Five Join LSU Faculty

By TAMARA FISHER

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

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

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

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

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

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

University’s Post Katrina Role

By LEANN JIMENEZ

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

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

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

“I pray they that they can get better through this difficult time. I know my support and prayers will not be in vain,” says Clara Oswari, transfer student.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Earthquake in Pakistan

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

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

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

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

Yet even at the heels of this devastation, another dilemma approaches. The weather of Pakistan’s Himalayan region is harsh, adding rain to the turmoil already faced.

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

President Musharraf and Prime Minister Aziz are pleading for tents among them are Britain, Turkey, India, and the US. The cost of this earthquake is estimated to be about 5 billion dollars. The UN has given over $300 million, and the Saudi King, Abdullah II, has donated $133 million for relief efforts.

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

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

**Directions:**
- Wash fruit well before chopping.
- The fruit can be chopped by hand or placed in a food processor and pureed to desired consistency of salsa.
- Place chopped fruit in bowl.
- Mix jelly with orange juice and brown sugar.
- Serve with Graham crackers.

Makes about 3-1/2 cups.
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Kohlmeier was active in professional activities and received numerous awards including the Claremont Graduate University Humanities Fellowship.

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

The new associate librarian and chair of the public services is Cindy Parkhurst. She is a member of the California State Bar and earned her undergraduate degree at LSU.

Facility

Three Great Writers and “Four Irish Plays”

By BRUCE GILMAN
Guest Contributor

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

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

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

Our choice of plays illustrates the common philosophic bonds between these three writers, as well as their individual approaches to the representation of Irish life. Lady Gregory’s “The Rising of the Moon” and “Spreading the News” document her acute ear for the rhythms and inflections of Gaelic, which she incorporates into English dialogue. Gregory’s strength is a perceptive intuition for those things that both confound and amuse her audience, including the over-sensitiveness of British colonialism and Irish independence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For Brook, the La Sierra University administration helped provide her family with housing and supplies, while giving Brook the opportunity to attend school, despite the fact that she lost her transcripts to Katrina. “People have been very helpful,” Brook says, “I appreciate everyone’s giving.”
School Supply Giveaway
The Volunteer Center of Riverside County will be sponsoring a school supply giveaway to celebrate children as a part of National Make a Difference Day, on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

Family Remembrance Days
Art, language, and culture combine in the Stahl Center to pay homage to ethnic events: a tribute to Budhist and Hispanic heritage.

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

Please Take Note of the Following:

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

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

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

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

The event is sponsored by the School of Medicine Alumni Association of Loma Linda University. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for children under 12, and $7 for students with ID. Tickets are available at the door, or they can be purchased in advance at the Medical Alumni Office. For directions and more information, call (909) 558-4633 or (909) 796-0161.

Pool Hours
HESA has opened the pool for lap swimming this quarter. The hours are:
- Monday through Thursday—6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Fridays—6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sundays—2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Evenings—Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Further research revealed that not every female agrees on this point. My best suggestion would be to weigh carefully the pros and cons of telling this particular female. If you don’t mind a little discomfort, go ahead and tell her. If you know her, even if only in passing, go ahead and tell her. On the other hand, she may be shy or she may not care, in which case it would be a rather awkward situation. Honestly it just depends on who and what kind of guy you want to be. Are you a gentleman, or a glassy eyed drooler? DPS: It is of my cultured opinion that the young lady should not have been revealing her skin to that extent in the first place. What has happened to decency of attire in this country? A woman is still attractive, while not exposing herself in that way. In fact, most well-bred men are much more attracted to a lady who is conservatively, but elegantly dressed. So, my advice? Be bold. Tell the lady that her behind is on display. If she didn’t do it on purpose, then she will be most careful in the future.

—Ms. Divine and Dr. Pinder-Schloss

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

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

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

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

Questions? Contact Ryan & Candria at lsufamous@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

For further information, call (909) 588-4633.

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

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

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

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

Higher Ground in the Valley
Warren Miller will have provided local Adventist youth with Saturday date-night opportunities for over 40 years with his action-packed ski and snowboarding films.

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An open letter to the Students of La Sierra University:

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

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

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

Let me introduce them to you:

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

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

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

Eugene Kwon, Financial VP: Money is basically the center of his world—at least for this year. Balancing the budget and fundraising is what he’s in charge of. Fun to be around, and talented group of people—just like yourself.

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

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

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

Shaun Lopez, Parliamentarian: Bylaws, order and effecting the sanity of Jeremy—for good or ill—is his specialty. He has a great personality and a contagious laugh.

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

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

October 21
- Women’s Resource Center presents Women and the Word: “And Your Daughters Shall Prophesy” 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

October 22
- (TBA) - Women’s Resource Center presents Women and the Word: “And Your Daughters Shall Prophesy” 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - “Chinese Family Remembrance Day” (Stahl Museum)
- 10:00 PM - 2:00 AM - SALSU Giant Twister Game (Gym)

October 23
- Red Ribbon Week

October 24
- Discount Mondays @ Johnny’s Burgers: 10% discount with LSU ID
- Mission Opportunity Week 6:20 AM - CABL Run @ Track

October 25
- Mission Opportunity Week 6:20 AM - CABL Run @ Track
- 11:00 AM - Senior Class Assembly: Officer Elections (Angwin Chapel)
- 12:00 PM - International Student Orientation (REQUIRED for all new international students), Dining Commons Lunch provided for those who RSVP.
- (TBA) - The Modern Language Department presents the foreign film “The Sea Inside.” (South Hall)
- 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle’s Nest)

October 26
- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% discount with LSU ID
- Mission Opportunity Week 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - “Hispanic Family Remembrance Day” (Stahl Museum)
- 11:00 PM - Rendezvous (HMA)

October 27
- Mission Opportunity Week
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID

October 28
- 6:20 AM - CABL Run @ Track
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

October 29
- Mission Opportunity Week 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

October 30
- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
- Standard Time returns—Set clocks back one hour
- 4:00 - 7:00 PM - Festival of Nations (Campus Mall)
- 7:30 PM - Piano Trio. (Brandstater Gallery)

October 31
- Discount Mondays @ Johnny’s Burgers: 10% discount with LSU ID
- 6:20 AM - CABL Run @ Track

November 1
- American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month
- 6:20 AM - CABL Run @ Track
- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - “Dia de Los Muertos”/“All Souls Day” (Stahl Museum)
- 11:00 AM - Student Town Hall Meeting with Administration (TBA)
- 6:00 PM - “Remembering Family”/Hispanic/Latino (Commons)
- 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle’s Nest)

November 2
- National Novel Writing Month
- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% discount with LSU ID
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - “Hispanic Family Remembrance Day” (Stahl Museum)
- 10:00 AM - CABL Kick Boxing Demo (Student Center)
- 10:00 PM - Rendezvous (HMA)

November 3
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- SALSU Movie Night @ Cossentine Hall
- 6:20 AM - CABL Run @ Track
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

November 4
- • Women’s Resource Center presents Women and the Word: “And Your Daughters Shall Prophesy” 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

November 5
- • Mission Opportunity Week 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)
Cancer Spotted at the LSU Bookstore

By WILL GILE

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

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

I’m not a mad scientist, but I know Cadmium sounds crazy enough to be dangerous. The situation looked grim. Do I buy my textbooks and risk having children with birth defects, or do I disregard the sign? I decided that if any normal person would do; I went to the physical plant and talked to director Robert Chadwick.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DPS: On a completely different note, I, as a doctor, must respectfully disagree. Certainly, Ms. Divine, an iPod isn’t just a purchase... it’s an expensive one—one, in fact, that is worth between $300 and $400. Now, to someone who is required to pay some $24,000 a year, this may not seem like much... but if you start counting all your yearly outside expenses, it may dawn on you that $300-$400 is quite a vast collection of money. If you’re still not convinced, maybe you might be moved by the recent disasters in Guatemala, the Gulf Coast, and Pakistan. $1 alone can help provide food for starving families. That much money is really in your disposal, perhaps you might think on the needs of others around you. If I still haven’t made my point clear yet, here it is in nutshell: Don’t try to squander the money that isn’t really yours to spend.

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Irish Drama Fills Matheson

By KASSY SKORETZ

“Good evenin’, kindly stranger.”

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

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

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

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

The first, “Cathleen ni Houlihan,” is the story of an old woman who comes into a home and entices the family’s son away. “There’s a lot of symbolism,” states freshman actress Mary Gamiho, who plays the abandoned fiancé of the lured son. “The old woman is Ireland,” she explains. “She’s about to go to war and comes into a house asking for the help of a family’s son away. “There’s a lot of symbolism,” states freshman actress Mary Gamiho, who plays the abandoned fiancé of the lured son. “The old woman is Ireland,” she explains. “She’s about to go to war and comes into a house asking for the help of a town of your home and all the things that get left behind.”

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

Kelly Reid, assistant director and contract teacher for both LSU and see DRAMA on page 2

Skipp Campus and Vote: A Guide

By LARRY PEN & CHRISTIAN MONO

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

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

Proponents see this prop as a basic right for all parents, the “right to know” if their child is going to have an invasive procedure done. This pro-life prop is a biggie amongst Christians, conservatives, and corrugated cardboard. (For all the right reasons.)

Con: Voting no on this measure means minors will still be able to receive abortion services as they do presently. Those opposed state that Props 74, 75, and 76 will directly affect public education and will have a huge impact on the state wide teaching field.

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

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

Visit Bruce McPherson, our Secretary of State, at www.ss.ca.gov and register to vote.

Guide to the Props

Proposition 73

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

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Will New Research Solve the Great Stem Cell Debate?
By JULIE CHUN

Stem cell research has opened new doors and taken science to places we have never seen before. This research has the potential to unlock the secrets of treating a variety of diseases or injuries such as Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and spinal cord damage. Until now, the only way to obtain embryonic stem cells is from extracting the inner cell mass of an embryo, but in this process the embryo is destroyed—thereby sparking ethical debates or issues ranging from cloning to abortion.

Faced with opposition from many conservatives including the religious right, scientists have recently discovered two new methods of deriving stem cells that may persuade the opposition. A store-owner, who witnessed the garments and shoes raining down, and the fires spreading across the marketplace.

NEW DELHI, Oct. 30—Explosions at three different locations tore through crowds who were preparing for India’s festival of lights. At least 55 people were wounded, and 36 have died—although the death toll is still rising.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“It’s theatre! Where else can you spend an entire evening laughing at the idiocies or rascities of others, crying without feeling ashamed, or exclaiming at both heroes and villains?” says Chilson. “Four Irish Plays” entertains and challenges the audience. Theatre is an outlet for the actors and the audience”. The play will run from Nov. 10 through 14—all shows will be at 8 p.m., except for the Friday, Nov 12 show, which will be at 2 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students and $6 for general admission. Seating is limited.

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

By BRANDON BIVENS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I requested several other locations, and one year later... I had been 45 minutes from the beach, and the California gulf.

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

But I’m starting to speak it here—I’m understanding some things. Even my medical career is benefiting—I helped establish and am currently helping run a medical clinic. I am working with people to bring a system of low cost adult English classes to the community.

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God calls people to serve all over the world. And it’s a great way to unite people of all cultures and faiths and beliefs around the world in order to bring understanding and unity of the communities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food-o-phil e

By BETHANY MORSE

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

Featured Food

This week’s featured food is the tomato. Tomatoes are high in vitamins A and C. Choose firm, ripe tomatoes without blemishes. Ripe tomatoes give slightly with gentle palm pressure and are fragrant and deeply colored. Store up to two days, unrefrigerated and out of the sun. Rinse well if eating raw. Before cooking, cut an X into the bottom of the tomato, dip tomato in boiling water for 20 seconds, plunge into cold water, and peel with fingers.

Spinach, Tomato, and Tofu Scramble

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

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

Nutritional Analysis

Serving size would be one medium tomato, 35 calories, 1g protein, 0.5g fat, 7g carbohydrate, 1g dietary fiber, 6mg sodium. Vitamins and minerals: A 62mcg, C 10mcg, Calcium 5mcg, Folate 15mcg, Magnesium 11mcg, and Potassium 222mcg. Antioxidant: Alpha Carotenoids 112mcg, Beta Carotenoids 939mcg, Lutein/Zeaxanthin 130mcg, and Lycopene 3,025mcg.
Anatomy of School Spirit: LSU Student Body

- **Eagle Sharp Mind**
  - To process our educational finances, and to make PUC kids jealous

- **Eagle Sharp Eyes**
  - To spot the LSU hotties

- **The Beak**
  - To peck through tough coffee

- **Brand Loyalty**
  - When asked, “Yeah, I go to LSU...Go Tigers!”

- **Confident Posture**
  - You can’t spell success without 2 letters from LSU

- **Huge Gums**
  - Byproduct of “Lifetime Fitness”

- **Bed Hair**
  - Sleeping through chapel
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the government can’t mandate family communication and that prop 73 is doing just that.

Proposition 74
Definition: This measure increases the probationary period for school teachers from two to five years. School boards are given the ability to dismiss a teacher after two consecutive bad performance evaluations.

Pro: Proponents for this measure are calling it real education reform which sifts out the bad teachers and leaves students with a better educational system. The longer probation funding and renewed rules for school boards allows for getting rid of “problem teachers”.

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

Proposition 75
Definition: This measure does not allow public employee union dues to be used for political contribution without individual employees’ prior consent. Unions must report political contributions to Fair Political Practices Commission.

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

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

Proposition 76
Definition: This one grants Arnold more power. In changing the minimum funding requirements and limiting state spending to “prior year’s level plus three previous years’ average revenue growth” Arnold is able to make drastic cuts and simultaneously given reason to.

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

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

Proposition 77
Summary: This measure proposes an amendment to the State Constitution regarding the changing of boundaries of election districts. These districts are used in elections for the State Legislature, Board of Equalization, and U.S. House of Representatives. Under the proposed amendment, the job of redistricting will be in the hands of a panel of three retired judges selected by the leadership of the State Legislature.

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

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

Proposition 78
Summary: Proposition 78 establishes a drug discount program, administered by the California Department of Health Services, for certain people who cannot afford their prescription medications. For a $15 application fee, discount recipients can make use of a state pharmaceutical fund and markups pre-negotiated between the state and the drug companies.

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

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

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

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

Con: Prop 79 is criticized by some as an expensive step toward big government. Because it involves Medi-Cal, a federally subsidized program, it will need to be approved by the federal government—something that opponents don’t believe will happen.

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

Pro: Supporters of 80 say that the proposition will protect customers and save them money. Government regulation will keep companies from making a better deal for customers and companies will be required to compete against each other to give customers the best prices.

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

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

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

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

The incident leaves campus drivers worried that they could be the next victim of the permit vendor. The best recommendation is to be careful, nobody knows when the vendor will strike again. Sources say that the permit machine appears suddenly and without warning.
University Experience
Adventist academy students will be visiting La Sierra University from November 7-9 and public school students will be on campus November 14 as our university plays host to high school seniors coming to participate in University Experience.

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

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

Taylor String Quartet
The Taylor String Quartet has performed for over three decades, and will do so once again on November 6th at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium. The performance will feature Lyndon Johnston Taylor, Lucille Taylor, and Jeffry Kaatz on strings. The quartet performs on campus about three times a year, and their upcoming performance in Hole Memorial Auditorium will feature Beethoven's Opus 127 and Franck's Piano Quintet. Admission is $15 for general admission, and $5 for students with ID and seniors. For more information about the upcoming performance, call (951) 785-2036.

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

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

This festival, part of a ten day event being promoted by the Riverside Cultural Consortium, is intended to showcase the street performing talent of the city of Riverside. You can expect to see plenty of new — and sometimes puzzling — acts, mingled among classic acts, such as the Statue of Liberty guy and drummers banging on buckets. The Riverside Downtown Partnership is co-sponsoring the event. If you would like to perform or get more information you can go online to www.riversidetown.org or call Alyssa Robertson at (951) 781-5896.

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

Judicial Committee
Seat 1: (reserved for club senator)
Seat 2: (reserved for club senator)
Seat 3: LaQuita Eason
Seat 4: Andrew Hibbert
Seat 5: Alexander Jake Moreno

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

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

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

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

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

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Fair (Gym)
• 8:00 p.m. – Drama “Four Irish Plays” (Matheson Chapel)

November 14
• “Riverside Art Collections” Reception (Brandstater Gallery)
• Discount Mondays @ Johnny’s Burgers: 10% discount with LSU ID

November 15
• International Education Week
• TBA - Modern Languages International Film Festival

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• Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% discount with LSU ID
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Dating is for Dummies
By LARRY PENA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MD: Well, Pressed for Time, this is a tricky situation. While seeing your long-distance boyfriend is an exciting event, you don’t get a chance to be involved with competitions in LA every day. You don’t mention what kind of event this is, but movies have been made about people dropping everything to attend auditions on the basis of their being in LA. We’ve all seen the poor sap trying out for American Idol and the lengths some people have gone to in order to attend. I’m not suggesting that your situation is quite on the level of a movie or American Idol, but you do seem as if this is important to you — and that is what matters. LA is an exciting place. Find some things to do in the area around your audition, things your boyfriend will enjoy and things that the two of you can enjoy together. Make a day of it! The audition can be the perfect excuse to hang out with your boyfriend in a fun city; you don’t need to let it ruin your time together.

DPS: My fellow readers, before I begin, I must ask your pardon for the harshness of my reply in our first column, regarding pants and propriety. I was not aware of how difficult it is to obtain pants that allow for modesty. So, males, do be considerate; as I have found, your female friends don’t have much of a choice. Now, to “Pressed for Time,” I must say that if this audition is that important to you, your significant other should understand and make every effort to support you in your decision. Relationships consist of “give and take,” and this is a time for your boyfriend to attend to the giving. If you try to explain to him the significance of this grand window of possibility, there is no reason why he should object. If he loves you enough to come all the way down to see you, then, he certainly cares enough to be excited for you and willing that you should go through with your audition. Perhaps, even, you may receive a surprise with his offer to accompany you. But the most important thing you can do at present would be to talk to him about your situation and be completely honest. Good luck with your audition, and may everything turn out favorably.

Hottest Faculty Members
By WILLIAM GILE

The unofficial OFFICIAL results are in, and based on these findings, the hottest La Sierra University faculty members have been decided. Our efforts at the Criterion are to make the La Sierra community aware of facts—therefore, we have broken down beauty into several quantitative categories: attractiveness, presence, and style. And of course, personality goes a long way.

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

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The Caboose
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What is your opinion on the current state of Government?
Compiled by ALEX CHILSON

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

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

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

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10 minutes before the tornado hit, the emergency and will be seeking federal assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Governor Mitch Daniels, has declared a statewide emergency and will be seeking federal assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Governor Mitch Daniels, the governor of Indiana, said it was not clear yet what the extent of the damage would be.

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Senior Kelly Straine, who was a motivating force towards the switch, said the idea was inspired by the break-out worship that took place once per quarter last year. "A lot of people like going to different churches," she said. Another reason the switch occurred was because it seemed like the faculty wasn’t nearly involved enough. "It didn’t feel like faculty and staff came to worship with students," Straine said. Now, with a vast number of options, many fac-

Got Enough Milk?
By WILL GILE

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

On Monday, November 7 at approximately 9:05 p.m. on the seventh floor of Sierra Towers Entezari attempted to guzzle down a gallon of milk in one hour. This human feat is said to be impossible because certain bacteria found in milk prevents a whole gallon from staying in your stomach. In the presence of twelve witnesses, Entezari took a seat in the seventh floor lobby and took his first drink of the gallon of whole milk. There was a lot of uncertainty among the crowd, but gave a thumbs-up gesture to the man who could conquer this urban legend and make the students at Student Life a hero to look up to.

At 9:50 p.m. the climactic moment drew nigh with less than a glass to go. Entezari looked like he had just sucked up to. In the presence of twelve witnesses, Entezari took a seat in the seventh floor lobby and took his first drink of the gallon of milk. There was a lot of uncertainty among the crowd, but gave a thumbs-up gesture to the man who could conquer this urban legend and make the students at Student Life a hero to look up to.

When asked how he was feeling at this point, Entezari could not comment, but gave a thumbs-up gesture to suggest that he was in good condition. He was feeling no one. The crowd wasn’t taking any chances and gave Entezari a safe ten-foot perimeter in case of anything unexpected.

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

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

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Violence Continues in the Middle East
BY DEEJAY WALAYAT

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

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

The bombings were ordered by Iraqi Al-Qaeda leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who had the same price on his head as Osama Bin Laden in 2004. The Al-Qaeda internet posting stated “Let all know that we have struck only after becoming confident that they are centers for launching war on Islam and support the crusaders’ presence in Iraq and the Arab peninsula and the presence of the Jews in the land of Palestine.” The posting also promises “catastrophic” attacks in the future that would dwarf the hotel bombings, the AP reported.

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

A day after the bombings, Jordanians showed their unity against terrorism in the streets by chanting and holding the Jordanian banner. Their support for the king’s statements was shown as many protestors in the streets held up large pictures of their king and many signs condemning the terrorist bombings.

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

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

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

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

Food-o-PILE
BY BETHANY MORSE

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

Featured Food
This week’s featured food is the cranberry. Cranberries should be a deep red and firm; discard those that are shriveled, soft or discolored. They should also carry a rather tart flavor when fresh. Look for them in the market during their peak season from October through December. Cranberries can be canned and preserved up to one month.

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

Nutrition information per serving:
Calories: 278, Total Fat: 9g, Saturated Fat: 2g, Cholesterol: 7mg, Sodium: 502mg, Carbohydrate: 46g, Protein: 6g, Fiber: 2g, Yields: 2 cups, Total 6 cups. 2 cups per day.

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

Cranberry Rice
1 package wild and white rice
1/4 cup toasted walnuts
1/4 cup sliced green onions
1 tsp orange zest
1 tbsp olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste

To those who have never been a student missionary (SM)—or any missionary—
We are not perfect.
Those of you who know me know that I have two tattoos and have had ten piercings. You know that before I left, I smoked, and drank. You know that I would sometimes curse instead of dealing with sadness or anger. Things didn’t magically change when I became an SM. I still curse sometimes and I don’t always treat others with love and sympathy to the people of Jordan.

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

Special Election Recap
BY CHRISTIAN MORO

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

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

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

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

Delap, Majuro
By LISA BRADLEY

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

To those who have never been a student missionary (SM)—or any missionary—
Mission work is difficult, but far from impossible. Missionaries walk away from family, see MAJURO on page 7.
Deep in the heart of South Hall a small group has assembled around a music picture box, also known as a television set. They have congregated for one sole purpose: to sit back, relax, and enjoy...drum roll, please...a foreign film.

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

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

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

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

All movies showcased so far have sported PG-13 and under ratings. Dr. Morales noted the difficulty of finding foreign films that carry acceptable ratings because foreign rating standards differ from American ones. She hopes students do not stay away because of the ratings and promises that some more G-rated movies are on the horizon. In the meantime, she will continue to do research in order to find quality movies from other countries, such as India.

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

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

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

For additional information on The Year of Languages, please visit http://lsupredent.95mb.com.

New Arabic Class to Begin
By KASSY SKORETZ

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

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

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

The department has contracted Ayh Haroun to teach the class. Haroun’s last position was at the University of California at Berkeley, where he taught Near East Studies. He taught Arabic language, literature, and culture in Africa, Kuwait, and the United States, and Hausa, an African language, in Stanford. The department is excited that he has agreed to teach Arabic this coming quarter. Haroun himself says that he hopes to bring a lot of fun to the class. He plans on teaching culture as well as language.

“Teaching language is like a cocktail, more than just one flavor,” asserts Haroun. He believes that it should include elements such as the literature, history, and other elements of culture. Xouasa Helu, junior, is planning to take the class because as he says, “I want to know more about my Arabic heritage.”

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

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

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

Pre-Dent Society
By JACQUELYN WEISCHADLE

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

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

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

Throughout the years, France has prided itself on its egalitarian social system. However, this system provides no welcome for the tolerate less likely, the influence of social system. However, this system prided itself on its egalitarian so-

civilization. But perhaps the most serious indictment brought against a high level GOP member is the one brought against Lewis Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney’s chief of staff. Libby has been indicted for the part he played in leaking the name of a CIA operative’s name to the media, an offense that is a radical outburst of long-hid- den tensions that have been boiling not only in the hearts of these im-
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Adventism in the Real World
By CHRISTIAN MORO

La Sierra University does not condone homosexuality, extramarital sex, legal drinking, or smoking tobacco. La Sierra University is an Adventist institution, our Adventist institution, whose reaction to the evolving social fiber of our time is, in effect, alienating a large number of people.

