of your friends or excuse yourself to the restroom and remove that bit of Fri-Chik there? Don’t worry friends, I’m here to help with your dining etiquette quandaries (by the way, you really should excuse yourself to the restroom and pick your teeth privately).

Men really should seat a woman as less you are a female). As for burping, suppress it as no one wants to see your hand in your mouth. You blew was.

There’s a proper way to eat soup. You take your spoon and dip it away from you, that way nothing ends up on you. You bring it back slowly towards your mouth and gently suck in the soup, without slurping. If there are smaller pieces of food your fork won’t pick up, use your knife or a piece of bread to push it onto the fork, never your fingers, even if you’ve just washed them. As for burping, suppress it as no one wants to hear or smell your dinner. With these things in mind, your dining experience should be better, no matter how bad you think the food is.

Make the Most of a Valentine’s Day Spent Alone
By Whitney Braun

If you’re stuck spending Valentine’s Day alone, then may I suggest that you make a trip down to the Hollywood Video and pick up a few feature films that will make your evening a little more interesting.

If you are in the mood for a tear jerker, you can’t beat “Untamed Heart”, the 1993 movie starring Marisa Tomei and Christian Slater. Christian Slater (he’s a bit on the slow side but totally adorable) needs a heart transplant, but won’t get one because he thinks he won’t love Marisa Tomei anymore. Uncontrollable weeping is guaranteed.

Are you someone who thinks that there is no such thing as a coincidence? If you are then check out the film, “Music From Another Room” starring John Hawkes and Gretchen Mol. Jude Law’s character says he is going to marry Gretchen Mol’s character when he is five years old. Their lives take different paths, but years later they meet up again and romance ensues.

What about an epic romance? Then try and forget about Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise’s marital troubles and rent “Far and Away” the 1992 film about Irish immigrants struggling to survive. Are all of these selections sappy unrealistic romances with leads that don’t even resemble real human beings? Yes, but chalk them up to guilty pleasures and make the most of your lonely Valentine’s Day.

Why It’s Great to Be A Guy

Phone conversations last 30 seconds
A 5 day vacation requires only one suitcase
Bathroom lines are 80% shorter
You can open all your own jars
Old friends don’t care if you’ve lost or gained weight

When clicking through the channels you don’t want to stop on every shot of someone crying
You don’t have to lug a bag of “necessary” items with you everywhere you go

You can go to the bathroom alone
Your last name stays put
You can be showered and ready in 10 minutes
Wedding plans take care of themselves

If someone forgets to invite you to something, they can still be your friend
Your underwear costs $7.50 for a pack of 3
You don’t have to curl up next to some big hairy guy every night
If you’re 34 and single, no one notices

Three pairs of shoes are more than enough
You can whip your shirt off on a hot day

Car mechanics tell you the truth
You don’t care if someone doesn’t notice your new haircut

You can watch a game in silence for hours without your buddy thinking “He must be mad at me”

One mood, all the time

You can admire Clint Eastwood without having to starve yourself to look like him

Gray hair and wrinkles add character

Wedding dress $2000, Tux rental $100 bucks
You don’t care if someone is talking behind your back
You don’t pass on the dessert and then mooch off someone else’s

You need not pretend you’re “freshening up” when you go to the bathroom
If you don’t call your buddy when you said you would, he won’t tell your friends you’ve changed

If another guy shows up at the party in the same outfit, you might become lifelong buddies

The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected
New shoes don’t cut, blister, or mangle your feet

You think the idea of punting that small, ankle-biting dog is funny

If you retain water, it is in a canteen

You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness

Flowers and/or Duct Tape fix everything
"I got a lot of cards with candy...cards are fun!"
- Josh Diaz, freshman

"My daddy has always been my Valentine."
- Sherian Waite, freshman

"I made dinner for my girlfriend in the backyard."
- Joshua Martinez, sophomore

"What was your best Valentine's Day like?"

"Going to Disneyland."
- Jason Spears, senior

"When I received flowers from my long distance boyfriend from 1-800-FLOWERS."
- Trisha Rouse, junior

"My fiancée took me to Fantasy Island."
- Karen Craine, senior

"Just going out to dinner with my friends was the best."
- Lorena Camacho

"What would your ideal Valentine's Day be like?"

"A walk on the beach."
- Juniper Goodtracks, freshman

"Spending time with someone I love—which reminds me, if you're a hot girl, call me."
- Amin Skaf, freshman

"My girlfriend's ideal valentine would be..."
- Jesse Seibel, junior

"Nothing would go wrong—like people would say nice things to me, and I wouldn't get stressed out in class!"
- Victor Ruiz, junior

"I would take my girl to the mountains, tell her how much I love her, and give her a rose."
- Derek Duran, freshman

"Going to Laguna Beach, go shopping, and eat dinner near the beach."
- Roy Tabingo, grad student

"To go to a nice restaurant by the beach and then go for a nice horseback ride."
- Cynthia Zacarias, junior

"Having a good time at the beach."
- Brian Bernard, junior

"We took a walk in the park."
- Angeline James, freshman

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All articles must be submitted in electronic format. Microsoft Word.doc format is preferred. Acceptable forms of media include: floppy disc, Zip disc, CD-R or e-mail. There are certain length constraints for articles, with four different sets of length. When writing, please keep these constraints in mind. Small articles: up to 250 words, Medium articles: up to 500 words, Large articles (half a page, three columns): up to 750 words, Feature-length articles (three-quarters of a page, three columns): Maximum of 1000 words.

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Rwandan pastor and son guilty of aiding genocide

By Whitney Braun

A Rwandan pastor and his son were found guilty of aiding and abetting genocide by a U.N. tribunal on Wednesday, February 19th, and sentenced to 10 and 25 years respectively for helping to massacre ethnic Tutsis.

Elizaphan Ntakirutimana and his son Gerard were accused of herding large groups of Tutsi men, women and children into a church and hospital compound in the Kibuye region of western Rwanda in 1994 and then calling Hutus to come and kill them.

The 78-year-old Seventh Day Adventist pastor was found guilty of aiding and abetting genocide, a U.N. Adventist pastor was found guilty of to come and kill them.

He was first arrested in Laredo, Texas on Sept. 29, 1996, but released 14 months later after successfully petitioning a Texas court to drop the extradition warrant against him. The State Department petitioned to reverse that decision, and he was arrested again in Feb. 1998. His appeals to avoid extradition went all the way to U.S Supreme Court, which refused to hear the case, allowing his extradition in March 2000. He was arrested in Texas in 1996, and transferred to the ICTR in Arusha, northern Tanzania, in 2000 after a battle against extradition.

His son was arrested in Ivory Coast in 1996. The time they have already spent in custody will be taken off their sentences, a U.N. spokesman said.

Rights groups say several church leaders from various denominations played a leading role in the killings, using their authority to encourage the massacres of Tutsis that Gerard...was involved in saving lives.

The court ruled there was not enough evidence to convict Ntakirutimana and his son of some of the charges against them, but was unanimous that both had taken part in massacres in Kibuye’s lush green hills. The prosecution used as evidence a letter they said was sent to Ntakirutimana by a group of Adventist pastors who were subsequently killed.

“We wish to inform you that tomorrow we will be killed by our families,” the letter reads, a line later used as the title for U.S. author Philip Gourevitch’s book on the genocide.

The prosecution said Ntakirutimana replied with the words: “There is nothing I can do for you. All you can do is prepare to die, for your time has come.”

The son was found to have taken part in attacks on Tutsis in the area around the church and to have shot and killed Charles Ukobizaba, a Tutsi accountant, in the courtyard of the hospital.

More than 500,000 Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus were killed during the genocide.

The region around the church was home to more than 50,000 Tutsis before the genocide, but only 1,000 survived, government and human rights officials have said.

Wednesday’s conviction were the ninth and tenth at the tribunal, which was set up in Arusha in November 1994 and is currently holding 54 suspects. The tribunal has acquitted one suspect.

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By Kristin Pollard, Guest Writer

Ewe, I feel that yucky feeling in my stomach that I get everytime a plane begins its descent. But before I can finish reciting the Lord’s Prayer I hear the skreech of the wheels making contact with the runway. After more than 18 hours of flying I am finally here. "9 months, 9 months, it’s only 9 months," I repeat in order to keep what is left of my sanity. As I step off the plane I take a deep breath to inhale this country, which will be my home for the next 9 months. My refreshing breath ends quickly as I promptly choke on a billow of cigarette smoke. Welcome to Spain.

I would have thought that I would be more than 5000 miles away from my family, the first to go to another country to study. My friend, Raquel, who stayed across the hallway from me at La Sierra University, first suggested this absurd idea. She speaks Spanish fluently along with my roommate from third quarter. I hate to feel left out so I asked Raquel to help me with my Spanish. Somehow she hyped me up with the idea that we should all go the American community. As our encounters during a semestre become friends for a lifetime.

After making an appointment with my advisor at La Sierra, a friendly lady who was so cheerful and pleasant, I often wonder if she has an IV bag of candy water hidden somewhere in her office. When it came time for my appointment I rushed to her office and tried to tip-toe across the old floors of the English Department to her office. I failed and she poked her head out of her office and greeted me as I came creeping down the hallway. During our meeting we talked at some length about my going to Spain. She gave me a speech about how this was my time to do what I wanted to do, after all, it was my life. Who were my parent’s to make me go? Yeah, okay, well that was it. I had had it! The only person telling me that travelling abroad and learning another language was a 50 something year-old woman who’s family had probably travelled the world over. As soon I left her office I called my mom and told her to start looking for my ticket.

So here I am, in Spain. Spain is a place unlike any other place I have been. More young African-Americans need to travel abroad. Many other ethnicities have long caught wind of what a great experience it is to be immersed in another culture. I have been to the Philippines and to Africa but Spain living in Spain for a year goes much farther than any month long visit to either of those countries. By 2020 the nation’s Hispanic population will reach 52.7 million, comprising 16.3 percent of the nation’s total population. Other countries teach one or more languages to their students in grade school. Generally, the American system of education promotes learning another language in high school or at late as college. This trend in education presents us with a work force that is unprepared for the ever-changing and advancing job market. This reasoning is out of date and needs to be rethought. Today there are college language programs in every language. In the coming globalized world language should not be a barrier within the African-American community. As our numbers decrease the need to become a commodity is greatly increased. It is projected that in 2005 Hispanics will become the largest minority group in the United States and that by July 1, 2020, Hispanics will account for 44.2 percent of the nation’s population growth. Being bilingual, or for that matter trilingual, gives one unadulterated leverage in the job market. And not speaking Spanish will greatly decreases one’s marketability. In 1992, 8 percent of the nation’s small businesses could conduct transitions in Spanish and this number is on the rise. Not to mention that the growth of Hispanic-owned businesses is also on the rise, composing 5 percent of U.S. firms in 1992 with a total of $76.8 billion in receipts.

Travelling abroad has helped me become more mature than I would have been with 3 or more years of college and graduate school in the United States. I have come to a sort of self-peace. My previous views of blackness and what it is conceived of have evolved and changed. Here I see people all shades of brown speaking different languages with different cultures. No longer do I need to listen to a certain type of music or embrace a certain type of dress. For all I am concerned I can salsa way right through the gates of heaven. After mastering Spanish I will have proven to those who doubted me that anything is possible. My goals and expectations for my life have reached new heights. One cannot survive as a foreigner in any country if you are unable to change and adapt your perceptions of things as you are confronted with new situations. It’s sounds cliché but life, indeed, is what you make it. Each man has the option to either succeed or fail, enjoy life or live a miserable existence.

