



The Distinguished Dirt People

By: Sierra Warwick
Reporter

For the 13th year in a row, VVC's Model United Nations team has gone to National competition in New York and brought back an award, ranking it in the top 4% of colleges internationally. The Model United Nations (MUN) at VVC brought home three awards this year after a grueling 5 day competition representing the country of San Marino. Two position paper awards were given to the students on the POSALW group (Olivia Warren and Donovan Sheldon) and the Habitat III group (Jazmin Gailey and Nathaniel Payne). The VVC

MUN team as a whole got the award of Distinguished Delegation, the second highest hon-



or a college can be awarded. This is the equivalent of going to the Olympics and placing a silver medal; however, in

MUN, not all teams get an equal advantage. This year VVC's MUN team competed in one of the hardest and most competitive nationals that the team has ever seen from April 27th through the 31st.

Every year, MUN teams from across the globe come together for 5 days of little to no sleep full of speech giving, diplomacy, writing flawless papers, and fighting the clock to make sure everything is turned in on time. Every college competing represents a country (Member State) from around the world. The more money your college can pay, the bigger the country you represent.

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VVC Smoking Ban: a Breath of Fresh Air

Kora Mahaffy
Reporter

A steadily decreasing collection of paper signs in plastic page protectors decorate inconspicuous areas of campus, as if they were ripped from a notebook and taped up as an afterthought. They proclaim the news of VVC's campus-wide smoking ban, now over a year old.



In spite of the dwindling signage, how effective has the smoking ban truly been at reducing smoking on the VVC campus? "I still see people smoke occasionally, but not nearly as much" student Sara Sandoval stated. Some students on campus believe that the situation is better but not perfect.

Those students who do believe that smoking is still a problem at VVC are frustrated by the fact that it still occurs but has simply been driven to more remote, but possibly more harmful, locations.

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ASB Goes to Washington, DC

By Aimee' Jo Bartolome
Reporter

The Associated Student Body (ASB) Council traveled to Washington D.C. from Mar. 11 to Mar. 15 to speak about rights for students pertaining Pell Grant Funding, The Higher Education Reauthorization Act and Pre-Tax Dollars for Student Loans. About 12 ASB Council members went to the Capitol Hill to discuss legislation that may affect community college students.

The Pell Grant is usually awarded to only undergraduate



students who have not earned a bachelor's or a professional degree. It is the foundation

which helps low-income students with financial assistance.

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The Struggle of the Innocents

By **Nikita Nunnink**
News Editor

Before the war, Syrians walked the streets of Homs in safety, going to work or to school, to lunch or to pray. But the Arab Spring came and left the country at war with itself. Where tall skyscrapers once stood remain only as rubble today. Where the main Avenues of Homs used to be filled with people going about their lives, now there is only dust and death.

The Syrian civil war has been raging on since March 15, 2011 due to the political upheaval caused by the beginning of the Arab Spring, a wave of protests beginning in 2010 aimed at the dictator regimes widespread throughout the Middle East and Northern Africa. While many dictators were toppled, the president of Syria, Bashar al-Assad, has not given up power. A part

of the Ba'ath political party, Assad and his predecessors have never had to run for president against another candidate, as no other candidates are allowed. Currently, Assad is implicated in over 20 war crimes and crimes against humanity for his strict brutality in his country's civil war. He has allegedly ordered the torture of children and the use of nerve gas on Syrian people; acts outlawed in the Geneva Convention.

As of today, roughly 300,000 Syrians have been killed in this crisis. Over 4 million have fled due to the extreme violence saturating the country, and over 6 million are internally displaced, unable to leave for a neighboring country, unable to stay in their homes for fear of their lives. The infrastructure is collapsing, leaving citizens without healthcare, food, education, protection, and shelter. The

United Nations states that roughly 14 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance in some shape or form.

