VVC Uses High School Classrooms
College Classes Held at High Schools to Accommodate High Enrollment

Story by
Courtney Wallace
Reporter

As of this fall Victor Valley College is partnering with Victor Valley High, Hesperia High and Silverado High to use their campuses for some of the community college’s classroom locations.

Child Development Director Kelly Johnson, who also handles off-campus classroom issues, says that VVC is using these high school campuses because the Victor Valley is a vast area. “This assists students who are coming from the West side of the community,” said Johnson. Johnson also says that Hesperia High School hosts college courses full time on their campus.

VVC student Melissa Carpenter, who resides in Phelan, says that the use of Silverado High School for college courses would be helpful “depending on what classes were being offered and how many.” Carpenter also says that if only a few courses she needed were being held at a high school it would not be worth it to attend there because she would have to drive out to VVC anyways.

Classes held on these high school campuses include child development courses, math courses, psychology courses and art courses.

VVC is not the only community college partnering with high schools. In the Sept. 15, 2009 edition of the Daily Press staff writer Natasha Lindstrom reported that Barstow Community College may be partnering with Silverado High School very soon. As of this fall about 450 Victor Valley residents attend Barstow Community College due to VVC’s limited space and choice of classes. Lindstrom reported that college officials have said that about 10 percent of BCC’s 42 percent increase in enrollment comes from Victor Valley residents. For Victor Valley residents who attend BCC the use of Silverado as a host school for college courses would be much more convenient than the commute up to Barstow.

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Police Chief Retires

Story by
Arwyn Palmer
Reporter

After nine months as Interim Police Chief of Victor Valley College John Schorle calls it quits. Just two days after the start of the fall semester Chief Schorle resigned his position to begin his retirement.

“Chief Schorle did a good job with the duties that were assigned to him and since John Schorles’ departure at no time was VVC campus unsafe for students, staff, and faculty,” said President Bob Silverman, who immediately became the acting chief of police.

Bill Greulich, public information officer of VVC also agreed with the president stating that, “The campus is a safe place and there was no need for a press release because safety was never an issue and no one was in danger.”

Silverman and Greulich spoke candidly concerning the importance of the well being of each and every student, staff, and faculty member.

Shawn Ellis a student says he does not feel unsafe on campus.

The Police officers on campus continues to patrol all areas both day and night. In the very short period of time that has elapsed there was no increase in crime according to Silverman.

The president is very optimistic our Campus Police Department they are professional and well trained. Tentatively a new Chief of Police is being considered pending board approval and contract signing. Currently no names are being released.
Hello, RamPage readers! I’m the Editor-in-Chief of this illustrious student publication. The issue in your hands is an exciting one. It’s the first issue of the semester that our new reporters have contributed to. We covered a wide array of stories and put together a pretty solid edition of the VVC RamPage.

I’m looking forward to working with my new staff of reporters as they grow as journalists. We plan on covering more hard and breaking news, more entertainment news, and more sports news as we continue through this term.

While our reporting and editing staff does most of the work on the newspaper, we always welcome guest editorials, guest columns, guest articles, and even guest photography and cartoons! We also welcome letters to the editors (that’d be me and my talented editing staff)!

Guest contributions to the paper, such as potential columns, editorials, opinion pieces, and so on, should be at least 300 words in length. If you’re interested in contributing to the student media, don’t hesitate to contact the VVC RamPage at vvcrampage@gmail.com, at (760) 245-4272 extension 2773. We look forward to hearing from you, and we hope you enjoy this edition of the VVC RamPage.

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**VVC Student Wins Monetary Award for Excellent Writing**

Amy Angulo is the winner of the $100 award from the Red Cross for a student write-up of the 2009 Economic Conference.

Amy is currently enrolled in Professor Peter Allan’s micro-economics on-line class.

“Amy is an excellent student. She is currently in the top 3 of a 38-member class,” said Allen in a recent email to the faculty. — Noel Herron

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Transfer Center Strives to Assist Students

Story by
Alexandria Conner
Reporter

The Victor Valley College Transfer Center is holding two upcoming events geared towards students seeking transfer to Universities or Cal States. The Annual College Fair is on Oct. 15, 2009 in the Student Activity Center between the times of 2pm and 5 p.m.