The friends whom one encounters during a semestre will become friends for a lifetime.

Through arguments, smiles and long talks self-discovery and clarity are imminent. Barriers and boundaries are broken and destroyed. My friends in Spain have helped me look into myself and see my imperfections and flaws. And all the while self-reliance has become a necessity. I am confident that all of my girls, all 8 of us, will go on to be successful young black women in whatever we may endeavour.

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Suspect in Campus Cleaner’s Robbery Spotted at Festival of Nations
By Doug Nophsner

During the Festival of Nations on February 9th, the suspect of the Campus Cleaners robbery on January 13th was seen by the victim in the Pavilion. There was no incident at the Festival of Nations and Campus Security was unable to locate the suspect. The suspect is a black male, about 6’3”, 22-23 years old, medium build, with an ear ring in his left ear and a stud in his nose. If you have any information about the suspect, please contact the Security Officer or Riverside Police Department. Thank you for your help in making this the safest campus possible.

Remade

You are invited to rethink the lives of five Bible women whose remade lives are dramatized in Remade, a play by Patti Poblete, this Saturday night, March 1, at 7 p.m. in the Matheson Chapel.

Presented by the Alumni Office and the Women’s Resource Center, Remade dramatized the stories of the mother and the foremothers of Jesus: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. The complex, sad and sometimes humorous portrayal of these women will encourage you to think more deeply about the drama of your own life. No charge. Freewill offering taken.

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If college students wrote the bible

The Last Supper would have been eaten the next morning—cold.
The Ten Commandments would actually be only five—double-spaced
and written in a large font.
A new edition would be published
every two years in order to limit reselling.
Forbidden fruit would have been eaten because it wasn’t cafeteria food.
Paul’s letter to the Romans would become Paul’s email to abuse@romans.gov.
Reason Cain killed Abel: they were roommates.
Reason why Moses and followers walked in the desert for 40 years:
they didn’t want to ask directions and look like freshmen.
Instead of God creating the world in six days and resting on the seventh,
he would have put it off until the night before to get it done.

Hello SBM Family,

Please don’t forget this Friday is the big SBM Barbeque/Picnic in Citrus Park, off Van Buren Boulevard. It will be held from 12-4 p.m. Friday afternoon. Great food and fun. Flyers have been posted for a couple of weeks. Encourage the students to get into the SBM spirit by joining the group. If they need transportation, let Vernell or I know. We’ll try to make arrangements for carpooling.
The rain promises to let up Thursday and Friday and return Saturday. Let’s pray it stays that way! Don’t forget, your presence is also encouraged to keep in touch with the students outside the classroom. That way they can find out that we are actually human beings!! HAHAHA (Just a little joke!).

If you have special picnic fare that you would love to make and bring, please let Vernell or I know. Otherwise, hamburgers/hotdogs are the mainstay of the menu! Thanks much!

Cheryl Cicchetti, Coordinator, Student Services School of Business and Management, La Sierra University

The world has changed... Find out how at La Sierra University!

The Research Revolution is a series of six films and discussion on science and the world it has produced, the world we live in.

One award-winning video will be shown each night of the series, followed by group discussion with the audience.

7-9 PM, Tues, February 25 Atomic Age Film: I Am Become Death: They Made the Bomb
7-9 PM, Tues, March 4 Robotics Film: Into The Body
7-9 PM, Tues, March 11 Genetics Film: Our Genes, Our Choices: Who Gets to Know?
7-9 PM, Tues, April 1 Forensics Film: Gene Squad
7-9 PM, Tues, April 8 Global Warming Film: What’s Up With The Weather?
7-9 PM, Tues, April 15 Biodiversity Film: Natural Connections

Cossentine Hall, Room 100, La Sierra University, Riverside, California
Facilitator: Dr. Rennie Schoepflin, Professor of History, Politics and Sociology at La Sierra University
The general public is invited to attend. Individuals may attend any one, or all of the series.
Admission and parking are free. Refreshments will be served.
Registration is encouraged, although not required. Contact Chris Cicchetti at (909) 785-2163.
Academic credit is available for attending the entire series.

Golf Tournament

GOLF TOURNAMENT is alive once again! On Sun., March 2, 12 noon, the Walt Hamerslough Golf Classic will start off the alumni-sponsored Golden Eagle Golf Tour. The first tournament will be at Hidden Valley Golf Course. The alumni association has planned this year-long golf tour, which will benefit various campus projects. In addition to players, there is opportunity for tour sponsors. To register or for more information, call x2578 or 353-0005, or email jemery@lasierra.edu.

Feed him...

By Linda Biswas

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.” Romans 12:20

On Saturday, Feb. 8, Pastor Dan Smith of the La Sierra University Church made a call to those that wanted to make a difference, not only in their community but the whole world. Pastor Dan did not ask us to leave our homes and minister to foreigner’s abroad, nor did he ask us to give our blood for the masses around us. Instead, the request was simple..."feed him."

On Sabbath the topic was that of the impending war with Iraq and the United States response to the threats. What is it that our nation supports? What does our church say? Our schools? Our neighbors? Perhaps our focus should be on our family...those living in Iraq.

On Valentine’s Day, Friday, Feb. 14, the LSU Church held a prayer vigil on behalf of our family across the ocean. The church community then gathered together on the steps of the LSU Church at 7 p.m. on Friday with candles and prayers. Prayer is indeed a strong instrument “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20

In response to feeding your enemy, students and members of the community worked to fill little bags with grains of rice. Within each bag was a Bible verse and prayer. The envelopes were mailed to officials in Washington D.C.
New Jersey nightclub fire kills 97

By Whitny Braun

Thirty-two of the 97 people killed in a raging nightclub fire set off by a rock band’s pyrotechnics display had been identified by noon Sunday, Gov. Don Carcieri said. Eighty survivors remained hospitalized, all of them now identified.

Meanwhile Sunday, for the first time the victims’ families were being taken inside the fence and up to the charred rubble of The Station nightclub to pray, say goodbye and try to make sense of the incomprehensible.

A memorial service was planned Sunday night, described as “prayer unplugged.” Mourners were encouraged to bring acoustic guitars to honor the victims.

The governor ordered a no-fly zone within 5 miles of the site to give the families privacy to mourn.

The band was just getting into its first song Thursday night when sparks from the pyrotechnics ignited foam tiles in the suspended ceiling overhead and quickly spread flames over the crowd.

Not really reality TV

By Noé Yurian

As far as TV is concerned, America loves its reality shows. The Joe Millionaire finale raked in 42 million viewers, last year’s American Idol finale 28 million viewers and about 25.9 million viewers tuned in to Survivor: Thailand’s finale, which pales in comparison to the first Survivor’s finale that had 50 million people tuning in.

But how real are these so-called reality shows? What is reality? It certainly is not what the TV network bigwigs try to pass off as “REAL.” Is reality a group of people on an island jumping through hoops for food and a possible chance of winning a million dollars, is it a bunch of pop star wannabes singing their hearts out on national TV because we all know American needs all the pop singers it can get, or is it even a group of gold digging women vying for the chance to finally meet their very wealthy “Prince Charming?”

After considering the aforementioned, the answer is a resounding NO! Of course this isn’t reality, reality is much more mundane. But then again who wants to turn on their television and watch an average person shopping for groceries, picking up their kids from school or walking their dog? No one. The TV executives know this, the advertisers who buy the rights to market their goods during these shows know it and you know it too.

But why do millions tune in each week to these shows and many others? That is the question.

We know these shows are of poor taste, are crass, and only lower the collective IQ of America. But we can’t help ourselves we want more and more, might it be because of the satisfaction we get from seeing people humiliate themselves on national TV when they are told they aren’t as hot as they really are, maybe it’s because we like seeing a motley crew of aspiring B-list celebrities act like savages for a pathetic morsel of food or perhaps it’s due to the fact the we all want a sense of adventure in our lives without leaving the confines of our couch and its immediate surrounding.

Whatever our reasons two things are for certain: the shows will become even more low brow and Americans will tune in every week to watch.

Hearty boba

By Scott Arany

Many of the students are LSU are likely familiar with the boba cafe near UCR. The drinks are good. Did you know they have food, and tasty food at that?

After going out for boba many times in the middle of the night and arriving at the cafe after the food kitchen has closed, I decided that the time had finally come to get there early enough for a meal. The food here is best described as “hearty,” said Joshua Hong. We tried several different dishes: beef fried rice, chicken-steak rice (not beef-steak, but a sliced chicken filet), egg and onion pancakes. The pancakes are not sweet, almost like omelettes (without the cheese). The fried rice is, well, there’s that word again: hearty! Portions are large with no dish priced above $6 (I paid $5.75 for my chicken rice dish which came with green tea, cabbage and some meatballs). Overall, the meal is hit, with just a couple of misses: avoid the green tea, and watch out for pork (it showed up as a side with my chicken rice).

Vegetarian options include the tasty pancakes and a vegetable pocket (which was unavailable when I ordered). Try the delicious rose hot tea.
Plight of the Student Missionary

By Mark Tatum

Last year, I knew I had to get out. It wasn’t that I disliked La Sierra or anything, or had qualms about the department I was studying in, it was just all becoming too routine. It was all the same. Having had LSU as a stomping ground since I was an infant, I loved it, but it was too much the same. I needed something radically different.

So, I did it. I went to Jodi in Homelife, and she found me a place where I could go. Now I am here in Costa Rica, teaching English and helping out in church services. I have gotten the radical change I was wanting!

As many missionaries will tell you, doing this is anything but easy at times. I had never once done a lesson plan before I got here. I had never once had a classroom full of students that I was in charge of before! I had never had to take cold showers before, and I had never had to wake up with a stiff back thanks to a thin mattress. I had never had to swat softball-sized mosquitoes as they flew through the air before! (Okay, that’s an exaggeration.)

But I’ve also never felt so much emotion before. Bad and Good. From the first few weeks of “what in the world have I gotten myself into?”, to the next few weeks of hard-core homesickness, there were times I was sure I’d made the wrong decision. “A comfort-zone isn’t so bad! I would give my left arm for a week at home right now!” There are nights when a year might as well be a lifetime.

But then, you get through all your misery, and the blessings start to come out. You begin to make ties with the other missionaries you’re working with, and though you probably wouldn’t be feeling pretty good about being here most of the time. Once you get in the groove of teaching classes, once you settle yourself into a routine, once you have a base of friends you can talk with, the blessings truly begin to outweigh the drawbacks. Sure, cold showers still aren’t fun, but it’s part of the package. Things like laughing with students and participating in worship services become really worthwhile.

Of course, I still need some of the things I love from home. Fortunately, there is a town nearby. And it feels great, after you’ve become exhausted from a hard day of work, to walk into a mall with about every form of fast food we have back at home (except for In-N-Out!).