This is not just a Syrian problem, but a world problem. Of the countries that have accepted refugees, Turkey has by far the largest population of Syrians. Standing at roughly 1.9 million people, refugees make up 10% of the Turkish population. As for the other 2 million refugees, some have been able to find asylum in countries like Germany, Sweden, or other parts of Europe. Mostly, the refugees stay within the neighboring countries of Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, and Lebanon. The largest safe haven for Syrians lies in Jordan, the Zaatari (Za-ah-tar-ee) Refugee Camp. At only two square miles in size, it hosts upwards of 79,559 refugees, placing it in the top ten most populated cities in Jordan.

The Syrian refugees are an educated people, forced from their homes at the hands of a tyrant. As the war rages on, more and more refugees will be created, leaving the world with no choice but to confront the problem before it is too late. In the words of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Antonio Guterres, "What is at stake is nothing less than the survival and well-being of a generation of innocents."



Smoking, from page 1

According to student Adrian Wareham, himself a smoker, "The smoking ban is just forcing everybody to go out to the bus stop over by Excelsior." He gestures to the brick structure on the far edge of campus, "a lot of the high school kids go to that bus stop. So instead of going to an area reserved for them, they [the smokers] are going and smoking in front of the children."

According to an article on VVC's website, VVC's Tobacco Free Task Force began deliberations on whether or not to make VVC a smoke free campus back in the fall of 2003. However it was not until January 2nd 2015 that the ban was officially instated, and it was not enforced until February 1st of that same year. The ban prohibits smoking anywhere on the VVC campus unless the smoker is in a car in the parking lot with the windows rolled up.

Many smokers at VVC do not have a vehicle to smoke in, so in addition to the Excelsior bus stop some students still smoke outside the Advanced Technology Center or in the corridor between the science building and the liberal arts building among other areas. If they are caught, VVC students receive a fine of \$30 for the first violation of the smoking ban, \$55 for the second violation and \$80 for the third violation. After that, fines increase by \$10 for each subsequent violation.

Need Resume Help?

By **Jessica Vaughan**
Editor-in-Chief

Victor Valley College provides students with plenty of resources to succeed. One source include the Walk-In Resume Review/Critique. This is to help you perfect your resume and make it pre-

sentable to increase your chances of getting a job. This will be useful during any job fairs that take place on campus.

Students are assisted on a first-come, first-serve basis. All that is needed is a hard copy of your resume. Even if you do not have a rough draft

of your completed resume, a career counselor and job placement specialist will help you construct your resume. You will be given a sample outline to help you.

Resume workshops have been held on campus in the past and have proven successful. Coordinating counselor for

the Transfer/Career Center, Lorena Ochoa said, "It is a collaboration between the counselors and the job placement specialist to make this opportunity happen for students." There will be additional review sessions located in the Transfer/Career Center in Building 55 on March 15, April 5, May 3 and 31 at 3pm-4pm and March 30, April 20, and May 18 from 11am-12pm.

Tradition On A Mission

By Brian Moon
Reporter

Brian Miranda, Native-American Student Council President, is going to build an “art piece on behalf of Native-Americans.” Club President Miranda and Co-President Micah Raimo talked about three potential spots on campus to place such a piece. “Two of the spots are located by building 52 while the third spot is by the lower campus PE center.” Miranda will soon meet with officials, for the second time to make a stronger pitch to move the project into play.

If or when this project is approved, the club as a whole, along with the welding department, will work together to create a piece that captures the native culture.

The Native-American Student Council is a club formed

for both native and non-native students to come together and promote Native-American culture, tradition, and awareness across campus and in the High Desert community.

Miranda also shined some light on the more cultural side of the club, when he shared details about the upcoming art piece, and expressed that “Native-Americans are very family oriented.” He feels that he has a place to “call home” and added, “I am more aware of the Natives-Americans that were here before us.” Similar to black history month, Native American’s celebrate their heritage throughout the month of November.

“The focus of this club is to educate individuals and help them to find a missing part of themselves” stated Miranda. In addition, “We have become more determined and know our mission to help spread the

education of the club and bring a Native-American culture and tradition to VVC” said Miranda.

If you want to get more information, this club meets on Wednesdays at 1 o’clock in the quiet room (Building 44).



