ASB Washington, D.C. Trip Successful

Robert Sewell, the director of auxiliary services and the Associated Student Body Council members took a trip to Washington D.C. for their annual trip. The key points discussed in Washington this year were:

- to encourage our legislators to support the proposal to guarantee funding for the Federal Pell Grant program and ensure that amounts keep pace with inflation
- to urge congress to take action in support of the Perkins Act by passing increases in the Administrations Budget
- to urge congress to allow working students no longer living with their parents, who claim that student as a dependent, to be fully eligible for federal financial aid,” said Robert Sewell.

The Pell Grant stemmed from the Higher Education Act of 1965 and went into effect in 1972 for the first time.

“Its main focus was to promote school to lower income families and to give them the opportunity to get a higher education” said Christina Zambrano, A.S.B. president. Frank Mensel and Lois Rice are well known advocates of the Pell Grant, while former Senator Claiborne Pell is credited with getting the program started.

Students presented Lois D. Rice with an award, “Mother of the Pell Grant” for her contributions in the passing of the Pell Grant in 1972. The new amount of the Pell Grant for Victor Valley College is $5,350 and will go in effect on July 1, 2009.

The “Perkins Career Technical Education funding was one of the three major priorities determined by the students as a means to enhance our workforce productivity and U.S. economic competitiveness,” said Sewell. Vocational education is in high demand where “in the High Desert there is 80% of open land,” said Zambrano, and training the youth in more technical and focused fields will benefit the community and the workforce.

The independent student age is 24. Many people believe that it should be lowered, because there are many students who live on their own, work regular jobs, support themselves and put themselves through college who are not 24 years old. Many of these students cannot qualify for financial aid because when they fill out their financial aid papers they need to put their parents’ financial information down, instead of their own, and many times their parents make too much money for their kids to qualify.

“Many students suffer from not having their parents backing them financially in school,” said Zambrano. Victor Valley College is known for having one of the most prepared schools at these conferences. Victor Valley College’s “students opinions were always asked during their educational sessions,” said Sewell. The students have many meetings before their trip to prepare themselves for their sessions with congress.

“We will usually prepare for about two months, meeting about once a week” said Zambrano.

The meetings and workshops held over the course of the conference prepared the students for their meetings with Members of Congress or their staff. A highlight of the conference was an address by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. Duncan spoke about the important initiatives on higher education proposed in the Obama 2010 budget and asked the students to encourage their Members of Congress to support those critical investments.

He encouraged students to continue to be involved in the political process by working and volunteering to make our country better. He said, “It is exciting to me to see the involvement of student leaders in the political process and taking an active role in shaping their future.” Duncan brought with him a very special guest and friend of community colleges, Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden.

Dr. Biden told the group, “I know you, I know your struggles, I know the support you need to obtain higher education,” to the cheers and standing ovation from the 350 American Student Association of Community Colleges students in attendance.

The students visited the Senate, Library of Congress and the Sewall-Belmont House where Alice Paul, the author of the Equal Rights Amendment lived.
Drivers Often Ignore the Rights of Pedestrians

Victor Valley College has a wonderful system for convenient foot traffic, including well-marked crosswalks to ensure safe passage across streets. Although vehicle traffic is heavy at times, it is rather easy to cross the street if one uses the appropriately designated paths.

According to VVC students, there seems to be a continuing occurrence of crosswalk violations on the part of drivers who may be in a hurry or are simply ignorant of laws concerning pedestrian crossings. Big problem areas are near the science building and bus stop on the upper campus, but the one with the most frequent violations is near the technology building.

Chief of Police Jon D. Schorle said that he has increased police presence, and this has seemed to help. He also said that new modifications, including signs for drivers and pedestrians, are being considered. Schorle stated the burden is shared by drivers and pedestrians, and that both parties are responsible for each other’s safety. “It is about common sense; common sense and common courtesy,” said Schorle.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Association reports that each year nearly 5,000 pedestrians die and 78,000 are injured by vehicles. As drivers and pedestrians, people have the responsibility to themselves and to others to obey safety and traffic laws.

According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, one in six traffic fatalities are pedestrians. The DMV states that people on foot have the right of way at all times.

