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"Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten." -B. F. Skinner

VVC Remembers 9/11

By Albert Monge
Sports Editor

September 11, 2001 is one of the most recognized days in the United States because of the severity of the events that took place.

Four planes, departing from East Coast airports and bound for California were hijacked by terrorists. Two planes struck the World Trade Center Towers, another the Pentagon, and the fourth crash landed in a field in Pennsylvania. What most people may not know is that on the campus of Victor Valley College, this nationally recognized "day in infamy" a ceremony to celebrate those who gave their lives in effort to save those in danger is held. This gathering included not only Academy



Members of the 44th Victor Valley College Fire Academy.
Photo by VVC Staff

44, the Victor Valley College fire academy, but also the VVC Police Academy, the Nurse's Association, VVC ASB members, the school president, Dr. Roger Wagner, and other attendees.

A part of this ceremony is the placing of the 3,000 flags in the ground to remember those who lost their lives on that day. The flags were placed prior to the ceremony.

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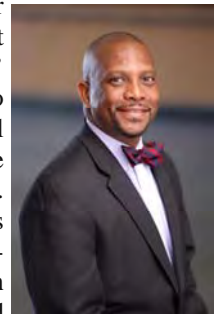
New Dean, New Ideas

By Robert Xavier Campos
RamPage Reporter

Victor Valley College (VVC) has a new Associate Dean of Student Equity and Success, Dr. Herbert English Jr. The Dean's first impression seemed very positive, Dr. English said, "I am so excited to be at VVC, the first month has been awesome!" He went on to talk of his goals for the upcoming semesters and of adding more programs and services to achieve certificates as well as some new Associate Degree programs.

The program he mentioned would get students involved at all levels of education within the campus. The program will focus on students that test into lower levels of Math and English, involved in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.) division, more time with the subjects they struggle with. By extending the length of these one-semester courses, to a yearlong program, with a goal to maximize the success of the students as they move on to higher education at the college level. Dr. English hopes to eventually get more courses added to the program stating that it would have to be a collaborative effort, but has great confidence because, "All the staff has been very supportive and positive."

Dr. English is looking forward to bringing more cultural awareness to the campus. He talked of planning events, but first he would partner with focus groups that allow for the students' voice to be heard, to make it an over all enjoyable experience for everyone involved. These focus groups have not been determined, but Dr. English did say that they would be held in October and November.



'Stormy' Start to Fall Semester

By Xavier Lamar
RamPage Reporter



Photo By Gabriel Espinoza

Several events took place during the first two weeks of VVC's Fall 2015 Semester; ranging from natural occurrences to website failures. The first week of the term, not only did VVC and surrounding areas suffer a power outage, VVC's WebAdvisor shutdown, and a storm caused significant damage.

Esperanza, who works at

the help desk in building 21, claimed that the servers couldn't handle the activity on the website during the first week, causing the shutdown. This proved to be a serious issue for students who were trying to add classes and for faculty trying to assist students in that process.

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Moment of silence at VVC 9/11 Memorial

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mony, and after this was the heavy rain and hail storm that the High Desert experienced, to which ASB Director, Robert Sewell, said, “Although Mother Nature did her best, the flags are still standing,” which is very symbolic of how the United states reacted to the attacks. Heath Cohen, fire technology director at Victor Valley College, was interviewed during the annual tower run by the cadets of the fire technology program. When asked what this day means to him, Cohen said, “This is a day to really reflect and remember those who served our country in the military, and especially those in public service.” Cohen, who was a firefighter for 22 years, and is now in his 8th year at VVC, says that the program has



seen many shifts, including the full accreditation of the regional training program, which hasn’t happened since 1977. However, he said the biggest accomplishment for the program has been the integration of the fire technology and EMS programs. Cohen closed by saying, “We’re very proud of our students who have desire to join this honorable profession. It’s not free, and it’s not easy to become a firefighter.” So this day has an everlasting impact, not only on those who were directly involved, but anyone else who even knows about what happened, and will continue to impact those in the future of this country.

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On September 8th, a severe thunderstorm hit the High Desert. The impact to the college and surrounding area caused power outages and flooding.



Unfortunately, the school was the focal point of the storm and may be facing \$500k in damages. Some classes and buildings suffered from leaks, including the new health sciences building. The quick onset of the storm caused a sudden rise of the campus lake, too much for the drainage system to handle. The water flooded the electrical room under the counseling building; leaving bldg. 55 without power.

Under the direction of Facilities Director, Steve Garcia, the maintenance and operations staff worked throughout the night removing fallen parking lot light standards, trees, mud, and debris to clear sidewalks and the parking areas. The work also included drying out and cleaning classrooms in order to allow instruction to continue the following day. The counseling building continued to stay offline through Wednesday, some services were moved to the PAC room 213 - the Communications Lab. Paulette, who works in the counseling office, claimed that room 213 “had the space and computers” needed to offer the temporary services. Paulette also said “that power was not returned to the counseling building until Friday of that week.”

The first two weeks of the semester have been eventful, but with the hard work of the maintenance and operations staff and inter-departmental cooperation, the campus is fully functional once again.