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

Although this has its arguments, pro and con, on a grand societal scale, when it is rolled back to a smaller level, say one nestled in the heart of the Inland Empire, those arguments seem trite and at times hypocritical. La Sierra University is an institution that, by its board of trustees, is “committed to Seventh-Day Adventist values and ideals.” Herein lies the paradox.

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

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

The student handbook has two sentences on the topic of “sexual misconduct and cohabitation.” Two sentences regarding a topic whose social implications, including STDs and pregnancy, are crucial for us to know it. The handbook does not even address homosexuality.

It simply states “At LSU we are deeply concerned when our students decide to be involved sexually outside of marriage. Therefore, students who choose to engage in this type of sexual activity will be subject to disciplinary consequences.” That’s it. Two sentences which are the equivalent of a parentspanking a child for burning himself on the hot stove.

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

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

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

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The Consequences of Dishonesty in the Bush Administration
By DANIEL TARANGO

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Men’s Team Preview
By KATELYN KILBY
Basketball season is here and La Sierra has what looks to be a youthful and promising men’s team. With many new faces this year, Coach Joel Haldeman has had to take his players back to the basics of working together to produce an efficient and competent team. “The team has turned over this year. It’s like we are starting over,” stated Coach Haldeman.
But new or not, each player is able and ready to do what is needed of them on the court when it comes down to game time.
Haldeman has been head coach of the men’s team for the past seven years and each year he has core concepts that he tries to endow his team with in getting them to be sharp, well-rounded players. “There are three things that I try to teach my players: First, that we need to be fundamentally sound, second, we want to be unselfish when playing offense, and third, we want to be assertive on defense. I want these men to be thoughtful, intelligent players.” La Sierra has worked its way up the division league ladder and is now at a place that Coach Haldeman is pleased with. He feels though that the team needs more high level effort and effort to show that they deserve to be where they are. “We are now provisional members of the NCAA division III, so we want to play at a level that makes us competitive. When we get down to the last minutes of a game, if we’re behind we want it to only be by two points.”
New on the team staff this year is senior Andy Crarey, coming in as the team’s assistant coach. Though it may be his first year with the Eagles, coaching is nothing new to Crarey, who has been head coach to high school teams in the past. “I like coaching college ball cause it’s more coaching and less teaching,” Crarey says. Though he feels that there are some issues dealing with the youth and depth of the team, he sees a lot of potential in this year’s team. “Our talent level is very high and our basketball IQ is progressing,” he says. “Young” is definitely the word that many would use to describe the team’s new look. “I see a couple of 20 minute halves a game, the team was just finishing up their warm-ups and I could see the camaraderie that this team has,” Banquerigo, a sophomore who is new to the team this year, says, “Everyone gets along. The team does a lot together.” Amy Cobb, forward, and Jodie Lyn, guard. According to him, the team has not made any changes to the team this year, says, “Everyone is very supportive. We’ve got each other’s backs. No one tries to be better than anyone else.”
This year’s team is made up of 12 men, only about four of which are returning players. This doesn’t bother Coach Cazelt though. Through they’ve only been practicing together for about a month, Coach Cazelt’s plan is to keep everything simple. “It’s better to have only a few simple plays and look like you know what you’re doing out there, than to have a lot of complicated plays and not know what you’re doing,” said Coach Cazelt.
Coach Cazelt is new to the job of head coach this year. He’s been assistant coach for two years and decided to step in scratch this year. According to him, the team has not only a new staff, but a new attitude and out look, an overall new philosophy. His biggest help comes from the two assistant coaches, Cassandra Reano and Coach Willie Neal. I asked him what his coaching technique was and he told me, “My biggest goal (in coaching) is to make it enjoyable. I want the girls to look forward to coming forward to practice.” Francesca Sivertsen, co-captain and third year player, is happy about the new coach. “I think coach Cazelt believes in the team. He knows this is an Adventist team that isn’t that into competition and he understands that school comes before basketball.”
With a lot of new talent, the team looks very promising this year. Some key players to watch out for are Sara Barber, point/forward, Taia Jones, guard, Francesca Sivertsen, guard, Geraldine Banquerigo, forward, and Jodie Lyn, guard. Overall the team may not have a lot of height, but don’t let that fool you. What they lack in height they make up for in speed. According to Coach Cazelt, this year’s team is better than last year’s. “The strength of this team definitely lies in encouragement. This is the year for camaraderie,” said Coach Cazelt. “Everyone gets along. The team does a lot together.” Amy Banquerigo, a sophomore who is new to the team this year, says, “Everyone is very supportive. We’ve got each other’s backs. No one tries to be better than anyone else.”
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Basketball Season at La Sierra

Women’s Team Preview
By JULIE CHUN
It’s that time of year again for La Sierra’s Golden Eagles. That’s right, women’s basketball season is about to begin. Now I know that a lot of you are thinking, “Last year’s season consisted of only two wins. Is this season going to be any better?” But before you make any assumptions, allow me to enlighten you on the new attitude that has taken over and transformed the team.
I set up an interview with head coach Dean Cazelt to get the inside scoop on this year’s team. As I walked into the gym, the team was just finishing up practice. Just by watching them for a few minutes I could see the camaraderie that this team has. They were playing knock out, cheering each other on and joking around with each other. I could tell they were all having fun. At the end of the practice they came together, put their hands in and yelled, “Family!” This just shows you how close the team is this year.
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Intramurals Coverage: The Official Flag-Yanker’s Guide
By ERIK LAWSON
The start of the 2005-2006 school year has brought a plethora of changes to the campus of La Sierra University. New classes and professors, new people, and most importantly to this writer, the rebirth of a great tradition for sports enthusiasts all over campus: intramural football.
This year’s intramural season is packed with fast, hard hitting action. With a roster mostly comprised of Monterey Bay Academy students, including the stick- em-hands of Nathan Loeffler, the Rollers are proving that they have what it takes to be a solid playoff team.
2) If you can see a team dressed in black and charging Sanoso war dance, then you have definitely encountered the Armada. This team with the surprisingly intense defensive play of Alfred "LA" Garcia shows that defense does go a long way in winning games. With the addition of Luis Soto in the winter quarter, look for this team to be a surprise in the playoffs.
3) Although very short staffed, CLMT Killaz, the team from Escondido, does not lack the determination to pull out all the stops and put their bodies on the line to win games. Despite being a very fast team, it is the "skimpy" of what has been happening up to date.

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Guy with ball sprints to win the match. Girl with 8 on chest attempts to stop him but trips over Armen.
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
LSU will get the Christmas season off to a holly jolly start with its annual Christmas tree lighting. The lighting will commence on the Campus Mall November 30 at 5 p.m. It's the official beginning of the Christmas season for La Sierra...[and] a great way to fellowship," says Dean Sue Curtis, the main organizer of the event. Everyone is encouraged to come and participate in the recently revived Carol Sing-Off competition. Judges will be on site for the sing-off and groups of all sizes are eligible to enter. Last year's trophy winner, the ukulele band Melos Ohana, will also be present for entertainment and Jennifer Tyner, Vice President of Student Life, will give a welcoming address. Refreshments will also be served.

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

—JACQUELYN WEISCHADLE

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

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

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

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

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

—ADAM HORI

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

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

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

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

—ADAM HORI

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

The story printed in the last issue entitled "Skip Campus and Vote: A Guide" was written by Lawn Peña and Christian Moro.

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

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

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

The team is ready to get the season started and prove that they are able to play against the other teams in their league. Stottlemeyer, for example, can't wait to play against Chapman University. "We haven't beaten them in like four years, so I'm ready to show them that this year will be different.

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

from the Criterion Staff

Thursday, Nov. 17
- International Education Week
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot with LSU ID
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount
- 12:00 PM - Prayer at the Statue.

Tuesday, Nov. 22
- Thanksgiving Break
- 5:30 PM - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Cal Baptist University (Riverside)
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Men's Basketball vs. Occidental College (Eagle Rock)
- 6:30 PM - 7:00 AM - CABL Run
- 12:00 PM - Prayer at the Statue.

Tuesday, Nov. 29
- Modern Languages International Film Festival presents Hotel Rwanda
- Tuesday evening in South Hall
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Run
- 6:30 PM - LSU Famous Auditions
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Men's Basketball vs. Whittier College (Whittier)
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Occidental College (Eagle Rock)
- 11:00 AM - TBA - Sabbath Afternoon (HMA)
- 7:30 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle's Nest)

Friday, Nov. 18
- International Education Week
- 1:30 PM - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Claremont-Mudd College (LSU)
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

Saturday, Nov. 19
- Thanksgiving Break
- TBA - Sabbath Afternoon with SALSU
- 9:30 AM - “The Set-Up” Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
- 9:45 AM - 5:00 PM - 2nd Annual Youth & Young Adult Choir Festival @ Mission Ebenezer Family Church, 415 W. Torrance Blvd, Carson, CA 90745
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Men's Basketball vs. Cooper Union (San Dimas)

Sunday, Nov. 20
- Thanksgiving Break
- 1:30 PM - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Notre Dame DeNamur University (LSU)
- 3:30 PM - Eagles Men's Basketball vs. Cal Maritime (LSU)

Monday, Nov. 21
- Thanksgiving Break
- National Addictions Awareness Week
- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% discount with LSU ID
- 12:00 PM - Prayer at the Statue.

Wednesday, Nov. 23
- Thanksgiving Break
- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% discount with LSU ID
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Men's Basketball vs. Cal Baptist University (Riverside)

Thursday, Nov. 24
- Thanksgiving Break
- 9:30 AM - “The Set-Up” Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)

Thursday, Nov. 28
- Thanksgiving Break
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

Saturday, Nov. 26
- Thanksgiving Break
- 7:00 PM - Eagles Women's Basketball vs. Cal Baptist University (Riverside)

Friday, Nov. 25
- Thanksgiving Break
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

Sunday, Nov. 27
- Thanksgiving Break
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (Riverside)

Monday, Nov. 28
- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% discount with LSU ID
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- 11:00 AM - TBA - Sabbath Afternoon (HMA)

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

Thursday, Dec. 1
- World AIDS Day
- Last day to submit an SJU petition or withdraw with a “W”
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- SALSU Drive-in Movie (Van Buren Drive-in Theatre)
- 6:20 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Run
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

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

Thursday, Dec. 8
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- SALSU Drive-in Movie (Van Buren Drive-in Theatre)
- 6:20 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Run
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

Wednesday, Dec. 14
- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% discount with LSU ID
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- 6:30 PM - University Worship (Riverside)
- 7:30 PM - Eagles Men's Basketball vs. Cal Lutheran University (LSU)
- 10:00 PM - Rendezvous (HMA)

Thursday, Dec. 15
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- SALSU Drive-in Movie (Van Buren Drive-in Theatre)
- 6:20 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Run
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

Thursday, Dec. 22
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- SALSU Drive-in Movie (Van Buren Drive-in Theatre)
- 6:20 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Run
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

Thursday, Dec. 29
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
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- 6:20 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Run
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

Friday, Dec. 30
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- SALSU Drive-in Movie (Van Buren Drive-in Theatre)
- 6:20 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Run
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

Saturday, Dec. 31
- Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- SALSU Drive-in Movie (Van Buren Drive-in Theatre)
- 6:20 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Run
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

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

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

It is difficult to see past these frustrations to answer the question is it worth it? Yet over time, I have discovered that there is more at stake than slow internet and rusty nails.

It is worth being a missionary.

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

You will know a change when you learn to serve God with every fiber of your being. This has become clear to me...
MySpace: Friend site or E-Drug?

By LARRY PENA

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

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

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

I was introduced to this life-ruining habit by this girl I dated. She was one of those hardcore MySpace kinds—you know, the ones who narcissistically provide photo documentation of every swing, every meal—"the one with 10,000 "friends" that they've never met. She helped me set up my first page. It seemed like a good idea at the time: talk to your friends online, see and display photos, post for all to see. Sounds cool, right? But then I discovered that this simple system soon grows and morphs, demanding more and more of your time. It even multiplies, spreading among friends like a contagious virus. "Oh, you're not on MySpace? Let me send you the link! THEN we can be friends!" Thanks jerk...I guess we're not friends already?

It got bad for a while. There was a point when I was actually getting jealous of people who had more MySpace friends than me. I would crave hits like I was going through withdrawals. see PENA on page 7

Shiny Things: Thanksgiving Edition

By AMANDA O'REILLY

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

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

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade: This is an exciting event; just ask any of the lucky Chamber singers who had the privilege of seeing this parade live last year. While it may lose some of its luster when viewed on television, you can always liven the show up with your own at home commentary. Somehow Snoopy balloons are much more amusing when your second cousin and your aunt Mildred are imagining a conversation between him and the Spongebob balloon following.

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

Christmas Decorations: Disgusting! There is something wrong with a world so commercialized that not only are Christmas items on sale before Halloween, by the time Thanksgiving comes, the stores have been completely decorated, Christmas songs are piped through the sound systems and you can see the Salvation Army Santas just hawking their wares waiting for the clock to strike midnight for those after Thanksgiving-sales.

Football games: A tradition for many families, a football game can either be a great way to bring a diverse group of people together...or clear the room. Just be careful that you know which verse problem, as I do not eat meat. What have I found to be useful is to simply be upfront about the issue. Be sure that your girlfriend's family knows that you are a meat eater. Just try to take a little tiny bit of everything that looks vaguely edible, don't insult any of the food, and be sure to complement those dishes you enjoy. It may be hard to have Thanksgiving without the turkey, but you can always stop at the Boston Market, get yourself a mini turkey dinner and slip out of the house to grab a few bites of your meat.

MD: Well, on this one, I'm afraid I'll have to agree with Ms. Divine. Spending time with your girlfriend is an important thing—especially spending time with her family on a holiday like Thanksgiving. Make sure that it's a pleasant and memorable experience for both of you. So, eat whatever you want, and just have a good time. It may be hard to have Thanksgiving without the turkey, but you can always stop at the Boston Market, get yourself a mini turkey dinner and slip out of the house to grab a few bites of your meat.

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

The Bastionettes of Wisdom

Ms. Divine and Dr. Pinder-Schlos

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Sexual Harassment on the Rise
By BRANDON HERRMANN

Sexual harassment charges on campus are a growing concern, according to the Office of Student Life. The problem may be becoming more serious because students are not aware of university policies on the subject. This trend may also be fueled by certain individuals who abuse the emerging sexual harassment policies and legislation to harm or retaliate against people of their choosing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Desperate Houseflies
If insects don’t embrace family values our planet’s ecology is in danger!

BUGWUMP, N.J. — “Marital strife among bugs has reached a peak,” entomologist Buzz Hedison of the Bugwump Institute for Insect Psychology claimed in a recent speech before fellow scientists. “Unless we can persuade our insect friends to reembrace family values, our planet’s ecology will become dangerously unbalanced.”

“Like you!” someone shouted back. He was accustomed to responses like that.

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

According to the 1,957 page report published by Worldly Week News, houseflies — as their name suggests — have lived in a symbiotic relationship with humans for centuries. Such close proximity to mankind has resulted in the fly mirroring our rites and rituals — courtship, marriage, childbirth, migration to Florida, death.

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

And not just among flies.

“Our studies are incomplete,” Hedison admitted. “But cheating houseflies have shown an especially aggressive interest in the alluringly spotted ladybug. Generations of crossbreeding has produced a ladybug whose black spot has faded into a grayish hue. The so-called shady ladybug lives to breed.

Truly, this ladybug is a trump.”

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

“From coast to coast, spiders’ parasites are empty as flies busy themselves elsewhere,” he said. “At BBIP, our top scientists are working overtime to persuade black widow spiders to abandon their homes and open fly-by-night motels. So far, we’ve had little success.”

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

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

Students at Townhall Voice Dissent over Cafeteria
By BRANDON HERRMANN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He even has his own fan club—the Club Dedicated to the Fellow With no Shirt, which is the second most popular online Chapman College club. The Associated Press reports that the club was created by a 19-year old sophomore named Regina Aletto. The group posts shirtless guy sightings and debates how hot he is.

Bigger is not always better

The increasing weight of this country’s population is affecting more than just their own health; now it’s crippling their ability to receive appropriate medical care. According to the Washington Post, American Medical Response, a major ambulance company, recently equipped its ambulances with special reinforced ramps and unique winches to hoist ambulances with special reinforced components for the idea of spreading a shirtless guy sightings around.

The company has spent $5,000 for the stretcher to be manufactured. The new upgrades have still not been enough aid. The next step was for the ramp to be manufactured.

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I’m wearing your face

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

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

Protests, No Free Trade Deal at Americas Summit

Mar del Plata, Argentina—Thirty-four nations from the Americas met from Oct. 8 to Nov. 5 to talk about the stability and economic future of the region. Main issues discussed were immigration, job creation, and disaster relief for areas devastated by hurricanes and earthquakes. But the main battle came from the discussion of free trade throughout the Americas.

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

The summit was also shadowed by the ideological war of words between the United States and Venezuela. President Hugo Chavez who came to the summit vowing “to bury the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAAs).”

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

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X the Xbox 360?

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

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

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Regardless of the negative comments about the gaming system, one thing’s for sure: the Xbox 360s popularity is still going strong. A freshman at La Sierra University, Clyde Ramacharan, has played it and says, “The Xbox 360 is at the next generation level, a full on entertainment entity.” Henry Peters, a sophomore who has played out the gaming system agrees, saying the Xbox 360s games are “lifelike and super-duper fun.”
Dried-Fruit Fruitcake
From Season’s Greetings by Marlene Sorosky

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

Directions:
Preheat the oven to 300 degrees.
Grease a 10-inch tube pan or bundt pan, or two 8 x 4 x 2 inch loaf pans.
Mix the dried apples, apricots, dates, currents, raisins, and apple juice in a medium bowl, let stand for 1 hour.
Cream the sugar and butter in a mixing bowl with an electric mixer until light and creamy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Add the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and applesauce, mixing on low speed until incorporated. Stir in the fruit mixture and nuts. Pour into prepared pan.
Bake for 2 hours, or until cake comes out clean. Cool 30 minutes. Go around the sides with a knife and invert onto a cooling rack. Turn right side up and cool completely.
Soak a large piece of cheesecloth in “Brandy,” yet I suggest the non-alcoholic Sangria (available in the soda isle in most stores). Wrap the cake in the cloth, and then in foil. Store in a cool place. Remoisten the cloth every couple of weeks or as necessary.
ATTENTION SENIORS:

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Voice your opinions, make suggestions—make this year your year. Let us know what you think and what you would like!

ON D2L 2DAY!
Problems with Free Trade and Problems in Latin America

By DANIEL TARANGO

Opponents of free trade in the Americas claim that the United States would take advantage of smaller nations. Free trade also hurts the American worker by sending factories to third-world nations. Free trade only throws money at the problems of Latin America without fixing them. Free trade only benefits the wealthy business owners of each nation with a bigger slice going to the United States. It also sends only sweatshops and factories to Latin America, which exploit workers. This exploitation is the cause of immigration to the United States from Latin America.

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

The tarnished image of the United States is due to a number of actions, not only from the military intervention in the region during the cold war. At the time, the U.S. preferred right wing dictatorships rather than good leaders in the region. As a result of the U.S. actions in created multiple coups, dictatorships rather than good leadership in the region. As a result of the U.S. actions in created multiple coups, dictatorships, and civil wars throughout the 20th century. For the United States to regain and influence in the region it needs to stop worrying about the leaders of Latin American nations and, instead, try to work diplomatically with the nations and their people. Latin America may help the U.S. to have better luck in pushing free trade in the region.

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

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

Harassment

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tion until his graduation.

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

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

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

By law, La Sierra University must investigate every charge of sexual harassment, and so fraudulent claims can be quickly investigated and no one innocent person at the mercy of an investigation. Tyner says that those accused of sexual harassment charges have few options for responding. "There isn't anything they can do after being charged."

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

While sexual harassment is usually recognized as "unwanted sexual attention," comments made in a work environment affect anyone within hearing distance. For this reason, the law states that even a third-party who is negatively affected by a comment made to someone else can file charges of sexual harassment. In these cases of a third party victim, the law states that actions which a "reasonable person" would find offensive are sexual harassment.

This leaves one problem and it is sizeable—who or what is the standard for a reasonable person?

United States: Religious Freedom

Bill Gets Hearing

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

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

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

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

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

Shiny Things

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equally charming and lesser known specials? It Nearly Wasn't Christmas, while garnering a low 4.8 rating on IMDB, is a cheesy movie filmed in the late '80s. It has an overly sweet, implausible plotline, yet every year I search for it in the TV Guide. Next on the list of campy but fun movies is The Very Brady Christmas. This movie brings almost all of the original Brady bunch together (with a new Cindy) and is set about twenty years after the original, with all of the characters grown up and living normal lives. True to Brudy form, there are of course personal conflicts that all resolve with the family happy again at the end of the about 100 minutes. Branching out from the traditional films may have odd results at times, but sometimes it is nice to partake of the cult-favorite side of holiday movies as well.

Open Letter of Apology

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

It was not the intent of the Criterion to create an offensive environment for anyone reasonable, or to purposely present gender differences in a negative, mean-spirited manner. For creating an offensive working environment, the Criterion apologizes to the students, faculty, and community of La Sierra University.

In addition, we would like to apologize to the individuals directly affected by the article that ran in the Nov. 3 humor section entitled "Hot-test Faculty Members." (Although those mentioned by the article complained, those who did complain should be recognized for their genuine concern for your image and well-being.)

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

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

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

iPod Battery Fix

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

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

Writers Needed

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

Anyone familiar with the concept of “paragraph” is invited to email Brandon at oskrl@hotmail.com, or show up to the SALSU office at Brandon at oskrl@hotmail.com, or show up to the SALSU office at oskrl@hotmail.com.

Essay Contest with $5000 Prize

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

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

CABL Track 1st Place Winners:

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

La Sierra University’s SIFE Team Presents:

Christmas in Storyland

"The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree"

By Gloria Houston

Featuring

1-3pm

Dec. 9, 2005

Alumni Pavilion (Gym)

Community Service Opportunity

Adopt a kid for two hours and enjoy the festivities

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

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

Volunteer sign-up ends Dec. 3, 2006

SALSU Religious presents:

Tri-Campus Retreat

(LLU, PUC, & LSU)

FEBRUARY 10-12 @ YOSEMITE

Look for more info when school resumes!

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!!!

Dead Week

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

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

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

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

Volunteer sign-up ends Dec. 3, 2006
December 8
• Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
• Los Amigos: Disc, w/ ID
• Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
• CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms’ Front desk)
• 11:00 AM - University Worship with speaker Sam Lenor (LSUC)

December 9
• Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
• CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms’ Front desk)
• 7:45 AM - First Service (LSUC)

December 10
• Human Rights Day
• 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
• 7:30 PM - Men’s Basketball Pomona-Pitzer College (LSU)
• 7:30 PM - Women’s Basketball University of La Verne (La Verne)

Nothing is scheduled today. Stay in bed.

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

December 13
• Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
• 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (Campus Mall)

December 14
• Hot Rod Pizza: 10% disc, w/ ID
• Winter Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
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December 15
• Fall Quarter ends
• Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
• Pre-Med Society Guatemala Mission Trip
• Los Amigos: Disc, w/ ID

December 16
• Christmas Recess
• Pre-Med-Guatemala
• 2:00 PM - Angwin Hall and South Hall close for Christmas Break
• 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

December 17
• Christmas Recess
• Pre-Med-Guatemala
• 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
• 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Chanukah Festivities (Stahl Museum)
• 7:30 PM - Men’s Basketball vs. Whittier College (LSU)

December 18
• Christmas Recess
• Pre-Med-Guatemala
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December 19
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December 20
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December 25
• Chanukah begins at sundown
• Christmas
• Christmas Recess

December 26
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• 12:00 PM - Prayer at the Statue (Statue)

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SALSU Social presents:
Winter Banquet

Place: TBA
Date: January 29, 2006
Time: Sunday - 7 to 10 p.m.