So, just because I’ve left my comfort zone, it doesn’t mean that I’ve lost touch. Tuesday nights have been my only nights without teaching until 9:30, and I’ve made it a habit of going to town for a Subway sandwich, followed by catching the latest flick down at the super-4 megaplex. As I exit, with green pepper still on my breath, and the James Bond theme still running through my head, I think of how fortunate I am to not have to be completely isolated, as so many missionaries in the past have been.

Romanian Woman

By Kristin Pollard

After church I was sitting against the wall talking with my friends when I felt a tap on my shoulder. When I turned I saw a weather worn face smiling, like the sun, at me. Upon more examination I realized that this lady had been sitting next to me for some time now. The lady spoke to me in a timed pace. Her Spanish was flavored with her native Romanian accent. We spoke of her time here in Spain and how she liked it. When she talked of Romania there was a certain sparkle in her eyes. She talked of the cold and lightly scolded me for wearing sandals on in the cold weather. Though, at least, 2 times my senior she treated me as though we were equals. She was in Spanish for work and had only been her for one month. As we talked we laughed at our bad Spanish jokes and how Spain was so different from where we had come from. She told me of a school in Budapest and said that there were many negroes who went there. She suggested that I go there and learn German. I laughed and she suggested the cacao by letting telling me that the food there was much better than I was receiving at L.C.H. As her daughter prepared to leave with her husband we said our farewells. Her departing words to me were to dress warmer the next time, she said this with a smile that beard her golden molars. I hope that time reunites this lady and I. She couldn’t understand very much Spanish and when I asked her name, she referred to herself as “soyyo.” She has brightened my life and let me know that anything is possible with God, even in the direst situations.

When we are struggling with something, whether choices, school, learning another language, friendships, lifestyle, or deciding our future I admonish you to pray. You may not consider yourself the most religious person in the world, God doesn’t care. You are His child, like a father to his child her cares for you and wants to help you if you would only let him. Try him, you have nothing to lose.

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This is pretty strange or odd how it worked out this way. Even if you are not "religious" you should read this.

What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?
Answer - Psalms 117

What is the longest chapter in the Bible?
Answer - Psalms 119

Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?
Answer - Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118
Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118

What is the center verse in the Bible?
Answer - Psalms 118:8

Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives? The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the center of His Word!

Psalms 118:8 (NKJV) “It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.”

Now isn’t that odd how this worked out (or was God in the center of it)?

Faith doesn’t get you around trouble. It gets you through it!
By Richard Igros

An Evening at the Cinema

300 episodes of “D’oh”

By Daniel Paden and Katie Parsons

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days & Dare Devil

How to Lose a Guy in 10 days: This romantic comedy follows the intentionally doomed romance of a magazine columnist (played by Kate Hudson) and an advertising agent (played by Matthew McConaughey). Each enters the relationship on the basis of a bet. The results are some very funny (and a few painful!) scenes.

He said: This was very similar to the movie “Meet the Parents” because many of the situations were painful to watch. You have such sympathy for both parties, and the pain that they are inflicting on one another that it is hard to watch.

She said: This was a very funny movie, but I would not recommend it for a romantic night out. This is definitely a “girls-night-out” flick, if for no other reason than you should feel free to drool over Matthew McConaughey without offending your guy.

DareDevil: A dark, action packed thrill ride through the life of Matt Murdock (Ben Affleck), a blind lawyer by day, DareDevil by night. Jumping from building to building, DareDevil, on a quest to find the man who killed his father, seeks to protect the innocent in Hell’s Kitchen (a New York neighborhood).

He said: This was a great movie. A little bit on the dark side. Fans of “Spiderman” may not appreciate it as a result of its dark qualities.

She said: This movie was a little more intense than I expected. I enjoyed it, but it had a few moments that definitely made me cringe. The dark effects of this movie made me uncomfortable, especially because the good guy isn’t completely good. With that said, I would like to officially state (for those of you who don’t already know) that Jennifer Garner is the coolest chick on the planet.

Special Guest, David Paden (Daniel’s brother and movie buff extraordinaire): I would like to agree with Katie on her assessment of Jennifer Garner and the ultimate coolness of this movie.

50 Cent: Get rich or die trying

By Richard Igros

It seems as if the Hip-Hop industry has focused its attention as if late to one 50 Cent. Born Curtis Jackson in Queens, New York 50 Cent seems to have a lot to say. From surviving 9 gunshots including one through the jaw 50 Cent climbed past the hardships of a rough life to releasing a multi platinum album, Get Rich Or Die Trying. Singing under the wing of world-renowned artist Eminem’s Shady Records, 50 Cent seems to be on road to success. With tracks featuring Eminem along with Dr. Dre behind the production wheel its no wonder why this album out sold the infamous Billboard king The Eminem Show during its opening week. Songs including radio friendly, “In Da Club” and “Wanksta” 50 Cent’s Get Rich Or Die Trying catches the ears of both club hoppers and Hip-Hop fans. Throughout the album 50 Cent makes constant remarks attacking fellow rapper Ja Rule. Only time will tell how Ja Rule will reply to 50 Cent’s lyrical slander, but I’m sure this heated rivalry is far from over. The masterpiece of 50 Cent’s lyrical word play accompanied by neck bobbing beats of Dr. Dre, it seems as if Eminem has done it again by giving the hip-hop world what they want to hear with no lose change.

Ladytron surpasses hype

By Ruben D. López

Style setters have been predicting an ‘80s revival ever since bell-bottoms resurfaced in the mid ’90s. With producers like Mirdais and others fronting an electro pop revival, it’s hard not to escape it in the indie music scene (and by indie, I don’t mean Jimmy Eat World or Dashboard Confessional, I’m talking about indie record labels). Two bands that have been embracing this revival are Fischerspooner and Ladytron. After releasing a critically acclaimed debut, Ladytron have returned with Light & Magic, living up to the hype and proving they’ve still got magic in their souls.

Using no acoustic instruments, just synthesizers, beat machines, and vocoder, this foursome reminds us of what we thought the future would sound like in 1984. I hate making comparisons, Ladytron’s sound is very reminiscent of early New Order, Depeche Mode, and even Erasure. Stand out tracks include “Seventeen,” “Nuhorizons,” and “Wanksta,” where Mira Aroyo does a deadpan rap in Bulgarian and even makes it sound awesome, “Blue Jeans” with it’s eerily beautiful organ effects, and the title track with pulsating beats and almost whispery vocals. If you’re looking to travel back a bit in time, yet stay grounded in 2003, Light and Magic is an easy way to do so, not to mention, you’ll be in the know of new indie music.
The Dallas Mavericks (44-13) are still heading strong despite a 98-93 loss to the Orlando Magic (29-29) on Tuesday, leading the Western Conference in wins. The Sacramento Kings (40-18) follow behind, winning their fourth game in a row 75-81 on Tuesday against the Detroit Pistons (37-20). The Mavericks and Kings will face off on Thursday in Dallas. The San Antonio Spurs (39-17) creamed the Miami Heat (19-37) on Tuesday with an 84-69 win, getting ready for their home game on Saturday against the Kings. In fourth place in the Western Conference are the Portland Trailblazers (36-20), and they're playing the Nuggets (12-45) Wednesday at Denver. The LA Lakers (31-25) have climbed the rungs and are now in seventh place in the West, making them eligible to go to the playoffs. They won their fifth game in a row on Tuesday, winning 109-98 against the LA Clippers (19-36), and Kobe ended a 4-game streak of scoring 40 or more points in a game, ending the game with the Clippers ONLY 32. Moving to the Eastern Conference, the Detroit Pistons lead the wins, tailed by the New Jersey Nets (38-21), who won a game against the New York Knicks (24-33) on Wednesday. The Indiana Pacers (37-20) are in third place, while the Philadelphia 76ers (31-24) trail right behind.

Kobe's Streak Ends, but Lakers Win

By JOHN NADEL, AP Sports Writer

Kobe Bryant's remarkable scoring streaks ended Tuesday night. But he still helped the Los Angeles Lakers win for the 12th time in 14 games.

Shadowed closely by Corey Maggette and often double-teamed, Bryant scored 32 points as the Lakers beat the Los Angeles Clippers 109-98.

Bryant thus failed in his attempt to extend his streak of scoring at least 40 points in 10 games, which would have tied Wilt Chamberlain for the second-longest streak in NBA history.

Chamberlain scored 40 or more in 14 straight games twice in the 1961-62 season, when he averaged an NBA-record 50.4 points. He had his 10-game streak the following season.

Bryant's streak of nine straight was the longest since Michael Jordan scored 40 or more in the same number of games in the 1986-87 season.

Bryant had also scored at least 35 points in 13 consecutive games. Only Chamberlain has longer streaks, having accomplished that feat in 33, 23 and 20 straight games.

The Lakers played without Phil Jackson, who missed his first game as an NBA head coach recovering from having a kidney stone removed a day earlier. Assistant Jim Cleamons served as acting head coach.

Exercise!

Are you feeling lethargic? Are you a teenager or a twentysomething that feels like an octogenarian? Well, perhaps you truly are in need of a really wonderful jog. Running gets the blood pumping and trims excess weight off of your waistline and with bathing suit season on the horizon you might want to start yourself on an exercise regiment.

The fitness center is a great place to go, but if you want the encouragement of a group of other fitness seekers then why not join SALSU CABL's morning runs next quarter? You can improve your health, lose weight, make new friends and most importantly you can do this with a support group. So keep your eyes open for running times next quarter or talk to me in person. I am glad to answer any fitness questions you might have.

Come and Support!!!

Women's Basketball

Thur. Feb 27
Pomona Pitzer College
Claremont
7:30 PM
Shopping on a student’s budget

By Ruben D. López

Money is an all too familiar subject for college students. We can never get enough from work, but we’re too afraid to ask our parents for more. It’s important to look good, whether it’s trying to attract someone or just to impress your current flame. What about music? How can you afford the music you love when you’re without Kazaa or a CD burner? When looking for music or clothes, you can find affordable items if you look around.

- Check clearance racks at department stores. Sometimes you can find decent looking clothes marked down to more than half price. It’s rare, but take a shot.
- Independent music stores usually have used CDs cheaper than The Wherehouse or any other chain. I’ve been able to find some recent releases, CDs out of print, imports, and box sets for very reasonable prices. My latest find was John Mayer’s Room for Squares for $1.99. If you’re looking for Christian contemporary music, you will be able to find that as well, one of my friends has been able to find used CCM CDs. If you’re ever in need, you can sell CDs you don’t want for cash or store credit. Sounds Like Music is the closest independent music store to campus, located on Hole and Magnolia.
- Places like Shoe Factory or Shoe Warehouse have the latest styles for about a third of department store prices. Nordstrom Rack, Ross, Burlington Coat Factory and TJ Maxx are all stores that have discounted clothing. Being a Nordstrom Rack fan, I tend to go there more often for shoes and suits. I was able to buy a pair of Diesel boots for $38, when they’re originally priced around $80. The nearest Nordstrom Rack is in Chino Hills, off the 71 and Grand Ave (you can see it from the highway).
- If your styles are more eclectic, Denim Bank, also on Hole and Magnolia, may be your store. You can find all sorts of used jeans (hence the name) or even sell your own. They also carry shirts, shoes, wigs and other accessories.

Now that you’re armed with this information, you’re ready to start looking for new deals and be the envy of your friends who paid too much for their new shoes.