G.H. Javaheripour, new vice president of administration, believes Silverman really cares about the college and the students. Javaheripour thinks VVC is a great institution.

Javaheripour said he is “here for the students and to reemphasize the culture of the students first.” He also balances the budget and provides funding for programs for the students. He specializes in developing systems that reduce repetitive functions to streamline old systems, so the college can use the money saved on the teaching environment. He also believes technology can be a tool to improve the systems.

Javaheripour said that the administration is going to build a new east campus that will be for the fire academy, paramedic academy, and administration of justice department. They are also going to build a new west campus for work force development like the health care department and logistics.

Javaheripour is also going to use his doctorate’s thesis and implement a one-stop student services center. The services on campus like admissions and records, early advisement, financial aid, bursar, special services, tutoring, and career services are all in one location.

The students can go to this location and talk with one person, a generalist, and get all these services from the generalist. If a student needs extra help, the generalist can send the student to a specialist where they can be better helped.

The specialist can spend more quality time with the student and can solve more critical issues.

Javaheripour has already implemented this system at another community college in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He believes this one-stop student services center really helped the students there. He also believes it can be beneficial here at VVC.
**Student Support Services Moved For Maximum Service**

**Story By Jennifer Andrews**

Student Support Services moved from building 50 into building 42 two weeks before the start of Spring 2009 Semester. SSS, also known as Trio, is a Federally funded program and is open only to low-income and/or first generation students that have a need for academic support.

SSS offers academic, career and transfer advising, student success workshops, social/cultural activities, tutoring mostly in math and English, computer lab access and student success workshops.

The Business Education Technologies BET, moved out and SSS moved in almost effortlessly. The new location better serves the students and staff with more adequate space and provides enough room for the three Trio Programs in one building. Trio also offers the Upward Bound and the Upward Bound: Math & Science program which is aimed to assist eligible high school students with preparation for post secondary education.

SSS is in need of tutors for the Fall 2009 Semester. To find out more or to check eligibility requirements visit the V.V.C website or stop by the SSS office that is located in the academic commons building on the upper campus next to the library.

The BET computer lab and classroom is now located in the Advanced Technology Center, building number 21. It provides access to over one hundred computer programs and also has a ADA certified work station. BET also has open lab classes that allow students to work on assignments at their own pace and at their own convenience. For more information call (760) 245-4271.

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**Sonic Potatoes and Parking Make Lunch Tough**

**Story and Photo By Noel Herron**

The Sonic Drive-In is supposed to be known for its 50's atmosphere, complete with carhops on roller skates. Unfortunately the Sonic that recently opened in Apple Valley has adopted the bland and greasy motif, but the food is not all bad.

The cheeseburgers are large, with a juicy patty and the buns are soft, warm and fresh. This is all complemented by the reasonable price. However the fries and tater tots are awful. The fries are soggy with no flavor and a greasy aftertaste. The tater tots are only slightly better, having a crispy outer shell but they still lack flavor and have the same greasy aftertaste.

A redeeming feature of Sonic is their drinks. They have a wide array of fruit slushes. Another way that Sonic rises above the rest is their attention to the regular soft drinks. Often other fast-food places have their soft drinks over-carbonated. Sonic's soft drinks taste identical to soda bought in a can or bottle.

The girls at Sonic do wear roller skates, but they all wear different kinds. Some waitresses wear roller skates while others wear roller blades. Sonic is trying for the nostalgic 50's theme, but with the girls wearing modern roller blades and polo shirts with black pants, the roller skate gimmick looks more utilitarian than thematic.

Aside from the food, drinks and service, Sonic also has issues with its parking lot configuration.

During their busiest time of the day, the cars lined up for the drive-through can block surrounding parking spaces, making it very difficult to back out.

Notwithstanding the negative, Sonic is still a competent fast-food restaurant. For the price you'll get plenty of food and its selection of fruit slushes makes it stand out from the rest.

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**Local Youth Get Environmental Training**

**Story By Roderick Gray**

Members of the Mojave Environmental Education Consortium held their fourth annual Youth Environmental Leadership Conference in the Student Activities Center March 28. This year more than 100 youths of various ages from the Lewis Center, Apple Valley Middle School, Granite Hills High School, Hesperia High School, Sultana High School and Victor Valley High School attended the conference, themed “Conservation Counts.”