Representatives from all around will including the U.S. Military, online programs, UC and CSU schools such as UC Merced, UC Davis, Cal State San Bernardino, Cal Poly Pomona, Azusa Pacific University, California Baptist University, Hope International University, Loma Linda University, La Sierra University, National University, Fresno Pacific University, Woodbury University, Mills College and San Diego Christian College.

Also there will be Independent California Colleges, and Out of State Colleges and Universities.

Transfer Counselor Lorena Garcia expressed the importance of this event and said, “I would like to encourage students to attend this event, because it is extremely important to start thinking about transfer early on. Many students don’t know that the requirements for an associate’s degree are not the same as transfer requirements. It is important for students to get the facts and talk to their VVC counselors.”

The Transfer Center will be holding a CSU application worshop on Oct. 20 through Oct. 23. This workshop will help students and those looking to transfer to a CSU school by helping them with the application process. Angela Burns, second year student, said “I know about the Career Fair and last time I went to the job fair my brother and I found a job and learned a lot about making a good appearance for an interview and some interviewing skills. Thanks transfer center!”

There are various college campus tours for those looking for that perfect college to further their education. The tours for this semester are CSU San Bernardino Oct.30, 2009 and UC Riverside Nov.20, 2009 space is limited so call the transfer center today for a chance to better see what is out there.

Nykole Davis, second year at VVC, said “I know about the events held by the transfer center, but I hadn’t really put much thought into them until (it was) explained (to me) what they were really doing for those like me who are thinking about transferring.”

Dangerous Liaisons Aims to Captivate Audiences

Story by
Kirstyn Rainwater
Reporter

Coming to Victor Valley College this November “Dangerous Liaisons” brings “love, deceit, betrayal and spice” to the main stage, said director Caludia Basha.

The play, which is based on the novel set in France during the 1700’s, unfolds when the beautiful Marquise de Merteuil makes a wager with her former lover the Vicomte de Valmont to seduce a young girl who is soon to be married.

Student Tashelle Harvey plays the Marquise de Merteuil in her first play here at VVC. Her character is set out to create her own reputation through manipulation. The Marquise shows no interest in love nor believes that it actually has an existence. Tashelle said she enjoys how “in depth” this play is, and she finds that there is “always something new to learn.”

Student Nick Martinez appears as the Vicomte de Valmont in his first lead here at VVC as well. His character who lacks a belief in love, acts as the player trying to seduce a young girl yet falling in love with another.

Perfecting his character has had several “challenges” including his “lines,” and the many “emotions” he has to move through said Nick. Other cast members include: Kailey Lombardi, Leira A. Cornelius, Jonathan Barbatoe, Gabrielle T. Wasykiewicz, Erica Varela, Ashley Thompson, Alexander Nigro, Justin Jaqua, Ruby Wooten, and Joy Hmura.

Basha who has directed over 20 plays here at VVC was intrigued by this play a long time ago.

“It is a very adult play with very adult themes, and a very adult message,” said director Claudia Basha.

“Many students don’t know that the requirements for an associate’s degree are not the same as transfer requirements.”

The VVC Rams men’s soccer team beat the Chaffey Panthers 1-0 on October 6, 2009, at home.

Late in the second half, the score was still tied at zero. The match looked destined to become a draw. But then came the 72nd minute and Elvin Viernes, a former Granite Hills graduate, left his mark. 45 yards away from the goal and only a few feet in front of midfield, Viernes lifted a shot that snuck inside the right corner of the net, just above the out-stretched hands of the goalie. This gave the Rams a one-to-zero lead, a lead in which they would not let perish.

When asked about his game-winning kick after the match, Viernes said how difficult the shot truly was. “It was a tough shot, close to midfield. I knew I had to get it over the goalie because he was pretty big,” said Viernes.

Despite only winning by one goal, this was a game largely dominated by Victor Valley. The Rams had far more shots-on-goal and controlled ball possession for the majority of the match. The score was still tied at zero during halftime, but fans were optimistic.

“I can tell they’re putting a lot of effort into it. They have a good shot to pull it out in the end,” said Holly Dias. Another fan, Kimberly Price adds, “They’re playing well, have many shots-on-goal, but are having trouble scoring.”