ONLY $30 (prices may vary)

Tickets are on sale when school resumes for Winter Quarter.
For more info please e-mail salsu.social@gmail.com

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Dead Week
Death March
By MIKE TYLER

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

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

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

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

A girl sat heavily next to him, glanced at the professor, and grunted a nod. In response, assuming affirmative, see DEAD WEEK on page 6.

You might be an Adventist if...

Adapted from chain emails and personal experience.

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

Idiots

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

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

“You think it’s pretty crazy because right after the giving season, people get things for other people to get something like a shirt instead of letting someone else have it. Right after the giving season comes the selfish season.”

Andrew Harrison, Freshman
Music Performance

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

Sonia Whang, Sophomore
Business/Pre-Med

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

Natalie Jung, Junior
Psycho-Bio/Pre-Dent

“I think it’s the only time I can afford to buy anything. Most of the time, I’m not that high in demand so usually it’s still there. So it’s cheap and that’s fine with me.”

James Dexter, Freshman
Business/Pre-Med

The Bastionettes of Wisdom

Ms. Divine and Dr. Pinder-Schloss

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

MD: Swamped, I must say, I think that you are in over your head. While I always prefer to have a full social calendar, it is important to balance what is necessary to do with what you want to do. In your case, you have to figure out what your priorities are. Can you miss that party... I mean social event... and still be on good terms with your friends? Can you maybe skip out of the family gathering a little early? Personally I would go to the social event, but leave before the night turns into morning. Then I would attempt to get a little studying in before the family event. Bring your books to the family event and then no one will feel bad when you obviously have to leave early to study. Isn’t managing to please everyone fun? Just make sure you leave a little time for yourself, in order to maintain your sanity. And good luck with those finals!”

DP: Well, well, well... I can only empathize with your situation, Swamped. I have found myself in various similar circumstances in the past. Firstly, I do not know the importance of each of your events to their full extent. In order to do them justice, I will have to leave the prioritizing up to you. However, I do have a bias over getting a decent score on finals, so I would advise as much studying as possible. Weigh the different possibilities and their consequences honestly. Yes, friends and family are very important, but they will be there the day after your finals. Finals come and go once... and they have resounding effects on your ultimate grades. Of course, a short break between studying is rarely a bad thing as long as you don’t get carried away.

So, ultimately, I would have to say that setting your restrictions before you go to either the social or the family gathering would probably be the best idea. That way you have a clear focus on when you need to leave, and won’t be as easily persuaded to for- feit your studies. Wishing you all the best of luck on those exams!

And folks, just in time for the holiday season, Doctor Pinder-Schloss and myself have a fantastic treat for you. We will be giving out gift certificates to Say What?! to any person who sends in a question that we use in this column. Our e-mail address, in reminder is lasuadvice@gmail.com. So send in your questions today!

Merry Christmas!

Shiny Things: Christmas Edition

By AMANDA O'REILLY

Pink Traffic Cone... Christmas Tree

The spirit behind the tree at La Sierra is admirable. The fact that you can see this seemingly electric pink object from a few miles off campus is not so admirable. Still, allowances must be made for the fact that to store and assemble a true artificial tree is nigh impossible. Despite that, it would be nice if we could find some alternatives that look more cheery than lights stretched in the shape of a tree.

Mission Inn

Thanks to Riverside Christmas tradition, the Mission Inn is not only a historic downtown building but also, at this time of the year, completely decorated for the season. You can make a trip downtown, do a little Christmas shopping, and then swing by to examine the Inn. If you have a little extra time and money, the Mission Inn also offers carriage rides and egg nog, and carolers will serenade you as you par-take. Either way, it is a fun and cheap way to get in the holiday spirit— and remember, due to the thousands of lights, it is a sight best viewed at night.

Mountains

I’m dreaming of a white Christmas! However, here in Riverside, the closest you may come is a donut shop relling floor at night. Luckily, Southern Califor-nia offers us some opportunities— particu-larly the nearby (okay, an hour’s journey) Snow Valley Resort. If you don’t mind setting out later at night, you can pay between $10-20 and not only play in the snow but also go sledding! Once finals are over, a brief road-trip to get your fill of Christmas snow is a good way to un-wind.

Church Concerts

By the time you read this, the Candle-light Concert will have passed, and of course I am sure that you all attended. Even if you missed it, La Sierra Church has Christmas vespers every evening leading up to Christmas. In addition, other area churches have similar events planned. Free, with good music and holi-day decorations—what more could you ask?

Christmas Movies

So, most of us have seen It’s A Wonder-ful Life and Miracle on 34th Street around twenty-three times, but what about those... see SHINY THINGS on page 5
D.C. Lobbyist Swindles Tribe
By DANIEL TARANGO

Whether it was a free steak dinner, box seats at the MCI Center, or golfing trips around the world, for republican staffers in Washington D.C. it was at their finger tips—and lobbyist Jack Abramoff was a major provider.

Congressmen like to deny their relationships with Abramoff and staffers play him down as insidious and subtly idealistic. But Abramoff has been brazen and arrogant about his business dealings.

“Guess what I scored,” Abramoff wrote in an email to his longtime friend and former director of the Christian Coalition, Ralph Reed. Abramoff was boasting about a jet he arranged to fly partners (including congressmen Robert Ney and Tom Delay) to play golf at the St. Andrews golf course in Scotland.

Congressional rules do require staffers to report all gift and to turn down gift costing more that $50 dollars, but there are ways around these rules—ways that usually involved spending taxpayer money. For instance, when business interest in the U.S-run Northern Marianan Island hired Abramoff to block federal labor regulations meant to crack down on sweat shops abuses on the island, he led congressional staffers on a “fact-finding” expedition to the island using taxpayers’ money. Instead of being used to investigate the matter, the money went to charter fishing trips, lavish dinners, and massages.

Abramoff’s most dubious feat is the way he swindled $82 million from Native American tribes with help from Ralph Reed. In emails sent between the two, Abramoff referred to the Native Americans as “troglodytes.”

Abramoff conned Native American tribes into believing that campaign contributions would protect their interest in congress. Hired as a consultant to a tribe in Louisiana, Abramoff worked to wage a grass-roots campaign to shut down a gambling casino operated by the Tigua tribe in Texas. He then turned around and offered his services to the Tigua tribe to lobby congress to reopen the casino. For these services, the Tiguas paid Abramoff

The new Airbus A380 dwarfs even the largest hangers. The plane is said to be longer, taller, and wider than the White House.

One-hundred-and-two years after the Wright brothers first achieved flight in their 600 pound plane, Airbus has unveiled the new A380, which at 1.2 million pounds is said to be longer, taller, and wider than the White House.

The A380, demonstrated last month in Toulouse, France, is the largest passenger plane ever made and holds a maximum capacity of 550 passengers, as reported by USA Today.

The amenities for these passengers is impressive—the A380 will reportedly provide the regular passengers with many of the comforts of first class. The planes size will allow every passenger to have his or her own individual armrest.

Despite all the recent publicity, Singapore Airlines is the only airline currently planning commercial service this year. Still, outlook is good, and as of January, 159 orders have been placed for the A380.

James Boyd, the spokesman for Singapore Airlines says, “it will be a complete departure from anything a business traveler has been so far.”

Virgin Atlantic Airways also wants to fly their A380’s, but intends go beyond the traditional flight experience by giving the A380 a cruise ship feel. They plan to equip the planes with beauty parlors, bars, gyms, massage areas, and even casinos.

The manufacturer of the plane, Airbus, is very proud of their new beauty, saying that other planes must make adjustments to accommodate the size of the A380. U.S. airport must adjust the width of their runways, and also strengthen the taxiways to support the jet which may weigh 1.2 million pounds at takeoff.

The excitement and press for the A380 is phenomenal, and many people hope that this plane will boost the flight industries ticket sales.

Town Hall Reveals Plans for an Assisted Living Development
By BRANDON HERRMANN

The town hall meeting on Jan. 17 changed its format to allow a group of land developers to share their plans to bring an assisted living complex to La Sierra University land.

The La Sierra University Board has approved a 99 year lease to Griffen Industries who will be developing 200 houses on the 500 plus acres of land behind the La Sierra Market where the tennis quarts used to be.

The assisted living complex will only be available to occupants 55 and older, and its construction is will begin later this year and be ready for occupancy by 2007.

Many of the students in the audience were concerned that bringing an assisted living complex into the university community will have a negative impact on campus life. One student mentioned that she already felt alienated by a significant age gap between students and the members of La Sierra University Church, and she was worried that bringing in an assisted living complex would further alienate her from what is supposed to be a student church.

Concerned students asked Dr. Geraty, president of La Sierra University, how the development would improve the lives of university students. Geraty responded by saying that the development would improve the lives of university students. Geraty responded by saying that the development would improve the lives of university students.
Note the New Laws
By DEEJAY WALAYAT

Other than traffic laws and common laws such as theft, murder and assault, many California citizens don't know their California state laws.

Sean Benggon, sophomore, when asked about state laws, says "besides road rules, I have no idea."

For the sake of Sean and the many others, the following are some of the more interesting new California laws that took effect at the beginning of this year.

- Pick your dog wisely! Local California governments can now require specific breeds to get spayed or neutered, and not permit breeding.
- Internet Hunting: This law prohibits any internet site to allow any shooting of animals, including commercials, ads, and web links.
- Purging on cancer? Cosmetic companies are required to label cancer-causing ingredients on the packages.
- For your safety: Some entertainment venues must announce where the exits are before the start of the show.
- Rechargeable batteries: Stores who sell rechargeable batteries must set up a recycling center for rechargeable batteries. Only cars...the California government is now cracking down on those who make piercing. If you make body piercing on a minor, you may get fine $250! The ears are an exemption from this law.
- Celebrity wishes answered: Paparazzi who commit assaults when trying to get a picture of a celebrity can now be assigned large civil penalties.
- Text Messaging Campaigners! Beware! Campaigns are not allowed to text message any campaign ads to your cell phones.
- Two day limit...Used-Car dealers are now required by the Car Buyer's Bill of Rights to allow you to return used cars with a two day limit, depending on the circumstances.
- DUI: Law enforcement is now permitted to impound your vehicle if you are found with a blood-alcohol level of 10% or more and you have one or more convictions of a DUI in the past several years.
- Knowing film right or wrong...some employees of counties, cities and specific districts are being required to take an ethics course.

One on One with the President
By WILL GILE

The Criterion decided to visit the big guy on campus to get a better perspective on the school, so they sent me to interview Dr. Lawrence Geraty, the university president.

Will Gile: Dr. Geraty how are you doing today?
Dr. Geraty: I'm doing well thank you.

WG: Do you read the Criterion?
DG: I do

WG: So are you aware that you were mentioned in the Hottest Faculty of La Sierra article? In fact you came in the top four.
DG: I am aware of that fact.

WG: How did that make you feel?
DG: I was surprised, I took it as someone having a little fun and didn't think it was anything serious.

WG: Do you have any advice for the Criterion, or ideas on article we could run to make it a better newspaper?
DG: You know, as a University, I would love to see articles on issues that people are grappling with in today's world. You could have articles on issues such as Health Care, Illegal Immigration, and Bush's proposal on solving the national debt. I would love to see the President's State of the Union address analyzed and picked apart. Maybe articles on what's going to happen in Iraq, how are we going to solve the problems we've created over there? I think it's important that we have funny articles, but I think it's equally important to have articles on the issues of today's world.

WG: How did you like President Bush's State of the Union address?"DG: Well I think Bush is getting better. You know I'm not a big Bush supporter. Being an archeologist who worked and lived in the Middle East I feel like the policy we have with them is flawed. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, we have totally sided with Israel and ignored Palestine, and that's not the equalitarian thing to do. I believe that Bush has done a lot of good things, and I'm definitely not a Bush hater, but I think he has a lot of work to do.

WG: So if you were President Bush, how would you have handled the Iraqi situation?
DG: I would have worked with the Arab leaders and the European Union through diplomatic means. I'm for Martin Luther King's and Gandhi's ideas of a nonviolent approach. I am very much against violence.

WG: Now Dr. Geraty, I'm sure you are aware that this month is Valentines Day, in which students here on campus are going the whole month without shaving. Are you going to be participating in this annual holiday?
DG: Well I have been for a long time now, and I really don't plan to stop.

WG: Thanks a lot for the interview Dr. Geraty, is there anything else you'd like to say to the student body?
DG: I'm very proud of LSU's students and I admire the number of students who help out with community services. I'm proud of the students who go as missionaries for a year, I'm proud of the number of students who help out the community through SIFE. The students here make a good name for La Sierra University which in turn helps me when I go out and speak on issues in the community. I wish that when we get together for worship that the students could not be so loud and pay attention to what's going on. I really believe it takes a sense of maturity to be able to pay attention every worship service to what's going on. But for those who are going to study or do homework, please do so in a quiet way. After all, University Worship is one of the opportunities that makes an LSU education unique.

What to expect from 2006
By DEEJAY WALAYAT

Experts have begun discussing the upcoming year. Here are some of their predictions.

Economic Struggles

There is growing concern for the well-being of the country's economic status, and many factors feeding this concern.

One of the primary concerns is the increasing level of energy prices. The Daily News projects an increase in gasoline and natural gas prices over the next year.

The real estate market is also expected to fluctuate this year. Because the cycle of prices have already soared, the prices are set to decrease, causing great worries in the real estate market.

Medical care prices also keep rising. In addition to the higher prices, it is expected that it will be the employees and not the employers who will pay for the increase.

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Leading with a Vision
By JOHN RAZZOUK

While the world prepared to remember the life of one of history's greatest visionary leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., another group of leaders were working on their own vision. The La Sierra University SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) team has consistently demonstrated leadership through the creation of economic opportunity and empowerment of local and global communities. Seeking to enhance their effectiveness, LSU SIFE held a leadership retreat at Camp Cedar Falls from February 13 to 15.

Dr. Prudence Pollard, a professor of the School of Business, worked with the team on further development of their leadership skills. In coming issues of the Criterion, members of SIFE will share the knowledge and experience gained over the course of that event.

Before one can further develop any skill, it is important to first realize that this development is a continuous process. There's no such thing as an expert, and those who fully understand this would likely refer to themselves as "lifetime students." For years, SIFE has provided a process of valuable experience resulting in highly capable leaders. So how can you apply this when building your own project-based team? One of the first things you must do is define your project. What is the need? What is it that you plan to accomplish? In team selection, what skills and temperaments are needed? You must conduct careful self-evaluation here as you will face the common pitfall of simply choosing those who are most like you. That will likely result in both your strengths and weaknesses being replicated.

A demonstration of preference for variety when building the team will help you avoid that problem. For example, this year, SIFE leaders come from a wide range of ethnic and academic backgrounds. It is a common misconception that SIFE members are academic backgrounds. It is a common misconception that SIFE members are not only students, many come from programs as such as Education, Music, or Psychology. This diversity has reduced the risk of problems such as isolation or groupthink.

It is also important to note that leaders and managers are often not one in the same. If you have successfully built a team of "lifetime students," there is minimal need for leaders to micromanage every task for every team member. Leaders, rather, serve as facilitators, working to strengthen the team in contrast to their own control over it. For your team to be sustainable, the team members must be part of the planning. The team must determine the process of development. As a leader, even the most subtle influence can have an astronomical level of impact. With every action, keep in mind that anything you do is everything you do.

Next Issue: Evaluating your team

If you would like more information about SIFE and/or would like to join the team, please contact John Razouk (johnnyrazz@gmail.com)

SALSU Officers:
What do they do?
By JACQUELYN WEISCHADLE

It is time again to cast our ballots, to fulfill our duties of freedom and bask in democracy. While basking, think long and hard about the upcoming SALSU elections on Tuesday, February 21.

Because the best vote is an educated vote, the Criterion is here to help (check out the latest issue of the Criterion). Of course the candidates are significant but it is not the only thing to be aware of. Another important thing to know is what those you elect will actually do and the duties they are responsible for while in office. The chief position in most people's mind is often seen as the only important office, the President, the leader of the Student Association of La Sierra University (SALSU). Most of us would like to think the president has it easy, sitting back in an oversized desk and giving out orders to the other officers, making sure the jobs are done. Past presidents probably wish it was that easy. Fortunately, the office is exciting but it's not all fun and games. Being in the president's seat also means they are a member of all necessary committees such as the University Council, Student Life Council, the President is a member of LSU's students at the Board of Trustees meetings and chair of the SALSU Executive Council, where they assure the meetings are conducted properly and productively. These in the higher offices are overseeing all student activities and are members of committees such as the OSA council and the Spiritual Life committee. Next in line is the Executive Vice President. With a big title comes a big responsibility, that of serving as the chair of the Senate and assuring meetings are productive alongside the president. Also, in the absence of the president, the executive VP sits in that president chair to keep things running smoothly. The Financial Vice President handles the fundraising and presents a proposed budget for the year, dividing funds for the various supplies, expenses, and the events held for students. They keep accurate records of business transactions and make sure reports are always on hand to make sure that enough money is coming in more than going out. The Religious Vice President is solely responsible for keeping the campus focused on God by organizing and executing all of the Student Association's religious activities. This includes the popular Wednesday night Rendezvous', quarterly retreats, Friday night Midnight Cafes services and the Spiritual Emphasis Week. The Social Vice President deals with the social aspects of La Sierra's campus by...
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**Pre-meds Hold Clinic in Guatemala**

**By DANIエル NG**

What if I get kidnapped by guerrillas? Will I get Montezuma’s revenge? Won’t a jaguar leap down from a tree and bite me? That would put a damper on my medical career, no doubt.

The 19 fearless members of the Pre-Med Society prepare to leave the country for the 2nd Annual Mission to Guatemala. In the midst of Finals Week, which is cause enough for angst ridden nights chugging Coke and Krispy Kreme to induce oneself into a sugary state of alertness in hopes of absorbing a full quarter of information into one early morning study session, a trip to a third world country (with Jaguars!) only added to my Maalox overdose.

John Pennmalli, LSU professor of biology, and Noel Nepomuceno, Pre-Med Society President, would be our leaders. I expected them to be donned in Safari hats and 2 foot machetes, yet was disappointed. I brought a pocket knife...which also happened to have a bottle opener attached to it. Be prepared.

Upon arriving in the humid and bustling Guatemalan Airport, we were greeted by our amicable hostess for the week. Surprisingly, the Guatemalan roadways were more akin to Grand Theft Auto – San Andreas, as drivers seemed required to drive erratically and without abandon. I could’ve sworn I saw a Guatemalan hijack a firetruck and ram it into a mobster whose life-meter thus went down, but the tropical climate may have caused me to imagine things.

Our three-vehicle caravan narrowly dodged donkey-carts and swerved around falling power lines, all in a city that seemed to not embrace the concept of “lanes”. After quickly acclimating to the driving conditions, clinicians of the club entertained waiting patients, while others assisted the doctors in a cold, wet room with camping cots serving as examining beds. I was able to help take vital signs in addition to chomping on a tamale.

We made our way to an impoverished coastal town where we threw a party for all the townsfolk and children. This would encompass the entire week, as we all became the best historians that we could be.

LSU Pre-Med club takes a lovely picture with locals in Guatemala.

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**Smallest Month Big on Significance**

**By DEELAY WALAYAT**

From the transition between Aquarius to Pisces, President’s Day and Valentine’s Day, many people recognize these dates to be in February. Yet many people remember as Negro History Week.

We owe the celebration and remembrance of the African-American population for the month of February, naming it Black History Month which we acknowledge nationally. Why February you ask? There is much significance to February since many of the civil rights leaders had birthdays and important dates correlated in February. Among them, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln’s birthdays; the passing of the 15th Amendment which granted African Americans the right to vote. So as you go about your activities this month remember that February is remembered and honored for the importance of the civil rights movements, and the sacrifices which many individuals took to fight for equality.

**Winter Quarter**

Although winter quarter is the shortest quarter of the year, many students find it as the hardest quarter. The lack of inspiration may be hard because of the winter blues but here are two simple studying tips which will help you through the grind. Reminding you of what you’re doing right or wrong.

1. Be prepared
   Make sure you know what you need to do, and what you need to get the job done. Forgetting your book when you have already decided that you need to study for Biology isn’t the best situation to be in.

2. Remember to be effective
   It doesn’t matter how long you study, it is how effective you are in studying. Studying in front of the television, talking to your boyfriend or studying on the second floor of the library are not the best situations or places to learn the information you are studying.

   Make sure to choose a place where you can pay attention and learn the information in half the time needed to do it elsewhere.

   Remember, although monotonous your studying will pay off. So put the studying stud in studying!

   **Danish Cartoons Provoke Protests**

   Angered by Danish cartoons Muslim protesters in Beirut, Lebanon have left their mark. Just a year after the assassination of the Lebanese Prime Minister there is escalation again in Lebanon. Muslim protesters were against Danish drawings which depicted the Prophet Muhammad as a stereotypical fundamentalist. BBC News reported that ambassadors of 10 Muslim countries have complained to the Danish Prime Minister of the drawings in major Danish newspapers.

   On February 5, 2006 the Lebanese Prime Minister Hassan Sabeh resigned after protesters set fire to Danish and Norwegian embassies. Drones which live in Lebanon have been told to leave the country or stay indoors.

   These violent acts have been condemned by leaders across Lebanon, Saad Hariri one of Lebanon’s leading Sunni Muslim leaders labeled it as a “Black Day” for Lebanese Muslims.

   Starting off as peaceful outcries these protests escalated as Muslim extremists forced themselves through security barriers. There is heightened security in Lebanon and efforts to stop the protests are under way.
Baseball Joins University Sports Roster

By KATELYN KIBLY

The sports program at La Sierra is GROWING! Gone are the days when students and faculty would wish and wish that it had the sport they love because with the addition of soccer in the fall and the now starting seasons of softball and baseball our program is building up and rounding out to accommodate what the students have been asking for.

The baseball season is now in full swing and no one is more excited than the players. This being the first year for the program the coach and players have had very little to work with, number one being that we are without a home field. They have been putting in numerous hours of practice in nearby parks and the dirt field on the front of campus that some players have nicknamed "the sandlot," to do and learn what they can with what they have been given.

This will be a very stressful season where basically we just need to be preparing for next year" stated second baseman Robert Guervara.

The team knows that this being their first year they have a lot of work to do and a lot to prove to their opponents. "We are not as good as we could be but it is the first year and we have only a few players. We are coming together though as a team. We have good guys that know how to play," said senior and short stop to the team Isaiah Rojas.

When asked what the goals were for the team this year improvement was very high on the list. "For the team the number one goal is improvement. It’s hard to be specific because it’s the first year but just in general from working out to playing we need to build up our skills and improve as individuals and as a team,” said pitcher Kevin De Leon, “Our team spirit is always up and that’s a critical key for improvement."

"We also want to compete with every team. We don’t necessarily have to win but we need to at least compete,” stated Rojas.

"Our mentality is high. Everyone loves to play and so that makes the game that much better and more enjoyable" stated De Leon.

The team is very optimistic and it seems to be because they all have one thing in common, a love for the sport.

Most of these guys have been playing baseball for as long as they can remember. "I’ve been playing ever since I was old enough to hold a bat" said De Leon. When asked what it was about baseball that they love so much no one could pinpoint one specific thing. "I love everything. It’s not like any other sport, it’s an individual sport as well as a team sport" stated Rojas.

Baseball is a passion for these players. They love hearing about it, talking about it, and will practice outside of set practice time to bring all they can to the better team. "I work hard to bring a good bat and good arm to the team. That's why I feel privileged to play so working hard for me is key” said De Leon.

"Leadership is what I bring. Since I’m the oldest on the team I try to help the younger guys and lead where I can” stated Rojas.

Guervara and De Leon both feel that it’s important for them to bring encouragement to their fellow team mates. They try and help where they can to get the other players to play to the best of their ability.

During the interviews there was one topic that the players would not stop talking about and that was the coaching. They had so many good things to say about him it would take up this whole article. "There is one word to describe him, Dedicated. He has come into a first year program that is not the easiest and in his field, he has no assistant coach, he did not get to recruit the team, he was given nothing that he was promised yet he never complains and is always optimistic” said De Leon. "The level of respect that I have for him is very high. In all my years of playing baseball he might be by far the best around coach and guy that I’ve ever been able to play for,”

Guervara agrees stating, "I have a lot of respect for him coming into a program that has just started. He puts in so much time and is doing the most he can with the little resources that he is given.”

