Governor’s ‘May Revise’ Brings Changes to Campus

Story By
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The “May Revise” of the state of California’s budget brings both positive and negative news on budget cuts, tuition and updates to Victor Valley College.

The governor-initiated address to the state details California’s growing debt, now reaching $20 billion. A previous $5 million reduction is now an estimated $3.5 million reduction because of a new $15 million loan proposed by Governor Schwarzenegger that will be paid through future gaming and lottery revenues.

Even though VVC President Dr. Robert Silverman has made a stand not to make any immediate decision until he knows more, he still knows what may happen. The fear of cutting student financial aid is realized and it has been said that the governor is adding more money to financial aid. Staff layoffs are still being avoided; however, the school is stimulating retirement among staff. In order to keep the school running, it’s most likely that retired staff will need to be rehired. The good news is that the raise of tuition will stay within the school and be used for the school’s benefit exclusively.

“We will still need to make adjustments to mitigate our budget shortfall,” said Silverman.

Decisions on cuts are still being made, and by the end of the summer, the administration

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Enrollment Numbers Rise Despite Economic Fall

Story By
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Spring term enrollment numbers are up at Victor Valley College, reversing the downward trend of the last several years. According VVC Rampage archives (April 6, 2007), spring enrollment figures stood at 10,706 in 2005, dropped to 10,574 in 2006 and fell even further to 10,444 in 2007.

According to Greta Moon, director of admissions and records, enrollment is up 6 to 8 percent from the spring 2007 semester. Moon attributed the increase in numbers to the current economic climate; students are coming back for retraining in a different area.

Bill Greulich, VVC public information officer, said that the increase in enrollment could be as high as nine percent. Greulich agreed that the increase is a reflection of the economy.

In addition, VVC conducted an extensive two-pronged marketing campaign to attract students.

One prong included marketing by VVC that targeted adult re-entry students, emphasizing such classes as Computer Integrated Design and Graphics, Digital Animation and Computer Aided Design, which could provide the background for future employment opportunities.

Advertising strategies ranged from effective use of the college marquees to cable television ads.

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Faculty and Staff of the Year Announced

Story and Photo By Diana Cansino
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The first Student Choice Awards were held on Friday May 16 in the Student Activities Center at Victor Valley College.

Christina Zambrano, the newly elected ASB President, coordinated the event. The ceremony started at 3 p.m. and was in honor of those persons whom students nominated to be recognized for their devotion to education and student success.

There were four winners—two faculty and two staff members. The winners were Sandy Visser, Stephen Toner, Sam Miller and Scott Mulligan.

Nominations were collected through e-mail and were placed by students along with a brief reason for why they nominated them. There were more than 40 nominees.

ASB hosted the event and had drinks and desserts for those teachers who were nominated to enjoy.

They started by presenting all the nominees with certificates and then presented the four winners. They received gifts including a spa package, catered dinner and Renaissance fair tickets.

Apple also contributed $50 in iTunes cards as well as t-shirts.

Zambrano showed emotion when presenting the award to faculty member Stephen Toner.

She expressed how he had helped her in her educational career when it had seemed impossible to her to continue. His support helped her overcome the obstacles, she said.

Those who attended the festivities were delighted to have been elected by students as members of VVC who are not only thrilled to do what they do but have made a positive change in someone’s life.

CalWORKs Students Recognized

Story and Photos By Nancy Sexton
RamPage Reporter

The CalWORKs program held its first Student Recognition Ceremony on May 22.

Sheree Caldwell, the CalWORKs coordinator, said, “This is our first Student Recognition Ceremony to honor our students and their hard work and achievements. We are honoring them today because they have faced the many challenges, conquered the barriers and maintained an outstanding GPA. We are looking forward to many more gatherings like this in the future.”

The guest speaker at the event was Ariel Berry. As a single mother, Berry was referred to the CalWORKs office by the county and has become a full-time employee of the City of Adelanto while going to school and taking care of her family. “We are very proud of her. Ariel is a good example of what can be done through the CalWORKs program,” said Caldwell.