Valentine’s Day Poetry Contest Winners:

Tied for first place:
James Felix and Soklina Seth
Tied for second place:
Joy Asuman and De Anne Knipschild
Third place:
Elsa Sanchez

All winners need to contact criterion@lasierra.edu to receive their prizes.

Seeking Advice

I am 21 and I have never been in a serious relationship and have no prospects of being in one in the near future. My family says I need to go to church more or the grocery store more often to meet guys but try as I might that has not been working? Where do you suggest I go to meet a nice guy? I am easy going, have a good sense of humor, and love animals and sports. I am a good catch, but there just aren’t any fisherman casting their lines in my direction. Waah! What am I doing wrong?

Conflicted in Calkins

Please e-mail your advice to criterion@lasierra.edu and we will post it up on the next issue.

Lift Tickets for Sale

Just a quick reminder that the Office of International Student is selling lift tickets for the Big Bear Mountain Resorts for only $38.

Tickets are good at both mountains, Bear Mountain and Snow Summit are there are no date restrictions anymore. If you’re interested, please contact Natan at x2949 or via email at nvigna@lasierra.edu.

In loving memory of Cousin Carl

R.I.P.

Different causes. We all die.

Shot to A Man’s Soul

Shot to a man’s soul.

Creates nothing but a black hole.

What can destroy a man while he stands?

Nobody knows until he dies.

Aspiration turned to desperation?

Or the lack of mission?

Status or age are of little importance-

It’s been killing for years.

Shot to a man’s soul.

Silence kills with no tears.

Broken families the bereaved

Wondering when did he really leave-

Last year?

Or when he ceased to breath.

Shot to a man’s soul.

Casualties numerous.

Shot a man’s soul.

Some shots should kill,

Survivors worse than the dead.

Shot to a man’s soul

Living misery shrouded in mystery-

Even the light is depressing

With the question ever pressing-

What killed him?

It was the—

Shot to a man’s soul

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State Deficits Hits Higher Education

By Whitny Braun

More than 206,000 Californians will be denied access to higher education if Governor Gray Davis's proposed budget is enacted by the Legislature, according to the Community College League of California.

The figures reflect a careful analysis of the financial impact on community college budgets of Governor Davis's plan to cut $530 million in staffing and course offerings at the teachers to the California State University. The Governor's budget proposes cuts of $1 billion over 18 months and more than doubling of the per-unit fee students pay, from $11 per unit to $24 per unit.

"Community colleges are key to California's economic recovery, but we simply cannot serve that role when access is arbitrarily reduced to hundreds of thousands of residents," said Bill McGinnis, president of the Community College League of California and a trustee at Butte College in Chico.

"This foreclosure on the future of 206,500 students reduces the number of teachers, computer technicians, nurses, firefighters, and police officers who will be prepared for California's workforce."

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SARS conference planned in Canada

By Aliffin Sihotang

The World Health Organization said Monday that the SARS epidemic had peaked outside of China, and Canada announced plans for an international conference to discuss the often fatal disease. But health officials said China, where the disease began last year, needed to do more to contain SARS, which kills about six percent of the people it infects, and has no known cure.

China has reported 139 deaths from the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, although health experts suspect the actual tally could be far higher. China accounts for well over a third of the global death toll of 331, which includes 138 deaths in Hong Kong, and 21 each in Canada and Singapore.

The disease has infected more than 5,500 people in nearly 30 countries. But after several weeks when the news on SARS seemed to be worsening by the day, there were signs of hope on Monday, Vietnam, which reported its first new SARS case on April 5, said it had contained the outbreak, and Swiss health care group Roche Holding AG said it hoped to launch a reliable SARS test by the end of July.

As of yet there have been no cases of SARS in Southern California, however health officials and the Red Cross of Riverside County have warned that is not impossible that the disease could reach this section of the world.
Shame on you “Allies”
By Jay Zauzko

To France:
Shame on you France for being a scoundrel and a hypocrite! Who knows how many more Americans and British forces will die because of you? Your repugnant antics in the Security Council gave Saddam months to prepare for war. You should have said in August that you would never support any use of force. Months of U.S. diplomacy was a waste of both time and paper.

Your stance stance against war no doubt gave the Butcher of Baghdad hope for survival. He knew that no matter how uncooperative he was with the inspectors, he could always count on you to oppose the United States’ action. Why should he disagree or support the inspectors? As long as he fed you a warhead a week, or a missile a day, he knew it would be enough for you to maintain an Axis of Hope to oppose the Coalition of the Willing.

As you convinced nations around the world to be stood for peace and morals, you knew full and well you were supporting the true Satan. How could you sell Saddam missile propellant and look your loyal followers in the eyes? It is likely your propellants which has been thrust Saddam’s missiles toward Kuwait. Lucky for Kuwait and the coalition forces that Patriot Missiles stopped all of Iraq’s missiles except for the Chinese Sidewinder.

Our patriot missiles are truer than any you ever could be. You accuse America of wanting to invade Iraq for selfish reasons, but these accusations carry no merit. Somehow the world exemplifies you. But you have deceived your supporters. Is it not you who stands to lose if the United States is successful in Iraq? You know that your years of profitable deals with Iraq will likely be coming to an end. Was it not your country that charged Saddam $200 million for a $50 million dollar nuclear reactor? Your country has enjoyed lucrative arms deals with the Iraqi regime for years, profiting greatly while ripping off the Iraqi people. Yet somehow you are praised for opposing U.S. greed.

You fear losing business. You fear losing influence. You fear losing your unenvied position. You fear long-needed change. Yet somehow these outweigh the fear of turning your back on your greatest ally. You turned your back on the very country that liberated you. After years of believing diplomacy would appease Hitler, you find that it was in vain. But for some reason you still believe that diplomacy works with everyone. Or perhaps you are smart and realize it doesn’t work; but you are afraid of the United States going into Iraq because you fear what they might find. Maybe you are afraid of how much stronger America might become after the war. Shame on you. Fries and toast are no longer worthy to bare your name. And I am glad I chose to take Spanish.

To Germany:
Shame on your Germany! Of all countries, you should know what American occupation is like. After the United States ended your conquest to decimate humanity, it helped you rebuild and survive during those tough post-war years. You learned the tough lessons of aggression, but you clearly did not remember the peace of American Occupation. The Americans by far treated you better than the Soviets. You lucky Germans found yourselves on the West side of the Berlin Wall. And even when West Berlin was completely isolated by the communists, the United States daily flew in food and supplies to keep you alive. But you have clearly forgotten who your ally was.

Like France, you too are guilty of selling illegal arms to Iraq. You have long violated the very U.N. resolutions that you claim to uphold. Like your French cohorts, you have sold technology and materials and thus helped Saddam maintain his reign of terror. You better hope that nothing you sold to the evil regime is killing our troops today. It is a good thing that Patriot Missiles can stop rockets bearing your parts. The United States doesn’t fear you any more. But are you, like France, also scared of the United States finding things you have sold? We know you have provided nuclear secrets to the regime in the past, and of course at an exorbitant cost. Of all the countries, I would think you would be the last to support today’s most diabolical dictator. But perhaps some things never change.

To Russia:
Great shame to you too, Russia! How can you be one of the greatest suppliers of arms to rogue states and terrorists, yet also claim to be a moral leader? Your stance against an Iraqi invasion is also hypocritical. Why do you fear the U.S. invading Iraq? Is it because you have that much faith in the weapons you sold to them years ago? Who knows how many American soldiers die each year from your AKs. Your guns, planes, and tanks are no doubt the backbone of the Iraqi military. Granted, most of these things were sold to Iraq even before the first Gulf War. However, recent evidence is showing that your companies have sold night vision goggles and GPS jamming equipment to Saddam. That would be forgiveable if you would launch an investigation into the matter. However, you continue denying these accusations. Why do you turn the other way while your businesses arm the enemy? Don’t you know that the jamming equipment makes our bombs miss? That means you are putting civilians at risk. Are you looking the other way because your poor economy is being boosted by proliferation of these illegal technologies? Shame on you. I thought we were allies.

It is no secret that you have long had close ties with Iraq. Your eyes have been set upon their abundant oil fields for years. Your oil companies have waited decades to seize Iraq’s black gold. Are you scared that American Companies will be given first dibs? Are you afraid of being left out? Is that your reason for opposing the war? Many people accuse the United States for going into Iraq, saying it is all about oil. But the truth is likely that you oppose the war because of the oil. Do not worry. The oil will remain in the hands of the Iraqi people. And who said that American companies are not interested in the oil? Only the people on the street or Universities—not those in power.

If you make restitutions with the U.S. now, maybe you just might get something.

These are very tough times for your democracy is still fledging, and you need American to keep you under its wing. Your army is going weeks without pay. You are waging your own so-called “war on terrorism” in Chechnya, but it is in every aspect a crueler occupation than Iraq will see. Your President is buying out the media companies and prosecuting those that speak out against the government. You need American right now. Don’t bite the hand that has fed you. The cold war is behind us, let’s end the squabbling.

To President Bush:
Shame on you if you let me down! I have staked my reputation with you. I am confident that you stand for everything that makes American great—freedom most of all. I trust that you are going into Iraq to free the Iraqi people and make the world a safer place. Everyone but the forces of evil should benefit from a liberated Iraq. I saw you spend months to get the world in favor of ending the Saddam’s reign of terror. You rubbed many nations the wrong way. You made American seem strong an arrogant. But you did manage to assemble a coalition of over 30 countries.

Perhaps you are right about the United States being able to fight alone. But I am glad you have continued to seek international support. Our nation is by far the strongest the world has ever seen. Rome would have fallen in a day to the force we approach Saddam with now.

With all of our power, you seem careful to only use it for good. Even though we could obliterate Iraq with just a few bombs, you have chosen to sacrifice American and our allies’ lives to minimize the suffering of the Iraqi people. To demonstrate America’s compassion, you have prepared to distribute food to thousands of locations within the battered nation. Amongst the rubble and turmoil, hope is renewed with the promise that we will rebuild Iraq into the great nation it deserves to be. Arab nations will quake with fear if you are successful in setting up a great democracy in Iraq.

When our founding fathers signed “The Declaration of Independence,” they pledged to world that the believed all people are equal, and that we all deserve “Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” President Bush, thank you for honoring that pledge. For over thirty years, the Iraqi people have been denied life, freedom, and happiness. Bring it to them. Bring it to the rest of the world. Show that America means not to occupy, but to liberate. Prove that America wants not to pillage, but to rebuild. Demonstrate that America intends not to colonize, but to democratize.

Mr. President, I stand fully behind your decision to liberate Iraq. It should have been done years ago, but we can’t turn back the clock. I am confident that we invaded for the right reasons. You’re coalition of over 30 countries is by far more honorable than the French, Germans, or Russians will probably ever be. Do not pull out if the fighting gets tough. Don’t repeat the mistakes of the past. Show the world that the United States means what it promises. Rebuild Iraq. Don’t over-stay our welcome. And prove that America still stands today for the same things it did at its birth. God bless America. I am praying for you.
What are we paying for?