Coach Lance Hallberg comes to La Sierra after being head coach at Mesa Grande Academy for three years. He has been coaching baseball close to eight or nine years but what really impresses him team is the background experience that he brings. Hallberg played professional baseball in both the minor and major leagues for seven years and also was given the opportunity to play overseas in Europe for a year. "I’ve had the best of both worlds, being able to play and teach. I get great satisfaction in teaching some major league knowledge to my players. I want to give them the knowledge to taste what I didn’t get to.”

Hallberg shares the love of baseball with his players which is probably why they like him so much. "I’m guilty of hitting. My background is in hitting and it’s really what attracted me to the sport. Going out there and crushing the ball is something I love.”

Hallberg has had to change around his fundamentals and strategies this year to fit with the little resources that they have. "For us, this year, hitting is our greatest asset. Since we have no field I’m concentrating on practicing hitting and not so much defensive work. What we want to go out there and do this year is if our opponents score three runs on us is to have to score four runs on them.”

Hallberg has not tried to hide the fact that this year will be hard for the team but he has made sure that that does not cause the players to play scared. "The one thing I do tell the team is not to fear the game. Don’t be intimidated but play with confidence. We have a lot to prove this year against the other schools but it’s up to each individual how far they want to push themselves.”

The admiration and respect that the team and coach have for each other really gives the future of the baseball program only high hopes. “I’m interested to see how the team progresses from nothing to competing,” said freshman Nick Griffin.

Some though won’t be able to see the future progress and wish that this had all happened earlier. "It sucks that this will be my first and last year being able to play. I wish I had been here five years later when the field was done and the team was established. I’m glad it finally happened. I just wish it had been sooner,” said Rojas.

Everyone agrees that they are very excited about the new additions to the program but it is also important that this support will only continue as the years come. “The school is really backing us up. I hope that they are as excited as I am so that this program will continue to grow,” stated Coach Hallberg.

The future of this team is what the LSU student body should watch out for. The growth and establishment to become a team that will represent La Sierra in a high competitive atmosphere is the team’s goal. “Keep your eyes open for drastic improvements in the next couple of years. We need support from our peers to keep baseball going strong,” said De Leon.

So La Sierra stayed tuned for updates on all of our sports teams and remember that your support can strengthen the programs and making it one that the players are privileged to play for and the students are privileged to cheer for.

Affair

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twice about attending the banquet. Brett Saunders, a Junior Business major from England, said, “For thirty dollars I would rather go to the cinema, play a round of golf and eat at Moby’s Fried Chicken.”

To each his own. Brett—you may be trading the chance to meet the lady of your dreams for a greasy world, being able to play overseas in Europe. I’m glad it finally happened, I just wish it had been sooner,” said Rojas.

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Assisted Living

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plied that by leasing the land, the University would be able to keep tuition costs down in the coming years. Geraty has not tried to hide the fact which he said was projected to remain stable for some time.

In addition, the Griffin Industries representative said that the new development, which will feature housing units in addition to the assisted living centers, will be sold at market value, something which he said was projected to remain stable for some time.

In addition to the assisted living discussion, there were questions about general campus live. Many students complained that the cafeteria is of poor quality. Administration answered all questions about the cafeterias by referring students to a Student Life task force formed to improve the cafeteria. One student became frustrated with this answer, and asked how to get in touch with Jen Tyner, Vice President of Student Life.

The student asked, Bethany Geraty, who had already left the meeting, did not tell Morse to go to Cal Baptist. Instead, the administration thanked her for her concern.
Food-o-philie

This Week’s Recipe: Valentine Layered Gelatin

By BETHANY MORSE

Ingredients
6 oz. cherry gelatin powder
2 cups boiling water
1 1/3 cup cold water
6 oz fat free Cool Whip, thawed

Directions
Dissolve gelatin powder in boiling water.
Add cold water. Cool slightly.
Fold in whipped topping.
Dip in hot water five seconds.
Unmold by running smooth knife or spatula around top edge.
Place on a plate.
Place on top of a heart-shaped plate.
Recipe makes 6 servings.

 LSU Homecoming 2006
By LSU PR

La Sierra’s annual alumni weekend takes place Feb. 24-26, with the theme “Renew, revive, refresh!” featuring the new waterfalls. Highlights of the weekend include the Homecoming banquet in the Visual Arts Center, the official Homecoming game, the Homecoming dance on the Hamilton Terrace, and the traditional potluck following church service. Faculty and staff are invited to bring salad and dessert and to stay and mingle with alumni. The Melashanko Family will perform at 4 p.m. in the LSU Church; all five brothers are La Sierra alumni. Sunday morning activities include a pancake breakfast ($5/person) on Sculpture Plaza and a program of music and drama on the Hamilton Terrace.

Many on campus are already involved with Homecoming preparations, but it is not too late to add something to the schedule. To submit an event or for more information, email alumni@lasierra.edu or call ext. 2LSU. To view the complete Homecoming schedule, check http://www.lasierra.edu/alumni.

“Cheap New World”
By LYNDSAY FEJERAN-BOLIVAR

La Sierra University’s Brandstater Gallery presents the exhibit “Cheap New World,” by Georg Burwick, Curator of the Digital Studio, at the University of California, Riverside, Photography Museum. The exhibit will run January 17 through February 16, 2006.

The public grand opening artist’s reception will take place Monday, February 13 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Brandstater Gallery, in the Visual Arts Center at La Sierra University, 4500 Riverwalk Parkway, Riverside, CA.

In the exhibit Burwick “focuses on relationships formed with the ‘objects’ that fill our world and how these relationships inform the landscapes in which they are presented.” The exhibit focuses on a single point perspective where Burwick frames the object. “Filimatic space and its potential is the site for my current experimentation,” he adds. “Enabled by virtual space and the viewers desire for the super-real, I chose to explore these objects and examine our notions of the super-real.”

The Brandstater Gallery will be open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2:00-5:00 p.m. They are closed Friday, Saturday and all University holidays. For information call the Gallery at (951) 785-2939.

Academy Weekend: Here and Gone
By JACQUELYN WEISCHADLE

You could ask almost any LSU student who lives in the dorms and they might recall those days, or promptly die. Before using cherries, you are forced with a cherry pitter or the tip of a vegetable peeler. If you are baking the cherries, add a few drops of pure almond extract to intensify the cherry taste.

Cherry Facts
A serving size of cherries is about a cup full. They have 90 calories, 2g protein, 6g fat, 22g carbohydrate, 3g dietary fiber, and 0mg sodium. Vitamins and minerals include Vitamin A 100mg, Calcium 14mg, Magnesium 5mg as for antioxidants: Carotenoids 39mcg, and Ellagic Acid.

Nutrition per serving
Calories: 152
Total Fat: 1g
Protein: 3g
Sodium: 191mg
Cholesterol: 0mg
Carbohydrates: 35g

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For red cherries, use a cherry when every you have the urge.
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Eating
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Compiled by BRANDON HERRMANN

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overseeing all of the Student Associations functions, such as the recent successful winter banquet held in the Orange Mining Company Restaurant on January 26, 2006. The social VP officer(s) also serves as a member of all committees and participates in the La Sierra Live Committee. The CABL director heads the Collegiate Advocate for Better Living and is responsible for the promotion of a Christian lifestyle and the organization and execution of activities relating to that. This year it has been done through the daily fitness and wellness exercises. Public Relations Director(s) create the artistic displays that advertises SALSU events which are shown in the cafeteria and other high traffic buildings. They make announcements in front of big crowds and promote the upcoming events. Publications Manager oversees the Criterion, Perspectives, and Vision editor and their respective publications. The Criterion editor busies himself or herself with publishing the bi-weekly paper on time and distributing the paper for the campus to receive. The Perspectives editor is busy doing the same with the student directory. The Visions editor is in charge of the creation and publication of the yearbook. All of the editors are expected to uphold the standards and vision of the spiritual, social and scholastic aspects of LSU throughout their publications. The office of the Parliamentarian keeps the other officers and members of the meetings in line, making sure discussions are productive and not rowdy. The parliamentarian is also in charge of the Senate election and SALSU election. Last but not the least, the Secretary types meeting minutes, ensuring officers are aware of what was discussed and voted on for future reference, and assist the president in his or her day to day tasks. Every elected officer is required to attend an eight week SALSU Academy as well as the SALSU retreat in the beginning of the school year. For most of the offices, the responsibilities are more than we might have imagined. Being in office is definitely an experience few are willing to endure. But not only does it build on that experience, it also teaches the tips and tricks of balancing many duties and the piling stress to get them done on time. Keep in mind that if the right person for the office is elected, it can be done. And deciding on that right person is up to you. So vote, and vote wisely.

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Officials are concerned about the coastal areas and flood zones due to the current development in such high-risk areas.

Religion or Science

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• Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
  • Thursday @ Los Amigos: Discount w/ LSU ID
  • 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)
  • 11:00 AM - UW (LSUC)
  • 7:30 PM - Eagles Women’s Basketball vs. Chapman Heritage College (San Diego)
  • 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM - SALSU Cosmic Bowling (AMF Lanes)

Friday, February 10

• 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

Saturday, February 11

• 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
  • 7:30 PM - Stall Museum Film Night: “Seven Years in Tibet” (LSH 222)
  • 7:30 PM - Eagles Men’s Basketball vs. Chapman
  • University (Orange)
  • 7:30 PM - Eagles Women’s Basketball vs. Chapman University (LSU)

Sunday, February 12

• 7:00 PM - Stall Museum Film Night: “The Last Emperor” (LSH 222)

Monday, February 13

• Discount Mondays @ Johnny’s Burgers: 10% off with LSU ID
  • 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)
  • 10:00 PM - Residential Life Winter Blessings (Meier Chapel)

Tuesday, February 14

• Valentine’s Day
  • TBA - OSA Study Break Bash
  • 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)
  • 11:00 AM - Spiritual Emphasis Week (La Sierra University Church)
  • 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle’s Nest)

Wednesday, February 15

• Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% off with LSU ID
  • 10:00 PM - Rendezvous (HMA)

Thursday, February 16

• Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
  • Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Discount with LSU ID
  • Residential Life Annual PB&J Blow-out (in Angwin after worship)
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  • 11:00 AM - Spiritual Emphasis Week (La Sierra University Church)
  • 6:30 PM - Campus Wide Meet The Firms Career Fair (Alumni Center)
  • 7:00 PM - SALSU Winter Talent Show (HMA)

Friday, February 17

• Residential Life National RA Recognition Day
  • 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

Saturday, February 18

• 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)
  • 7:30 PM - Eagles Women’s Basketball vs. Southwestern College-Phoenix (Arizona, AZ)

Sunday, February 19

• Monday, February 20
  • Presidents’ Day (No School)
  • Discount Mondays @ Johnny’s Burgers: 10% off with LSU ID

Tuesday, February 21

• 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)
  • 11:00 AM - Assembly: SALSU Elections (Gym; Required)
  • 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle’s Nest)

Wednesday, February 22

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  • 11:00 AM - UW (LSUC)
  • 8:00 PM - Drama “American Sisters” (Matheson Chapel)
A day in the life of Anon

By MIKE TYLER

(The following is based loosely on true events, actual names have been withheld.)

Anon Otways was finally released from his last class of the day at five o’clock, so he headed straight to the cafeteria to replenish his body with nutrients. Over the last few months, eating at the Dining Commons had become little more than a required scientific process for survival. At times, he wished they would just sell small capsules of nutrients with no taste or texture. But, no such luck.

He grabbed a to-go box and started to fill it with strange looking mush in many different shades of brown. He thought about adding a salad for color purposes, but it was dominantly brown as well.

After paying for his food, he awkwardly juggled the box, a bottle of juice, a napkin, a plastic fork and knife, and his iPod. When the music was finally blaring in his ears, he trekked off towards Sierra Towers. His steps were energized by the music, and immediately started squawking at the ants in a frenzy. A swarm of flies had massed into a pile three feet high and ten inches in diameter at its base. Squeaky was dashing around its base, trying to feed. All the wildlife seemed to be there. Animals had taken over, and he finally dropped to exhaustion. The sound, the all wildlife seemed to pause. Squeaky stopped and glared at him, scurrying around his lower body. His legs instinctively started to kick and dance as if he had, well, ants in his pants. The flies massed so thickly around his head that he couldn’t see, and soon the birds were pecking at his arms and shoulders without mercy. He screamed in agitation, and felt Squeaky jump onto his chest, knocking him over and forcing him to drop the food. He slashed wildly with his weapon, but couldn’t hold the horde. They’d taken over the room! He had no hope of survival! Anon’s bellows slowly died as the ants in his right, swiping and jabbing at the swarming flies and birds. The ants mass was closing, and he released a roundhouse kick, knocking off the top half. They scattered, but the horde kept coming, and Squeaky seemed to have found himself, and was now bouncing slowly towards him with malevolence in his eye.

The ant pile reformed and finally met him, scurrying around his lower body. His legs instinctively started to kick and dance as if he had, well, ants in his pants. The flies massed so thickly around his head that he couldn’t see, and soon the birds were pecking at his arms and shoulders without mercy. He screamed in agitation, and felt Squeaky jump onto his chest, knocking him over and forcing him to drop the food. He slashed wildly with his weapon, but couldn’t hold the horde. They’d taken over the room! He had no hope of survival! Anon’s bellows slowly died as his energy drained. The plastic knife slashed with less fervor, and his unit finally dropped to exhaustion. The animals had taken over, and he finally regretted the mess of his room.

What do you do think keeps the “spice” in a relationship?

Compiled by JENNIFER LEE

KEANNA WATSON-PAYNE
Freshman
Education

“It’s the small, thoughtful things that matter. So, I would be there for him as best as I could, and pray that things work out for the best for us.”

MICHAEL WOGU
Graduate
Business

“Try to not bore each other with too much time together.”

CHRISTINA WIDMER
Freshman
Fine Art

“Nothing—My relationships are non-existent.”

JACHI NOWOKIKE
Graduate
Nursing

“Trying new things together and keeping the ladies laughing and smiling.”

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Ah, February. This is always a special time of year for me. It’s a very important month. It’s not St. Valentine’s Day that tugs at my heart, it’s not Groundhog Day that puts spring into my step. It’s not even Black History Month, despite my love and respect for my brothers of another color.

This month is set aside for us men to show who we are. To stand tall and strong, and display our manhood proudly for all to see.

HEY! Stop snickering! I’m talking about our beards!

This is the time of year I like to call Facial Hair February, and it is a time like no other. All year long, we are slaves to our razors. We grow sharp blades across our faces, day in and day out, in an effort to glimmer up our images. We want to look classy. We want to look clean. We want to impress girls by showing them that, hey, maybe we’re not so different after all. Well, I say, for just one month of the year, enough is enough!

It’s a bold move, I know. Some of us have fancy jobs. Some of us, let’s face it, are a little patchy. Some of us have girlfriends...girls who whisper and complain when L...I mean we men...go two days without putting blade to face. But we’re men. Bold moves come with the bat and tackle.

Think about it. Some of the greatest, most powerful, most influential men in history have sported glorious facial hair. Abraham Lincoln! Lawrence T. Geraty! Chewbacca! Jesus! Imagine—for 28 glorious days, we can join this noble fraternity.

Some of you have already started. I see you, Shane Bickner, like ZZ Top in a John Deer hat. I see you Dennis Aten-jo, the red-headed freshman goat man. I see you, Daniel Polemini, straight out of the Old Testament. And I see you, Shane Bickner, like ZZ Top in a John Deer hat. I see you, Shane Bickner, like ZZ Top in a John Deer hat. I see you, Shane Bickner, like ZZ Top in a John Deer hat.

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Scrumptious Affair
By WILL GILE

Inevitably that special time of year has come—time to strive and achieve in what is know as the greatest sporting event of the year. I’m talking of course about the annual La Sierra University Winter Banquet. Yes my friends, it is here, a chance to ask that special someone out to share a romantic evening.

I know, I know, you thought that once you graduated from academy there would be no more banquets—no more great chances to get dressed up, take pictures, and eat luscious meals with someone you totally and wonderfully tolerate. Think again.

Inside the cafeteria, a social hot-spot on campus, I asked a few students how they were dealing with this impending social climax. Dale Enderius, a Sophomore Biology major, said he doesn’t stress over it. Then he shared his secret to asking a girl out to the banquet.

"First, you put a little extra sugar in your coffee, to make them a little hyper, then BAM!—pop the question." I should take this opportunity to bring up the ethical dilemma posed by sugar—for those of you concerned with the manufactured nature of granulated sugar, I might I think you should make it even more ridiculous and attempt to plan in such things as a bonus photo poll is on page 9!"
Bush Proposes 2007 Budget, Education Cuts
By DANIEL TARANGO

President Bush recently released his $2.77 trillion budget proposal 2007. The proposal calls for major cuts to programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, and other health services. There are also proposed cuts in education and college aid.

The only groups that appear to gain from this budget would be the wealthy by way of more permanent tax cuts, and the military.

The most controversial cuts are to Medicare. Bush’s budget calls for $39 billion in cuts over the next five years, including $6.4 billion from Medicare and $4.7 billion from Medicaid. The Medicare cuts would affect health research by subtracting 4.4% in annual research spending for diabetes and heart failure treatment. In addition, $5 billion would be cut over the next five years from health services for low-income people, many of which are children. The money would come from the many free clinics and immunization centers in the inner-city and rural areas.

The proposed educational cuts would leave behind 70,000 high school math and science teachers by cutting spending on their training. There is also a proposed cut of $15 billion for after school programs, programs for the arts, and Head Start programs. Additional cuts will lessen the money available for student financial aid, putting additional strain on college students.

Despite the many cuts outlined in the budget proposal, there are areas of massive spending. Oil companies would receive $4 billion for drilling in the Arctic National Wild Refuge. This expense is suspect because Congress has continually blocked drilling in the Arctic refuge in Alaska because it houses numerous species on the endangered list.

Elsewhere in the proposal, Bush has set aside $439.9 billion for the military, although this money does cover the war in Iraq and Afghanistan—the war will cost an additional $120 billion.

There was compassion shown by Bush’s budget plan. He did vow to defend a group of citizens that he sees better help from Bush’s budget than the previous one. The reason Bushes is so excited for La Sierra University campus, doesn’t look like much. It’s just a small white house on a residential street with a simple sign above the front porch. Many people who pass by probably don’t even know what it is. But the truth behind SOLA house is actually quite remarkable. A Christian ministry for the blind, SOLA house is the brainchild of Ron Bowes, an employee of Christian Record Services. Based in Lincoln, Nebraska, Christian Record Services is a ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist church that offers free magazines, Bibles, and summer camp opportunities to children and adults who are visually impaired. Bowes has worked with this organization for nine years, as well as teaching at Andrews University, Union College, and here at La Sierra University. Last year, Bowes decided he wanted to do more, and came up with the idea of SOLA house. In June 2005, Bowes dedicated SOLA house to God and to the people of Riverside, bringing his dreams of community service to the La Sierra campus.

The reason Bowes is so excited for La Sierra University to become involved in this disability service project is because of a man named Justin Dart. Dart, who passed away in 1993, was the creator of the Americans with Disabilities Act which passed in 1990, and was also an alumnus of La Sierra University. Bowes envisions a service project that will include La Sierra University students as well as the entire community—an endeavor that would have made Dart proud.

In addition to services for the blind, SOLA house provides rich service learning opportunities to the SDA academies in the area, such as La Sierra Academy and Loma Linda Academy. Students from these schools participated in a miniature golf tournament back in November 2005 by helping and cheering on their teammates, who just happened to be blind.

SOLA house is currently in collaboration with California Baptist University on a very special project. On Saturday March 11, the National see SOLA HOUSE page 2
Editorial: Immigration Bill Threatens Rights
By DANIEL TARANGO

After the terrorist attacks on 9/11, Americans gathered together and readily displayed their flags—I was one of them. But underneath this nationalistic revival, something ugly began to happen. Many people in the U.S. began to target immigrants as a foreign enemy as a sense of nativism swept the nation. With it came the cry to suppress immigration from Latin nations, especially Mexico. We see the vigilante Minutemen patrolling the border with guns looking for immigrants. Nativist pandits like Pat Buchanan and Lou Dobbs go on television proclaiming that there is an invasion from the south and that the Anglo-Saxon Protestant ideals of America are threatened.

I myself, born and raised in the United States, have been called "wetback" and "illegal" many times, something I have never been called before the 9/11 attacks. But now things have turned for the worse with Congress's new immigration bill House Resolution 4437. The bill states that anybody who assists an undocumented immigrant can be arrested and charged with a felony and may face up to 5 years in prison. This would include churches, non-profit organizations, legal aid lawyers, Samarians, or anyone caught giving even a ride to an undocumented immigrant. If you are stopped for a minor traffic violation, anyone inside who fits the description of an immigrant would be asked to provide documentation. This bill would give jail time to priests, pastors, nuns, or any church official caught helping an undocumented immigrant. HR4437 was co-authored by New York congressman Peter King, Rep. 3rd district, and has so far been passed by the House of Representatives and is on its way to the Senate. Not since Proposition 187 has there been an immigration bill that violates human rights so blatantly. (Proposition 187 denied the children of undocumented immigrants the ability to receive health care or participate in Head Start programs; it was found unconstitutional by the Supreme Court). HR4437 scares many in the Latino community because it has the potential to trample many rights in the blind march for national security.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales claims that the bill is constitutional and protects national security. I can only wonder whether the scramble for security ignores one thing: immigrants—with or without documentation—are not terrorists. Immigrants put more into our economy than they take. They simply want the chance to improve their lives. Most often, they do this by providing the rich and the ungrateful with cheap work, service and convenience.

Human rights are at stake. A new potential for human rights violation emerges as the duty of enforcing immigrations laws has been taken from the Justice Department and given to the Department of Homeland Security. The perception of such a change is that all immigrants are a threat to the United States and are the enemy in the war against terrorism. Such an allegation will effectively strip immigrants of their inalienable human rights.

In a land built by immigrants, it is immoral for Buchanan, Dobbs, and Congressman King, as well as other Nativist, to deny Latino-American—indigenous and native—the same opportunities afforded to their ancestors.

Letter to the Editor:

Response to the Feb. 9, 2006 article "D.C. Lobbyist Swindles Tribe" By Un-signed Editor's note: Letter has been edited for spelling only

In response to the again ridiculous and bias assertions by Daniel Tarango's article, "D.C. Lobbyist Swindles Tribe." This article is purely biased with a liberal agenda.

Fact One: Tom Delay didn't step down because of the Abramoff scandal. Mr. Delay had to step down because of his own party rules in light of an investigation. These false charges are still being investigated. When Delay is cleared, I expect Tarango to mention this in one of his ridiculous articles. To bring unwarranted charges against Delay was only way to get him out of politics. But don't worry he will be back.

Fact Two: the statement "Abramoff deal sent Republican's running," is another laughable assertion. Tarango does not want you to know that Harry Reid, head of the senate democrats, collected nearly $68,000 in donations from Abramoff's firm. After Reid received these donations, he wrote four letters helpful to Indian tribes represented by Jack Abramoff, according to the Friday, Feb. 10, 2006 addition of the Riverside Press Enterprise associated press article. Will you hear this from Tarango? It is because Tarango has a liberal agenda. All we ask is that Tarango be balanced in his assertions. If he can do this then there would be validity to his articles and people just might start believing him and liking the Criterion. Every political article he writes is junk and laughable.

Editor's Response: Whomever you are, thank you for your opinion. You are the first person this year to submit a written response or opinion.

First of all, you are correct in your assertion that Tarango has a liberal slant, you must be very clever. In his defense, he signs his name to what he writes. I do share your concern that such a bias may effect an un-biased newspaper. However, we hope that the readers recognize that we do not have enough staff to represent all sides. We would like to offer more points of view, but most of the rightists on this campus are busy studying the business model of Halliburton, and do not have time to offer their perspective. Finally, in order to start some kind of conversation, we have tried to push the envelope in order to stimulate reader response. Thank you again for your letter.