“The common purpose of the MEEC conference is to promote environmental education to the students, while improving their learning environment and providing a life style change. We want to see them involved.” said event coordinator Cynthia L. Wray, representative from the Victor Valley Air Quality District.

The program consisted of six work shop sessions, all aimed at environmental education for youths. Lunch was provided and a panel discussion wrapped up the day’s event at 5:30 pm.
Food Court Fare Fairly Good

Story and Photo By
Marsha Smith
Reporter

The food court is located in the Victor Valley College Student Activities Center and is designed with the student’s appetite and budget in mind. The nutritional values of the food being served are not posted for the consumers to see because these facts are unknown by the individuals preparing the food. These individuals believe that the majority of the food they serve should be considered healthy but do understand that some of the menu items are not, such as the chili cheese fries, chicken strips, and philly cheese-steak sandwich to name a few.

The food court is a privately owned business and is open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It serves both American and Chinese food and tries to coordinate with the school system as much as possible. For instance, the hours of operation are based on when most students are on campus and catering is available for staff members and outside school activities.

The food court manager, Anthony Nhan, determines menu choices by “whatever the customers want,” he said.

Nhan has noticed that the younger students tend to like more of the greasy items, such as hamburgers and chili cheese fries. According to Nhan, the healthiest items on the menu are the garden salad, mixed veggies, fruit bowls, steamed rice and soup.

The food court’s best selling items are the hamburgers, orange chicken, philly cheese-steak sandwich, and chili-cheese fries. The chicken strips are the unhealthiest item because they, “stay in the fryer for the longest amount of time,” said cook Eric Jones. The egg rolls, fries, orange chicken and popcorn chicken are fried, as well.

According to the food court staff, all other menu items are baked and grilled with no additives and served fresh. The price of items range from the highest being $6.25 which is the VVC sampler, it contains chicken tenders, fish strips, and fries. The lowest costing item is the churro at $1. Nhan explained that they “try to keep the prices low and the portions big,” to accommodate the students.

Stacy Magana, a second year student at VVC, only eats at the food court “once or twice a semester because the food is fried and I feel guilty every time I eat it.” Magana says that if a salad bar were introduced, more students would have an opportunity to make a healthier choice. Other students eat at the food court daily because it is convenient and believe nutritional facts should be common sense.

Food court employee Jenny Wu feels that posting the nutritional facts would “be helpful for people with health issues,” but she also believes that the majority of their food should be considered healthy. The food court’s main duty is to “keep the customers happy,” said Wu, and with a steady flow of customers, it is doing just that.

Recently, “It’s a Grind,” the café that was located in the food court, has shut down. It is expected to be reopened but a date is not yet known.

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Ram It Out

I’ve noticed that it is just called the Technology Center now, not the Advanced Technology Center it was originally dubbed. This may or may not have to do with the wretchedly poor design of the parking lot out front. There is only one way in and out, which is inconvenient -- leading to a lot of hurried backing-out when the spots are filled, as they nearly always are when I arrive. And, in IMNSHO, this is actually potentially dangerous. I hope the college will remember this problem and decline to replicate it in future building projects.

Echo92394, female, "too old to rock 'n' roll, too young to die" (but I'm actually NOT too old to rock 'n' roll)
Bass Provides Single Site For Class of 2009

Story By
Keith James
Reporter

The 2009 graduation for Victor Valley College has been moved from the VVC gymnasium to Newton T. Bass stadium at Apple Valley High School. Because the Bass stadium can hold more people than VVC’s gym, there is no longer a need to have a split ceremony.

“There is only one ceremony,” said Dr. Christopher O’Hearn, the interim Deputy Superintendent/Executive Vice President at VVC. The one-and-only graduation commencement exercise will happen on Friday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m. “I think that’s a good idea. This campus does not offer a good place for an event like that,” said graduating student Rana Quran, when asked about the off-campus graduation.

Information about the graduation will appear on VVC’s website as a portable document format (PDF) file in mid-April. A flyer will also be sent out to students with information regarding graduation at the same time.