During her speech Berry said, “I just want to let all of you know that even though our lives like to throw things at us, no matter what the trials are, you have to take them and make yourself stronger. We have a great support system here that will help you get that leg up that everyone needs. No matter what has happened in your past, you can have the future that you want. You just have to give it your all and use what is being given to you.”

The CalWORKs program is a welfare to work program, TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Families) students are referred to the program by San Bernardino County.

The students come to CalWORKs for academic counseling, career planning, books, supplies and employment. Students have to be eligible each semester to qualify for the program. One of the qualifications is to be employed.

The CalWORKs program has a Job Placement Specialist, Shirley Stanford. She works with community employers and the students to help students gain and keep employment while they are attending school.
Foster Youth Awareness Day Celebrated at VVC

Story and Photos By
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Foster Youth Awareness Day was celebrated at Victor Valley College at the Student Activities Center on May 23, 2008, with an agenda that included a motivational speaker, a scavenger hunt, a pizza lunch and awards.

“Reach for the moment; maybe you’ll catch a star,” said Assistant San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Margaret Hill, as she addressed the foster youth, staff, faculty and guests.

Hill gave awards of excellence to Dee Snead, foster youth liaison for VVC, Janet Long, director of VVC TRIO programs, and Kathy Munoz, of the Career Institute/Youth Empowerment Center.

Tatiana Wallace Ellis, a current VVC student who is graduating with an Associate Degree in science, spoke of her experiences as a foster youth. Ellis is also the Foster Youth Specialist for the YES Center.

“We would like you to give praise and appreciation to a VVC student,” said Long, and she announced a surprise special recognition award, which was given to Tatiana Byrd. Students who participated in the scavenger hunt entered their names in a drawing that was the final event of the afternoon. Prizes were donated by people associated with the program and included fast food certificates, coffee cards, planners, a large pizza with five toppings and a $25 gift card.

“The whole thing is to raise awareness of the resources available (to foster youth) and to also provide a fun day. I have been tremendously honored to participate,” said Fontella Grimes, Extended Opportunities Program counselor.

NEWS BRIEFS FOR JUNE

Graduation
Commencement exercises for Victor Valley College will begin Friday, June 6, at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the gymnasium. Up to 10 tickets per graduate are available.

Text Book Buybacks
The Rams Bookstore will be buying back text books the week of June 2 starting at 10 a.m. Buybacks will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Summer Session
Summer session begins June 16. Registration has already begun for all blocks except for Block 6 (Concurrent Enrollment), which will begin June 4.
ESL Recognizes Achievements of Students

Story and Photo By
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RamPage Reporter

The English as a Second Language Recognition Conference was held May 22 as a celebration of the achievements of 2007-2008 students.

This event was made possible by a grant that Title V Hispanic Serving Institutions program received back in 2004. This was the first time Victor Valley College was hosting the event. Title V Counselor Lorena N. Ochoa and Title V Director Patricia Bejarano-Vero were coordinating this event to recognize ESL student achievements within the program.

A resource fair was held during the conference of the various services provided at the VVC campus such as Cal-works, DSPS, ESL, Financial Aid and EOPS.

Vickie Cabriales from the High Desert Hispanic Chamber of Commerce was a special guest speaker who provided a great motivational speech as an effort to encourage students to continue with their education and to establish new goals for themselves.

Cabriales told guests of accomplishments after attending VVC in 1990 and moving on to new success. She told students “Sigan adelante; Remember the word empowerment and have the courage to succeed.”

ESL also held an academic assessment essay contest in which winners would receive book vouchers from VVC bookstore. There were 15 winners in all, and among these winners, three were selected to read their essays during the recognition event. Dolores Zavala, Jeoung Jung and Jose Hernandez were the three students who gave very compelling speeches about how ESL has helped their educational development and how it has impacted their lives.

In their speeches, each student expressed that because of their studies in the ESL program they are now more confident when holding conversations, such as interviews and when meeting new people. Hernandez said, “Victor Valley College opened new doors for me.”