Food-o-phere
By BETHANY MORSE, CABL Director

February is the month when people focus on their hearts, both emotional and physically. For more than 30 years, the American Heart Association has recommended that people "cut back on fat and increase their consumption of carbohydrates and fiber-rich fruit, vegetables, legumes and whole grains in order to lower the risk of developing heart disease. These nutrient-rich foods may help lower blood cholesterol levels, prevent fatty accumulation in blood vessel walls that leads to heart disease and possibly protect heart tissue from damage." However, eating well is only half the battle against heart disease - don't forget to exercise daily. Featured Food

This week's featured food is actually a mineral, namely calcium. Calcium maintains strong bones and teeth, regulates heartbeat assists with blood clotting. Osteoporosis can be caused by insufficient calcium intake as a youngster. Almonds, broccoli, escarole, fortified soymilk, kale, peanuts, spinach, tofu, turnip greens are great sources to find calcium. Adults need 1,000 mg/day and 1,200mg/day for menopausal women.

Hummus
Easy to make and great in sandwiches, as a dip, or just being creative.

Ingredients:
1 can chick peas (400 g), drained
2 Tbsp. oil
2-3 cloves garlic
2 Tbsp. tahini
Juice of 1 lemon
Water

Directions: Spin it all in a blender until fairly smooth. Serve with pita bread.
Murder
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not the year, in full by the time mid-
terms come around. If a student did, in
fact, die, all of that money very likely
would stay in the pockets of the adminis-
tration.

While the alleged attempts at murder
are concentrated during these specific
times of the academic year, many the-
orists have suggested that the Univer-
sity-wide assemblies have begun to
become the most dangerous place of all," said a representative. "Students' health may be at risk.

depend on God one hundred percent.

"When you reach the point in which
you feel like I'm about to, well, die," said a junior music major, John Doe.

During Dead Week and Finals

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CE: - Know what type of person you want, don't settle for anything less.

Depend on God one hundred percent.

Never let anybody tell you what life you should be living. Know what you want out of a relationship. If you're dating just to date, that's fine, but always make sure the relationship is headed in the right direction. Last but not least, stay pure.

WG: Did you participate in facial

March 9

Sunday, March 5

Monday, March 6

- Discount Mondays @ Johnny's
  Burgers: 10% discount with LSU ID
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)

Sunday, February 28

- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)

Wednesday, March 1

- Women's History Month
- American Red Cross Month
- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizzas: 10% discount with LSU ID
- 8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)

Tuesday, March 7

- National Foreign Language Week
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)

Tuesday, April 5

- Discount Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizzas: 10% discount with LSU ID
- 8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)

Tuesday, April 12

- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out (Fitness Center)

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What is your favorite quote?
Compiled by JENNIFER LEE

MELISSA BROOKS
Freshman Business Management

"A witty woman is a treasure... A witty beauty is a power..."
-George Meredith

CHRIS AIKEN
Junior Psychology

"Get busy livin' or get busy dyin'."

BRANDI BAYUS
Freshman Psychology

"I rock and you don't."

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

Welcome, one and all, to another instal-lation of the Criterion advice column. I, Ms. Divine, will be your hostess for our time together. Before I begin with this week’s question, I re-gret to announce that the offer for a free Say What?? Certificate, delivered upon the appearance of YOUR question in this paper, must be rescinded due to the closing at the end of this month. However, we will be replacing it with an equivalent certificate from the Cof-fee Depot, so please continue to send in your questions to lsuadvice@gmail.com.

This week, we have “Lost in Az-eroth” writing to us about his addiction to on-line games. Apparently this poor fellow has taken to skipping classes and traveling around campus and the greater Riverside area in search of more consistent internet, in order to spend time with his level 35 Night Elf “Leroy” in World of Warcraft.

MD: Hail good sir! While I appreci-ate the lure of on-line games, myself wanting to be able to join in on this whole “WoW” craze, some people may say that you are taking it a bit too far. When games intrude on your life so much that you begin to waste $20,000+ a year, tuition, you might want to start thinking about that whole “Hello, My name is XY and I have a problem” route. That doesn’t mean you should have to quit playing altogether. Instead, limit yourself to set times of play. As you mentioned in your let-ter, the men’s dorm is known for its poor connection to the game servers, so please continue to send in your questions to lsuadvice@gmail.com.

Perhaps if you took advantage of that and only played when you went home or had access to more secure Internet, you could break away from your addiction. If that isn’t an option, you could continue to take a page from the alco-holic’s anonymous help groups and find yourself a buddy. Have that buddy hold you accountable to your limits on game time, so you do not have to try to break the addiction alone. Otherwise, you may find yourself standing on the side of the road someday with a large “Will Work for Internet and Access to WoW” sign. And nobody wants to be that person.

DFS: Oh my, oh my... addictions can be such hideous affairs, particularly when they start overturning, absort-ing, and demolishing your life... ok, a bit exaggerated, maybe, but it certainly sounds like the path you have chosen. Addictions (even if they be something as seemingly preposterous and ludic-rous as online games—a joke people, a joke... I fully understand the seriousness of this craze) are unsettling. The hardest part about them, of course, is admitting you are addicted and seeking help. Obviously, you have compe-ted this first part, as you have come to us for advice. I want to make sure, how-ever, that you are completely aware of the gravity of your problem. When things start getting in the way of an ex- pense educational opportunity, you really ought to re-evaluate your priori-ties. While playing “WoW” is incred-i-bly fun (not that I would ever play such a game), failing classes, spend-ing more than five years at LSU, and neglecting the million of other excit-ing things in this world, are not very wise choices. As they say, you are only young once. Why would you want to waste all your days sitting in front of a computer screen; moving objects on a screen, when you have all these bright, happy days ahead of you? Isn’t that ex-see BASTIONETTES on page 3

SUDOKU — Back by popular demand (my dad liked it). The object is to fill each column, row, and 3x3 square with numbers 1-9 without repeating a number. Beware of addiction.

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Back Page Award
“Facial Hair February Hero”

As Facial Hair February draws to a close, we see that one man, Shane Blickner, aka “Spud,” has fully embodied the heart and soul of this special holiday. We know that some of you are growing weak and are tempted to shave, but let this man be an example to you—live your may, grow out Facial Hair February to its fullest.
College Pricing Trends
By DEEJAY WALAYAT

In 2003, the House of Representa-
tives Committee on Education and
the Workforce stated that "America's
higher education system is facing a
crisis."

It has become common knowledge
that college prices are continually ris-
ing. The College Board Office of
Public Affairs published a table on the col-
lege pricing trends from 1976-2006 on
the constant dollar. The price in 1976
for a private, four-year university was
$8,458. Today the cost is $21,235.

Currently, La Sierra University costs
more than the average private univer-
sity. At the end of this school year, a
dorm student at La Sierra University
will have paid $24,327.

Despite rising tuition, prices are
not necessarily related to the quality
of education offered by a university.
An undergraduate four-year degree at
Harvard is $28,752, while at USC it
costs $30,703.

Despite the rising costs, enrollment
is on the rise. The Society for College
and University Planning stated that
enrollment is growing at four-year
campuses. The member of the Coun-
cil for Christian Colleges and Univer-
sities (CCCU) are having the fastest
growth in student numbers, and recent
research by the Higher Education Re-
search Institute states that these faith-
based schools are not only attracting
their own members, but also others
seeking the same type of education.
This rapid growth might be too much
for these schools to take on without
state support.

So what is being done? Experts say
not to be intimidated by the sticker
price of college because there is fi-
nancial aid available. This year, the
government has increased the price of
aid to $129 billion according to The
College Board Office of Public Af-
fairs. The Pell Grant, Stafford Loan
and Federal Work Study Programs are
some of the choices of aid given by the
government.

The increase of government aid
is helpful to those who qualify. But
poverty levels are rising, and a grow-
ing portion of the population who are
stranded between poverty and middle
class will not be able to afford college
despite available scholarships.

Rotation Of Earth Plunges Entire
North American Continent Into
Darkness
By THEONION.COM

NEW YORK—Millions of eye-
witnesses watched in stunned hor-
terror Sunday as light emptied from the sky,
plunging the U.S. and neighboring
countries into darkness. As the hours
progressed, conditions only worsened.

Satellite view at 4:50 p.m. EST
shows the sun disappearing from the
sky.

At approximately 4:20 p.m. EST, the
dsun began to lower from its position in
the sky in a westward trajectory, event-
tually disappearing below the horizon.
Reports of this global emergency con-
tinued to file in from across the con-
tinent until 5:46 p.m. PST, when the
entire North American mainland was
officially declared dark.

As the phenomenon hit New York,
millions of commuters were forced to
use their headlights to navigate through
the blackness. Highways flooded with
commuters who had left work to hurry
home to their families. Traffic was
totenked for more than two hours in
many major metropolitan areas.

ACROSS THE COUNTRY:

Across the country, buses and trains
are operating on limited schedules and
will cease operation shortly after 12
a.m. EST, leaving hundreds of thou-
sands of commuters in outlying areas
effectively stranded in their homes.

Despite the high potential for dan-
ger and decreased visibility, scientists
say they are unable to do anything to
restore light to the continent at this
time.

"Vast gravitational forces have ro-
tated the planet Earth on an axis drawn
through its north and south poles," said
Dr. Elena Bilkins of the National
Weather Service. "The Earth is in actu-
ality spinning uncontrollably through
space."

Bilkins urged citizens to remain
calm, explaining that the Earth's ro-
tation is "utterly beyond human con-
trol."

"The only thing a sensible person
can do is wait it out," she said.

Commerce has been brought to a
halt by the blackout..." see NORTH AMERICA on page 4

Dodgeball Tournament:
A Smashing Success
By WILL GILE

At approximately 10:30 p.m. on Sat-
aturday, Feb. 26, the happenings inside
the La Sierra University Gym were
barbaric and chaotic. Tempers were
flaring, men were sweating, and balls
were flying.

It was time for Dodgeball.

The history of this sport remains
a mystery, though some rumors hint
that the ancient Mayans started it as
a ritual to the Gods. Others believe
it started here in America when kids
in the Great Depression were so poor
the only entertainment they could find
was to throw balls at each other.

One thing is for sure, the sport finally
made its way to the campus of La Sierra
and its coming was long been past due.

With eight teams in the brackets
and only one walking away with the first
place prize (gift certificates to Sports
Chalet), competition was in the air.

The format was a round robin, with
each team playing each other once,
and then going on to simple elimina-
tion playoffs. Some of the teams
donned uniforms, while others dressed
tight, thus creating no resistance for the
dodging motion. While the sport was
meant to be co-ed, only one woman
actually showed up to partici-
ate, causing a loss of respect for the
female Dodgeballers (save one) who
were afraid to "bring it."

As the first games began and the
first balls were thrown, no one rea-
ally knew which team had the better
Dodgeballers. But as the night drew
on, the Jacques, a team of six males
from fourth Floor of Sierra Towers
looked like they were the favorites.

With the arm of Nick Jackson and the
gracefulness of Ronson Wolfe, this
team had what it takes to make it to the
top. Only two other teams, the
Condors, and Hit and Run seemed to
have a shot at stopping them.

Team Hit and Run had a secret
weapon in the arm of Kenny Aguirre...
Blind Woman Gains Sight

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

For Mrs. Urch of Coventry, England, "I was blind, but now I see" is a literal statement. According to the Telegraph Group of the United Kingdom Press, Joyce Urch regained her eye sight after 25 years of being blind.

Mrs. Urch was diagnosed with glaucoma when her eyesight began to deteriorate and soon after she became blind. Yet 16 months ago Joyce Urch suffered from a heart attack, admitting her into the Walgrave Hospital in Coventry and for three days the doctors struggled for her life. After being in a coma Joyce woke up with a whole new perspective on life and her eye sight!

This is the first time Joyce Urch is able to see her five children clearly since she became blind and now she can see her 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her husband Mr. Urch is ecstatic and doesn’t care if the reason is scientific or labeled as a miracle all he knows is that the Urch family is overjoyed by Joyce’s recovery.

Although Doctors don’t exactly know why this happened to Joyce, Dr. Deepinder Dhaliwal, director of the Laser/Vision Center at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center commented on Joyce Urch’s recovery. As asked by ABC News Dhaliwal diagnoses two theories to why Mrs. Urch’s sight was regained, one reason being dislocation of cataracts which is the most reversible blindness because of the clouding of the lenses in the eye. Another diagnosis is that Mrs. Urch was suffering from functional blindness, where something going on in the brain blocks the persons sight for example and traumatic event could trigger this effect.

Altogether Mrs. Urch’s recovery is miraculous and one of a kind. This event has left medical personnel searching for answers, the Urch family with happiness and praise, and all others baffled.

Meet the Firms

By LARRY PENA, LSU PR

La Sierra University’s School of Business hosted its 22nd annual Meet the Firms night Thursday, February 16. Representatives from about 40 companies gathered in the La Sierra University Alumni Center to meet with prospective employees from La Sierra University’s student body. Among the companies were: Century 21 Insurance, Chase Home Finance, Adventist Health-Walgreens, Nordstrom, Sav-On Drugs, and Infinity Motors. Two companies even sent former La Sierra University students as their representatives.

"We’ve had many students connect with internship programs," says Cheryl Basman, La Sierra University coordinator of student services for the School of Business. "We also have a higher number of our alumni back as representatives of companies. I think that gives our students hope that there really is life after college!"

"It was great coming back and ‘being on the other side of the table’ so to speak," says Jonathan Sawyer, La Sierra University class of 2004, who attended Meet the Firms as a representative of MetLife Insurance. "It feels as though I’m giving back to the community that provided a foundation for the construction of my business thinking today."

The event was organized by three students, sophomore accounting majors Ryan Ashlock, Hotaj Entezari, and Jonathan Clement. These students, who also organized Meet the Firms last year, have been working on the event since the beginning of the school year, staying in touch with participating companies, and sending out mailings trying to recruit more businesses.

"It takes a lot of time, a lot of sacrifice," says Entezari. "Toward the end it gets pretty stressful. But when we get alumni coming back with companies that they met here, it’s very rewarding to see that we’ve accomplished something for them."

Current students were equally excited about the opportunity to meet prospective employers. "I think it’s a wonderful opportunity to get your name out there," says business management sophomore Christina Hicks.

"One problem we have when putting on Meet the Firms together is that since it’s hosted by the School of Business, people think it’s just for business majors," says Entezari, who is looking forward to next year’s event. "We have companies here looking for all kinds of people—engineers, writers, market ing and advertising majors. Meet the Firms is for everybody.

It’s in March

By DEEJAY WALAYAT

March, usually known for St. Patrick’s Day but what most people don’t know are the number of significant dates labeled in March. So here’s a list of them for you to jot down!

March is...

American Red Cross Month
President Roosevelt proclaimed March to become the American Red Cross Month in 1943. It celebrates how the American Red Cross has served the communities in the United States that year and promotes donation and volunteerism in the American Red Cross.

Women’s History Month — In 1981 Congress passed a bill for the first week of March to be the remembrance of Women’s History Week but in 1987 it was changed to be the whole month of March. The purpose is to remember the strides in which women have made over the past year.

National Craft Month — National Craft Month is carried out by the National Craft Association to promote craft activities and the benefits derived from craft projects. National Craft Month is celebrated by industry and consumers alike.

National Nutrition Month

Save Your Vision Month
National Foreign Language Week: March 5-11 — Inaugurated in the Spring of 1957 the National Foreign Language Week is to promote the importance of learning another foreign language and is to motivate the learning of another language. Al pha Mu Gamma who inaugurated the significance provide specific lectures and seminars in the importance of learning another language.

St. Patrick’s Day: March 17 — To wear something green. Although this is the broad understanding of this holiday St. Patrick’s Day roots from Ireland. St. Patrick was a saint who struggled to convert people to Christianity over for thirty years. The color green goes along with the Irish theme which celebrates St. Patrick and the Shamrock’s importance is know because it is said that St. Patrick used a Shamrock to explain the trinity to non-believers. This holiday came over from Ireland in 1737 and has been celebrated since.

National Sleep Awareness Week: march 27- April 2 — Celebrated by the National Sleep Foundation to promote what else, but the necessity of sleep!

ATTENTION: YEARBOOK DATE CHANGE!

The yearbook pictures scheduled for this week have been canceled. The background for the pictures was not shipped correctly. The photos have been rescheduled for the second week of spring quarter.

APRIL 10 - Freshmen
APRIL 11 - Sophomores
APRIL 12 - Juniors
APRIL 13 - Seniors
APRIL 18 - Faculty/Staff & Make-up day

Bizzar March Holidays

List courtesy of http://www.bizarrenews.com/

March is Foot Health Month, Humorists Are Artists Month, National Furniture Refinishing Month, National Frozen Food Month, National Noodle Month, and National Peanut Month

March 1 - National Pig Day and Peanut Butter Lover’s Day
March 2 - Old Stuff Day
March 3 - I Want You To Be Happy Day, Peach Blossom Day and National Anthem Day
March 4 - Holy Experiment Day
March 5 - Multiple Personalities Day
March 6 - National Frozen Food Day
March 7 - National Crown Roast Of Pork Day
March 8 - Be Nasty Day
March 9 - Panic Day
March 10 - Festival Of Life In The Cracks Day
March 11 - Johnny Appleseed Day and Worship of Tools Day
March 12 - Alfred Hitchcock Day
March 13 - Jewel Day
March 14 - National Potato Chip Day
March 15 - Buzzard’s Day and Everything You Think Is Wrong Day
March 16 - Everything You Do Is Right Day
March 17 - Submarine Day
March 18 - Supreme Sacrifice Day
March 19 - Poultry Day
March 20 - Proposal Day and Festival Of Extraterrestrial Abductions Day
March 21 - Fragrance Day
March 22 - National Goof-off Day
March 23 - National Organize Your Home/Office Day and National Chip and Dip Day
March 24 - National Chocolate Covered Raisins Day
March 25 - Pecan Day and Waffle Day
March 26 - Make Up Your Own Holiday Day and Spinach Festival Day
March 27 - National “Ice” Day
March 28 - Something On A Stick Day
March 29 - Festival Of Smoke and Mirrors Day
March 30 - I Am In Control Day
March 31 - Bunsen Burner Day and National Clams On The Half Shell Day

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The following students are on the CAS Dean’s List of Academic Honors for fall quarter because they earned a 3.5 – 3.99 on at least 15 units and received no grade below a B-, no incompletes, and/or no “U” grades.

Aledia, Louisiana
Anderson, Megan
Avila, Jay
Balun, Laura
Barakat, Michael
Bayen, Nolan
Bearden, Timothy
Bolivar, Giannette
Bosse, Christian
Calastro, Kristina
Carlos, Gianina
Chae, John
Chai, Christopher
Chan, Jeanne
Chang, Pei
Chang, Jung Yoon
Cordova, Nixoma
Corona, Yuriana
Dals, Wendy
De la Paz, Jed
Delgado, Raymond
Duong, Anna
Fevrier, Jaceta
Fortaajala, Jeremiah
Fujimura, Takasugi
Galecka, Alicja
Gamino-Gould, Maryana
Garcia, Kerri
Goltiao, Kim
Gonzalez, Ister
Griffith, Nicholas
Hashemi, David
Herbert, Michaela
Hernandez, Jose
Horton, Creola
Hunter, Caprice
Isberto, Russell
Jo, Susan
Kibby, Katelyn
Kim, Dae Ho
Klotz, Heather
Kohatsu, Akemi
Koscielich, Dominick
Krueger, Diana
Kwon, Soon Rye
Latt, Heinz
Lee, Andy
Lee, Chang Yeol
Lee, Cindy
Lee, Jennifer
Lee, Sang Kyu
Love, Jacob
Lyn, Jodja
Ma, Yi-Shen
Marchand, Natalie

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Marnian, Angelina
Mariano, Jennifer
Marovich, Debra
McDonough, Megan
Medway, Tonya
Mehart, Candria
Miller, Jennifer
Model, Niccole
Machini, Juliana
Mursic, Zachary
Ochoa, Nataly
Ochoa, Patricia
Olfing, Tiffany
Opara, Reira
Ozsil, Shana
O’Reilly, Amanda
Park, Jung In
Pasamba, Lorraine Mae
Pattanaprommas, Valistine
Pecore, Erin
Penington, Megan
Perce, Edgar
Pittenger, Philipp
Rampasan, Melissa
Robinson, Erik
Rodriguez, Edgar
Roh, Grace
Ronque, Paige
Ross, Jonathon
Salone, Julian
Schoepflin, Charles
Shan, Clarissa
Shaw, Raj
Silva, Steven
Skaf, Amin
Szatz, Thomas
Tambulobon, Rebecca
Torres, Shering
Trenkle, Darcy
Turner, Monique
Tyler, Michael
Waite, Sherian
Webster, Kevin
Weischadle, Jacqueline
Werner, Karisa
Whang, Sonja
Wheatley, Jonathan
Widmer, Christina
Williams, Amy
Wilson, Claire
Wilson, Malinda
Yoshida, Hiroshi
Yow, Maribel
Zhong, Kaillin
Zimmerman, Melanie
Zygowiec, Nadine

Students named to the Dean’s List of Academic Honors completed 15 or more units of class work and earned a 3.5 - 3.9 grade point average during the Fall Quarter of 2005.

Heather Barbiana
Adam Hicks
Miguel Mendez
Tony Parish
Ruben Rios
Arvy Wuyangs

Students named to the Dean’s Letter of Recognition completed 15 or more units of class work and earned a 4.0 grade point average during the Fall Quarter of 2005.

Kassy Skoretz
Syahryl Yazid

The following students are on the CAS Dean’s Letter of Academic Recognition for fall quarter because they earned a 4.0 for at least 15 units.

Aceres, Kimberly
Aceres, Lori
Adonay, Dennis
Brodersen, Ashley
Chi, Han-Bit
Cho, Lydia
Choi, Rayyoung
Cronk, Amy
Fleming, Bethany
Hoang, Jimmy
Holliday, Shurena
House, Larissa
Mesipam, Avinash
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By RENEE HESS

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Lady Eagles Softball Takes-off
By KATLYN KILBY
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"Since it's our first year we just really want to become established. We want to do well in giving respect from the other teams that we play," stated Mitch McMurray, to talk about the key players on the Jacques, freshmen Sienna and training paid off." Throughout my team. I'm really stoked that our hard work guys I play with," said McMurray, to talk about the key players on the Jacques, freshmen Sienna.

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When it comes to game time, though, the girls get down to business and know what needs to be done. With

Food-o-phile
By BETHANY MORSE
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Feaured Food
Spinach is high in folate, iron, lutein and helps with vision and blood vessels.

Baby Spinach Salad
1 bag baby spinach leaves (washed)
1 package chopped walnuts
1 small package Fetta Cheese
1 cup Dried Cranberries

Dressing
2 parts Balsamic Vinegar
1 part Olive oil

Mix, toss and watch the weight melt away!

Women's softball comes to LSU: Game on!

"Looking at next year we really need more girls and we need to get a better set foundation. Of course everyone is waiting for a home field and we just really want the administration to see how great we're doing and the hard work that we're putting in so that they will continue helping us out," said Caudill.

The bottom line is that the administration needs to know how important the sports department is. Having the additions of softball, baseball, and soccer this year has been fantastic. Now let's just make sure the support continues. The same goes for the programs we've already had including basketball, volleyball, and tennis. To the student body, the sport programs are very significant and everyone hopes that the administration sees that and will continue to grow in its support so that this department will thrive and develop into an essential characteristic of La Sierra University.
Your Voice and My Failure
By BRANDON HERRMANN

I cannot complain that there is little discussion on campus or in the Criterion because I haven’t written any editorials. I cannot complain about problems on this campus because we don’t have a staff large enough or with enough time to press administration on issues like tuition, campus policies, or problems with the university.

I think our biggest problem is that we don’t ask enough questions; as a newspaper we should not have a staff large enough or with muscle—and the government can do whatever it wants.

This is the part of the editorial where I am supposed to say, “don’t just sit there and be idle, get up and go make a difference.” I won’t say that because I hate it when people say that. The people who say that rarely explain how to make a difference aside from registering to vote.

Voting is a multiple choice test asking you to choose between watered down Kool-aid and watered down Tang. Neither answer is good. As a statement, voting is merely choosing between ideas other people said. “Vote or Die” means nothing to my generation. The media is interesting, but it does not affect me. Much of the news I see is disconnected from the public and the newspaper, and as a society, we don’t ask enough questions; as a group we should not have a staff large enough or with the background and expertise to ask many of the right questions by themselves, they are scared to offend their bosses and lose their audience, and then when they ask all the questions, we as a public forget that we play a part in our world that goes beyond voting.