There will be a graduation fair at VVC, where students can pick up graduation announcements, caps, gowns and all other amenities necessary. The fair will take place May 12 from 1 to 7 p.m. and May 13 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Student Activities Center. The Coordinator of Student Services, Margie Sandello said, “Each graduating student will be allowed a maximum of 10 free tickets for the ceremony.”

Since walking for graduation is not mandatory, students who have not already finished their requirements in Aug. or Dec. need to sign up for graduation in the Associated Student Body office starting May 12.

Any questions regarding the graduation ceremony should be sent to graduation@vvc.edu, or one can call Margie Sandello at (760) 245-4271 extension 2243.

Heard Around the Lake

“If there was one thing you could change about your Victor Valley College campus, what would it be and why?”

“There should be a bridge across the lake so people don’t have to walk around and be late for class.” - Theresa Escobar

“The books could be cheaper, and the buy-backs should give you more back.” - Ashley Thompson

“We should have more events at this school so we can make more friends, events like picnics and pow wows.” - Kristen Keenan

“Rooms where students can take naps in, located preferably in the library.” - Annie McCann

“They need a fashion design class or program here for students who would like to show their inner Hollywood.” - Daniel Lyndsay
I Love You, Man Scores At Box Office

Story By
Isabel Llamas
Reporter

For those of you who haven’t watched the movie “I Love You, Man” let this be your reason to go watch it. The film has already pulled in $13 million at the box office. As a viewer I can tell you that this movie falls under the categories of comedy and romance.

If you’re a guy who’s not all that into chick flicks but has a girlfriend who forces him to watch romantic movies, then this would be a perfect movie to choose.

Writers Larry Levin and Director John Hamburg have put together this romantically funny movie starring Paul Rudd as Peter Klaven and Rashida Jones as Zooey a beautiful, loving couple who have been engaged.

Everything is great between the two of them, but when Zooey has her weekly girls’ night at her house, Peter is forced to plan a night out alone. He doesn’t find anyone willing to hang out with him and winds up at home stumbling into his wife’s conversation with the girls about how Peter needs a man-friend.

As he goes in search of a man-friend to convert into his best man he gets into some rather funny situations. On his bizarre journey he meets a gay man who gets the wrong impression of him and an old man who is in desperate need of a friend after losing his wife.

During the process he meets Sydney Fife, played by Jason Segel, a funny and intelligent bachelor who he immediately bonds with. But after spending so much time with Sydney, Peter realizes that during his desperate attempt to make a friend, he neglects his duty as fiancée and needs to know the difference between love and friendship. In his move to save his relationship he loses the one friend he ever had.

The release date was March 20 and is rated R for language including crude and sexual references. One of the reasons that I loved the movie was because of the characters. They were perfectly matched with the personalities of these celebrities. We have Paul Rudd, a serious, handsome and sophisticated man, who gives most of us the impression of him being very committed to what he does.

Jason Segel played a funny and laid back part. That is what we usually see at his movie premieres and interviews.

As for Rashida Jones, she is just as sweet in person as she is in the movie. The cast has made this movie funnier and catchy because of the different personalities and sense of humor.

Play It Again, Sam Channels Bogart

Story By
Eric Deal
Reporter

The production of “Play it Again Sam,” by Woody Allen, and directed by Steven McDevitt, was a romantic comedy showing in the Black Box Theatre in the Performing Arts Center.

The story deals with the character Allan Felix, who’s recently divorced and his two friends attempt to put him back into the dating game. Throughout the production Allan is visited by visions of his ex-wife and Humphrey Bogart, an actor made famous for his role in the movie “Casablanca”. Felix constantly falls into day dreams or memories that take place in his apartment in the year 1968.

As this is a comedy, there are plenty of laughs throughout the whole two hours that the show is on, such as Allan knocking over his table while trying to impress a date, some of the humor ranged more towards the adult. The gags and jokes are spaced far enough apart so that the audience is not left laughing and missing part of the show.

The actors projected their voices loud enough so that everyone can hear but not so loud that they seem that they are shouting. Being familiar with several Humphrey Bogart films helps in understanding several pieces of dialogue in the show as well as several scenes.