By Trevor Carson

Has anyone every really thought about where our tuition money goes? I started to think about it once my car was hit inside the Sierra Towers dorm parking lot. About a month ago my gray 1998 200SX was damaged with no word of who did it. I reported this incident to campus security and made a police report with the Riverside Police Department the day I saw the damage done to my car. I first went to the Dean of Sierra Towers and asked him what we could do about this and told him I wanted to see the security tape. I then found that the security camera for the dorms parking lot can only see the first four cars in the parking lot, a blurred vision of that too, and I also learned that the camera had not been recording all along. The camera is basically just there to intimidate people.

I proceeded to do everything in my power to find out what happened. I calculated the time it was hit and then discovered that the dorms keeps track of all of the cars that come in and out of the parking lot. Nobody said anything about this to me, not the Dean nor the campus security. From there I received all the names and ID numbers of everyone who entered and exited between my estimated time frame. All the local campus security had to do was find out what car that particular person drove and the color of the vehicle. It took them 12 days. Campus security is a joke. Although at times they can be just there to intimidate people.

Come see OC in '03

By Joy Asumen and Marlen Resiwain

Adventist Intercollegiate Association (AIA) is comprised of all the Student Association (SA) officers from all the Adventist colleges and universities in North America and Canada. This year the AIA conference was held at the beautiful green campus of Oakland College in Alabama. They used the saying “Come see OC in ‘03” all throughout the convention. From April 1 to 6, La Sierra University’s own SA incoming and outgoing officers attended the leadership convention. They were: Saul Barcelo (President), Alfonso Duran (President-Elect), Marlen Resiwain (Social VP), Michael Kiemney (Executive VP), Katie Parsons (Financial VP), Joy Asumen (Social: Religious VP) and Kim Odle (Sponsor).

The reason why these we were flown all the way to Alabama was for YOU, the students at LSU. We go to AIA to learn how to serve you better. They provided us with workshops after workshops and workshops to help us grow not just with leadership qualities but spiritually as well.

Moreover, there were events and specific breakout sessions which were designated to each position. For example, both of us got the change to go to the Social VP meetings. Imagine a room of social vice presidents full of ideas, energy, and ready to give their support. It’s great! Outgoing officers give their advice and ideas and help incoming officers prepare for their coming year. We discuss issues that we had to deal with, it’s surprising how similar our concerns were. Some stuff may be irrelevant, after all, we have different school systems, but we did find a lot from the information shared.

Though you may think that it seems more like a vacation then a convention, we must say it wasn’t all fun. Friday, we had to go through a lot of paperwork and make sure we were registered and we also voted on the new officers who were elected. We were very excited about the results of the elections and constitution changes which went on forever, and had to be continued on Saturday night. In addition, some officers had to go to Futures Committee meetings which met at 6 am (that’s 9 am California time), luckily we managed to keep a positive spirit.

AIA is a great bonding experience for the officers and a great leadership training. You know what else is great? From listening to the problems other schools are going through, we realized that LSU is not too bad after all!

This year the theme was Servant Leadership. This theme does not end with the conference, your very own SALSU officers plan to carry out the theme throughout the year.

We’re here to serve you.

SIFE Wins at Regionals

By Heather Miller

La Sierra University’s SIFE team has once again successfully made its way through the Los Angeles Regional Finals competition, and is one of five four-year colleges/universities to move on to the National Finals in Kansas City in May. SIFE team members competed against teams representing 30 schools from California, Arizona, New Mexico, and even one team from as far away as Nebraska. The event took place at the Sheraton Universal Hotel last Friday, April 4. Heather Miller, La Sierra’s SIFE Faculty Fellow, reports that California State University-Hayward, the University of Arizona-Tucson, Fresno Pacific University, and Biola University are the other four-year schools that will be joining La Sierra University at the national finals from the Los Angeles region. Each team was named a Regional Champion, and received a trophy and $1500 cash award.

A quick look at SIFE statistics for the current year shows students completed:
• 23 projects
• 23 SIFE members, with 63 participants through the year
• 2713 hours
• 629 people reached
• more than 6 million media reach
• more than 22 million media gross impressions

The La Sierra SIFE team was also named one of 15 national finalists in two special competitions that were held during the year. The first was National Financial Independence Month (November), for which the team created and implemented its Personal Financial Independence Project. The second was National Entrepreneurship Month (February), for which the team created and implemented its Sky High project. Each of these awards came with a trophy and $500.

In Kansas City, La Sierra students will be defending their National Title against schools from 22 regional competitions taking place across the United States. The three-day event will take place May 11-13.
4 Entertainment

Where have all the plots gone?

By Dameon Holmes

It is me or have films turned into commercial ads to sell products? I just saw the film Phone Booth over the weekend and was shocked at its shameless plug to sell Verizon cell phones. Basically, the film says—"Use Verizon cell phones or you might have to use a payphone and get trapped by a craziest sniper in a phone booth like Colin Farrell." It's not only smart to use Verizon cell phones, it might just save your life one day.

Now many film critics praised the film for only running a slim 80 minutes long. However they don't see that it's actually an 80-minute long commercial for the Verizon cellular phone company! This new medium to use films for commercial ads is nothing new. Remember the film Cast Away? This film was a 143-minute commercial ad for the FedEx delivery company. The film's message was—"Choose FedEx because we will get your packages to you—rain, snow, hail, or if our plane crashes on a deserted island, it might take us four years to get off the island but we'll get that package to you. Guaranteed."

To be sure, other films in the past may also have sold products. For example, ET the ExtraTerrestrial helped sell Reese Pieces and Speak and Spell toys. The Star Wars, Batman, and X-Men franchises were vehicles to help sell action figures and other toys. The Back to the Future films probably helped sell Delorean cars and Huey Lewis tapes (how else could he have sold music). But, the selling of these products was only peripheral to the plot. The products were not the plots themselves. What makes Phone Booth and Cast Away different is that these films and the plots are an entire commercial ad subtly designed to sell products. This will become the new wave of filmmaking and film going. You will now have to pay $9.25 to watch a two-hour commercial disguised as a film. Plot not included.

Phone Booth: Sure Shot

Entertainment

By Richard Igros

Society has adapted to the popular use of cell phones at a rapid pace, to the point where pay phones will go the same way of the typewriter. Joel Schumacher's thriller Phone Booth holds grasp of the traditional means of pay phone communication with a newer twist. A phone call can change your life, but for one man it can also end it. Stu Shepard (Colin Farrell), a New York publicist who is cheating on his wife (Radha Mitchell) with a prospective client (Katie Holmes) answers a pay phone from an anonymous caller (Voice of Kiefer Sutherland) the caller demands Stu to obey his every command as he threatens his high-class life of lies and deceit with a highly accurate rifle from a distance location. To prove his threat is not a bluff, the caller guns down a near by individual. This sudden and shocking act of violence near the booth draws the attention of the police lead by Captain Ramsey (Forrest Whitaker) accompanied by a small military of sharpshooters. They believe that Stu, and not the unseen caller is the dangerous man with the gun. Soon the eye of the media is starring directly at Stu Shepard's life threatening dilemma. While at the same time, his whirlwind life of lies and dishonesty is held at gunpoint.

The release date of this fast pace thriller was postponed from October 2nd to April 4, 2003. The reason being that during the time of the originala release date the nation was facing great turmoil as the shootings of Beltway snipers tragically claimed innocent lives of victims on the east coast. The writer Larry Cohen had this to say about the postponement of the release of Phone Booth, "I'd hate to inflict pain on any of the family and friends of the victims and bring the pain back to them. A movie is meaningless compared to the reality of what's going on." Larry Cohen and Joel Schumacher draw the lines between reality and entertainment, by pushing back the release date of their film to sympathize the victim's loved ones of the misfortunate loss they sorrowfully had to endure. Filmed and completed in 12 days, Phone Booth is 1 hour and 20 minutes of adrenaline. The film is shot entirely around a phone booth in busy New York City accompanied by a small cast of talented actors to make up for its lack of diverse scenery. Phone Booth is an upbeat film that leaves its mark with a message towards humanity and the lives we live.

This past weekend I took a break from the stressful life of college studies and decided to kick my feet up and relax with the big screen. After debating on what to watch, the fate of my evening entertainment fell in the hands of raising action star Vin Diesel with his new movie, A Man Apart. Diesel plays as DEA agent Sean Vetter, a man hell-bent on vengeance after his beloved wife is murdered in the privacy of his own home, by a drug lord who Vetter put behind bars in the past. After a month of grieving the loss of his wife, Vetter is ready to seek out justice, "The Vin Diesel Way." With nuzzle on the face and bags under the eyes, accompanied by an arsenal of weapons he is ready to avenge the death of his wife.

A Man Apart hits the screen with a lot of action and firepower, but when all the smoke is cleared you are left with a sense of disappointment in what Hollywood has to offer. The movie was another two-hour by-the-numbers action film with guns blazing and heavy explosives, but lacking a sensible plot. Essentially, it's Steven Seagal's "Hard to Kill" but with a little more razzle dazzle.

Fortunately, Diesel's acting in this movie is good and what keeps viewers in their seats. On top of seeing the usual trigger-happy thrill seeking Diesel we get the chance to see him dance, cry, and romanticize, things rarely seen in his other movies. Giving the movie something more to offer, by taking the traditional action star into a new terrain.

Paden and Parsons Go To the Movies: Anger Management

By Daniel Paden and Katie Parsons

Anger Management is a fantastic comedy, starring Jack Nicholson as a unorthodox therapist who attempts to reach the concealed anger of Dave, played by Adam Sandler. Dave uses sarcasm and a cool demeanor to cover his hidden rage at his boss, his girlfriend's lecherous "best friend" and the childhood bully that ruined his first kiss. Dr. Buddy Nicholson takes Dave on a hilarious ride through insanity on the road to confidence and a calm sense of self.

He Said:

Every time Jack Nicholson steps onto the screen, you can't help but start laughing. His comedic ability is outstanding, and is perfectly complemented by Adam Sandler's comedic style. Although this is not Sandler's finest work, he is still the on-screen partner for the part. Overall, this movie was just downright funny. She Said: I found this movie to be a great way to reduce stress. If you are having a bad day, see this movie. If you are looking for intellectual stimulation, run away as fast as you can. There are some crude jokes that I didn't appreciate, but the movie is generally very enjoyable. There is a scene involving Buddhist monks that greatly reminded me of the infamous "Bob Barker" scene in "Happy Gilmore" (another Sandler classic) that was rough around the edges, but afforded the audience with ample cheap laughs. So go see it, but leave your brain at home.

Overall, a very enjoyable movie: a little mush, a lot of laughs and more than enough painful moments. *** (3 stars)

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ADDY awards
By Anonymous

For the second year in a row, LSU Art & Design students received ADDY awards at the March Inland Empire Ad Club Awards Ceremony held at the Mission Inn. Each year an independent external juror reviews all design and advertising entries of work for the previous year and ranks each entry by points, awarding Gold, Silver, Bronze and Merit.

ADDY's. Student entries are not identified as student work and are judged as professional entries. However, student entries cannot be awarded higher than Silver ADDY awards, even if they score in the Gold range.

Out of nearly 200 entries, our students ranked as follows: Vasco Brown's "LSU Arboretum" poster tied for 3rd place in point value. Eva Erhard's "Vietnam Cultural Awareness" poster campaigned was one of 3 entries coming in one point lower, for 4th place. Both of these entries were awarded Silver ADDY awards, but would have received high Gold ADDY's if entered as professional work.