99 Problems, But Getting A Job Isn’t One!

By Reyan Warren
Reporter

Do you need a job? Trying to make some extra cash? Need to pay for books or classes or even scantrons?

The Federal Job Placement Program through financial aid, assists students who want to acquire jobs on campus or off campus. Students working in the bookstore, the office, or in the gym, are a part of the work study program.

Willow Waters has worked in the Communication Center as a front desk receptionist for nearly two semesters. She has been a student at VVC for a year and a half.

Waters works 12 hours a week at \$10 an hour. She says that the hourly rate just went up to \$10 an hour, however

the more you make, the less hours you are given. Due to a set budget for the students, there are little hours to work with.

“There is an abundance of resources on campus available for the students that no one

knows about and it’s sad. As college students, we need to take advantage of all the resources we have available on campus, such as the Federal Job Placement Program,” says Jessica Boykin who has also worked in the Comm Center

alongside Waters for two semesters. She says that she heard about the job from another friend and applied. “I recommend this to all Communication majors. All you need is to have passed Public Speaking and qualify for Work Study.”

There are many other requirements for different jobs on campus, but under the dynamic leadership of Jennifer Fowlie, these two girls wouldn’t trade working in the Comm Center for anything.

Interested? Go on www.vvc.studentemployment.ngwebsolutions.com and click “Students” and the “Shop For a Job”. If you would like more information, don’t hesitate to call the school and talk to Miss Veronica Manriquez (760)245-4271 ext. 2244.



From left, Jessica Boykin, Jennifer Fowlie and Willow Waters

Changes to the Counseling Department

By **Jonathan Martinez**
Reporter

With the retirement of 3 Victor Valley College counselors this year, general counselor David Miller and EOPS counselors Peggy Mayer and Fontella Grimes, 7 new counselors have stepped in to take on the role of helping students achieve their educational goals. One key element that the new counselors have is “their experience from high school and other colleges,” Lorena Dorn said, who just began counseling at VVC last February. “We want students

to feel encouraged, see their plan through, feel empowered/ in control, and have the tools necessary,” she added.

This change to the counseling department has already brought positive feedback from new and returning students at VVC, including first year student and Psychology major Sthefany Castro, who said, “The counselors were clear and I got all the help I needed.” CSULA transfer and Communications major Danny Garcia said, “My counseling experience was good, they were helpful and I used their information to transfer and

receive my Associate’s.” One change to the counseling department VVC students would like to see be made is “an easier way to get appointments.” Which is why drop-ins have now been available for students at the counseling office.

Diane F. Wollan, a 15-year veteran counselor at VVC also suggests students “see a counselor mid-fall or mid-spring because appointments are more available.” This new change to the counseling department has already exceeded expectations and received many good comments on behalf of the students at VVC.

What Aspect of the VVC Campus Do You Think Can Be Improved Upon?

By **Staff Reporters**

Jaqueline Otero thinks that campus maps should be more accessible. There have been few times when she was in need of a campus map or needed to direct someone to the nearest one but they were not available or were damaged. “If [campus maps] were in a more public area [like the Student Activities Center] they would not be damaged and it would be much more helpful,” Otero said.

Christopher Holmana would like to make the VVC campus and its buildings more reachable and accessible. “I wish the campus wasn’t so wide spread so we [students] do not have to walk as much.”

Treneise Anderson believes that VVC campus “sells too much fat stuff” and jokingly said VVC should sell chicken. In reality though, VVC campus should instead sell “more fruit” and other healthier foods.

“I think the footbasll field needs to be improved, because it’s a main attraction, and it throws off our image,” -Lelzie Porchia

“More classes, Earlier classes are much harder to get,” -Christian Rodriguez

“The vending machines don’t work that well. We need new ones.” -Mayela Munoz

Resources Are Here

By **Ranika Blakeney**
Reporter

There are many resources available at Victor Valley Community College. One of the services that are provided, is the Communication Center Services; located in the Performing Arts Center Bldg. 54, Room 213. The Communication Center is well known in helping foreign language students with online coursework, and assisting them with headsets equipped with microphones. “Our primary mission in the center is to help individuals develop and/or improve their public speaking skills,” said Jennifer Fowlie. If students need help, in addition to wanting to refresh their skills, the Communication Center Services are provided.