The only intermission wasn’t announced and the audience was left wondering if the show was going to move on to the next act.

The music helped to set the time period and mood of 1968, and combined with the blackness of the background it pulled the audience into the production. The music was used before the show and during the intermission and only during certain scenes to help set the mood.

The production used a thrust stage, where the audience surrounds the stage on three sides. This theatre is different then normal theatre because the audience seating can be rearranged to fit many different theatre styles. All of the walls of the theatre are also painted black so as not to distract the audience from the show.

The seating for the show is around 100, but the best seats seem to be directly in front of the stage, as the actors seemed to focus more towards this area. The tickets are relatively cheap at $10 for general admission, $7 for seniors and kids while ASB cardholders get in free.
Smaller Shuffle Higher Price

Story By
Noel Herron
Reporter

The new iPod shuffle is now smaller than ever. Measuring in at about half the size of the previous generation, making it only slightly larger than a AA battery. This was accomplished by removing the buttons from the face of the device. The five buttons that used to control the device has been changed to three smaller buttons found on the wire just below the right earbud on the headphones. Control of the Shuffle is now done by pressing the center button. Different functions are preformed by pressing the center button a certain number of times. Volume control is done with two dedicated +/- buttons.

The Shuffle's most revolutionary feature is its new support for playlists. Until now there was no way to use playlists with the Shuffle because there was no way to select them. Now the Shuffle is using what Apple calls VoiceOver, which enables the Shuffle to read playlist titles to you. While the Shuffle may be smaller, the capacity of it has been increased from one gigabyte to four, which enables it to hold about 1,000 songs. The price of the Shuffle has increased by $30, now selling for $80.

Even though smaller is better in the tech world, the new Shuffle is almost too small, making it potentially easier to lose. Control of the Shuffle has become more complicated and is done best when standing still. Athletes might have a hard time controlling the Shuffle, especially if they're left handed.

Even though third-party headphones are to be expected, currently only Apple's headphones can control the Shuffle. Any other set of headphones will work with the Shuffle but you will have no control over the volume or track. Many criticize Apple's stock headphones because they do not fit many different shapes and sizes of ears.

The iPod shuffle is marketed to people on the go. If you are an athlete then the Shuffle's size and ability to clip anywhere makes it the ideal iPod for you. If you aren't interested in watching video or having a large amount of songs with you wherever you go, then the Shuffle would also be your choice. It's convenient to carry and it's relatively cheap price makes it perfect for those who just want to enjoy their music.

Smoking Controversy Still Burns On VVC Campus

Story By
Ana Rosales
Reporter

There are many opinions and feelings about smoking on Victor Valley College campus. Most people know that the surgeon general says smoking adversely affects the environment and people. The issue intensifies when distinct opinions by teachers, students, smokers and non-smokers make their case known. The campus claims to be a smoke-free environment while having ashtrays close to buildings and posting signs regarding the 20-foot law. This sends mixed signals to students and visitors.

"It's more of a student discipline," said Chief of Police Jon Schorle. He noted that the police on campus are not in charge of executing any rules against smoking violators. Chief Schorle mentioned that the campus police try their best to keep the area by the library clear of smokers. If smokers refuse to obey the rules, they are sent to the Director of Student Services, Willie Pringle.

"Smoking is a freedom of choice issue, but with a well-thought-out plan of where and how, in order to have a balance," both smokers and non-smokers would benefit, Dr. Thomas Miller explained. Miller is a music professor at VVC, and he expressed how it is crucial to enforce a better policy on campus. VVC needs to execute better regulations against smokers and specify areas where people who wish to breathe in a better environment are not subjected to second-hand smoke. He explained his concerns about the effect smoking has on singers. Smoking dries out vocal tissues, so they are no longer elastic, which affects the brilliance and the breathing needed to sing. He believes that the 20-foot rule is useless considering the winds carry the smoke to everyone around campus.

"I feel agitated at the fact that they tend to smoke so close to the buildings. You can't escape it, and it's really annoying," said Raul Arroyo, a VVC student music major.