The news media probably won’t change on the macro level where corporations run the news, but on the micro level, the Criterion level, we can try to keep the status quo. If any of you care about something enough to blog on it for hours, consider submitting it to the Criterion. If you want to check out or play a game, you should not have a staff large enough or with the student association, or me, write down what you want to say (being careful to include all important details such as why you think I should jump off a tower) and submit it to the Criterion. I will give your argument a voice. The rest of the staff and I will do our best to get your questions answered or your opinion in print.

Email your questions or opinions to either salsu.publications@lasierra.edu, or my personal email account at oskr1@hotmail.com.

So as a test to see if this is going to work, I would like to hear your opinions on one matter in particular. Go watch the following movie on Google Video and write back what you think. The URL is salsu.lasiers.edu/movielink.html, or at http://video.google.com/play?docid=-2023320890224991194

Brandon Herrmann
Criterion Editor

Turn for the worst in Iraq
By DANIEL TARANGO

It is almost four years since the invasion of Iraq and it is a perfect time to check the progress. Sadly, events in Iraq have fallen apart into civil war. Sunni and Shiites are fighting in sectarian violence for the power of the chaotic nation. Kurdish Iraqis are also continuing their struggle for a homeland. All these factors have caused a civil conflict.

In Samarra, Iraq insurgents posting as Kurds have burned the golden dome in one of the holiest Shiite shrines, setting off sectarian violence throughout the nation. In retaliation, angry mobs hit the streets attacking Sunni mosques, and 19 people were killed by militia members. The government has not issued a curfew for the streets of Iraq, but it was rarely obeyed. Anyone reading news about Iraq can see that there are countless attacks of retaliation between the three sects. People feel there was wrong doing and that the government can only be achieved through vigilantism and by militias. And sadly our men and women are trapped in the middle.

As a responsible public, proper criticism of the course of the war is the right thing to do. We can’t count on Democrats or Republicans to stand against the war. We are paying for this conflict with taxes and our soldiers are dying and being eminently mortal. The troops have been performing well, except for the few involved in the Abu Ghraib scandal. But unfortunately they have been left out there with no plan from American leaders. There are two options left for the U.S. to stay and see a civil war explode up close, or get out and watch a civil war from a distance. In Bush’s defense the conflicts between the different groups in Iraq were already present, just waiting for the opportunity moment to surface. But really these conflicts should have been seen and prepared for—they were not that hidden.

In the Muslim world the majority are Sunni, with the exceptions of Iraq and Iran which are Shiite. The division between the two can be traced back to the death of the prophet Muhammad. Sunni regards the first four caliphs as rightly guided—that is to say that they ruled in accordance with the Quran and the Sunnah. The Shi’a regard Imam Ali as the first Imam, and generally disregarded the following Sunni caliphatbes. They believe the only Imam and Caliphate should be from the lineage of the Prophet Muhammad and Fatimah. Iraq, like most nations of the Middle East, was created as a British mandate after WWI when the people basically drew lines in the sand and tried to unite different peoples. Iraq really was never united until Saddam Hussein went into power. But he did not unite with kindness; he basically killed or tortured any opponents and united them with force. And the Kurds, Shi’a, and even Sunni were waiting for Saddam to be removed from power and struggle on their own.

Really, the only way to keep Iraq together is by force. Democracy really hasn’t been successful in the Middle East. Democracy, mightily defined, takes the masses continually by surprise. There are two options left for the U.S. to stay and see a civil war explode up close, or get out and watch a civil war from a distance. In Bush’s defense the conflicts with the different sects of Islam that struggle for power and believe they are right. In the Middle East there are also too many outsiders from the west who wish to control oil in the region.

This brings us back to the conflict in Iraq. President Bush used three reasons to justify invading Iraq. One was that Saddam had ties to Al Qaeda. This could not be because his Baptist ideology is in opposition to Islamic fundamentalism. It is like comparing communism to fascism. Saddam even suppressed the fundamentalists in his government. The second reason was that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction capable of harming the U.S. To me it was better than before, the people who rarely exist, or at least intelligently enough; really we all pray for people to live safe. Maybe for Iraq to be divided into three separate nations could work out the best.

The reason for this is obvious, we are not dumb. The reason is too secure to do anything. And the administration has mismanaged the war, wasted money, and have put the world in more danger. We are not satisfied that they have finished the invasion of Iraq, except for the people facing Saddam’s wrath. We need to either commit a stronger force on the ground in Iraq or pull out. Iraq is in a civil war, even a revolution, and they may need to fight it out and work out their own destiny, just like we did in 1776. Bush has turned an unmanageable quagmire into an exploding civil war.

SALSU’s CABL
Event of the Quarter
Sunday March 12
TENNIS MATCH
8 a.m. to NOON
@ the TENNIS COURTS
Mr. & Ms. LSU
(weight lifting competition)

NOON to 1 p.m. @ the FITNESS CENTER

Sign ups for participation in this event are available in the SALSU office and the Cafeteria during dining hours.
Thursday, March 9
- National Foreign Language Week
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Spring Quarter advising and registration for continuing, new and transfer students
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Off with LSU ID
- 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM - CABL Winter Work-out
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)
- 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM - SALSU Breakfast (LSH, PH, PB)

Friday, March 10
- National Foreign Language Week
- Spring Quarter advising and registration for continuing, new and transfer students
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

Saturday, March 11
- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)

Sunday, March 12
- TBA - Modern Languages Halts
- Lecture Series/Gamma Tau
- 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM - SALSU/CABL Tennis Match (LSU Tennis Courts)
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - SALSU/CBL presents "Mr. and Ms. LSU" (Fitness Center)

Monday, March 13
- Off Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% off with LSU ID
- Spring Quarter advising and registration for continuing, new and transfer students
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms)

Diaries
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their mission unsuccessful. They told the story as if the ill one had nearly died on the venture, and the healthy one is now sure that he, too, has picked up some of its students. Maybe it is a sort of evolutionary process. Studying history, it doesn't look like the Humans have evolved for the positive in the past few millennia. But, my suspicions were confirmed when reading the Criterion yet again. There was an article published under a fictional humor title, though I think there may be more truth to it than is let on. The author makes very different means to bring the students into harm's way. The article states strong evidence that the University is in fact using many different means to bring the students into harm's way. The author makes very logical connections like the food and the high level of stress put on students. I seem to have discovered a great class struggle between the students and the professors. All of the students live in perpetual fear of something called "Finals", apparently a week in which they are tested on an entire term's worth of information. There are heavy periods of academic stress at other times in the term, and I hypothesize that it was that very academic stress that seduced my roommate into his illness, not three weeks ago.

Day Forty
My suspicions are nearly confirmed. For the past few weeks (a concept I have not yet fully come to grips with), I have wondered if the University is, in fact, trying to kill off some finding of mine. In the student class, it seems that even stronger than the academic pressures of the University is the social pressure of finding a mate. Both the males and the females are constantly searching for someone to partner with, but there is a strange lack of partnering going on. It seems that all of them are too picky. I've concluded that Humans are very inefficient in their breeding. If this trend continues, I don't think we will have to do any sort of conquering, but instead the Humans will simply cease to exist due to a failure in reproduction.

Thursday, March 14
- Spring Quarter advising and registration for continuing, new and transfer students
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms)
- 8:00 PM - Tuesday Tunes (Eagle's Nest)

Wednesday, March 15
- Off Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% off with LSU ID
- Spring Quarter advising and registration for continuing, new and transfer students
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms)
- 8:00 PM - SALSU TO GO, free food, hot dogs come fast served (brickyard)
- 10:00 PM - Rockin' Bovis (HMA)

Thursday, March 16
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Off with LSU ID
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms)
- 11:00 AM - University Worship (LSUC)

Friday, March 17
- St. Patrick's Day
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- 7:45 PM - First Service (LSUC)

Saturday, March 18
- 9:30 AM - The Set-Up Collegiate Sabbath School (Sierra Vista Chapel)

Sunday, March 19
- Study and Relax Time!

Monday, March 20
- Off Mondays @ Johnny's Burgers: 10% off with LSU ID
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- Spring Quarter Exams begin
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (LSH, PH, SB)

Tuesday, March 21
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (LSH, PH, SB)

Wednesday, March 22
- Off Wednesdays @ Hot Rod Pizza: 10% off with LSU ID
- Spring Quarter advising for continuing, new and transfer students
- Spring Quarter registration
- Spring Quarter Exams begin
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (LSH, PH, SB)

Thursday, March 23
- Open Mic Night @ Coffee Depot
- Spring Quarter advising and registration for continuing, new and transfer students
- Thursdays @ Los Amigos: Off with LSU ID
- CABL Apples for Everyone (Dorms)
- Winter Quarter ends
- 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - CABL Breakfast (LSH, PH, SB)

Friday, March 24
- Spring Break. Pamper yourself day—Go to a spa, see a shrink, eat candy, you've earned it!

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I ♥ the Closing Ceremonies
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If any of you are anything like me, your just finished basking in the glory, the spectacle, the majesty of the 2006 Olympic Games in Torino, Italy. I personally couldn’t feel myself away from this international celebration of competition and camaraderie; of pride and passion, of fellowship and...

Wait, wait, wait...I’m sorry, I can’t continue this heavy stream of lies. Of COURSE I didn’t watch the Olympics! Not a second, not a moment, not a single stupid, non-sport event. In fact, I haven’t watched this worldwide waste of time since I was like 10 years old. The Olympics disgust me more than that stinky cube thing in front of SBM.

And as if Olympics aren’t bad enough, this year it was the WINTER Olympics! I could maybe respect some international basketball, some track and field, some fencing even. But figure skating? Luge? Curling???? How can any human being with half a brain get into this crap?

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LSU Tuition to Increase
By JACQUELYN WEISCHADLE

According to the proposed university budget’s Comparative Schedule of Tuition, La Sierra University’s tuition for the 2006-2007 school year will increase 7.3%, an amount of almost $2,700. Room and board expenses are expected to rise 12% as well. The previous tuition increase will increase expenses by percentage then LSU.

The Comparative Schedule of Tuition gleans its information from the College Board’s 2005-2006 Annual Survey of Colleges, the 2005 Higher Education Directory and individual college and university websites. According to this data, it ranks LSU as the second least expensive school in the area, with Cal Baptist as the least expensive. Only six schools on the schedule have higher tuition increases by percentage than LSU.

When compared to other SDA colleges and universities and their respective tuition increases, LSU will be the third most expensive, topped only by Pacific Union College and Loma Linda University. LSU’s percentage increase on the schedule in tuition will also be the third highest among SDA colleges and universities.

When asked about tuition, LSU president Dr. Lawrence Geraty was not hesitant to say that “It is going up like everything else.” Geraty also said that even though the room and board costs “are going up modestly, [LSU housing is still the least expensive in the area.”

But what about the land LSU has sold for development and the future senior citizen complex? Wasn’t the reported $93 million net profit supposed to, as Geraty said at the January 17, 2006 town hall meeting, keep tuition costs from rising? Unfortunately, this is not necessarily the case.

The land deal, which to date has collected $60 million total profit, has been budgeted to keep tuition at an “affordable level,” not keep it from increasing, said the president. Geraty said that without the land deal, the tuition increase could have been significantly worse. And according to Geraty, the income has supposedly gone to student aid and financial security for the Price Science Complex building expenses.

“We realize [higher tuition] makes it potentially more difficult,” Geraty said. He hopes student aid will offset the changes and students can still be financially able to attend LSU. Gene Edelbach, Vice President of Enrollment Services, stated, “We truly want to keep everyone at LSU that wants to be here.” Other high-ranking University administrators refused to comment. see TUITION INCREASE on page 4

Recollect Sponsors Third-World Education
By COURTNEY WALSTROM

When La Sierra University students Joshua Thompson and Jennifer Young visited Peru last year, they witnessed poverty-stricken children selling homemade goods on street corners, making only a few cents each sale. These children were living on the streets, barely earning enough money to provide food for their families.

Then they visited Plateri, an Adventist School where children with similar economic problems were given a chance by sponsorship to obtain an education. At the school they read letters from the children asking for their help. Young said the opportunity for the Peruvian children to get an education inspired the two to help.

“We were looking for things we could support,” Young said. “We thought it was perfect. Even if it was just Josh and I, we’d still do it. Our focus is on the people.”

Thompson and Young have been able to establish a project that involves families, friends, small businesses and community members to recycle their goods and donate the profits for one year to the children’s education in Peru. They now have the men’s dorm at LSU, La Sierra University, recycling their bottles and cans for the project.

“We have the men’s dorm out two, three, four bags a week of recycled goods,” he said.

They have to pick up the entire school involved with this project. Thompson and Young were given an action booth at LSU to inform the students about their cause and were happily greeted with many volunteers willing to help.

This project is very helpful. You don’t lose anything by picking up bottles, it’s just cash lying on the floor,” Young said, referring to how easy it is for college students with limited income to help.

Their project has reached out to a few small businesses recycling their goods for the children, but they hope to inform the students about the program to encourage more involvement. see RECYCLE on page 2

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People Know More about the Simpsons than the Constitution
By DANIEL TARANGO

According to a study by the new McCormick Tribute Freedom Museum, Americans know much more about The Simpsons than the American Constitution. The study found that 22% of Americans know the name of all five family members on The Simpsons. In contrast, only one thousand could name all five of the basic freedoms designated in the First Amendment. The study also found that Americans are more familiar with the three judges of American Idol than with The Constitution of the United States.

Now you may think that I am going to go on a tirade about our school system and uncover a government conspiracy eliminating our basic freedoms, but I am not. Even I, a history major, had to pull out my intro to Government textbook to make sure I was right. But Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie, even Mr. Smithers, comic book guy, and Krusty the Clown easily pop into my head. So really I don’t blame the educational system, nor NAPPA, or stupid students. We all were basically raised on The Simpsons. We have learned some valuable life lessons from the show. So please take time off from watching The Simpsons and learn the five basic freedoms, religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition. The Simpsons show reruns anyway.

Response to a Dissatisfied Reader
By DANIEL TARANGO

I feel that it is proper for me to personally respond to the person who responded to my article on the Abramoff scandal. First off I want to thank the person for expressing his/her mind and having the conviction to respond.

Well now that I got all that P.C. stuff out of the way, let me get to work. First point: the rightist person claimed that I falsely incriminated Congressman Tom Delay in the Abramoff ordeal. You claimed that Delay stepped down temporarily because of the majority leader’s party investigation rules. Delay did indeed step down temporarily due to his money laundering investigation. I made that clear in one of my earlier articles on the subject. But later after the pressure from the Abramoff scandal he was forced to step from majority leader permanently. As for his whole political career down the drain we can only see what happens in this year’s election.

Second: the reader claimed that I don’t want everyone to know about Harry Reid’s involvement with Abramoff. I don’t deny he did possibly break rules and that he and people like him are why there is no confidence in the people who run this country. But since the Republicans have taken control of Congress there has been an increase in major lobbying groups and organizations using money to buy votes. And Abramoff, former Christian Coalition leader Ralph Reed, and people involved in the inner circle with them are partisan and conservative. There is no denying that conservatives have a special relationship with corporate America. So I am capable of outlining the problems with Democrats and Democratic messages. Anyone who knows me has heard me target the faults of liberals as well. My articles are attacking issues and the incompetence of our nations leaders. True I do not agree with the president’s administration; however, I saw conservatives tear apart Clinton and Democratic candidates with viciousness and lack of respect.

As for the personal attacks on me: the rightist person claimed my articles are “laughable” and show a “liberal bias.” It is true that I am liberal and very proud. Back up a real democracy kid, and respect all sides of the issues so hopefully the nation can meet somewhere in the middle and do what is best for the people. Cuts in Medicare, cuts in major lobbying groups and the corruption with lobbyists should alarm all Americans. Also I am working at the Criterion to spin some sort of dialogue, and we welcome any conservative to write for the paper. There was also an attack on my last name that was not printed. The rightist person wrote my last name “Tarangle” in sinuating my political angle. Hey! My name is Tarango. That’s my grandfather’s name. Show respect for that; I honor my name and my family’s name. And if you want to personally attack me please have the decency to write your name. I sign my articles and put my self out there for critique because debate is something I think is important for our campus.

Recycle
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People know more about the Simpsons than the Constitution

People hear the idea and it just clicks,” Thompson said. “Even if you just pick up one, we think that every bottle and every can makes a difference.”

Eventually they would like to travel to meet people needing aid in other countries and situations, and develop relationships with them.

“We want to know who we are supporting,” Young said.

“We’d love to work with the city of Riverside to establish a stronger recycling program,” Thompson said. One of their goals is to have an event recycling team and use the money for worthy causes. This group would go out to an event, set up recycling containers and pick them up at the end of the day.

Volunteers have been very helpful, but Thompson and Young still need more human resources. Interested people can get involved by donating their own goods and sending in the money to the project or by arranging for a drop off or pick up of recycled goods by a Recycle_4Life representative.

Anyone willing to volunteer, provide recyclables, or make a donation can contact Recycle_4Life by visiting its Web sites at www.myspace.com/gr33n_rm, www.freewebs.com/gr33n_rm or sending an e-mail to greg@4life.org.

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Myspace.com
By DEEJAY WALAYAT

"Teens' Bold Blogs Alarm Area Schools."
"Is your school forcing you to give up Myspace?"
"Intruding on Myspace."

These are just a few titles of recent articles written about runaway Internet friend site Myspace.com. Myspace's recent hype is stirring up a lot of issues for people in all walks of life.

The new networking website was founded on July 2003 by Tom Anderson, a UC Berkley and UCLA graduate. The website now has 71 million registered members and as of March 2006 is the fifth most popular English website in the world, as reported by Wikipedia Online Encyclopedia.

While the growth of the website has been phenomenal, the concerns of government agencies, school officials, and parents have grown as well. Salmon and Bustamante of the Press-Enterprise says that "for teens, [the] social site is [a] great tool, but others lurk there, creating dangers." The Press-Enterprise also reports many other problems occurring through the website like the fact that profiles include detailed personal information about users, and lack propriety in content. many of them including drug and alcohol use and provocative pictures of women.

An interview with a La Sierra University Student Life representative candidly informs the student body of the issues with Myspace from the administration's viewpoint. When asked if La Sierra University will discipline students in consequence of content on their sites, the representative said that students have and will be disciplined for conduct that goes against the student code of conduct as outlined in the student handbook.

This led to the question of what the criteria or limit is for a La Sierra student to post on the website. The reply from the representative was straightforward, "If they don't want us to see it, they should not post it," also adding that any content on Myspace should not be contradictory to the lifestyle contract and the La Sierra University Student Handbook which outlines the university's expectation of student conduct while enrolled at the university.

When asked about how the university searches Myspace.com for content, the representative said that thorough investigation is involved in this process. The university is not hasty to make judgments, but many times students notify the university of other student's questionable content, and the university will research the accusation made against the student.

So how does the administration decide what the punishment will be for a student guilty of a Myspace infraction? The representative said that there is not one person making all the decisions. There is research done on proving the validity of the accusations, and the discipline committee reviews the information to further decide what disciplinary actions will be taken, depending on the nature of the content.

La Sierra University is not the only university or entity which is beginning to take note of Myspace.com. The Washington Post reports, "School administrators have begun to take notice, and some are warning students that their online activities may affect not only their safety, but also their academic and professional lives." Also some colleges have expelled teenagers for violating codes of conduct after discovering photos of underage students posing in front of kegs or writing about drinking binges, and employers often look up job candidates on the sites," said Parry Ablab, an Internet lawyer and the executive director of Wiredsafety.org.

On the other side of the argument, there are some who feel as though Myspace inquisitions attack the personal privacy of users. One student from La Sierra anonymously said, "What a student does off campus should not concern La Sierra." Yet when a student begins study at La Sierra University they have signed a contract stating their intent to follow the student conduct requirements.

Whether or not you agree with the actions taken, La Sierra claims full right to inspect all content of its students and is fully prepared to make decisions upon content posted by an individual on Myspace.com.

Young Promises Faster Internet
By WILL GILE

La Sierra University has been plagued this year by the slow speeds of the Internet. Compared to last year, there has been an increasingly significant problem with the speed of the Internet on campus. With each student being charged a $350 technology fee every quarter, which broken down means roughly $20 a month (the price of some in home DSL services), students are wondering why they can't even access the Internet on campus. With each we can't even access the significant problem with the technology fee every quarter, which broken on campus where I can actually get service I've received in the classroom there because I can't check my e-mail in my dorm room, and now even music.

"I'm tired of trying to drive somewhere where like Starbucks and use the Internet there because I can't check my own e-mail in my dorm room," said Kenny Chanmer, a junior pre-physical therapy major who expressed his distaste with the slow, or sometimes nonexistent Internet service on campus. Many students like Chanmer have experienced the hardships of trying to check an e-mail before class, or turn in that paper to Turnitin.com before the cut-off date.

Joseph Krpalek, a Sophomore nursing major, is an active day trader and relies heavily on the Internet to make sure his investments go right. "My business ventures depend on the Internet, and since it's a big part of my lifestyle I demand high speeds. I am thoroughly disgusted with the poor service I've received in the past. It's not just students like Chanmer and Krpalek who are angry either, Gonzo Castro, a Junior liberal studies major, relies on the wireless access on campus, but at times he is unable to get a signal. "What is the point of having a wireless system if we can't even access it?" said Castro. "There are only four spots on campus where I can actually get one signal."

Sam Young, director of Information Technology services on campus, said students can look forward to a faster Internet next year. "Right now students are getting 7 megabits of bandwidth, which will be increased to 15 next year," he said. "The price of bandwidth is dropping significantly, and 45 megabits can now be purchased for $5,000 a month. As it stands now, the budget allotted for the Internet is not enough to buy a decent amount of bandwidth. "Right now the budget is roughly $2,000 a month, I don't know the exact figure," said Young. "Next year however it will be increased to three to four thousand a month, which will enable us to purchase more bandwidth."

"When the news came last year, I was upset," said Young. "But after the meeting I said, "I'm going to go out and get a cable modem."" By the end of this week on campus to take a look at the new wireless network. "Next year, students will be able to have wireless wherever they go on campus," said Young. When asked why the Internet is so slow, Young replied, "Students have to realize that with sites like MySpace.com, people are putting up several pictures on one page, and now even music. It takes up a large amount of bandwidth. "We have been monitoring which sites have been taking up the most bandwidth and Myspace has come out on top," said Young. "It is killing the Internet, not just for us but universities everywhere."

"I'm just going to have to ban it completely," said Young.

Junior business student Shane Bickner recently failed an assignment because he was unable to upload information he needed from DDL, the new website that many teachers are now using to communicate with their classes. "I'm paying a crazy amount of money to go to a private institution, I expect top of the line quality Internet," said Bickner. "If the college is going to blame the slow internet on Myspace, it should have been able to prepare for the future. Times are changing, and everything nowadays is based on the Internet. All our homework is turned in via the Internet, and we use it to communicate with others. If LSU cannot keep up with this then what are we paying for? Plain and simple, the Internet is inefficient."

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Championship Basketball Intramural Game
By KATELYN KILBY

The La Sierra University basketball intramural season ended in a championship game that to say the least could be described as...intense. Bringing together two rival teams meant that the crowd could look forward to an hour of heavy trash talking and the mixing together of friends and even enemies to play in this so-called "friendly" little intramural game.

The intramural season saw many teams that tried their best and hung in there as long as they could, but watching throughout the season you could tell which teams were obviously taking it all the way. Rounding out the playoffs were the teams PBA, NBA Live, the Haldemans, and Early.

The first time PBA and Early played one another it was an extremely close game coming down to Early winning by only three points. In the playoff game, during the first half PBA was keeping Early on their toes but in the second half PBA seemed to lose their energy and so in the end lost the game, sending team Early to the championship. During the Haldemans/ NBA Live game, the Haldemans started with a fairly large lead that they kept most of the game. But in the middle of the second half Live decided they weren't going to be shut out quite yet, making a come back past the Haldemans in close range. But with a few flared tempers from words with each other that can't exist yet, making a comeback, arguing, getting into each other's faces, and the exchanging of a few "blocks" from the Haldemans, NBA Live couldn't make it to the end. The Haldemans were off to face Early.