University Campus Tour sign-ups are being held in the Transfer Center, Bldg.55. The tours are also free for the students of VVC. If any students

plan on transferring to a four year university, this will positively help with the decision making process, as well as giving a wider perspective of the different universities provided. “I do think that the University Campus Tours are useful, because you get to know your way around, and you’re not pushed into the system,” stated student Laura Mazariegas. The following tours: CSU Northridge Friday, April 8; UC Riverside & CSU San Bernardino Friday, April 29; Cal Poly Pomona Friday, May 13. Students need to sign up prior to the date that they will like to attend to have a guaranteed spot.

The Math Success Center, located in the Academic Commons Bldg. 42, provides a great place to study and get tutoring for math. One must be a student and enrolled in any math class at VVC. “I like helping others and guiding them to know and understand the problem,” stated tutor An-

gel Loza. There are seven tutors available this semester ranging from the lowest math level to the highest. 101 tutoring as well as group tutoring is also given. For any more information visit <http://www.vvc.edu/academic/>



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Jonathan Garcia believes VVC needs to offer more classes during the short semesters, "I think more classes during the winter and summer, like CPR classes."

Diamond Murillo would like there to be more lights and police around at night. Murillo says "I feel uneasy when campus is dark and no one is around. I go to school four days a week and Monday and Wednesdays I stay super late."



VVC student, Amanda Noxon

Amanda Noxon says, "There needs to be more parking over by the PAC. They've turned most of the parking lot into faculty parking, leaving students to have to park across campus, or down on lower campus... More lights, too."

"There should be a bridge across the lake to get across campus easier" -Hortencia Castanon

"We need to change the way we add our classes." -Stephanie Rasendez

Angeli Gesulga says, "The one thing I would change is to provide a bridge over the lake because it can get us students to the other side faster and easier."

Organic Produce and Products

By **Richard Martinez**
Reporter

Thursday mornings on the vvc campus may draw a surprise to some students when there's an entire parking lot full of vendors and farmers that make up a farmers market on the lower campus. Anything from fresh, and organic produce to gourmet sausages, blankets, or soap made from goat's milk is sold. Throughout the farmers market, there are many stands that are big, and uniquely decorated, but there was this one small simple stand with some strange merchandise on display. There was odd blocky products and a picture of a goat next to it. The product ended up being bars of soap. John of Goat Rodeo Soap says this stand is his wife's business. She makes the bars of soap herself out of essential oils, and oh, goat milk!

Although it may seem odd to some, the goat milk soap seemed rather cool to use. To learn more about the goat milk soap follow their Instagram, "goatrideosoap." Another unique vendor at the farmers market was Jason Croom,



Croom is the founder of *Croomdogs Gourmet Sausages*. Croom sells homemade, gourmet sausages, and has been since he founded Croomdogs in 2013. Croom said it had only been his second week at the farmers mar-

ket on lower campus and that he has been selling at farmers markets since the beginning of the year. Another rare vendor, Nelly of Matterhorn Gourmet will catch your attention because Nelly sells frozen healthy meals, each are 1 serving size, and are microwavable.

Nelly says matterhorn gourmet is "good for college students on a budget." She also made me aware of the Matterhorn Gourmet's slogan, "We Make & Freeze It! You Heat & Eat It." So make sure to support your local vendors and farmers, and visit the High Desert Farmers Market on Lower Campus, Thursday mornings 8am to 12pm for all your organic produce needs.

Do You Even Lift?