He said Allied Health 125 has taught him that second-hand smoke is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. "This kind of bothers me. I don't want to get cancer. I learned that nicotine is the single most toxic and addictive drug in the world. The fact that they smoke so close to me is lack of consideration on behalf of the smokers," said Arroyo. He explained that he wishes the campus would remain a smoke-free environment. "I cannot force my ideas upon others, but making VVC a smoking campus with better designated areas would help. I find it very comical, seeing that it is a smoke-free environment, but they have ashtrays, making them seem two-faced," said Arroyo.

"I like it because I couldn't do it in high school," said Travis Zanitsech, a VVC student and a smoker. Zanitsech is aware of the harmful second-hand smoke and that VVC is a smoke-free environment. His reason to smoke on campus is the mixed signals from the college, citing the ashtrays and signs on the 20-foot rule. He also agreed that the college should enforce violators and butt litters.

Smoking is controversial. Smokers claim they have the right to smoke and non-smokers agree that smoking should not be banned. Non-smokers claim they have the right as much as smokers for a better environment where they are not affected.

One idea might be to provide smokers comfortable areas to smoke away from the buildings and non-smokers. They deserve to have shelter for protection from sun and rain, benches to sit on, and should not have to walk across campus to smoke in their cars. When they are caught littering they should be cited. Littering of any kind is littering.

Non-smokers claim their rights to a clean environment are being violated by smokers.

Smokers claim their right to choose to smoke is being violated because they are being pushed from all sides. Prices continue to increase without regard to anyone's freedom of choice.
Attractions Abound At The Farm

A cornucopia of delights can be found at the High Desert Farmers’ Market, Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon on the upper campus at Victor Valley College. Originating in 1992 by the Agricultural Department’s Bob Adams, the event offers an array of nutritious food, crafts, apparel and more in a one-stop festive locale.

Vendors from as far away as Fresno and San Diego bring produce, baked goods, handmade items and unique gifts to tempt customers.

The Farmers’ Market has much to offer and is a source of year-round freshness.

Pony Rides to occupy the children.

Plants, plants and more plants. Indoor, outdoor, something for everyone.

A wide variety, apparel and more in a...
Fruits and Vegetables

A variety of accessories, decor and one-stop shop.
Mayor Cabriales Celebrates Cesar Chavez Day At VVC

Victor Valley College held its 3rd annual Cesar E. Chavez Day celebration on March 31, 2009, and had Victorville Mayor Rudy Cabriales as a guest speaker. Cabriales spoke about how Cesar Chavez had affected him through his personal experiences and says he met him in the past.

When asked what other festivities would be held in Victorville for this holiday, he mentioned none really, but he would definitely like to follow the example shown here at the college and celebrate this event within our community. At the end of his speech, the Mayor was presented with a framed certificate in honor of the 3rd annual Cesar E. Chavez Day Celebration, as well as a VVC hooded fleece sweatshirt.

"Cesar Chavez had a lot to do with how migrant workers, today, are treated. Also, he fought for their rights and today their voice is heard more than it was 30 years ago," said VVC student Christopher Dustin.

When asked whether Cesar Chavez Day is considered a holiday, he replied, "I do feel that it’s a holiday; like Martin Luther King stood up for African Americans, Cesar Chavez stood up for migrant workers." Dustin is a member of the Ready Rams who helped setup for this event.

"Today is a day of liberation for everyone. It reminds us of all our struggles. Every day we continue forward and begin to progress into a better people," said Jessica Vera, vice-president of the Ready Rams.

Ready Rams is a program offered here at VVC, that raised money at this event by selling burritos and refreshments. The funds are raised for a field trip on May 7th and 8th which will take 14 students from the Ready Rams club and the PUENTE program to visit 4 different universities with paid hotel and food.

Chavez, born in 1927, died in 1993 and was a Mexican-American farm worker, labor leader, and civil rights activist who, alongside with Dolores Huerta, co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers. His fight to help farm workers gain their equality has paid off and created many new rights offered to today’s farm workers.

Calvary Chapel Easter Sunrise Service Nears

There are four Calvary Chapels within a 10-mile radius of the college and the one conducting the Easter Sunrise service, Calvary Chapel High Desert, is located at 14740 Eucalyptus St Hesperia, CA.