High silver ADDY awards were given to Israel Basurto for his "Appreciating China" brochure, David Tetz for "Seymour" and "Michael design work and for being great rep-

In the last issue a young woman wrote to the Criterion seeking some advice about her love life.

"I am 21 and have never been in a serious relationship and have no prospect of being in one in the near future. My family says I need to chill. I'm more of the grocery store more often to meet guys but try as I might that has not been working? Where do you suggest I go to meet a nice guy? I am easy going, have a good sense of humor and love animals and sports. I am a good catch, but there aren't any fisherman casting their lines in my direction. Waah! What am I doing wrong?

Sincerely,
Conflicted in Calkins

Dear Conflicted in Calkins,

Your question is a good one, and not surprising given the ratio of females to males here at La Sierra. (I've heard it's 7 to 1.) This is a trend in higher education, but I have never seen it so radically displayed as here. This puts you in a position where there are lot of girls to choose from and very few guys to meet, comparatively. But this is not the only possible reason for your quandary.

In your letter you said you are 21. At this age, most males tend not to be terribly interested in serious relationships, at least not many of the ones I know. Some are still in their "Wild and free" stage, and some are just holing up in their dorms rooms in front of their computers, doing what they want.

You mentioned that you had never been in a serious relationship and that your parents were pressuring you. If I were you, which I am not, I would ask myself what my reasons for wanting a serious relationship are. Is it simply because that is what I'm expected to do? Is it my "biological clock" going off? (That idea is very absurd and disempowering to women.) Am I just lonely and think a relationship will cure that? I am worried I won't meet any eligible guys after college?

Why am I giving this advice? I give it because I am one of a few guys here who values serious, healthy relationships very highly. I know that my past experience, which also includes no long-term relationships, has caused me to decide to be very selective. You might ask yourself, "Am I a person I would want to be in relationship with?" "What kind of person am I attracted to?" (Perhaps you are commitment phobic and are drawn to guys who can't reciprocate your attentions.) Do I have unresolved emotional baggage that may be hindering me in finding love?

You seem to have a very good self-confidence level and, provided you don't have a superiority complex, your confidence will serve you well in relationships and life. I for one would like to meet you, if only to perhaps gain a valuable friend. And no matter what, I would like to encourage you that true love is out there and relationships can work for you. In the end, whether we believe it or not, God is in control of the events of our lives, and he always wants the best for us.

Sincerely,
Conflicted in Calkins

Controversy at the Oscars
By Damien Holmes

Documentary filmmaker Michael Moore created quite a stir at this year's 75th Annual Academy Awards. After Moore received the Oscar for his recent documentary Bowling For Columbine, he made a radical acceptance speech saying, "We like non-fiction and we live in fictitious times. We live in a time where we have fictitious election results that elect a fictitious president.

We live in a time where we have a man calling for war for fictitious reasons. Whether it's the fiction of duct tape or fiction of orange alerts we are against this war. Mr. Bush shame on you, Mr. Bush, shame on you. And any time you got the Pope and the Dixie Chicks against you, your time is up." While making his speech, Moore was also joined by fellow documentary nominees Gail Dolgin and Vicente Franco, who both made the film Daughter From Danang. During his speech, Moore was met with a number of boos from the audience. The entire episode lasted for close to 55 seconds.

One action that disappointed Moore's ranking was Cliff Robertson for his performance in 1969 for the film Charly. He said, "I don't think the Oscars are a forum for political posturing. One should confine one's statements to cinema excellence."

Michael Moore was apparently afterwards unflattered by the controversy. He told the Pioneer Press, "As uncomfortable as it might have been for some to hear, I said some things that needed to be said, and those same people who cheered me on Oscar night have been extremely supportive all week."

Moore is currently working on two more upcoming documentary film projects called Fahrenheit 9/11 and Sicko.

Advice of the issue
By Aaron Kelly

Top Ten Reasons To Date a Chemistry Major:
By Ana Gamboa

1. They might name a molecule after you.
2. We have significant figures.
3. Fidelity is secure because nobody else will have us.
4. We are constantly learning and improving our techniques.
5. We have no problems resorting to gadgets and gimmicks to get the job done.
6. Chemists have all the solutions.
7. We are used to pulling all nighters.
8. We are better to experiment with, than a chemist?

Today
A peek at a Sister-School, and International Adventism

By Mark Tatum

UNADECA (short for Universidad Adventista de Centro America) is our SDA sister-school in Costa Rica, Central America. And it is the place where I have been serving as a student missionary, teaching ESL for 3 quarters. Before arriving last June, I had a lot of questions regarding what I would find in another country, but I was even more curious about what kind of Adventism I'd run into, and what kind of school UNADECA would turn out to be.

I'd always heard that Seventh-day Adventism in other countries (particularly Hispanic countries) was far more conservative than what I'd become used to in California. But that word, "conservative", is so vague! Does that mean legalistic? Does that mean hell-fire and brimstone preaching? Does that mean unbearable rules? Does that mean that they are still making mistakes that Adventism in the U.S. was making decades ago? But my biggest question was: would that mean that they would have a different picture of God than I have grown to know and love?

As an Adventist growing up, I'd always had a great feeling knowing that I was part of an international church, and that there were millions of people all over the world worshipping the same God (in the same way, and with the same beliefs) that I was. But now my constructed picture of a unified, world-wide church was about to get a reality check. Would I be left disappointed and feeling isolated in my "West-coast" Adventism?

I was in a church of my own faith, with brothers and sisters who worshipped in the same Spirit of Truth! I couldn't hold back the tears as we sang "power of your love" (in Spanish) at the end. It was so wonderful. I was spiritually home for the first time since... I'd left home!

Since that week in November, Sabbaths have been different for me. I'm hungry to go and worship with my Spiritual family. Though some sermons are, of course, about how we act in the light of being followers of Christ, they understand that good acts are a fruit of a healthy relationship with God, not a prerequisite to one.

And they really understand the role community here. They practice it far better than we do in the States, I'm afraid, and we really have something to learn about that (but that's another article, for another time). I've been invited to Sabbath dinner almost every week this quarter, half of the time by people I don't even know! (anything to get away from cafeteria food!) And they're so warm and loving in all they do: this is a true community of love and support. The students aren't cliquish or stand-off-ish at all. This is really a community where people love each other, rather than tear down (which is, sadly, often the case).

When I first came, I saw the rules. They are rules that I still think are silly and that I don't agree with, but they're just rules that the administrators feel are needed to help the school run smoothly. They don't tie salvation in with them. I pray that the students understand that distinction.

When I leave this place in a few weeks, I'm going to have a tough time. I will miss the people: this loving Community with Christ at the center. I have seen Christ here, and now that I have seen a piece of it, I can know with more certainty that I am truly a part of an international Adventism; a world-wide church, united in worshipping the same God.

Praise God for His love and this loving church! I can't imagine what heaven will be.

Something new

By Anonymous

You may not have heard of it but is true. We are one year old and we are inviting you to join us. Now, you wonder who we are. We are the "Riverside Chinese Adventist Fellowship". We meet every Saturday from 3:30 p.m.-5:00p.m. in Room 203, School of Business & Management Building, La Sierra University.

We are a group of Orientals gathering to worship God and have fellowship with one another. We do not discriminate on race or sex. We seek to have a higher fellowship with God. We study the word of God and we hear missionary stories from Far East. We are bilingual. We sing in Chinese and we sing in English. If you want to improve your Chinese, come and join us. If you want to improve your English, come and join us also.

This Fellowship is sponsored by the Loma Linda Chinese Church, Asian Cultural society and the LSU student body. Although we are few in number (so were the early Disciples of Christ), but our goal is high. We pray that one day we will have a Chinese Adventist Church in Riverside to the glory of God. That is quite a challenge.

If you are a student living in the dorm, please come and join us. If you live in the community, you come you. Brown or yellow, black or white, all are precious in God's sight and ours too. What better thing to do on Saturday than to be in the house of God. Occasionally, we have potluck too with Chinese food. The first potluck & social gathering this year is on April 19, 2003. Students are exempt from bringing food! Wonderful, isn't it.

Can you beat that, so, please come and join us.

Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." Another disciple said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead." Matthew 8:19-22
Sports Nation

By Anil Jiao

Major League Baseball began their regular season at the end of March, but since this is the first issue after spring break, the Criterion has been unable to cover their season until now. Therefore, here’s an overview of what’s been happening in MLB. The San Francisco Giants (11-1) are way ahead of the pack in the National League Western Division with a .917 PCT, even with pitcher Rob Nen out indefinitely having strained his right shoulder prior to their season opening. The Houston Astros (7-4) are slightly ahead in the Central Division, and the Montreal Expos (8-4) lead the Eastern Division. In the American League, the New York Yankees (9-2) top the Eastern Division, and the Kansas City Royals (9-1) lead the Central Division. The Anaheim Angels and the Oakland Athletics (As) are both tied at 7-5.

The NBA regular season will be over soon, with the last games on Wednesday. The teams that made the playoffs in the Western Conference are as follows: San Antonio Spurs, Sacramento Kings, Dallas Mavericks, Minnesota Timberwolves, Portland Trailblazers, Los Angeles Lakers, Utah Jazz, and Phoenix Suns. For the Eastern Conference, they are as follows: Detroit Pistons, New Jersey Nets, Philadelphia 76ers, Indiana Pacers, New Orleans Hornets, Boston Celtics, Orlando Magic, and Milwaukee Bucks. The playoffs will begin on Monday. Tim Duncan is on the top list of MVP candidates for leading San Antonio (59-21) to their best season record yet, surpassing Dallas (58-22) despite the Mavericks’ early lead in the season. The LA Lakers will take on the Dallas Mavericks for the first round. Dallas has a higher season win-loss record but has lost to Los Angeles 3 out of 4 times during the regular season.

The National Hockey League is in the quarter-finals of the playoffs. In the Eastern Conference, the Ottawa Senators are tied with the NY Islanders 1-1. The New Jersey Devils lead 3-0 against the Boston Bruins, the Washington Capitals lead 2-0 against the Tampa Bay Lightning, and the Philadelphia Flyers and the Toronto Maple Leafs are tied at 1-1. In the Western Conference, the Edmonton Oilers lead the Dallas Stars 2-1, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks lead the Detroit Redwings 2-0, the Colorado Avalanche are tied with the Minnesota Wild 1-1, and the Vancouver Canucks are also tied with the St. Louis Blues at 1-1. Some of these games are in progress as I write this article on Monday.

In golf, Mike Weir won the Masters Tournament on Sunday, winning by a little over $1 million. He outplayed other famous golfers such as Len Mattiace, Phil Mickelson, and Tiger Woods, becoming the first Canadian to wear the green jacket and the first left-handed golfer to win a major in 40 years. Len Mattiace placed second after coming within a couple of rounds of winning a major in 1997. Tiger Woods placed third.

Sports & Health

Test your Health & Fitness knowledge!