Out of those students who attended ESL classes this semester three of them also received their associates degrees and were recognized that night. Sheida Khosravi received A.S. Business Administration, Maria M. Ortega got her A.S. in Business Education Technologies, and Maria Liliana Barahona got her A.S. Math and Science and Business Education Technologies.

A raffle was held during the event, where those in attendance won VVC folders and Notebooks. There was food and drinks before and after the event for students and their guest to enjoy.

The coordinators expressed their appreciation for all the staff and everyone who was involved for their part in making the event a success.
Health and Wellbeing Workshops Help Students Cope

Story By
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Health and Well-Being Workshops were offered free to all interested Victor Valley College students from May 6 to May 30 under the guidance of Eartha Johnson, coordinator/counselor of the SSPIRE program (Student Support Partnerships Integrating Resources and Education).

“I had observed that many of the students who came in to seek academic counseling were actually struggling with psychosocial factors such as anxiety, stress, housing and financial problems, and these factors were impeding their success,” said Johnson, who was able to implement the program by collaborating with faculty and the San Bernardino County of Health. Johnson holds a master’s degree in social work from Columbia University.

Merline Yancy, LCSW, San Bernardino County Department of Health, agreed to conduct several of the workshops; VVC volunteers were Sandy Visser, department chair of the Child Development Program, Jackie Trost, Disabled Student Program Services counselor, Susan Tillman, LD counselor and Katie Weinburg, nursing student.

Money to fund the SSPIRE program and, subsequently, the Health and Well-Being Workshops, comes from grants from the VVC Title V program and the James Irvine Foundation, overseen by Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation, a non-profit organization, according to Johnson.

Topics included stress management, learning disabilities, taking control of anger, panic attacks, depression, healthy parenting, effective communication, learning disabilities, multicultural sensitivity, and recognizing and managing diabetes.

The “Taking Control of Anger” workshop was facilitated by Yancy, who discussed ways to learn how to communicate more effectively and warned against “letting old past angers control you in the present moment.”

A list of questions was given and the answers revealed how much anger is present in a person’s life. Sample questions included, “You get a speeding ticket for going five miles over the speed limit” and “Someone says something to someone else about you that isn’t true.” The anger response is rated on a scale of zero to five.

“How can I let off the need to control everything?” Yancy asked as she suggested using ways to modify and eliminate anger and to learn to be a better communicator by using effective expressions of feelings.

Setting reasonable limits about what one is willing or not willing to do, and stating feelings using the “I think you should” and “I feel that you...” are ways to successfully getting cooperation from others.

Healthy Parenting was the subject of a workshop taught by Visser with a focus on children ages 0 to 5.

“The three ‘R’ words, respect, responsiveness and reciprocal, are so important,” said Visser.

“Child Development needs to start early in being consistent with boundaries and limits. Be able to give children predictability,” said Visser.

The “Golden Rule” of parenting is “Don’t do or say something to any other person (adult or child) that you wouldn’t want them to say or do to you,” according to a handout on discipline.

Johnson hopes to offer additional workshops throughout the coming year that will be open to all, faculty and staff included.

Heard Around the Lake

Interviews by Desiree Pena, RamPage Reporter

“The end of the semester is here; what are you looking forward to most this summer?”

“Taking my trip to New Zealand!”
-Zacari Martinez

“Do as much as I can and have fun before I have to go back to school and rock and roll.”
-Stephen Slazar

“Beach, beach, camping, school and work.”
-Nicole Romano

“Going to Mexico with my brother and taking physics for summer session!”
-Elaine Suarez

“My wrestling clinic in June.”
-Matt McCauley

“Play shows with my band and spending time with quality people.”
-Andrew Soliz
New Classes Added to Summer 2008 Schedule

Story By
Nancy Sexton
RamPage Reporter

Ruby Wikstrom, coordinator of the Curriculum Committee, oversees placement of classes in the schedules to assist students in finding their needed classes.