The anticipation leading up to this championship game was high not only for the players but for some of the fans as well. Everyone knew that these two teams had mostly been walking all over the other teams all season and the first time these two teams played Early only lost by one by a large margin. Though enraged tempers and heavy mouthing-off was nothing new to this intramural season, most expected this hour to be filled with lots of entertainment and in the end the audience pretty much got what they expected.

It was a game filled with disagreeing, arguing, getting into each other's faces, and the exchanging of a few words with each other that can't exactly be printed in the Criterion. The testosterone level must have been sky-rocketing in the gym that night, which is nothing new for an intramural season at LSU. Apparently repeating the fact that it's "just an intramural game" doesn't exactly work for a player and his pride.

Team Early had a lead that they were quite pleased with going into the second half. They were playing together well and lead scorer Ryan White was easily putting up shots over the not-so-tall and not-so-god defensively Haldemans. But coming into the second half the Haldemans had had enough and their lead scorer Terrell Hendricks knew exactly what to do to bring his team back. Again and again Hendricks would drive in, get the foul call, and make his points. The Haldemans together came back and at the last minute or two they were only down by three.

This is what the crowd had been waiting for; a real game. Stop the talking and start the playing. A championship game is supposed to be close and exciting, and though the refs were not making anyone, players or crowd, too happy by a lot of their calls, things were finally getting interesting. But then things turned again. Hendricks fouled out and Early players began passing such easy tip-ins to White that it looked like it was game. Team Early took the game with a final score of 50-39. But surprisingly the fun hadn't stopped and that wasn't the end of the night.

The end of the night actually came by the way of Dean Curtis and one of our trusty security guards coming down to the gym telling us all to clear out and essentially "Leave Now." I guess after the "hush, hush" fight at the championship flag football intramural game, the administration was taking no chances this time in letting the tension get to anyone. I mean, yes, there was a fairly large group of people gathered in the gym still doing a lot of the running of the mouths. But by the time the "security" had gotten there most - not all, but most - tempers had fizzled out and people were just engaging in a healthy, after game conversation.

So that basically wraps up the fiery tempered, trash talking, chair throwing, basketball kicking '05-'06 intramural season here at LSU. Congrats to Team Early on the win, and let's all try to keep it a little less hostile next season.

Tuition Increase

Geraty claimed the tuition increase comes mainly from national economic inflation, sharing an example of the cement and steel costs of the Price Science Complex and the signing costs. Costs have increased while construction was underway.

However, Geraty also said the changes reflect the rising price of medical costs and utilities throughout the state that trickles down to faculty salaries that must be compensated. In addition, LSU is also hoping to raise enough money to upgrade campus facilities, buy new books, and raise faculty salaries to maintain a median pay level when compared to other local university's faculty wages.

According to Geraty, it takes over $25 million to keep the university on its feet each year, and extra costs, as well as financial stability, seem to come at a high price. "[It is] obvious we need to balance costs of operation with the institution's expenses," said Edelbach, adding that the costs and losses are an unavoidable part of maintaining a quality program at LSU.

Tuition increases have an affordable financial package," added Geraty.
The following students are on the CAS Dean’s List of Academic Honors for winter quarter because they earned a 3.5 - 3.99 on at least 15 units and received no grade below a B-, no incompletes, and/or no “U” grades:

Alaniz, Alan
Anderson, Ashley
Arante, Clive
Avila, Jay
Balderrama-Montero, Deborah
Barber, Jenna
Bearden, Timothy
Bent, Cherisse
Blue, Jonathan
Bolivar, Giannette
Bosse, Christian
Briones, Cristian
Chae, John
Chang, Jung Yoon
Channer, Kenneth
Chen, Jennifer
Cho, Hang Jin
Choi, Soo
Clements, Carissa
Coplea, Jennifer
Cordova, Xiomara
Corona, Yuriana
Cortes, Eunice
De Luna, Vanessa
Deonarine, Marguerite
Diputado, Courtney
Fevrier, Jaceta
Gamino-Gould, Maryana
Garcia, Keren
Golitao, Mindy
Gonzales, Krista
Gustavsson, Yanika
Harrison, Andrew
He, Lily
Hen, Xousan
Herbert, Michaela
Hernandez, Jennifer
Hernandez, Jose
Hoang, Jimmy
Horton, Creola
House, Larissa
Jo, Susan
Kilby, Katelyn
Kitt, Ashley
Kohatsu, Aimée
Kolb, Joel
Kravig, Kendra
Kwon, Soon Rye
Latt, Hein
Lee, Andy
Lee, Cindy
Lee, Jennifer
Lee, Joon
Lindstedt, Kjersti
Lopez, Maribel
Ma, Yi-Shen
Manalastas, Joselle
Manullang, Blasius
Marian, Angeline
Mejia, Cristina
Merizan, Nicole
Mespam, Avinash
Muir, Tori
Murga, Allen
Mursic, Zachary
Mwero, Fidi
Nguyen, Thuy
Nick, Darlene
Novoa, Roberto
Ogsaen, Jandren
Oh, Eun
Oh, Inah
Oh, Joohee
Ong, Karl Ian
Optiz, Shanna
Park, Jung In
Pecore, Erin
Perez, Edgar
Perrin, Jared
Peterson, Michael
Pitcher, Phillip
Pyburn, Enjoli
Recinos, Wendy
Reiner, Jesika
Robinson, Shannon
Roh, Grace
Rojas, Isaiah
Rumrels, Chantel
Rumrels, Shana
Salome, Julian
Sanchez, Elizabeth
Schnepfer, Robyn
Sharp, Katrina
Shin, Eun-Ah
Smallwood, Marjorie
Sszutz, Thomas
Tellez, Greisy
Torres, Shering
Wahline, Sabrina
Walker, Heath
Webster, Kevin
Weir, Jayne
Widmer, Christina
Wilson, Claire
Yow, Maribel
Zhong, Kailin
Zygowiec, Nadine

The following students are on the CAS Dean’s Letter of Academic Recognition for winter quarter because they earned a 4.0 for at least 15 units:

Aceres, Kimberly
Adonay, Dennis
Brodersen, Ashley
Carlos, Gianina
Chi, Han-Bit
Cho, Hyunah
Hunter, Caprice
Hutabarat, Tiffany
Ignacio, Michael
Kim, BunSun
Kim, Chan
Klotz, Heather
Lam, Jeffrey
Lee, Lee
Leung, Derek
Nelson, Natalie
Ochoa, Patricia
Reynolds, Angela
Roque, Page
Smith, Ruth
Trupp, Laura
Wessman, Kira
Yoshida, Hiroshi

This section is reserved for you to write in your own name, and the names of your friends. If you feel unrecognized in any way, write your name below and stick this on your refrigerator.
It's a Bird, It's a plane—No It's a Popsicle
By DEEJAY WALAYAT

Ice slashed through the Drayson Center Gym at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California, according to the Press-Enterprise. The source of the ice is unknown but people around the area stated that a plane was seen flying away from the gym area. No one was injured in the accident which occurred on Thursday morning, April 13, between 8:55 and 9:15 a.m. Rolland Crawford, division chief of the Loma Linda Fire Department, said that the people who heard the ice falling said that it sounded like "an artillery shell going through the air. It was a whistling whooshing sound." The opaque white piece of ice was 2 feet long and was preserved for further investigation as reported by the Associated Press.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokesman Mike Fergus stated that it will take at least a week for investigators to identify planes that were in the area 80 miles east of Los Angeles by reviewing radar records, but said it may be impossible to determine where the ice came from. According to Fergus, ice that falls from an aircraft's galley or lavatory is blue, and ice that falls off fuselages tends to be only two or three inches thick.

The Gourmet Pizza Shoppe
By DEEJAY WALAYAT

Just as April showers bring May flowers, they also seem to make the dating scene blossom. As the weather warms up and the mini-skirts come out of hibernation, the dating scene is once again at its climax. Here is a useful tool to win the dating game: an upbeat restaurant proven to woo the opposite sex.

This delightful little pizza parlor is nestled in the heart of Redlands, only 20 minutes away from La Sierra University. Located on Orange Street, the restaurant's downtown setting is perfect for a charming date or get together. Reasonably priced, the restaurant allows you to order first and then be seated, with quick and timely service. The dress code is casual and the restaurant is not formal in containing the noise level, allowing you to have a comfortable conversation. The lighting is superb and the decor makes you feel as though you are outside on a patio.

Although the setting sounds too good to be true, don't worry—you'll get your money's worth with the food as well. Don't let the high-class name fool you. The Gourmet Pizza Shoppe's fare is hearty and very satisfying. There are many gourmet pizza combinations to choose from, not just the regular old toppings. My favorite is the Malibu Island which consists of pesto sauce, chicken, mozzarella cheese, red potato, garlic and tomato. Their original recipes are superb and will be scarfed down—quickly and noisily if placed before boys.

Did you know that we have our very own OBSERVATORY?

On Friday, June 2, 2006 the observatory will be hosting its monthly "Open House." This event is FREE and open to the public. The observatory will be open from 7:30 - 10:30 pm. If the skies are clear, we expect to look at the moon, some stars, and several planets (Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter).

Where:
The observatory is located at the base of the mountain behind the university.

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Summer Internship Available

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) is seeking qualified applicants for their summer and fall 2006 internship sessions. These are PAID internships that include round-trip travel with federal agencies and private corporations nationwide. Get more information and applications at www.hnip.net or call 202-467-0893.
Students Hit the Doors
By WILL GILE

Students at La Sierra University are going door to door spreading the Gospel message and handing out literature to the homes of the students at this campus. Teddy Knapp, the literature evangelist, has been spread the Gospel to the homes of Southern California. The students I work with are from all walks of life. I have a real desire to do ministry. It's great to see them share God's love with people at the doors.

The colporteur team has been a real blessing this year, says Knapp. "The students I work with have a real desire to do ministry. It's great to see them share God's love with people at the doors."

Knapp has worked all over the country doing colporteur work. He is especially happy with the results he sees at LSU. "One thing I like about working with the students at this campus is the diversity," says Knapp. "The students I work with are from all over the world; we've had students from Nigeria to Thailand. I've never worked with a more diverse group in my life."

This is the first year an official literature evangelism program has worked from the campus of LSU. Southern Adventist University, Andrews University, and Southwestern University all have active colporteur teams. Knapp is excited about LSU joining the list. "The great thing about LSU is that it has so much territory around the school," he says. "Other Adventist colleges are away from big cities and are in the middle of nowhere. LSU has an opportunity to reach a massive amount of people."

Janina Irving, a psychology/biology major, has been on the colporteur team all school year. Despite the challenges—the students must handle a 12 hour commitment each week, along with the pressures of a normal class load—Irving feels blessed by the experience. "It's been an awesome experience and I'm really happy about all the people I've met."

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Dead Week Diary
By LARRY PENA

It's gonna be a short one this week friends. I'm writing to you from deep in the middle of Dead Week, the time of the quarter when the teaching staff attempts to violently bludgeon us to death and suck our souls as we lie gasping our final breaths. I think our faculty thinks this is a video game. At the end of each level, they figure we should go up against a huge boss, while simultaneously throwing combo moves at the same henchmen we've been fighting past all along. And when we get past that, all we get is to watch an anticlimactic little story and the scrolling names of 30 Japanese programmers, and then we're bored so you have to start the whole thing all over again.

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The most hilarious—rolling-on-the-floor-laughing—moment was when Pastor Sam played his ukulele and made everyone sing 'Where is the Love?'

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time. "What this really is a chance to do missionary work and get paid at the same time," says Knapp. Students are earning an average of $100 a night selling books. The colporteur team is always looking for new students to come out and help. If you are interested in a job where you can experience missionary work contact Teddy Knapp at 951-522-1094.

SUDOKU—The object is to insert the numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, column and 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 through 9 exactly once. What could be simpler?

CONGRATULATIONS to the CLASS of 2006!
Carl Wilkens to Give 2006 Commencement Address

Carl Wilkens, La Sierra University’s 2006 commencement speaker, will give all in attendance at the 8 a.m. Sunday service, including those watching online at www.lasierra.edu, the opportunity to hear from one of the few aid workers to remain in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide.

Against orders from the government and church officials, Wilkens stayed in Rwanda during the genocide and did what he could to ease the suffering he encountered in the midst of violence.

After returning from Rwanda, he became a pastor, and since 1996, Wilkens has served as the campus chaplain for Milo Adventist Academy in Oregon.

For a profile on Wilkens, turn to PAGE 6.

LSU Students Lend Helping Hand

Memorial Day weekend was an experience some La Sierra students won’t forget. While most people were hitting the beaches, or kicking back at home, a group of La Sierra Students decided to take a quick mission trip.

Seven students, led by Pastor Steve Henmenway, ventured to New Orleans on a weekend-long mission trip to give relief to Hurricane Katrina victims. LSU students joined students from Oakwood College and relief organizations that helped plan and coordinate the trip.

Once they landed in New Orleans, they went to Waveland, Mississippi, a coastal city that was hit the hardest by the hurricane. There, they worked ten hour shifts in temperatures that reached one hundred degrees.

The small group of students helped to gut low income apartment houses, which meant stripping the entire interior, to remove the mold accumulated from the flooding. They took out the insulation, fiberglass, and broke down cabinets, so it could be ready for construction workers to build up again. They had to wear masks so that the fiberglass wouldn’t get in their lungs.

The students then helped paint the house of a family where water rose to the second floor. There they were able to spend time with the family and give them assurance that the prayers of La Sierra students were with them.

Maribel Yow, a freshman liberal arts major, had never done any service work before. "People don’t realize there is still a lot of work to be done over there,” she said. “This trip was an awesome experience, and I would definitely go again," she added.

Soaring summer temperatures have arrived in Southern California, leaving many residents with a longing for ice-cold refreshment. Members of the Altura Credit Union located at 10725 Magnolia Avenue can satisfy this craving with a fruit smoothie while they bank, thanks to The Spot, a non-profit coffee shop owned and operated by La Sierra University’s Students in Free Enterprise team.

Its grand opening on May 12 was the culmination of a project that had been in development for three years.

The Altura Credit Union originally approached SIFE with the idea of running a coffee shop inside their Magnolia branch. SIFE committed to the undertaking and went to work, trying to make it a reality. First, there were financial, legal, and administrative issues that had to be resolved. Health department regulations regarding storage and wall and ceiling materials also needed to be met and equipment needed to be bought, but eventually everything fell into place.

In addition to smoothies, the menu consists of an array of award-winning espresso and coffee products (hot, blended, or on the rocks), fountain drinks, Italian ice, tea, and SIFE water. All coffee and tea products are Fair Trade Certified, meaning they are purchased from merchants who buy the ingredients directly from the growers.

Tables outside the credit union offer patrons a chance to sit down and enjoy their beverage of choice. But now that The Spot has opened, SIFE is facing a new challenge.

The shop must break even within its first 90 days or else the university will close it down.

"We are doing everything we can to increase our customer base, and give incentives to repeat customers, so that we can beat that date. But for sure, we need students and others on campus to please come by and do your part by purchasing a drink as often as possible," said Heather Miller, SIFE faculty fellow and director of special projects in the School of Business.

Amariono Burnett, a student in LSU’s Evening Adult Degree Program, has been the project director for the last seven months and functions as the The Spot’s general manager. He brings to the project 20 years of food industry experience working as a chef.

According to Burnett, several different strategies have been implemented in promoting the budding business. It has been marketed to different departments here on campus. An article about the coffee shop appeared in the credit union’s newsletter, which has a circulation of 8,000. Posters have been put up and handbills distributed.

The Spot even had two grand openings, one for the university and one for the general community. Burnett feels confident that they are on track toward successfully hitting the money mark before the July 17 deadline.

Student employees of The Spot, both SIFE and non-SIFE members, are also trying to attract business by handing out free samples of the drink.
Statement Released by the Office of University Relations in Response to the Rumors Surrounding the May 23 Faculty Meeting

There’s a rumor going around that the university’s faculty met in secret and have voted that La Sierra University not be a part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church anymore. Is that true?

The University Faculty did have an opportunity to meet on May 23. It was not held in secret. Approximately half a dozen LSU staff who are not faculty sat in on the meeting. Here’s some background.

Recently the campus was visited by three members of the AAA, the Adventist Accrediting Association. The written report of their visit was generally quite positive, and included a number of commendations for the progress fulfillment of the spiritual master plan they found at the university. But there was one section that sounded a cautionary note regarding what the review team felt was a potential change in direction for the university’s mission and priorities. The university believes that this was based on a misunderstanding of some things that were said in conversation with the visiting AAA team. The AAA report encouraged communication and information flow between the university’s Board of Trustees and the various constituencies about strategic plans.

During the Board of Trustees meeting on May 11, some trustees made additional comments regarding the small section of the AAA report, expressing similar concerns. The faculty meeting was an outgrowth of some of the board’s expressed concerns regarding administrative direction in this area.

But why was this meeting called just for the faculty?

Because of the nature of the issue (potential change in direction for the university’s mission and priorities), there were a number of faculty members who felt it would be valuable to hold a meeting of the entire faculty to discuss the matter in a setting where each would be free to share his or her perspective. While this does not occur often, it is certainly within the rights of the faculty to hold such a meeting. There are pre-established Faculty Senate Constitution providing for just such meetings. They can be called in one of two ways:

1. A majority vote of the Faculty Senate.
2. A petition signed by 25 faculty members calling for a meeting and outlining the proposed agenda items.

A petition signed by 64 faculty members was submitted, and the May 23 meeting was set. All members of the University Faculty (defined as all faculty and emeritus faculty, excluding contract, adjunct, and those on leave) had the right to attend. Those half dozen people who were not faculty members were allowed to sit in on the meeting after a positive vote by those faculty members in attendance. They did not have voting privileges. So what did they decide?

There was an action that came from the meeting that has been made public, approved by an overwhelming majority of those present, with a few abstentions but no negative votes. It follows:

• Whereas, The Strategic Plan reflects the academic, co-curricular, fiscal, and infrastructure priorities for the university; and
• Whereas, The Strategic Plan has been approved by the Faculty Senate [Date] and the Board of Trustees [Date];
• Whereas, the provost is judged by the faculty to have provided exceptional leadership in implementing the strategic plan; therefore be it
• Resolved, that the provost of La Sierra University affirm the provost and the administration and their professional, moral, and spiritual leadership of the university; and be it further
• Resolved, that the provost continue his work to achieve for La Sierra University the vision articulated in the strategic plan; and be it further
• Resolved, that the Faculty Senate prepare a written response to the events of May 11 and its aftermath, to be shared with all concerned before the proposed special Board of Trustees meeting on 22 June, 2006.

The Strategic Plan referred to in the faculty’s action is the “La Sierra University Strategic Plan, 2003-2008.” That document, available online at www.lasierra.edu/files/Strategic_Plan.pdf, outlines La Sierra University’s commitment to excellent Adventist education in four dimensions—its curricula and academic programs, student body, faculty and staff, and physical plant. When you look at the language in the strategic plan and in the faculty’s action, clearly the faculty did NOT vote that La Sierra University cease to be a part of the Seventh-day Adventist system of higher education. In fact, they endorsed the vision outlined in the strategic plan, that of excellent Adventist Education.

The faculty’s action mentions a proposed special Board of Trustees meeting in June. What is this about?

The members of the Board of Trustees who attended the May 10 and 11 meetings actually discussed the AAA report several times—during a dinner meeting on May 10, during at least one board committee on the morning of May 11, and during the Trustees meeting the afternoon of May 11. While much of the Board’s discussion during their May 11 afternoon meeting took place privately in Executive Session, it became apparent that there are trustees who have had some concerns raised by the AAA report as well, and want to discuss the university’s direction with administration. A special meeting for that purpose may take place on June 22. As noted in the above action, the faculty will share a written report of their discussions and perspectives relating to the AAA report and their vision for the university to the Board for its consideration.

Public Relations Department Wins Two Capellas

BY JESSICA CRAWFORD

La Sierra University’s public relations department received two Capella awards from the Public Relations Society of America, California Inland Empire Chapter. The awards were presented at an awards dinner hosted at the Marriot at Riverside on Wednesday April 26.

Larry Becker, executive director of university relations, accepted the Capella award, in the magazine/periodicals category, for La Sierra Today, La Sierra University’s alumni magazine.

Tamara Wolcott Fisher, director of public relations, and D.J. King, graphic designer, took home a second Capella in the special communications category for their work on the La Sierra Campus Events Brochure. A third entry, the General Conference souvenir DVD, was entered in the multimedia category, but did not receive an award.

This was La Sierra University’s first time participating.

The competition was open to all public relations departments in the Inland Empire. All entries were evaluated based on research, special communications and, in addition to writing and design. Winners were chosen by the PRSA chapter in Pikes Peak, Colorado.

In an effort to keep politics out of the contest, submissions were not judged by local people and were awarded based solely on their merit, according to Becker.

The PRSA offers three different awards. The Polaris is the top level honor awarded. The two Capellas that La Sierra received are at the merit level. Third place awards, or honorable mentions, were also presented. Other PRSA winners include the City of Riverside and Loma Linda University.

Becker is proud of the quality of their work, and hopes to continue improving for next year’s presentation.

LSU president Lawrence Geraty at The Spot with SIFE faculty fellow Jodi Cahill.

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ing out free samples to anyone entering the credit union. Michael Wogu, a 24-year-old graduate LSU student and SIFE team member, works at the shop and believes in the power of the sample.

"Customers you get are the ones you grab," he said. "Then they come back. But you first got to put the spoon in the mouth."

Proceeds from The Spot will go toward various SIFE projects taking place around the world. The name of the coffee shop itself is a reference to the Cow Bank started by the team in Karandi, India during the 1999-2000 school year. That project is considered one of SIFE’s most successful projects and was also their first international social entrepreneurial project.

While The Spot has the potential to fund future projects, it also benefits SIFE students in a tangible way, which is one of Burnett’s main concerns. It offers them an opportunity to experience first-hand what it feels like to run a live business. Wogu enjoys this aspect of the job.

"It allows me to be on the front lines of SIFE," he said.

As the deadline for breaking even draws nearer, workers at The Spot will continue to serve up drinks to thirsty customers, while SIFE maintains hope that their three-year investment will make it past the three month mark.

Hours of operation coincide with those of the credit union, which is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. While the credit union does hold hours on Saturday, The Spot remains closed for Sabbath observance. Discounts are available for teachers, students, and people in the food industry.
For people living in the United States, poverty is something that is dreadful, but for people living in Third World countries, poverty is a normal way of life. Yet the definition of poverty may be relative, because Americans, even the ones who are living in poverty, would be shocked by the standard of living in some of those countries.

The eight-and-a-half hour flight was descending into Lima, Peru. Not knowing what to expect I was excited, but also a bit anxious to see what the next 10 days were going to be like. All the lectures and slideshow presentations in class could not prepare me for what was to come during the "Do Peru with LSU" tour. Students who had taken the tour before told me stories about life for some Peruvians, but I soon discovered that it is another thing to actually see it and experience it.

Arriving in Lima at midnight, along with the three-hour time difference, had me disoriented, but that did not take away from the initial feelings that came to me when I exited the plane. As we traveled to the hotel I could get a sense of how Peru's economy was. A lot of the homes and businesses were dilapidated, with missing or broken windows and pieces of the building falling apart. It looked like they were barely staying up. It seemed very risky to walk through some of the neighborhoods alone because of the dark and shadowy streets that had no view of what was on the other side, yet children were constantly walking and playing on those same streets.

As all cities have their good parts and their bad parts, so did the ones in Peru, but when we toured some of the 'poorer' cities it was abundantly clear that these people were far below our standard of poor. On an eight-hour bus trip from Puno to Cusco all that the eye could see were mud huts, and it seemed like dehydration. Everywhere we went we would find children living in mud huts, having no electricity. As all cities have their good parts and their bad parts, so did the ones in Peru and other Third World countries can't even afford to buy a stick of gum, but they still act as if they have been blessed with the little they have been given.