The defense was outstanding as goalies Henry Melendez and Carlos Flores combined for the shutout. The total team effort along with the defense caught the attention of the coach. “I was most impressed to see the team keeping their composure while still playing aggressively,” said coach Michael Bradbury.

“A shutout in this league is always impressive.”

With the win, the Rams improve their record to 5-7-4 and play their next match against San Bernardino Valley College on Tuesday. Congratulations to boys soccer.

VVC Rams Score 1-Point Victory Over Chaffey Panthers

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Spice of Life Festival Celebrates Cultural Diversity

The 8th Annual Spice of Life Multi-Cultural Festival took place in Victorville on October 3 and proved to be a wonderfully entertaining way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

Thousands turned out for the weekend celebration and for a day of family fun. The festival is designed to celebrate and embrace the various cultures that exist in the community. Civic Drive was closed down to occupy the multitude of booths and tents used by the participating vendors. Each booth had something different to offer the masses of people who came out to enjoy the festival. Some were selling various different artifacts, clothing and food. Other booths were set up to supply the public with knowledge of their organizations.

Such vendor booths included the Hesperia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the NAACP, various lending institutions and utility service centers as well educational institutions including a VVC Rams booth. VVC representatives Rebecca Elmore and Patricia Bejarano-Vera, from the GEAR UP program here on campus, teamed up to spread the word about class registration and college information.

There were two stages set up for live entertainment, with performances by bands as well as singing and dancing groups. Rick Radecki sang our national anthem to kick off the day. Radecki showed off his country music style with his performance later in the day. Performers such as Phat Cat Swinger Sajama, Main Stream Band, Mariachi Aguila Real, Shenanigans, Five Star Family Community Orchestra and Latin Express captured the audience attention with their original sounds.

Eric Runningpath, a Native American Dancer, also entertained the crowd. Mesmerizing performances from the Folkorica dancers from the High Desert Multicultural Dance Center, as well as the High Desert Idol winner Sharm Stiltz, captivated the crowd’s ears and eyes.

This was all only part of the fun at Saturday’s celebration. There was a super sized Kid Zone with bounce houses, rock climbing, a train ride as well as appearances by a few Nickelodeon characters who offered photo ops.

For the bigger kids, the festival was also a showroom for several new cars, custom cars, trucks and beautiful Harley Davidson motorcycles on display.

This yearly celebration of the cultural diversity of the High Desert has become a tradition to many. This year the city of Victorville also wanted to celebrate and honor our brave men and women of the Armed Forces. For photos from the Festival, see page 6.

Heard Around the Lake

“How do you feel about winter session being cancelled?”

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“Seniors should be livid, and all others should be disappointed.” - Zach Hill

“I think it’s dumb because I want to get through school really fast but this doesn’t help.” - Therese Lluch

“I think it’s stupid because it’s easier to take classes in the winter.” - William Simpson

“It’s aggravating because I want to finish school as soon as possible but now I’m stuck here that much longer.” - Jessica Crespo

“I’m going to need something to do now.” - Rovyrt Sterling

Story and Photos by Shaun Canady
Reporter
8th Annual Spice of Life Multi-Cultural Festival In

Photos by
Kelli McGurk
Reporter
Pictures
Ram Rock Cafe Makes Food By Students, For Students

September ninth saw the opening of The Ram Rock Cafe with the goal to train students with hands-on experience that most employees would get in various restaurant positions. Some workers in the restaurant industry, some students work twenty to twenty eight hours a week when doing their various jobs.

When Senior Student Worker Amy Antekeier signed up for the class, it was initially because she enjoyed cooking. Since then it’s been “a learning experience,” said Antekeier. Antekeier, along with her fellow classmates, helped design the menu. Their Breakfast Burrito is their top seller priced at $1.75. The location and position of the cart makes for quick delivery of the food. “It felt really cool to help put together a menu that people would be digging,” said Antekeier.

The secret to the menu’s construction is simple: portable items that can be carried from class to class and on breaks. Ideas are welcomed. If any students have any suggestions; they can go to the cart. The cafe is for all students.

“It was my idea to open The Ram Rock Cafe,” said Debbie Peterson, Administrator of Restaurant Management, “(The cart) was not being utilized.”