According to Wikstrom, the department chairs submit their proposed schedules to their area division dean, then they are sent on to the Vice President of Instruction Services and finally can be put into the schedule.

Four new courses that have been added to the summer schedule are Introduction to Automotive Electricity – (Auto 80.6); Fire Prevention 2 B – (Fire 74.D); Automotive Safety Training for Managers – (Auto 77.2); and Polysomnography 1.

- Respiratory Therapy – (RSPT 50).

There are some new computer classes in the summer schedule also. A Bet 100 class, "Introduction to Computers," is directed to those with little or no computer experience.

It will introduce basic essential elements of computers such as power up, hardware components, evolution of computers, types of personal computers, the input-process-output cycle, desktop components, email and the World Wide Web.

Kevin Crowley, who is teaching the Bet 100 "Introduction to Computers" class, said, "We will cover everything from the keyboard to the Internet and email. We start from the very basics of turning on the computer, so if you are afraid of computers or don’t know anything about computers or just want to learn more, this class is for you."

The class will begin June 17 and end July 24. The class will meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week in building 21, room 146, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. The book can be purchased but is not absolutely necessary; a USB drive will be helpful to save work on. This class is expected to fill up quickly, so those who need it are being advised to register as soon as possible.

Another computer class, CIS 101, Computer Literacy, by Computer Information Systems, is a four-unit credit class that provides a broad overview of computer technology including hands-on laboratory work with operating systems, word processing, spreadsheets, databases, programming, networks and the Internet.

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Debbie Potts, coordinator of Community Contract Education, said, "Many of our courses are offered with a potential hope of becoming a credit class; the Pharmacy Technician class is one of these. Through our department we can assess through enrollment whether there is a need for the class in the community."

The Pharmacy Technician class will begin Saturday July 19, 2008, and end Saturday Feb. 21, 2009, meeting from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Saturday. The course combines 182 hours of classroom instruction with a 120-hour pharmacy externship.

Orientation will be on Saturday June 14, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in building 21, room 146, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.

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Two Summer Theatre Performances Sure to Entertain

Story By
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RamPage Reporter

This coming summer session here at Victor Valley College, two amazing shows will be hitting the stage.

First will be a less familiar comedic drama, "Harvey," and second Shakespeare’s very own "A Midsummer Night’s Dream."

With auditions that just took place Friday May 23, there are no set dates for the plays at this time, but these will be posted as soon as possible.

First to the stage this summer in July will be "Harvey," written by Mary Chase and this year directed by Claudia Basha.

"Harvey" is the story of a likeable man named Elwood P. Dowd and his imaginary friend "Harvey," a six foot three-and-a-half inch tall rabbit. When Elwood tries to tell a few guests at a society party about his six foot tall rabbit friend, his society-obsessed sister claims she has seen enough of his eccentric behavior.

She decides to admit him into a sanitarium to prevent any further embarrassment of the family.

Upon arriving at the sanitarium, Veta, Elwood’s sister, is admitted by mistake. After the truth comes out, an all-out search is on for Elwood and his imaginary furry friend. This comedy is sure to be a smash hit when VVC students take it to the stage in the coming months.

In August “Midsummer Night’s Dream” will be the first production to take place in the “Black Box Theatre,” a theatre especially for up close and intimate performances.

And another first for VVC, this play will be performed “in the round,” which means all the action will be in the center of the audience.

Ed Heaberlin, who has directed many plays here at VVC, will be directing this Shakespearean classic.

"A Midsummer Night’s Dream” is a romantic comedy and one of Shakespeare’s most widely performed. Written in 1595, the play features three interlocking plots. It portrays the adventures and trials of four Athenian lovers, a group of amateur actors and their interactions with the Duke and Duchess of Athens.

A few overwhelming love triangles, trying to escape from a death sentence or a nunnery and moonlit romps through the forest are just a few things this classic has in store.

“We look forward to your laughter and your attendance. Plan now for a great time,” said Heaberlin.
**Spring Art Show Promotes Student Creativity**

**Story By**

**Kim Hill**

**Co-Entertainment Editor**

Victor Valley College Student Spring Art Show was held on May 28 from noon to 8 p.m. in building 22. Happening each spring and fall, this is the show’s sixth event.