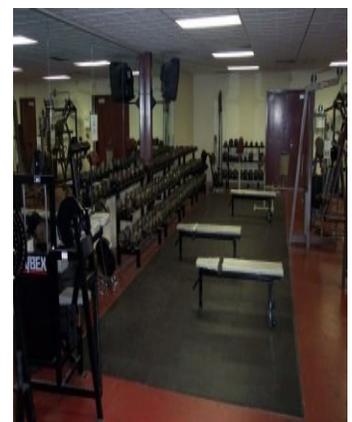
By **Daniel Moreno**
Reporter

Lifting weights can give you an edge on stress, reduce belly fat, and prevent heart disease. The weight room serves as a great addition to your daily routine. It is said that an individual that works out at least thirty minutes a day can improve their health and life span. Not convinced yet? As an enrolled student, VVC's weight room offers a variety of workouts ranging from cardio, weight lifting, and interval training. Being enrolled in Weight Training, you're expected to complete the following; three weigh-

ins, four instructor checks, and five E-lecture quizzes.

You may be wondering if weight room is a good fit for you. Of course it is. Whether you're new to working out or an amateur at lifting, the weight room is suitable for all individuals. At the end of the day, we all attend the weight room to cause change within our lives. The weight room provides the essentials to become fit and nothing less. As you're on your way out, make sure to always check for updates and the daily quote of the week. "It wasn't the minute spent at the table that caused his weight gain... it was the seconds." Apply for

fall 2016 under the four provided Kinesiology 161-164 courses. Come and see what all the fuss is about Monday-Friday 10am-10pm. Join the weight room it will build character and improve your health.



Solving Problems Every Day

By **Jessica Vaughan**
Editor-in-Chief

Disabled Students Program and Services (DSPS) is a group on campus that continues to help students every day. According to the director of DSPS, Dr. Jeffrey Holmes, DSPS is a “bridge for students to have their limitations not be a hindrance to their education.”

This group of staff and volunteers continuously dedicate their time to help students with physical, learning, psychological and hearing disabilities. Specialized counseling, physical accommodations, and aid in the classroom is provided for students who are a part of the program. The assistance given is very situational and is

based on each student’s disability and how it affects them in the classroom. California is the only state that funds disability programs and Victor Valley College is lucky to be a school that receives these benefits.

Holmes takes great pride in being a “problem-solver.” He enjoys being part of something so helpful. “I’m able to see a student get from point A to point B because of what the staff does to accommodate them and get them to the next step in life,” Holmes explained with a smile.

Ana Chavez is a student at VVC that receives aid from DSPS. She was born hard of hearing and uses crutches due to another physical disability. Chavez does appreciate the

help she gets from DSPS and feels comfortable on campus. The interpreters that translate in the classrooms greatly help her because it helps her understand what is happening in class. In every class, the instructor usually gives someone in the classroom the opportunity to help by being a note taker. This is extremely helpful because it lets her focus on the lecture. However, it does become difficult sometimes because everyone take notes differently and everyone has very different handwriting.

DSPS is understaffed and always appreciates volunteers. If you would like to volunteer all you need to do

is go to the DSPS office located in Building 50 and ask how you can help.



DSPS Director, Dr. Jeffrey Holmes

What Can You Offer to the Media Club?

By **Elsie Acuna**
Reporter

When was the last time you went a day without technology? What about a day without a cell phone? Or even a day without the Internet? We live in an increasingly digital world, one where creative innovation and technology drastically change how we live everyday life. As college students, we realize that jobs are moving closer everyday to the digital landscape. Stumbling across employers that now seek college graduates who are technology and digital media experts. That is why the Media Club was established at Victor Valley College. Dr. Greg Jones, adviser to the club, defines it as, “a way to provide an outlet for students, or a mechanism to express and

develop ideas. Also, to foster podcasting and social media construction, but above all, to give the student a voice.”

This club is not only for students interested in communications or journalism, but for students focusing in web design, graphic design, audio, video production, animation, photography, marketing--the

list goes on. What better way to gain hands on experience than in our very own campus?

VVC students, Carolina Alvarez and Oscar Huitzil agree that the college website can improve its efforts to deliver important information about the campus. Suggesting that weekly videos about the college could greatly improve

the flow of knowledge and guidance for our student body. Previous Media Club members have developed such a network base through YouTube titled, Victor Valley College TV (VVCTV), where President Wagner shares information about the campus and proof of the possibilities that can be achieved when students take that initiative.