Contrary to popular belief, The Ram Rock Cafe has nothing to do with The Ram’s Cafe previously opened inside The Student Activity Center. “The difference between the old and the new cafes are that the prices are more student friendly and our coffee is top notch,” said Peterson.

Robert Sewell, Director of Auxiliary Services, agrees with the birth of the new establishment stating, “It’s a completely different animal.” The new Ram Rock Cafe is open to both students and faculty of Victor Valley College, opened from 9 am to 1:30 p.m. with The small series of carts sitting on the north side of the student activity under the burgundy awning.

Communications Studies Holds Speed-Dating Event

The Communication Studies club put their heads together and planned a speed dating event at VVC on October 2, 2009 at 6 pm. The communications Club had only two weeks to plan and put together the speed dating event. They pulled off the event on a $50.00 budget.

The atmosphere was festive with burgundy, pink and blue center pieces with skittles adorning the tables. The food served consisted of veggie trays, cheese and crackers, a chocolate fountain, fresh strawberries, pretzels and brownies. The beverages included punch, lemonade and coffee. The dimmed lantern lights made the room cozy and inviting, where a person could relax comfortably, met, mix and mingle.

The Master of Ceremonies Justin Vasquez started the evening off with a thirty minute meet, mix and greet, then went on to the speed dating. Vasquez had the girls stay seated while the guys moved from table to table. The purpose of the speed dating event was for students to meet other student on campus. This event was not necessarily a dating source.

Everyone that was interviewed said they might speak or have a conversation with someone in class but once they leave the classroom, the persons they had the conversation with would walk past them as though they never knew them. Most of the people wanted more of a variety of the opposite sex in attendance. John J. a radiology student stated “he was looking for an unattached person to date.” Daneah B. who is a child development major stated “She would like to meet someone who didn’t mind her being a single parent.” Nicole H. a child development major’s stated “she came to speed dating to meet the opposite sex.”

The Communications Studies purpose was to unite students at the college, so more people would know each other throughout the campus. Twenty three tickets were pre-sold, yet thirty students were in attendance.

The Communication Studies club tried to divide the ticket sale equally between the sexes. The club would like to have this event monthly and have time to advertise so the number of people will increase. The club meets every Friday at 3 pm in the Student Activity Center. The Communications studies club would like students to look at the post in the student’s activity center and the other bulletin boards around the campus for future events.

The members of the Communications club are Elizabeth Clark, Gigi Robinson, Autumn Huffini, Ashley Franklin, Mike Pohlman and Chris Vasquez.
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I don’t know about you, but I really don’t read the RamPage, it’s too painful. You have to deal with all that sharp-edged paper—one could easily suffer from vicious paper-cuts! And don’t get me started with our MySpace page, it looks like someone vomited on it and the resulting webpage is liable to induce vomiting, itself. It was also pretty stupid that you couldn’t get to it from the college; and for some reason the RamPage is a single, 58-year-old male, Pisces. Which means its feminine side will come out today if it meets a biker with a “Jesus is Lord” vest.

So, since we’re so smart, and we love you… we made something better. Soon, very soon, we will unveil to you a great new site that looks and functions more like the paper, but with more interactivity and the ability reference past editions (starting with the ones from this year, because I’m lazy). It will also be updated more frequently and have additional content such as weekly columns, and video content.

We want to make the RamPage your place to find out everything that is happening on your campus. We did this because we thought the RamPage deserves better, the college deserves better, and you, our readers, deserve better.

We wanted to take the RamPage out of an academic exercise and put it into something useful. And in doing such we hope you will use, enjoy it and appreciate it.

It took a lot of hard work to build and configure this new site and we’re fortunate enough to have help from Bill Greulich, who was generous enough to provide us with a place to host the site, and Justin Gatewood who took the time to setup the server for us. For this we deeply thank them for helping us reach out to more readers.

Read upcoming editions of the RamPage for more info on the soon-to-be-launched website!
With the semester halfway done, what’s on your mind?

I’m thinking about the PARTY this weekend!

I’m just hoping I PASS my CLASSES!

I’m still looking for my CLASS-ROOM!

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By Jim Leonard, Jr.
Directed by: ED HEABERLIN
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