Art work contributions are from art class students. The artwork comes from students in art classes. Types of art displayed include painting, sculpture, photography, drawing, digital art and graphic design. Students from all art classes, including photography, painting, sculpture, drawing, and even art history, help set up the rooms.

Not only was there art, there was a fire dancer named Heather Robinson who performed at 7 p.m. Even in the windy conditions, everyone seemed to enjoy her performance. People clapped and cheered her on.

There is a lot of hard work put into the show, Joan Sowinski, the volunteer coordinator of the show, said.

“The most important thing for a student is to do the work and have it presented.” Even with the hard work, the students involved enjoyed the show. Carla Ruelas, who had some sketches in the show, said, “It was enjoyable and the artwork was spread out nicely.”

Not only did the people involved like the show, but so did other people. A student at VVC, Shellie Tep, said, “I like looking at the photography. You get to see how people interpret things differently.”

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**Sustainable Resource Club Hopes to Improve Environment**

**Story By**

**Amberly Salvate**

**RamPage Reporter**

As of May 2, Victor Valley College has a new club on campus that welcomes not only students but the community as well. The Sustainable Resource Group, or SRG, came about somewhat by accident.

“It started as a class assignment to make a resolution,” said Colleen Ferguson, the vice-president of SRG. Her resolution is what got the ball rolling to start the club.

Because of such a late start the club will finish out the remainder of this semester by holding their meetings along with the regular class of AGNR 74 on Mondays and Wednesdays in HC 16, on lower campus, from 7:20 a.m. to 8:10 a.m.

“We want to promote sustainable practices campus-wide and promote environmental health to be better stewards to our world,” said Neville Slade, a co-adviser for the club. Sustainability practices refer to the society, the economy and the environment can meet in harmony and consideration.

SRG is hoping to grow with the campus and acquire more members who can share the same ideals and come up with new ideas to better VVC as a community and a campus. The club is advised by Slade and Patricia Bejarano-Vera and is student led by President Jamie Hanley. The new club is taking many steps to get a foot in the door and make an impact here at VVC.

“Current endeavor is re-energizing a few compost bins on lower campus, which actually need to be physically turned to help breakdown and continue in their cycle. The sustainable resource group has high hopes and great ideas for the future here at VVC.

“We would like to see more bike racks and promote cycling around campus. We would like to see bike lanes even,” said Slade. Another goal of theirs is to work on some campus gardens and landscaping.

“We need to remember that this is not just VVC, it is Victor Valley Community College, and that’s what we are, a community. To make this (club) work we will need help from students and the community.” Ferguson said. For more information, check out SRG on yahoo groups at VVCSRG.
Lady Rams Basketball Gets a Fresh Start

Story and Photos By Heidi Randolph
RamPage Reporter

The Lady Rams basketball season doesn’t begin until late October, but that doesn’t stop the girls from early conditioning. Conditioning is simply defined as a gradual training process in which athletes take action to control or influence their body for desired performance.

The Lady Rams get more than a new season; they get a fresh start with two new coaches.

The conditioning class is a basketball physical education class in which the girls are enrolled and they get credit for. The class starts later in the spring semester.

Getting new coaches is always an exciting and scary time for a team. Coach Michael Stewart is the new head coach, and Coach Lillard is the new assistant coach.

Lillard graduated from Victor Valley College in 1998 and is excited to become part of the coaching staff.

Lillard is enjoying this conditioning time with the girls, and he is getting to know them and their skills on the court.

Lillard said, “They are a little out of shape, but they are starting to get their legs under them. These girls seem like they are ready and willing to learn.”

Rachel Gordon says that playing a sport is hard work when taking 12 units, working and practicing six days a week.

Gordon was picked up on an Academic Scholarship from the University of La Verne and plans to leave her girls of the Lady Rams and continue her basketball career there.