1. How many calories would a person (140lbs) burn while sitting still?
   a. 0 b. 17 c. 84 d. 167

2. How many bones make up the human body?
   a. 84 b. 196 c. 206 d. 428

3. How many calories are in a gram of alcohol?
   a. 0 b. 7 c. 38 d. 142

4. How about a gram of fat?
   a. 4 b. 7 c. 9 d. 12

5. What body fat percentage is considered obese for women?
   a. greater than 20% b. greater than 30% c. greater than 40% d. greater than 50%

Dwight’s Fitness Corner

How much caffeine are you consuming?

By Dwight Barrett

Caffeine occurs naturally in many plants, including coffee beans, tea leaves and cocoa nuts. It is therefore found in a wide range of food products. Caffeine is added artificially to many others, including a variety of beverages. Here are the most common sources of caffeine for Americans:

- Typical drip-brewed coffee contains 100 mg per 6-ounce cup. If you are buying your coffee at Starbucks or a convenience store or drinking it at home or the office out of a mug or a commuter’s cup, you are consuming it in 12-, 14- or 20-ounce containers. You can calculate the number of milligrams based on your normal serving size.
- Typical brewed tea contains 70 mg per 6-ounce cup.
- Typical cola (Coke, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, etc.) contain 50 mg per 12-ounce can. Things like Jolt contain 70 mg per 12-ounce can.
- Typical milk chocolate contains 6 mg per ounce.
- Anacin contains 32 mg per tablet. No-doz contains 100 mg per tablet. Vivarin and Dexatrim contain 200 mg per tablet.

By looking at these numbers and by knowing how widespread coffee, tea and cola are in our society, you can see why half of all Americans adults consume more than 300 mg of caffeine per day. Two mugs of coffee or a mug of coffee and a couple of Cokes during the day are all you need to get you there. If you sit down and calculate your caffeine consumption during a typical day, you may be surprised. Many people consume a gram or more every single day and don’t even realize it.
Wedding Announcement

The department of Residential Life is happy to announce the recent marriage of Dean Maritza Ballesteros and Dr. Paul Aoyagi on Sunday, March 16. Please join us in wishing them the very best in their new marriage. Many of you may know Dr. Aoyagi from La Sierra University’s Health Services.

Opera Tickets Available

The Riverside Little Opera Company will perform a partially-staged version of Mascagni’s “Cavalleria Rusticana” at the All Saints Episcopal Church on the corner of Magnolia and Terracina on Sunday, April 27. The performance will feature internationally renowned soprano, Awilda Verdejo who has sung under such noted conductors as Leonard Bernstein and Loren Maazel. There will be two performances, one at 3 p.m. and another at 7 p.m. Tickets are $10 and are available on campus by calling L. Morales at x2120. Come support this new venture into opera for the City of Riverside.

Congratulations to our university President and his wife

Grandchild number five has arrived.

The relevant details.

Baby Boy: Eros Wilson Piller
Eros for “love” and Wilson for Will’s son

Born: Tuesday, March 18, 2003 late morning
Weight: 8 lbs.
Parents: Will and Julie (Geraty) Piller
Grandparents: Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Geraty
Sisters: Emma and Eden

LSU Library now offers LINK+

Submitted by Kitty Simmons

Need a book we don’t have here? You can probably get it much faster now using a new Library service. The Library is pleased to announce full participation in the Link+ book request service. If you don’t find a book in the La Sierra University Library catalog, click on the “Search Link+” button displayed at the top of the results screen. There is also a “Book via Link+” option on the Interlibrary loan web page. Faculty, staff, and students can directly request books available here from about 28 California academic and public library participants. These Link+ library collections include about 51 million unique titles, held by the Claremont Colleges, Cal Poly Pomona, Occidental College, CSU Fullerton, Alameda County libraries, and many more. Borrowed books are delivered daily courier service for checkout. Using this system, books usually arrive within 2 or 3 days, much faster than the traditional interlibrary loan service.

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“Do you think that America invading Iraq is justified?”

“No… I dunno, I mean, our first reason is for chemical weapons. You know, there’s a lot of money involved. You see people dying left and right and that’s not justified. It’s all about the money.”

- David Lucerno Jr/Sr Pre P.A.

“I do feel they were justified because they need to search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, but I don’t feel it’s justified if America plans to widen its scope further in the Middle East.”

- Carter Wolverton Senior Business Administration

“Yeah, there are a lot of reasons, I feel it’s justifiable under the circumstances and in the best interest of Iraq and its people, because although war is ugly, I wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for war. I support our soldiers in Iraq.”

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Bargain Book Sale Bonanza

Prices have been cut at the Library’s ongoing Book Sale. Hardcover books are now priced at $2.00 per book and paperbacks at an amazing $0.50 each! There is still a great selection covering a wide variety of interests. Several sets are also still available. The sale will continue through April, but someone else may have their eye on the book you want, so don’t delay. Come shop at the Library TODAY!

New Year’s kisses deemed null and void

By a student who wants to maintain their anonymity

Scientists in Greenwich, England, and at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California have made an astounding discovery regarding radiation out put and time-keeping devices of all kinds. It seems that over the last several months of 2002, timepieces had gradually sped-up, shaving milliseconds off of minutes, a process which continued for several months unnoticed. This strange occurrence seems to have been caused by flare-ups on the sun’s surface and an increased usage of microwave ovens here on earth (probably the fault of college students). This “il-lusory temporal ac-celeration” seems to affect all clocks, be they battery-operated, electric, atomic, or pendulum-based.

The result is that after months of having shortened minutes, by the end of 2002 clocks around the world were displaying the correct time.

The problem was first discovered being 2003. This request is made in order to restore order in the galaxy and to affect all kinds. It seems that we haven’t kissed just for the sake of it.

The New Year’s was actually 7 minutes and 33 seconds BE-FORE New Year’s, which means that all believed “New Year’s kisses” actually took place in the final minutes of 2002.

Therefore, to correct this cosmic error, every couple that was together on New Year’s eve is requested to find their date once again to have their 2003 kiss in the actual 2003. Even if you have kissed your partner since then, you probably haven’t kissed just for the sake of it being 2003. This request is made in order to restore order in the galaxy (Obi-Wan Kenobi is said to have been greatly disturbed due to this occurrence).

Everyone involved is asked to do their best to correct the error, in the name of science. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
Adventist Marine break ranks with church stance

By Teresa Rochester

Friday, March 28, 2003 - Libni Cerdenio Jr., has found his calling as a Marine, his father, Libni ‘Lil’ Cerdenio Sr. said. It is an unusual path for a 22-year-old raised in Loma Linda as a Seventh-day Adventist, a faith that eschews war and whose young people, if they do enlist, typically serve as medics.

Libni Cerdenio Sr. and his wife, Beth, are among a number of parents calling Adventist pastors to pray for their sons and daughters sent to Kuwait to serve, mostly as medics and nurses, in the war with Iraq.

Adventists, like Quakers, Mennonites and Amish, oppose war and violence and are frequently conscientious objectors.

“We are from the prince of peace, so it wouldn’t make sense to say, ‘We come from Jesus Christ, prince of peace,’” and that we support war,” said Pastor Hyvet Williams, of Campus Hill Church in Loma Linda.

The Cerdenios are among those who have called Williams in recent weeks to pray for their children in the military.

“We are supportive of the soldiers

Mistmatch
The Lighter Side of Operation Iraqi Freedom

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Operation Iraqi Freedom Timeline

By Whitny Braun


16 October 2002 Bush signed a resolution passed by Congress authorizing the United States to use force against Iraq.

8 November 2002 Resolution 1441 was unanimously passed by the United Nations Security Council ordering Iraq to disarm and provide U.N. inspectors unimpeded access or face “serious consequences.”

13 November 2002 Iraq accepted Resolution 1441.

27 November 2002 Formal inspections began in Iraq.

7 December 2002 Iraq issued their official declaration of weapons to the United Nations.

19 December 2002 Hans Blix, chief weapons inspector, said that Iraq’s account is not a full account of all their weapons.

27 January 2003 Blix reported that Iraq had not proved that they had eliminated illegal weapons.

28 January 2003 Bush told the American people in his state of the union address that if Saddam Hussein would not disarm than the United States would lead a coalition to forcibly disarm Iraq.


7 March 2003 Britain proposed an amendment to the Resolution before the UN Security Council giving Iraq a March 17 deadline to disarm. China, France, and Russia state that they will veto the resolution.

17 March 2003 The United States and Britain take back the resolution from the UN Security Council. They say that Resolution 1441 gives them the window to use force upon Iraq.

12 March 2003 United States President issued an ultimatum to Saddam Hussein. Either Hussein leave Iraq with his friends or the United States would use force to remove him. Hussein was given 48 hours to leave.

18 March 2003 Saddam Hussein refused to leave Iraq.

18 March 2003 Australia offered the use of their military in the possible war with Iraq.

18 March 2003 British Prime Minister Tony Blair received backing from Parliament for possible war with Iraq.

19 March 2003 The United States announced that 45 countries joined to form a coalition in a possible war with Iraq.

19 March 2003 Bahraini King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa offered Saddam Hussein sanctuary in his country to avoid war.

19 March 2003 American troops headed toward the Kuwait-Iraq border.

19 March 2003 Turkey put a hold on allowing the United States to use their air space.

20 March 2003 Just before dawn, the United States fired missiles at a bunker where the United States government thought Iraqi officials were sleeping.

20 March 2003 In retaliation to the U.S. invasion, Iraq sent six missiles into Kuwait.

20 March 2003 U.S. and British troops entered Iraq starting the ground war. U.S. missiles struck government buildings in Baghdad.

20 March 2003 Turkey granted Americans permission to use their airspace, but not their air fields.

21 March 2003 In western Iraq some strategically important airfields were seized by American and British troops.

21 March 2003 The first Americans and British were killed in a helicopter crash in Kuwait. An American Marine was also killed in combat. Meanwhile the U.S. 7th cavalry continued toward Baghdad.

21 March 2003 Iraq’s 51st army division surrendered to the Americans. Some 8,000 soldiers were a part of the division.

21 March 2003 Approximately 1,000 Turkish troops began crossing the northern border with Iraq. The Turkish government claimed that they needed troops in the region to take care of humanitarian efforts.

21 March 2003 News reports showed that U.S. soldiers were warmly welcomed in the village of Safwan.

22 March 2003 A U.S. soldier threw grenades into the tents of some of his fellow soldiers killing two and wounding 11.

22 March 2003 The Coalition forces advanced more than 150 miles into Iraq and crossed the Euphrates River.

22 March 2003 The United States continued heavy airstrikes on Mosul, Kirkuk, and Baghdad. U.S. Patriot missiles destroyed an Iraqi missile fired at a U.S. airbase in northern Kuwait. Three Tomahawk missiles fired by the United States might have missed their target and landed in Southern Iran.

22 March 2003 Six British crewmen and an American were killed when two helicopters hit each other over the Persian Gulf. An Australian cameraman and three Kurdish soldiers were killed by a suicide bomber. At least 14 British and seven American soldiers were killed as a result of the fighting in Iraq.

23 March 2003 United States Apache helicopters attacked the Republican Guard from Iraq. Airstrikes continued over Mosul. The fighting lasted for three hours around 60 miles south of Baghdad.

23 March 2003 Turkey granted the U.S. permission to use their
24 March 2003 Fighting continued in Nasiriya throughout the day.