The Senior Pastor is Dennis Davenport and they carry a membership of around 400 parishioners. Calvary Chapel High Desert has been holding their Easter sunrise service at the college for over 20 years. This year the expected 1,500 plus people will be using the college's football field. The college fields offer room enough for the event for this year and for years to come.

By moving the bleachers back, seating capacity is significantly increased and allows space for more attendees. It also offers a central location and the college sign informs passing motorists of the event.

In a telephone interview with Calvary Chapel Associate Pastor Matt Cordi, the praise and worship pastor said, "I would like to invite everyone to the annual sunrise Easter service on the football field of Victor Valley College Sunday April 12 at 6:15 a.m. If you have never experienced an outdoor service in the early morning, I encourage you to come out and see why our attendance has grown over the years. If you have any questions after the service our staff will be happy to answer questions at that time or at a time that is more convenient for you."

The staff and volunteers work hard each year to provide a memorable experience to all attendees at the early morning service while teaching the true reason for the event. When asked about volunteer participation and if it has kept up with the number of attendees, "God has met the need and the number of volunteers has grown proportionately to the number of attendees," said Cordi.

Calvary Chapel welcomes any and all people regardless of their church affiliation to attend their annual service.
Beauty and the Beast Come to Life in the PAC

Story and Photo By
Helena Reed
Reporter

The Victor Valley College theatre department is currently holding rehearsals for a production of Walt Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast” which is set to premiere May 7, 2009 in the Performing Arts Center. As the beauty lives on and even takes center stage, VVC students will bring Beauty and the Beast back to life, and possibly place it on an entirely new level.

With a guarantee to make us laugh, and a chance to see VVC students showcase their variety of talent, Ed Heaberlin, director of the upcoming show, expressed the passion he had in directing a play derived from one of Disney’s classics. “I love this story. It’s just a beautiful story,” said Heaberlin.

Angela Calderon is 19 years old and a fourth semester VVC student who will play Belle, one of the show’s main characters. “Her strength is that she is vulnerable,” said Calderon as she explained why she felt her character was so unique.

From talking clocks, tea pots, and furniture, to a lesson on true love, this play has a variety of characters to keep things spiced up. VVC student, Patrick McElree is 20 years old and will play the clock. He says that his character is ticked off all the time. “He’s supposedly head of the household and he thinks he’s in control, but he has none at all,” said McElree.

Lavina Ellison is a 29-year-old VVC student and she will play a villager. She displayed nothing but excitement for the upcoming show. “You’re going to laugh your face off. It beats the original “Beauty and The Beast” in humor by miles,” said Ellison.

“Everyone deserves to be loved. Anyone who views themselves as odd can find a place where they’re not odd, as long as they stay true to themselves,” said Heaberlin.

Opening day for the show is May 7, 2009 at 10 a.m. which will be opened to various grade schools for free. Other show times will be May 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m., with afternoon matinees on May 10 and 15 at 2:30 p.m. ASB card holders can attend for free, seniors and children are $7 and general admission is $10. The show will be held in the PAC on the VVC campus.

Green Leif Helps Plant Trees

Story and Photo By
Roderick Gray
Reporter

Members of Victor Valley College’s Green Leif Project and ASB joined the Tree People in a reforestation project in Lake Arrowhead on Sunday. A total of 60 pine seedlings were planted in an effort to repopulate a recent burn area with new vegetation.

Arrangements for the GLP tree planting event were made by GLP president Leif Kofford and David Tankersley, a Tree People representative. “The pine trees were provided by the U.S. Department of Forestry and grown specifically for this geographical area, there are two types of foliage for the planting, Jeffery and Pinion pines. Both of these species are native to this environment; it is important that these species are used primarily to ensure the rate of survival of the trees.

Our planting window is late February to mid May so it is very important for us to be doing this tree planting today,” said Tankersley.