The Lady Rams’ only returning player so far is Danielle Probert, and she conditions and practices with the rest of the girls all throughout the summer.

They practice anywhere from 4 to 6 days a week, and as fall semester starts they really hit it hard.

Probert said, “I am just hoping for a better season, and to have fun.”

A cheerleading uniform is displayed in the Student Activities Center, reminding students that VVC once had a cheerleading squad and hopes to again.

Cheerleading Squad and Club: Still Pending

Story By Darryl Richie
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Victor Valley College had a cheerleading meeting on April 18, at noon, upstairs in the Student Activities Center, expecting up to 70 girls to try out.

The team will have two different squads; one squad will be for school activities and the other squad will be for competitions.

It has been a while since VVC had a cheerleading team; the girls are ready to bring it back.

The Vice President of the Cheerleading Club, Junice Torres, said, “This is our first year. It was planned poorly before; we don’t want people to look down at us.”

The first official tryouts were announced at the cheerleading meeting. Torres said, “Tryouts are on Friday, April 25, at 5 p.m. and will continue on Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. to whenever.”

The Cheerleading Club has been moving slowly because some of the girls trying out for the team didn’t have ASB cards, and VVC has to make the Cheerleading Club official before its participants can compete with other schools.

The girls competed in a walk-a-thon for cancer in June and they had a car wash to raise money for the club in May.

However, the Associated Student Body Council is claiming that according to the club constitution that every official club has to abide by, they have done their fund-raising unofficially, even going as far as using the VVC name without official consent.

“They haven’t done the appropriate things. They didn’t charter correctly, nor did they get authorization,” Armando Perez, Interclub Council Senator, said.

However, no matter how many bumps are in the road, the girls are determined to have the Cheerleading Club compete next year. Torres said, “It’s going really good. It’s moving slow but progressing.”

Perez, for his part, hopes that the club does become official.

“It would do great to raise school spirits, empower girl power, and it would be positive for the athletics department. But they need to respect the guidelines and become authorized first.”
A Semester in Pictures: Spring Semester 2008
Photos by RamPage staff

VVC’s first Student-Athlete Success Camp was held May 3-18.

The campus hosted its annual Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 3.

The Rams faced off against the Mavericks on April 2.

Gregg Combs began as the new Men’s Golf Coach.

The American Kennel Club hosted its annual dog show.

Jim Ledford campaigned in the Student Activities Center.

Robert Sewell, director of Auxiliary Services, gets dunked during Rams Week.

A student draws with sidewalk chalk during Rams Week.

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Construction on the Advanced Technology and Performing Arts centers was completed and the buildings opened up to students.

Construction began on a new gymnasium on lower campus and is set to be completed in May 2009.
Movie Review: Iron Man Has Good Storyline

Story By
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RamPage Reporter

The old school comic book “Iron Man” has come to life in movie theaters with the latest release of “Iron Man” by Paramount Pictures and Marvel Studios.

Directed by John Favreau, “Iron Man” was released May 2 and it was 126 minutes of pure action and amusement.

With Robert Downey Jr. starring as Tony Stark (aka Iron Man) and Gwyneth Paltrow as his gutsy assistant, the movie was a big success.

Robert Downey Jr. plays a CEO of a big weapons manufacturer. While traveling to Afghanistan on a business trip to show off new weapons to the military, he is attacked and captured by soldiers in Afghanistan. Stark is held prisoner and forced to construct a missile out of scraps of his own original weapons that his company made.

As a result, Iron Man was created in replacement of the missile. Stark escapes from his imprisonment, returning to America with a vow never to manufacture weapons again and to create a more up-to-date Iron Man with enhanced electrical gadgets to aid him in his fight against his enemies.

Iron Man is a great movie, comparable to another great super hero movie “Transformers.” The action scenes in “Transformers” were in a greater part of the movie. Iron Man had a lot of story behind it.

The action scenes were worth waiting for and the special effects were realistically entertaining.

Review: California State University Sacramento

Story By
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RamPage Reporter

Located in the state capital, California State University Sacramento is an animated and multicultural environment for anyone to enjoy.