Going on this Peru tour has really opened my eyes to what I have been blessed with here and what life should be really about. We shouldn't be worried about materialistic things because these material things bring only temporary, shallow happiness. Sooner or later it won't matter anyway because it will be outdated and our interest in it will have passed. Instead, we should look at what we already have been blessed with and be grateful for it because even our worst state of being cannot compare to the way some of the people in Peru have to live. And if people in Peru and other Third World countries can look past the bad in their lives and see the good, then why can't we? We should start to think more like them and be grateful for what we have.

were greeted with smiles and open arms. In Pisteria the children's faces glowed when we went into their town. They were amazed at the cool gadgets we were carrying. Showing them our iPods and video cameras was like taking them on a tour to the moon; these children were excited by the technology they had never even heard of before. Some of them were on cloud nine when one student allowed them to hold the video camera and record for a bit. Their friends ran around waving to the camera as if they were on television and saying "Hi" to all their friends. These kids were thrilled just to have us there; nothing else was needed to put a smile on their faces.

Back home, whenever something doesn't go our way, or whenever we can't get something we really want from a store, we feel like our lives are going to fall apart. We see children falling to the ground in the stores screaming at the top of their lungs because they weren't allowed to get the new Barbie that just came out. We act as if our lives depend on new things, yet children in other countries can't even afford to buy a stick of gum, but they still act as if they have been blessed with the little they have been given.

The Pioneers were able to resist a shutout winning the second game 25-23, but the Golden Eagles had no trouble securing victory in the best of 5 series.

Saturday night, junior exercise science major Darryl Duran helped out the Eagles with his jump serves, beating the Pioneers two times on a match point. The Golden Eagles beat the Pioneers 3-0 silencing the Pioneers’ crowd.

Both teams were excited by the popularity of the doubleheader and hope to see it happen next year.

"This weekend was a huge success," said Pioneers’ Jon Frederico, sophomore, "Although the games didn’t go as we would have liked, hosting the Golden Eagles was fun and I hope we can do it again next year."

Men’s volleyball is officially a club team at LSU, which means the school does not officially sponsor it. Making it hard for the team to acquire equipment and practice time. The team hopes that the administration will see the amount of success it has had and add it officially into the sports program next year.

Alan Rowell, who plans to stay with the team next year, hopes that the situation will get better. "We ended the season with a 6-2 record with little support from the school, and little to no gym time," he said. "Imagine what we could have done if we were a fully sponsored team."
LSU Faculty
Get Personal,
from Ice Cream
to Spare Time

It’s 2 in the morning. You are working on a paper that’s due at 8. You look at the clock, then at your computer and then lyingly at the bed. The chances of you being able to snuggle under the covers are almost nothing... you still have a math assignment to complete by ten. You decide right then and there to throw yourself a pity party. It’s not fair, you think. Your professors don’t have anything better to do than to give you homework. You think about how they probably laughed at the misfortune of their students as they went to bed at 8 p.m. You imagine how they probably got home after teaching a class and watching movies and eating junk food while their students slay away at homework all night long.

If you’ve ever had similar thoughts to these then the following article is for you. Five professors from different areas of study took some time to answer a few questions about what they do while you are struggling to finish the homework they assign.

**Dr. Gary Bradley**
PhD, Professor of Biology

Dr. Bradley, the Professor:
How many classes are you teaching this quarter (Spring Quarter 2006)?
Five, but they are not all 4-unit courses.

What did you do when you took a sabbatical Fall Quarter 1999?
Recovered from administration, prepped courses and wrote a paper.

When you’re working on campus, but aren’t teaching, what are you usually doing?
Meeting with students, doing committee work, corresponding, prepping classes and coordinating Honors Scholarship Projects.

What other tasks do you perform as part of your job?
Honors Scholarship Project Coordinator.

Dr. Gary Bradley, Honors Council, University Studies Council and CAS Teaching Academy.

How many hours would you estimate that you spend on campus in any given week?
Forty to forty-five.

How many hours a week would you estimate you spend grading, planning classes, prepping, etc?
Thirty.

Where do you usually do your grading, planning, etc? Either my school office or my home office.

A percent of your time as a professor, would you say you actually spend in the classroom?
Twenty-five to thirty percent.

Dr. Bradley, the Man:
What did you want to be when you were a kid?
A preacher.

What helps you relax?
Home improvement projects and dining.

What do you do for fun?
Play with my grandkids, ride my motorcycle and travel.

How do you spend your free time?
Reading, working on the board of my chapter of Greyhound Pets of America, being a trustee of the Northwest Mosque and Vector Control District, and working in my wood shop.

How many hours a day do you think you sleep on average?
More than I wish I did—I’m a sleepy-head!

A Few of His Favorite Things:
Favorite Type of Music and Why:
Blues, because it speaks to my soul and lifts my spirit—but then, so do many other genres of music.

Favorite Flavor of Ice Cream and Why:
Coconut Almond, because it combines two of my favorite flavors.

Favorite Book and Why:
Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance [by Robert Pirsig], because it is a travelogue, a mystery and a philosophy book all in one.

To Sum It All Up:
What would you say to students who are surprised to learn that their professors do more than teach?
While it is true that teaching is really a lot of fun, there is much more to life than having fun. Sometimes one needs to do things that need to be done whether or not they are fun.

**Dr. Mary Wilson**
Associate Professor of Communication

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What is one thing about yourself that most of your students probably were a kid?
I wanted to take care of orphaned children and bring them all home with me.

What helps you relax?
I want to take care of orphaned children and bring them all home with me.

What do you do for fun?
I travel and garden.

How do you spend your free time?
I travel and garden.

Why? It uses Mozart, so the music is wonderful and the script is a very sad love story, one that I relate to.

To Sum It All Up:
What would you say to students who are surprised to learn that their professors do more than teach?
If you think that life is tough when you are a student, you have only begun to understand what life is about. Start managing your time now, because when you are out in life there will be so many more challenges for you to balance.

What is one thing about yourself that most of your students probably don’t know?
I work hard, play hard, and at one time I was young and irresponsible—that luxury wasn’t allowed to last very long.

Is there anything else you’d like to add?
Life is great—it becomes what you make it to be, so make it good.

A Few of Her Favorite Things:
Favorite Type of Music and Why:
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Favorite Flavor of Ice Cream and Why:
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**Dr. Wilson, the Professor:**
As department chair, what sort of new responsibilities do you have?
The new responsibilities include assuming that there are faculty with the expertise to teach all of the courses required by the curriculum and discussing with the faculty additional courses that should be offered to add depth and breadth to the curriculum.

A second responsibility is to balance the load—teaching, research and service between the various faculty members, keeping in mind the academic rank and stage of the career (is this person needing time to pursue the kinds of activities necessary to obtain promotion or tenure). A third responsibility is to set the budget for the department and then to try to live within the budget which needs to be met and which cannot. There are many other responsibilities, but this will suffice.

**What is the worst part about being department chair?**
The time consumed by chair responsibilities directly affect all other aspects of my life, personally and professionally. I cannot manufacture these hours. It is taking time out of my life to teach, research and serve on committees. A final responsibility is to develop the research, talking with colleagues, presenting research at meetings (conventions), talking to colleagues about the research, talking with colleagues about teaching and students, talking about the academic enterprise, how to do what needs to be done, how to solve challenges, how to implement and also discussing what policies need to be in place or modified.

**What do you usually do in your office?**
Planning for classes and coordinating Honors Scholarship Projects.

**What   other   academic   activities   besides   teaching   are   you   involved   in?**
Research—when I’m not the chair, serving as a researcher, writing up the research, writing & revising, editing my writing, presenting research at meetings (conventions), talking with colleagues about the research, talking with colleagues about teaching and students, as an administrator, helping to manage and fix problems, handling other things that need to be done.

**Twenty-four hours a week.**

**How many hours a night do you think you sleep on average?**
More than I wish I did—I’m a sleepy-head!

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Dr. Howe, the professor:

What are you doing during your sabbatical this quarter (Spring 2006)?

I’m working on the Maine regionalist author, C. A. Stephens. I am giving a paper at the Children’s Literature Association Conference in June that examines the attitude of his characters towards education. An education is an important goal for most of these individuals and they are willing to work hard to achieve this goal, not only studying hard, but also working at many different jobs to make it possible. I am also writing an article that looks at the occasional mention of Adventists in Stephens’ fiction.

What are your thoughts on having “time off”?

A sabbatical is a wonderful institution. Although I am working hard (perhaps even harder than usual), focusing on researching and writing is a different kind of activity than preparing for the quarter, teaching, grading, etc. And because it’s a different activity, it recharges my batteries, so to speak. I know I’ll come back to the fall extra ready to begin the quarter because I’ve been so focused on my projects for a few months. The only negative of a sabbatical is that I miss seeing students, hearing what’s going on in their lives, etc.

When was your last sabbatical?

My last sabbatical was during Spring quarter of 1998. I started my work on Stephens during that quarter, sorting the many pages of notes that I’ve taken on his works and isolating major themes, etc. His books tend to fall into a number of types of subjects—some are worth attention and some, I feel, are not. I haven’t been collecting his books for years and have now acquired most of them. Identifying his stories, however, can be problematic. If a specific story is not included in a collection, it can not always be identified as his; he wrote many stories under pseudonyms or left them unsigned. Sometimes I am confident that I have identified a story because of setting, theme, or character names, but it is generally not possible to be completely certain.

When you’re working on campus, but aren’t teaching, what are you usually doing?

When I’m in my office, I’m answering emails, examining books that I might use in the future, organizing class records and trying to catch up on my filing.

How many hours would you estimate that you spend on campus in any given week?

The time I spend on campus varies from week to week, but it’s probably around 50 hours. There’s always at least one 12-hour day, sometimes more.

What other academic activities besides teaching are you involved in?

I present papers at conferences at least twice a year. This is a part of my job that I really enjoy. Each paper is different and prepared especially for that conference where it is read. The research is fun as it allows me to extend my knowledge about literature and culture. Some of what I learn, I use in the classroom, but even if I don’t use the specific material, I think that keeping my mind active makes me a better teacher. Most of my conference papers deal with Victorian authors or culture, or with children’s literature. I have expanded and revised a few of these conference papers that have then been published in academic journals.

Dr. Howe, The Woman:

What did you want to be when you were a kid?

I don’t really think very much about what my future might hold. I grew up on a small farm with cows, chickens, and lots of fruit to pick and eat. As I liked animals, I just sort of assumed that I would probably live on a ranch and life would basically continue the same way that I knew it. The main connection between my life as a kid and my life as a teacher, is that I read all the time . . . and I still do.

What helps you relax?

Working in my rose garden is the best way I know to relax. When something is really bothering me, the physical activity of gardening is helpful, and the beauty of the garden is relaxing.

What do you do for fun?

My husband and I really enjoy traveling to new places, trying new food, seeing new birds and animals, and observing different cultures. In the last few years, we’ve spent time in Norway, Scotland, Argentina, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia and Australia. Do you even remember what free time is?

Well, it happens sometimes. Sometimes, I go birding with my husband and son. Other times, I go to nurseries and gardens with my daughter and son-in-law, searching for especially beautiful roses.

How many hours a day do you think you sleep on average?

I usually sleep about 5-6 hours a night. That would be okay if I were getting a lot of work done during the other couple of hours or so that I should be sleeping, but it doesn’t happen. I’m too busy to work effectively and very annoyed that I can’t go to sleep.

When you’re working on campus, but aren’t teaching, what are you usually doing?

Grading, preparing, committee work and advising.

How many hours would you estimate that you spend on campus in any given week?

Thirty.

How many hours a week would you estimate that you spend on campus in any given week?

Fifteen.

Where do you usually do your grading, planning, etc.?

At the office and at home.

What percent of your time as a professor, would you say, you actually spend in the classroom?

Twenty-five percent.

What other academic activities besides teaching are you involved in?

I conduct research in areas that I’m interested in. In this past year, I attended academic conferences and presented papers on Martin Scorsese, Harry Potter, The Chronicles of Narnia and the Falkland War.

How often (or regularly) are you involved in projects, meetings, conferences, etc. per school year?

On average, three to four per year.

Dr. Howe, the Man:

What did you want to be when you were a kid?

A university professor.

What helps you to relax?

Watching films and TV.

How do you spend your free time?

As a university professor, I’m not sure what free time is?

Do you even remember what free time is?

Barley.

How many hours a night do you think you sleep on average?

Six during busy quarters, and seven during light quarters.

Dr. Howe, the professor:

What are you doing during your sabbatical this quarter (Spring 2006)?

I’m interested in. This past year, I had to look up how to spell it; I like Richard Wagner also.

Favorite Flavor of Ice Cream:

It’s almost hard to make a selection in these categories, because there are so many contenders. For me, the best movie is probably Casablanca—it’s that romanticism again! What does favorite book mean? Best? Most enjoyable?

The one I return to again and again? My favorite probably changes from day to day. For many years, I said that Kristen Lavransdatter, by the Norwegian author Sigrid Undset, was the best book I’d ever read. However, I’ve been so busy since I’ve read it that I think I will have to read it again to see if it lives up to the place where I’ve assigned it.

To Sum It ALL Up:

What would you say to students who are surprised to learn that their professors do more than teach?

I’m not surprised at their surprise. I think many students think that people over 30 or so are probably fairly aged and have no lives.

What is one thing about yourself that most of your students probably don’t know?

You probably didn’t know that I was addicted to roses until now, but I’d probably refer to my love for roses as an addiction. When I use up the last possible space in my yard that could hold a rose, I’m not sure what will happen next.

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A Few of Her Favorite Things:

Favorite Type of Music and Why:

Oldies—and I mean music of the 1940s and 1950s. I love the big band sound, the clever lyrics and the unabashed romantic anovels. The music still makes me feel good.

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A Few of His Favorite Things:

Favorite Type of Music and Why:

Folk—it’s fun.

Favorite Movie and Why:

Lawrence of Arabia—for its visuals and cinematic perfection. To Sum It ALL Up:

What would you say to students who are surprised to learn that their professors do more than teach?

That [teaching] is only one-half to two-thirds of what professors do.

What is one thing about yourself that most of your students probably don’t know?

I have driven over 250,000 miles during the past 20 years for the sole purpose of searching for birds.
Personal Profile: Stephanie Troyer
BY KATHERINE WAGNER

Stephanie “Steph” Troyer, stands in a group cracking jokes and making everyone smile. Yet, when eventually she gets the signal, she grows quiet, wrinckles her brow and tries to focus. When she feels ready, she strides purposefully under the spotlight and starts speaking.

As she does so, something strange begins to happen…she becomes a man. Well, figuratively anyway.

Troyer participated in the Spring Quarter “Festival of Student Drama and Film,” that took place May 18-May 21, in which she played the part of Dr. Edward Hamilton in “Après Nous, Le Déjûse,” an original one act play written and directed by LSU sophomores Zulema Ibarra and Amanda O’Reilly. This was the third role this year where Troyer has played a male character on the LSU stage.

Although this has occasionally created some confusion amongst audience members, having people play characters of the opposite sex is often necessary at LSU. “It’s something that is needed in such a small department,” said Michael Tyler, a sophomore English major.

Troyer sees her role as Dr. Hamilton an opportunity to express herself. “I can take the most savage elements of my personality and utilize them in constructive ways,” she said.

Troyer discovered her passion for drama while pursuing another one of her loves: languages. “I was in a literature class at Friedensau Ad-ventist University in Germany. The whole class wrote a play with the professor,” Troyer said. “I had the amazing lead role of Heinrich Heine. When I was on the stage, I found my self engendering this adrenaline rush from acting that was simultaneously strange, unique and wonderful.”

Although Troyer enjoyed her acting experience in Germany, drama was only one of the many things she learned while attending school there. She was also committed to the study of the German language. Along with German, Troyer also speaks Spanish, Italian, and French; she knows a few phrases in half a dozen other languages that range from Russian to Thai.

For Troyer, there is a direct correlation between her love of languages and her new-found love of being on stage. “Acting is a passionate language unto itself. Not all may understand it, but those who do understand feel a brotherhood,” she said.

Waiting patiently to go back on stage, Troyer spends a few minutes speaking Spanish with Ibarra, a sophomore English Writing major. Troyer hops back on stage as Ibarra mouths along the lines that Troyer recites. “I chose Steph to play Dr. Hamilton because I knew she, of all people, could pull the role off. She’s very convincing,” Ibarra said.

Tyler also appreciates Troyer’sacting.”Steph is very intense and talented but she’s also a lot of fun. We have a good time together,” he said.

Carl Wilkens Profile
BY BRANDON HERRMANN

Since 1996, Wilkens has served as the campus chaplain for Milo Adventist Academy in Oregon—even though he never intended to be a pastor. He said in an interview on the PBS show Frontline that his feelings on being a pastor changed after he witnessed first hand the genocide in Rwanda.

“In Rwanda, [I] began to see that I love building stuff with my hands, and I love doing construction and I like building schools and clinics,” said Wilkens in the interview, “But in Rwanda, you’d see those things destroyed; and you recognize the only thing that really lasted was relationships and what was happening between people.”

In 1990, four years before the genocide, Wilkens moved to Africa with his wife Teresa and their small children. As a missionary with Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Wilkens went to work directing humanitarian efforts.

Then tension began to rise between the Hutus and the Tutsis, the two primary ethnic groups in Rwanda. Wilkens realized that the situation was close to exploding. As the war for the Tutsi’s drasti-1840cristians missionaries, Wilkens served as the contact person for the evacuation.

Then, on April 6, 1994, Hutu rebels shot down the Rwandan president’s plane. The Hutu Government responded by calling for the extermination of all Tutsis, marking the beginning of a 100-day genocide that left over 800,000 Tutsis dead.

The Wilkens family spent the next day huddled in their house while killings were taking place on the streets around them.

The U.S. Embassy quickly organized an evacuation, and Wilkens sent their family out of the country to Burundi in a convoy made up of Germans, Americans and Canadians. Wilkens stayed behind, feeling convicted to stay behind and help the people caught in the middle of the genocide.

Before his family left, Carl and his wife had opportunities to discuss his staying behind. Wilkens told Frontline, “We would pray, and I’d say, ‘Does this still seem right?’ and she said, ‘Yes, it does.’” To my mom and dad, it didn’t seem right, and to people on the outside we’re communicating with, it didn’t seem right.”

For the next three weeks, Wilkens did not leave his house. During this time, he prayed and thought about his situation. When Wilkens was finally able to leave his house, he found the missions supplies looted, and the air conditioned with the smell of burning human flesh.

Despite the surroundings, Wilkens worked wherever he could—risking his own life to serve others. In the mornings, he would hear mortars exploding outside, and he remembers the fear he faced leaving the house every day. He says that prayer was the only thing that kept him going, and that God gave him the courage and peace necessary to face the violence.

Wilkens spent most days transporting supplies like food and water to orphans and taking people to the hospital.

At one point, he went to the head-quarters office to talk to a secretary he had befriended, and asked to talk with the colonel. Since the colonel was not in, he was directed to speak with the Prime Minister. Wilkens put together all the courage he had and introduced himself to the Hutu Prime Minister. The Prime Minister was aware of Wilkens, and after a brief conversation, he promised that the orphans would be safe.

Wilkens experience with the Rwandan genocide has strengthened his resolve to underscore the importance of personal responsibility. He doesn’t expect most people to stand up and gun wielding militia in the heart of a genocide, but we all must be able to place ourselves in the shoes of people in our daily lives, and in other places such as Sudan.

Wilkens has been presented with various awards including the 2004 Dignitas Humana Award sponsored by Saint John’s School of Theology Seminary, and in May, 2005, he received the Medal of Valor awarded by the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Wilkens earned his bachelor’s in Industrial Technology from Walla Walla College and an MBA from the University of Baltimore. He and wife Teresa have three children, Mindy, Lisa and Shawn.
Apathy Drives Poor Communication

BY BRANDON HERRMANN, Criterion Editor

Last year, I felt that school pride at La Sierra University was low, so wanting to improve the situation, I started a list of problems (too few sprinklers that water nothing but sidewalks). Realizing that the morale of students was low and sometimes apathetic—myself included—I began talking to department heads and student workers to unearth La Sierra’s strengths with the hopes of affecting a better campus attitude.

Most people I spoke with were positive about mentioning the quality of the professors. I agreed. But no one except Sam Leonor, campus chaplain, seemed excited about La Sierra.

Despite Leonor’s positive perspective on La Sierra, I never wrote the article—I couldn’t find the motivation because I still had serious trouble not hating this university.

It was not that I didn’t find positive tributes of this school, but it was that these attributes kept reminding me of the potential of La Sierra University, a potential it is currently unable to reach. I believe that the two words “potential” and “La Sierra” is unable to reach its potential, as a premier institution of Seventh-day Adventist education, is apathy and lack of commitment to a unified vision—and if that vision does exist it is not being communicated.

The lack of community adds to the sense of apathy that I feel on this campus. I get a sense from some of the students and faculty that “I’m busy, and anything outside of my job description is not my responsibility.” From the students, I often sense that their attitude is “I don’t want to be here, I’m only staying until I transfer or get my degree.”

There are students who love this school, but there are also those students who “end-up” attending La Sierra because they did not want to go to a stricter school or they want an easier admission to Loma Linda University.

The students who end-up here do whatever they can to avoid involvement, and they do nothing to contribute to the campus community. This is evident by their level of professionalism, and the way they treat the university. Some students take the freshman seminar too far, and their appearance and demeanor in the classroom takes a toll on the entire class in terms of engaging class material and discussions. Jobs in the real world would expect a certain level of professional attire because it projects an atmosphere of respect.

Many students don’t respect LSU. I realized this when Ken Kurtz, dean of men, had to remind the men on my floor not to smear food on the walls, and not to steal toilet seat covers.

Students are not the only ones who contribute to the apathy on campus. Because of this, school pride, and university pride is not always mirrored or encouraged by the staff and faculty. Few faculty or staff attend University Worship, and few staff members or faculty attend Church of the Nazarene. They push for academic excellence, but sometimes at the cost of ignoring a sense community on campus.

Elsewhere on campus, there seems to be an aversion to any task that falls outside of a person’s responsibility or job description. Most every time I run an errand in the administration building, I am sent from window to window until I locate the person able to help me. Sometimes it seems as though every job was divided up among the administration personnel, and no person but the one assigned to a job is allowed to help. When I find a problem on my bill or with a class credit, some staff spend time figuring out whom to blame instead of fixing the problem.

That said, most of the staff members treat students well and are quite friendly, yet they are often unable to help and tell me that the manager who can help is out of the office. In large, things run inefficiently, and on a side note, people in the administration building rarely return my phone calls.

I feel that this apathy is caused primarily by what I referred to earlier as lack of commitment to and communication of a unified goal. I don’t know if there is a vision for this school other than construction and real-estate, and if there is, the university board and administration don’t pass it on to the students. Every department and school appear to be doing different things based on different goals.

Spiritual goals at the institutional level also seem to be lacking. I get the feeling that admission policies outweigh spiritual concerns, and that for some of the faculty, academic performance is perceived as the singular reason for higher education, spiritual ideals are rarely emphasized.

In May, the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools had this to say about the LSU spiritual master plan:

1. The current plan is not easily manageable or outcome-specific. Rather, its primary function is to list current campus religious activities.

2. Goals and outcomes of the plan are vague. The plan lacks depth.

As a student, the "spiritual master plan" has not been explained or impressed upon me—what has been communicated is a list of required worship services.

Lack of communication is a big problem at LSU. Department don’t know what other departments are doing, and faculty, staff, and students are on different wavelengths. From this, conflicts and rumors arise. Currently, there are rumors circulating that La Sierra University is planning to drop its affiliation with the Seventh-day Adventist church in order to focus on improving academics.

While this has been proven to be only a rumor, it is important to realize that this is not the first time this rumor has circulated. There is certainly an element of spiritual apathy on this campus that makes this rumor easy to believe.

Communication is not only what a person or institution says, it is also what it does. Communication does not mean simply stating a goal on a banner—it requires campus leaders to lead by example—demonstrating the ideal through campus events. “From Diversity, Community” is merely a slogan—at LSU we have plenty of diversity, but little community.

With no celebrated ideals or creeds generated by this university, nothing exists to develop a community, a religious ideal, common ground—or even a common enemy. It is no wonder that there is a sense of apathy on this campus—it is hard to care about an institution that sometimes appears to believe in nothing but increasing enrollment and prestige.

Communication seems as though something is rotten in the state of LSU, and maybe it is time for something to change.

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