The Media Club has potential. The kind of potential that VVC can have as an institution, if and only it is accomplished through the potential you can provide as a thriving student.

For more information about the Media Club, contact Dr. Greg Jones at Gregory.Jones@vvc.edu



Dr. Gregory Jones, Media Club Adviser

The Birds Proves to be a Success

By **Veronica Mora**
Reporter

As the day turned to dusk and the clock struck seven o'clock the doors from the VVC Performing Arts Center opened. Upon entering the lobby pamphlets were given and snacks and drinks were sold. The audience began to fill the auditorium anticipating the start of VVC's "The Birds." As the clock hit 7:30 p.m. the lights were dimmed and characters began to fill the cornfield designed stage.

The VVC adaptation of "The Birds" directed by Allen W. Gildard is a classic Greek comedy adapted for the 21st century, involving political humor. The play begins with, Senator McClean and Senator

Boxwater who were fed up with politics. They along with the Jay Bird and Raven fled to Washington D.C., in search of a simpler life in the Land of the Birds. Where the only obstacle is convincing the birds that their land can be turned into a powerful utopia with their help.

As the play began to unfold the birds continued to fill the stage with their distinct costumes. The colorful birds with their wonderful ball masks with large beaks made their way to the stage through the side doors of the auditorium. "It was pretty cool how the characters came out through the sides or the back where the audience was at. It wasn't just like a usual play where the characters come out

through the sides of the stage," stated a Victorville resident, Alejandro Gonzales.

The characters did not fail to fill the audience with laughter with their political humor as they shouted while pointing at the sky, "There's the Marco Rubio!" as others shouted, "The Hilary Falcon and the Obama Black Bird!"

The second act, "Cloud Cuckoo Land" began with the Senators transforming into birds. Having their own White House or as Senator Boxwater exclaimed, "That's egg shell white! Ha!" At the end all the characters gathered on the stage and gave the audience a last performance. They sang and danced with enthusiasm to "Oh Happy Day" as the audience clapped along. Characters walked down the stage through the auditorium as a larger screen came down showing lyrics to "Oh Happy Day" allowing the audience to sing along and then again the characters danced their way back to the stage. The characters end the show with a curtain call and with a meet and greet with the audience.

Do not miss this extraordinary show that will fill your

night with laughs and amusement. Alex Salvio (Senator McClean) commented, "It was great, it went wonderful. I'm so glad the audience enjoyed it. I want the audience to laugh away." The play will show April 7-9, at 7: 30 p.m. Doors open at 7 pm. The final show is on April 10 at 2:30 p.m. and doors will open at 2 pm in the Performing Arts Center. General Admission: \$10, Seniors: \$7, Children: \$5 and VVC ASB Card: Free (must redeem tickets in advance at Sales Office). Order tickets online at www.vvc.edu/tix and for ticket info: 760-245-4271



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VVC's MUN team, with the donations of the High Desert Community, is able to compete every year, but because the school does not fund our winning team, our team represents smaller countries. This gives us a disadvantage due to the fact that we do not have name recognition with other countries. On top of this, the 2016 Nation MUN competition had rule changes that none of the teams were informed about, forcing our team to be flexible and adapt on the spot.

A community college getting such a high recognition is almost unheard of. When our team was explaining that our college was located in a spot of dirt between Los Angeles and Los Vegas, everyone was shocked. VVC's MUN team competes every year against the best schools from all over the world, including Ivy League schools. For 13 years we have fought, and for 13 years we have excelled beyond any expectation. The competitive diplomacy from MUN is leading the way for the future of our world as well as our community.

ASB from page 1...

This program helps students reach higher education. The Higher Education Reauthorization Act (HEA) is the renewal of federal legislation that helps authorize most federal student assistance programs and increase college access. The authorization of student loans using pre-tax dollars would help students pay off their loans easier by allowing students to repay their loans after college through payroll deduction.

The ASB council discussed these topics with the members

of Congress or their staff. For example, ASB sat down with VVC Alumni Jeff Denham, Representative for the 10th District of California, who was very supportive and eager to hear about these student concerns.