Located near San Francisco and the Napa Valley, Sacramento has weather that is an acquired taste because it rains a lot and unlike much of Southern California it actually gets cold in the winter. The summers are what would be considered normal, so if investing in an umbrella is not a problem, Sacramento is the right place. Considered a large city, Sacramento has a population of about around 500,000 and the school population is around 28,000.

CSU Sacramento also has many social activities to offer students as posted on their website: “Sacramento State students keep busy with arts programs, speeches, debates, comedy shows and concerts throughout the year. More than half the university’s students join at least one of 250 student organizations, and thousands participate in the intramural sports program. About 400 intercollegiate athletes compete at the Division I level,” according to the website.

CSU Sacramento can meet the needs of almost all students who consider it as a possible transfer school. As with every other California State University school, the requirements for qualification and possible acceptance are simple. A student who has completed 60 transferable units and has a 2.0 GPA is already on a good start.

CSUS offers some 60 undergraduate programs, including majors in teacher education, business, and computer technology, and criminal justice, psychology and communication studies, which are the most popular according to CSU Sacramento.

“Nearly 6,000 students graduate from Sac State each year. 98 percent of Sac State’s tenured and tenure track professors hold either a doctorate or the highest degree in their field.”

With so much to offer to the average college student, CSU Sacramento is a great school choice and should be highly considered. It is a school for any fun-loving student who likes to work hard and take advantage of all that the world has to offer.

It is obvious that this school is just like all the others but better due to the fact that it is in one of the best locations in the world. If this school sparks any interest, there is more information available on the school website at http://www.csus.edu/
Dear VVC Student Body,

It has been a pleasure serving you as the ASB President this year. I am so proud of our council for doing such an excellent job representing you, the students, on Campus, at California Student Senate and in Washington, D.C. We accomplished many of our goals set by this year’s council and added more stars to the ASB legacy from prior years.

This year, we had the honor to receive two prestigious Awards: American Student Association of Community Colleges Campus of the Year 2008, and The President’s Award given by the Victor Valley College Foundation.

Maybe it’s just me, but this year went by so fast and it has been a blast! It’s very hard for me to say goodbye to the ASB council, Robert, Deanna and Shirley. You all are a part of my family and I’m going to miss you all (even though I will always come back to terrorize ASB and Robert).

Jokes apart, I’m very happy and excited for next year’s council! There couldn’t be a better person filling in for the President and Vice President’s position. Christina, you’re going to do amazing things and just remember that I will always be there for you! The students are going to have a wonderful time having you as their President.

Lastly, I would like to thank the wonderful faculty and staff who continuously give students their full support to achieve their goals. Most importantly, CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2008! Thank you all for being part of our VVC family, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Heena Mehra
President
Student Trustee
Associated Student Body

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**Current Editor-in-Chief Says Farewell to RamPage**

I would first like to congratulate RamPage editors Karen Howell, Darryl Richie and Ivannia Alay, who will be graduating this semester and not returning to the paper. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the RamPage and good luck in all your future endeavors in life and in journalism.

This was my final semester with the RamPage as well. In the four semesters I’ve been with the paper, I’ve met a lot of amazing and influential people and am grateful for the opportunity to have spoken with them.

I encourage all students to enroll in the J108 Fundamentals of Journalism class, especially new students who don’t know much about the college. Writing for the paper is the quickest way to get to know your school and meet new people. When I first began at Victor Valley College in the fall of 2006, I was fresh out of high school and nervous about going to college, but the RamPage allowed me to get to know the school inside and out, and I soon felt completely at home on campus. Since then I have stayed in contact with most of the people I met that first semester and they have continued to be friendly and helpful as I sought to improve the paper. I want to thank all of them for their continuous help and support.

I want to also thank my predecessors, Pierre Barrera and Bri Kendrick, who both helped me immensely during my early semesters on the paper. Pierre was the EiC when I first began as a reporter, and it was his example that I tried to follow when I became EiC. His laid-back and friendly nature made new reporters like myself feel much more comfortable, and he welcomed complaints and criticism as if they were praise for a well-done paper. When he passed away in August of 2007 it was an honor to write his memorial for the paper; he was a great person and someone to be admired.