24 March 2003 More that 200 U.S. forces arrived in the northern front of Iraq.

24 March 2003 Helicopters pounded a path to Baghdad.

24 March 2003 Apache helicopters met heavy anti-aircraft fire at Karbala approximately 60 miles south of Baghdad. Two pilots were taken prisoner.

24 March 2003 Iraqi soldiers faked an intention to surrender or dressed in civilian clothes and then ambushed coalition troops.

25 March 2003 Five waves of airstrikes rocked Baghdad throughout the night. An Saddam International Airport were destroyed.

25 March 2003 A severe sandstorm slowed the battle near Nasiriya. Fighting continued throughout the day. U.S. Marines captured a hospital where approximately 170 Iraqi soldiers had been staging military operations.

25 March 2003 The biggest firefight of the war so far took place at the Euphrates Valley east of Najaf. An estimated 150 to 200 Iraqis were killed in the land battle.

25 March 2003 Coalition forces had to reduce the number of airstrikes because of bad weather.

25 March 2003 Iraqis reported that 78 civilians were killed in the missile raids since the 24th.

25 March 2003 The United States Navy used trained dolphins to locate mines placed outside of the Iraqi port cities.

25 March 2003 Iraqi Shiites Muslims began staging a rebellion against members of the Baath Party (Saddam Hussein's political party). British forces helped the rebels by firing on the Iraqi troops.

26 March 2003 Turkey announced that they would not send any more soldiers into northern Iraq.

26 March 2003 Approximately 1,000 United States paratroopers parachuted into a Kurdish controlled area of Northern Iraq. The secured an airfield for coalition use.

26 March 2003 Intelligence reports told that many armored vehicles of the Republican Guard left the Baghdad area heading south.

26 March 2003 70 Iraqi vehicles were bomb by British aircraft as they headed toward Umm Qasr, a port city under coalition control.

26 March 2003 Chaimchamal, a north eastern city, was pounded by coalition jets. An Iraqi command-and-control bunker near Kirkuk was destroyed in the fighting.

27 March 2003 B-52's destroyed a convoy of Iraqi military vehicles before they could reach the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division about 60 miles south of Baghdad.

27 March 2003 Coalition aircraft hit Iraqi positions near the Kurdish controlled area of northern Iraq.

27 March 2003 Two Patriot missiles intercepted an Iraqi missile before it could reach Kuwait.

27 March 2003 The United States began airlifting troops and tanks to northern Iraq.

27 March 2003 Two 4,500 pound GBU-37 bombs were dropped in Baghdad. These were the first bombs used in the war.

27 March 2003 Iraq's information minister told reporters that Baghdad would be a graveyard for coalition troops.

27 March 2003 Coalition forces destroyed an Iraqi missile launcher in Basra believed to be responsible for launching weapons at Kuwait.

27 March 2003 The Pentagon announced the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division and other units would be leaving Fort Hood, Texas for Iraq in a few days and another 100,000 ground troops would be deployed in the next month.

27 March 2003 British officials said that they found chemical weapons suits in an abandoned facility in southern Iraq.

28 March 2003 Three U.S. Marine battalions occupied the northern and southern parts of Nasiriya. Two paramilitary headquarters were destroyed by U.S. special operations aircraft.

28 March 2003 British and U.S. forces began preparing an Iraqi air base in the southeast for coalition use. The site will bring aircraft much closer to Baghdad.

28 March 2003 Coalition airstrikes targeted Iraqi troops in the north near Mosul.

28 March 2003 A large number of coalition soldiers were dropped deep into Iraq. This assault has been called the longest helicopter-borne air assault operation ever.

28 March 2003 United States Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfield, said that Syria was shipping military supplies to Iraq and that the United States considered the act to be hostile.

28 March 2003 Thousands of Iraqi civilians who were trying to flee from Basra were fired upon by Iraqi troops.

29 March 2003 An Iraqi missile hit a shopping mall in Kuwait City. Later in the day another missile was launched at Kuwait, but it was intercepted by a patriot missile.

29 March 2003 U.S. Marines and Iraqi troops fought on either side of the Euphrates River for control of Nasiriya.

29 March 2003 Two journalists for Newsday were reported missing in Iraq.

29 March 2003 A suicide bomber killed four U.S. soldiers at a checkpoint in Najaf.

29 March 2003 More explosions hit Baghdad. Iraq's Information Ministry was hit.

29 March 2003 Iraqi news reporters said that 357 Iraqi citizens have been killed and 3,650 have been injured.

29 March 2003 A U.S. Marine shot and killed an Iraqi POW after the man rushed him and tried to take his gun. The incident occurred near Nasiriya.

30 March 2003 The United States stepped up their airstrikes on the Republican Guard.

30 March 2003 A United States Marine helicopter crashed in Southern Iraq killing three and injuring one.

30 March 2003 British Marine commandos captured five paramilitaries and killed and Iraqi colonel near Basra.
10 April 2003 U.S. Marines searched on of Saddam Hussein’s palaces in Baghdad. Despite all the airstrikes, the palace was still intact.

10 April 2003 The United States moved their biggest conventional bombs called MOAB into the Persian Gulf for possible use on Iraq.

10 April 2003 Retired U.S. Army Lt. General Jay Garner was set to become the interim transitional civil administrator of Iraq.

10 April 2003 Through out the cities under coalition control Iraqis continued to loot and destroy government buildings.

10 April 2003 Iraqi army’s 5th Corps agreed to surrender to the U.S. and Kurdish forces outside of Mosul.

10 April 2003 A suicide bomber with explosives strapped to his body blew himself up at a Marine checkpoint in Baghdad. Four U.S. Marines were wounded.

10 April 2003 Coalition warplanes bombarded a building in Ramadi, where Saddam Hussein’s half-brother was believed to be staying.

11 April 2003 Mosul surrendered to coalition forces.

11 April 2003 U.S. military personnel detected radiation at Iraq’s Tuwaitha nuclear complex.

11 April 2003 Coalition forces discovered and destroyed five planes found near Tikrit.

11 April 2003 Coalition forces gained control of the border checkpoint at Highway 11 into Syria.

11 April 2003 U.S. military began trying to restore order to the capital.

11 April 2003 U.S. intelligence intercepted conversations that Iraqi officials said that Saddam Hussein had been killed.

11 April 2003 The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced a $7.9 million contract to a North Carolina based non profit organization to foster social and political stability in postwar Iraq.

12 April 2003 The residents of Kut peacefully welcomed U.S. marines as they entered the city.

12 April 2003 Store in Baghdad reopened. U.S. forces patrolled the streets to curb looting.

12 April 2003 At a checkpoint in Baghdad two gunmen opened fire on U.S. Marines killing one. One of the attackers was caught and the other escaped.

13 April 2003 U.S. Marines attacked about 2,500 Iraqi fighters loyal to Saddam Hussein inside Tikrit.

13 April 2003 One of Saddam Hussein’s half brothers was taken into U.S. custody after he tried to escape into Syria.

13 April 2003 About 1,500 Baghdad civil servants gathered to discuss returning to their jobs. Many said that they wanted to try and build a democracy.

13 April 2003 Seven American POW’s were found alive.

14 April 2003 U.S. Marines began securing different areas of Tikrit.

14 April 2003 Eighteen Kuaitis that have been held as POW’s in Baghdad since 1990 were found alive.

14 April 2003 A Pentagon spokesman said that the major battles appear to be over, but some sporadic fighting continues.

14 April 2003 The Bush administration cranked up the pressure on Syria telling them to stop supporting terror groups and to keep Iraqi leaders from seeking safe harbor in the country.

14 April 2003 United States Secretary of State Colin Powell said that the U.S. would track down the stolen treasures that were looted from Iraqi museums.

14 April 2003 A U.N. inspection team spokesman said that the U.N. inspectors found nothing at a filling plant where the United States now says they found 11 possible mobile chemical weapons and a biological lab.

14 April 2003 a Marine AH-1 Cobra crashed while conducting operations in Iraq. The pilot and co-pilot suffered minor injuries and were recovered.

15 April 2003 The U.S. Army 4th Infantry took over the control of Baghdad.

15 April 2003 A cache of 91 cases of TNT and plastic explosives, six homemade bombs, and 25 cases of rocket-propelled grenades was found in Baghdad.

15 April 2003 Coalition special operations troops continued direct action and reconnaissance missions to locate former members of the Iraqi regime and to eliminate the remaining resistance.

15 April 2003 A convicted Palestinian terrorist, Abu Abbas, was captured by U.S. special forces in the outskirts of Baghdad. Abu Abbas was responsible for the 1985 hijacking of the Italian Cruise ship Achille Lauro. A wheelchair bound American was killed in the attack on board the ship.

15 April 2003 Representatives of Iraq’s Shiite, Kurd, and Sunni communities met at a U.S. sponsored conference in Iraq. They issued a statement calling for a multi-ethnic, democratic federal government in Iraq.

15 April 2003 Iraqi doctors began returning to work. The Red Cross said that this would greatly help the humanitarian crisis.

15 April 2003 U.S. troops entered Mosul’s main government building to set up offices and raised the U.S. flag. This action caused Iraqi Arabs to clash with the Marines. Between 7 to 12 people were killed in the clash.

15 April 2003 The Iraqi city Ar Ramadi surrendered to U.S. forces.

16 April 2003 Coalition forces reported 154 deaths by this day. 495 U.S. service members have been wounded. No numbers from the British forces have been made available. On Iraqi TV reporters quoted official Iraqi sources saying that 1,252 Iraqi civilians have been killed and 5,103 have been wounded. They have not released a number of military deaths.

16 April 2003 Tensions in Mosul continued to be high.

16 April 2003 U.S. Soldiers uncovered a terrorist bomb-making facility in Baghdad.

17 April 2003 Samir abd al Aziz al Najim, a Ba’ath party official was handed over to the Special Operations forces by the Iraqi Kurds.

17 April 2003 The United States announced that they would be sending in a 1,000 person team to Iraq to look for weapons of mass destruction.

17 April 2003 As many as 1,600 shallow graves were found at a military base near Kirkuk. Locals told U.S. officials that the graves were at least twelve years old.

17 April 2003 Coalition forces captured Barzan Ibrahim Hasan-al-Tikriti, a half-brother of Saddam Hussein.

18 April 2003 Fighting took place between Iraqi paramilitary and the U.S. Army’s 4th Infantry Division as the U.S. troops moved north between Taji and Samarra.

18 April 2003 No remains had been found at the site of an airstrike aimed at Saddam Hussein.

18 April 2003 Former Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Hitam al Azzawi was captured by coalition forces.


19 April 2003 Human Abdul-Khalig Abd Al-Gafar, who served as the minister of higher education and scientific research, and Jamal Mustafa Abdallah Sultan al Tikriti, Saddam Hussein’s son-in-law, were taken into U.S. custody.

20 April 2003 The Marines pulled out of Baghdad. The 4th Army Infantry Division took over control of the city.

21 April 2003 Muhammad Hazmaq al-Zubaydi, a former Iraqi prime minister and Saddam’s central Euphrates regional commander, was taken into U.S. custody.

21 April 2003 Marines with the 26th Expeditionary Unit engaged in firefight at the Mosul airfield.

21 April 2003 U.S. special forces discovered a large weapons cache south of Kirkuk.

21 April 2003 An Iraqi scientist who claimed to have worked...
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