The ASB council worked hard day and night to prepare to advocate these topics not only for Victor Valley College but for community colleges around the United States.

"Advocating allows us to express concerns and give our comments to those that can help us change and help our students succeed," said ASB

Student Advocate Abigail Ledesma.

The council also attended the American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASSAC) conference, where their members were able to interact with other students from different community colleges. The conference also gave the opportunity to hear other student government's concerns pertaining topics that can help improve community college students.

Play It, Love It, Live It

By: Cassie Zody
Reporter

Determination, competitiveness, and some love is key to be the best Softball team. Coach Amber Schubert attended Sultana High School which motivated her to coach for VVC. Currently, the team is having a rough season due to injuries. The team is like a family even though there are only nine on the team; just enough to take the field. They have fun and want to improve in order to have a successful season together.

Coach Schubert states that the season "started low last year and all [they] can do is go up" in which is what Schubert



expects to happen this season. Schubert admits that as she watches the team play, it is tough for her not to run out on the field and play ball with the girls.

Coach Schubert's team

objective is to try to get second or third in conference. It can be challenging for Schubert to motivate the players. She supports them in every way, but it is totally up to the player to have a heart for the

game. Another goal of Schubert is for the student athletes to receive scholarships to attend a four-year university.

Randi Dominguez has enjoyed playing softball for 11 years and has only played for VVC for a year and is the Team Captain. Dominguez wants to win the championship and make as many memories as possible with the softball team. The team will be looking for more players next season during the summer and fall semesters. To play on the softball team it is required to have at least one credit per semester.

Men's Golf: Stuck in the Sand Trap

By Randy Noxon
Features Editor

Victor Valley College men's golf is off to a shaky start in the 2016 season. The Rams are currently without a win in the Pacific Athletic Conference. The team is currently ranked 19th overall out of the 20 teams in the division with a total of 78 points so far in the 2016 season, according to information provided by retired VVC golf coach and current team historian, Bill Bachofner.

The team that poses the biggest challenge to the VVC Men's Golf team is current leader in both the Pacific Athletic Conference and the regional division, The College of the Desert Roadrunners with a record of 19-1 making them the team to beat in the PAC.

With the current season more than halfway over, the chances of any conference title for the Rams are slim.

VVC Men's Golf will compete again on Wednesday, March 30, at the Twin Oaks Valley Golf Course in San Marcos at 10 a.m.

Other upcoming matches include: El Camino College on 04/04, College of the Desert on 04/11, Cuyamaca College on 04/13, and The PCAC Neutral on 04/20. The full VVC Men's Golf schedule for the 2016 season can be found online at: <http://www.vvc.edu/academic/athletics/>

Hoops Anyone?

By Daniel Moreno
Reporter

Head basketball Coach, Troy Johnson led VVC to the Mt. Sac final, and overall ranked third team in the Football Conference among twelve of the best colleges of the state behind San Bernardino Valley and Chaffey. The men's basketball schedule consists of the Willy-Davis Pringle Tournament, the San Diego Mesa tournament, and the San Bernardino Valley tournament to name a few.

The season is broken down into four sub-categories where all members of the team participate. Pre-season begins with the coach instructing his players with a personalized weight training program. During the season, Troy implements film, conditioning, skills work, and teachings into his routine. Post-season is crucial as well. Players are required to stay consistent after the season is over with indi-

vidual skill work, weight training, and strength training. Off-season, the coach emphasizes weight lifting, as he wants his players to maintain their form. Johnson recruits a player based on his character, coach ability, toughness, versatility, and skillset, in that specific order. Aside from athletics, the head coach pays close attention to academics, with month to month progress reports from his players, after all his, "students mean more than his loses." What he looks for in his team is to build a strong foundation, expand their culture as a team, and build a strong relationship amongst each other. The current team had some down falls with two of their strongest players being absent during the season due to injuries. Two players, Lance Paige and John Brown were offered scholarships to Notre Dame University, Oklahoma University, and San Diego Christian University.

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