Bri was also an inspiration to me, and without her my first semester as an editor would have been a nightmare. With only three editors that semester, the paper was a struggle, but we prevailed each issue and always beat the odds. Perseverance and patience were her strong suits, and, whenever I faced a difficult situation, I reminded myself that Bri handled worse and with less backup.

Now with a new EiC taking over, I hope I have been as influential and that he will be able to take the paper to even greater heights. Next semester already shows great promise with the RamPage’s plans to expand into video production. And with all the changes happening at VVC, there are sure to be a number of interesting stories to cover.

Best of luck to Brandon and the other returning editors and to the incoming reporters; it’s sure to be an interesting semester.

Carrie Smart
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will need to come up with $3 million.

Dr. Silverman foresees a troubling time for students and therefore is waiting to make any major decision until he knows more.

“The main problem is we have to get revenue. So it’s a two-part system. We need to make cuts and increase revenue, but since we don’t know everything yet, we can’t make a decision,” Silverman said.

Any other decisions that may have to be made in the next couple of months have been put on hiatus.

“Well, it’s a tough time. We’ve had people who have worked since the Seventies in similar fields and within Victor Valley College that have said this is the worst they’ve seen, so we’re not quick to making any rash decisions.

“We’re presenting it to the board and letting them know how things really are and doing everything we can to make this college better,” said Silverman.

For any questions, including concerning attending the next board meeting, call (760) 245-4271 extension 2150.

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10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and must be attended to be part of the class.

The class is $1,990 (financial assistance can be provided).

Marianne Tortorici, Deputy Superintendent and Executive Vice President of Instruction, said, “We are constantly reviewing our courses and curriculum in order to meet the needs of the community and our programs, so therefore you will periodically see us offer new courses or programs to meet the needs of the community or to fill gaps in the course offerings.

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The second prong was the Bridge program, aimed at high school students who would use VVC to obtain the first two years of a four-year degree. The Bridge program provided assessment for the students and made them familiar with how to enroll and register.

Victor Valley College is now looking forward to the prospect of high enrollment figures in the fall.

Writing Contest Winners for 2008

Short Story
1st Michael Moore “The Leering Leviathan and Helm’s Glory”
2nd Maggie Langdon “The Omega Decision”
3rd Carrie Smart “Section Eight Discharge”
Honorable Mention: Terri Criddell “Remembering Life”

Short-Short
1st Maggie Langdon “Sally’s Question”
2nd Stanley Joyce “The Nightmare”
3rd Kevin Santos “Ah. . .the Truth About Missing Socks!”

Personal Narrative
1st Cynthia Brassfield “From Under the Table”
2nd Zachary Hann “Sand, Sun, and a Schwinn: Nevada’s Revenge”
3rd Jennifer Kay Handley “Never Forget to Remember”
Honorable Mention: Donna Piraino “A Day in the Life of Nothing”

Essay
1st Shawna Dresslar “True Knowledge: Everything Is Not Cheese”
2nd Shawna Dresslar “The Fall of the Roman Empire: Did It Trip or Was It Dying of Cancer?”
3rd Amy R. Wolfe “Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein”
Honorable Mention: Amy R. Wolfe “Jude The Obscure”

Poetry
1st Thomas Proulx “My First Marilyn (Our Dystopia)”
2nd Cynthia Brassfield “France: The Mistress of Seduction”
3rd Shawna Dresslar “Causation for Generation ‘Y’”
Honorable Mention: Shawna Dresslar “Freedom’s Funeral Knell”

Art
Front Cover: Back Cover
Bianca J. Cunningham Yelena Kolesnik Star and Bottles (untitled)
Inside: Heatherine Merrill Lamp (Untitled) Yelena Kolesnik Sculpture
Fawntana Whelikan “Forsaken Princess”

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