The dates for those interested in participating in future tree planting ventures are as follows:

- April 5
- April 19
- May 3
- May 10

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YAHOO’S TOP TEN MOVIES

1. I Love You, Man
2. Tyler Perry’s Madea Goes to Jail
3. Coraline
4. Monster vs Aliens
5. Pink Panther 2
6. 12 Rounds
7. Race to Witch Mountain
8. Confessions of a Shopaholic
9. Fired Up!
10. Push

SINGLES

1. Flo Rida - “Right Round”
2. Lady GaGa - “Poker Face”
3. Soulja Boy Tell’em - “Kiss Me Thru The Phone”
4. T.I. - “Dead and Gone”
5. The All-American Rejects - “Gives You Hell”
6. Kelly Clarkson - “My Life Would Suck Without You”
7. Jamie Foxx - “Blame It”
8. Kanye West - “Heartless”
9. Carrie Underwood - “I Told You So (Live)”
10. Lady GaGa - “Just Dance”

ALBUMS

1. Kelly Clarkson - “All I Ever Wanted”
2. U 2 - “No Line On The Horizon”
3. “Twilight [Original Soundtrack]”
4. The Dream - “Love vs Money”
5. Lady GaGa - “The Fame”
6. Taylor Swift - “Fearless”
7. Nickelback - “Dark Horse”
8. Gorilla Zoe - “Don’t Feed Da Animals”
9. Beyonce’ “I Am...Sasha Fierce”
10. Jamie Foxx - “Intuition”

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Rams Lose Double-Header to Mt. San Jacinto

Photos by Michelle Collazos
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Reporter

The Victor Valley College Rams played a double-header against Mt. San Jacinto College on March 28. With the loss still in recent memory from Thursday’s game against San Jacinto, the Rams had revenge in mind.

The first game was a defensive struggle that kept the Rams hanging on to a possible come back. Late in the game, Chris Evans hit a ball to deep center field, driving runner Allen Brace home. Later in the game, Tony Holmes connected with a potent hit after being ahead in the pitching count which brought Philip Cruz in for the score to put the game in closer reach. Randy Sausser came in to make it 3 runs for VVC pulling them closer, but not close enough to pull out the win.

It seems as if game one was enough to bring spirits down at the Ram dug out, with two losses against Mt. San Jacinto, game two was more like batting practice for our witty opponents.

It wasn’t all bad for the Rams as Conrad Astorge acquired a hit out to far left field to bring in Randy Sausser for the Rams lone point. “These games are pretty important leading into the last half of the season. It would have been nice if we would have won. We need to show more heart and prepare a lot more,” said freshman Trevin Cano, who plays center field.

When asked what areas the team needed to work on for the latter part of the season, “our base coaching and hitting with certain actions with players in scoring positions,” said 3rd baseman Allen Brace.

Pitcher Louis Martus put it in plain words after being asked to explain his inspirations for upcoming games stating, “This makes us want to come back and smash on somebody.”

With a three-game tournament against Mt. San Jacinto the Rams ended up 0-3 and with an ugly score of 1-11 in the second game on Saturday. The Rams have about 19 games left in schedule and will be playing the High Desert Mavericks April 9 in an exhibition game.
What would you change about the VVC campus?

we need a bridge across the lake. It's like a big lake.

I want a place where students can take naps.

Nap-time in preschool rocked.

LASERS. We need lasers.

For ZAPPING stuff.

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**MUSIC**

**Mar. 13**–7:30pm  Free Music Recital!  
Faculty & Students perform.

**Apr. 23**–7:30pm  **Ensembles**–Studio Singers,  
Jazz–Rock Combo, Guitar  
Ensemble & College Band.

**Apr. 24**–7:30pm  **Bands**–Symphonic Band,  
Brass Ensemble & Studio Band.

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Chorale, College Singers,  
Women’s Choir & Sinfonia.

**Apr. 26**–2:30pm  **Strings**–Guitar Ensemble,  
Beginning Strings, Preludium  
Strings & College Orchestra.

**Jun. 4**–7:30pm  **Ensembles**–Studio Singers,  
Jazz–Rock Combo, Guitar  
Ensemble & College Band.

**Jun. 5**–7:30pm  **Bands**–Symphonic Band,  
Brass Ensemble & Studio Band.

**Jun. 6**–7:30pm  **Choirs** – Master Arts  
Chorale, College Singers,  
Women’s Choir & Sinfonia.

**Jun. 7**–2:30pm  **Strings**–Guitar Ensemble,  
Beginning Strings, Preludium  
Strings & College Orchestra.