STORM DAMAGE AROUND VVC CAMPUS

Photos by Steve Garcia

ASB: THE NEW A-TEAM



By Leslie Leach
Rampage Reporter

Ran like a well-oiled piece of legislation, this year's ASB is on an unstoppable mission. Their mission and primary focus is letting the VVC student body know why an ASB card is so valuable to them and taking action to alleviate the recent protest by the student body. The outcry from students here on campus have ranged from transportation issues, safety, up-dated seating areas and more scholarships.

These complaints from students are not being ignored. In fact, a majority of these issues have already been addressed and implemented. For students who ride the bus, ASB has partnered up with the VVTA and have negotiated a semester of transportation incorporating a mandatory five dollar transportation fee for all VVC students, as an opposed \$40 monthly expense for riding the bus. The \$22 fee for the ASB covers not only the bus, but gives free entry to all "VVC Presents" shows in the Performing Arts

Center, free VVC Sporting Events, free printing at the ASB Computer Lab, and application for school scholarships and other on and off-campus discounts.

In regards to safety, ASB has taken swift action. The signal light recently installed on the corner of Bear Valley Road and Mojave Fish Hatchery Road, was purchased by ASB. They have also added new picnic benches and with shading near the Tech Building and around the Lake.

ASB is negotiating an additional \$5000 in scholarships for ASB card holders. ASB is pushing for more charter clubs, giving back to the community with organizations like 'Don't Trash Our Desert', teaming up with the California Nursing Students Association (CNSA), and providing assistance with their fundraisers. These are just some of the things ASB has worked on. One thing is clear, this year's ASB team has already taken action and are setting high standards. These standards are going to change VVC and provide valuable benefits for every student.

On-Campus Services

- * Communication Center: Bldg. 54-213, ext. 2820.
- * Counseling: Bldg. 55. Call for appointment or walk in.
- * Math Success Center: Bldg. 42.
- * Student Services (CalWorks, EOPS): Bldg. 50 & 52.
- * Transfer/Career Center: Bldg. 55, ext. 2139. Resume workshops; *Transfer Season Kick-off*: Sept 29 & 30, 10-1, South side of SAC.
- * Tutoring Center: Bldg. 21.
- * Writing Center: Bldg. 21-177. Call for workshop info. ext. 2607.

VVC Student Stories

By Hugo Valdez
Managing Editor

Monday, August, 31st marked the start of the 2015 Fall semester for students at Victor Valley College. Amongst one of those students is 18-year-old **Myrsades Ashford**, a longtime resident of Victorville.

Myrsades, was looking for help to free her "Kit-Kat" candy bar which was stuck inside a vending machine. After releasing her trapped candy bar, Myrsades explained that she graduated from "Options For Youth" in 2014 and now has set an ultimate goal of majoring in Fine Arts.

Myrsades admitted she does not read the newspaper; instead she receives her local news from a popular APP called "Snapchat". Myrsades' hobbies include drawing, baking, and playing video games. She also has an obsession with Superman and Justice League unlimited. Myrsades is just one of the many, bright, friendly, and motivated student's attending VVC.

By Jessica Boykin
RamPage Reporter

Remember the overwhelming feeling of your first day on a college campus? The roller coaster feelings of frustration and nervousness? Astonishingly, this was not the case for Christian Bautista, first year college student from Serrano High School. He commented, "I enjoyed my first day. I love the campus and I've met a few instructors that I felt were awesome."

Bautista is originally from Los Angeles, California, however he stated that he enjoys the dry, peaceful, mountain backdrop of Victorville. He is currently undecided about his major, but is considering double majoring in Communications and Business. He considers himself to be both an optimist and realist." When asked what he enjoys doing on his free time, he replied, "I like meditating and eating healthy." Even though he likes to meditate, he also refers to himself as a daredevil. Christian Bautista is one of many optimistic students at VVC, who are determined to become successful and inspire fellow students on campus.

By Bryan Garcia
RamPage Reporter

In recent years, the medical field has attracted many people across the country. Many of which because of the exceptional pay in the growing and very promising industry. That being said, it's no wonder why the Victor Valley College nursing program, ranked the sixth best community college nursing program in the country according to Createacareer.com, has attracted students like Norma Simental.

Simental is a student that has been living in the High Desert for fifteen years and is now attending her first year as a student here at VVC. In search of a career offering steady pay, she found what she needed in the nursing program and is currently majoring in psychology and will pursue her mission of one day being a successful nurse.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show is Back!



By: **Chelsea Godfrey**
RamPage Reporter

The off-Broadway Performing Arts Club will present "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in the Black Box Theatre on October 8th, 9th and 10th. Directed by Logan Marie Peterson, the cast of 18 will have a pre-show at 11 p.m. each show night with activities and games to stay true to the

show's tradition. The play starts at midnight. Tickets can be bought for \$10 in the Performing Arts Center's box office.

The cast would like to remind attendees that last year, the show sold out every night. They recommend you arrive an hour early to ensure the purchase of a ticket.

Young Frankenstein Creeps Its Way to VVC

By: **Brittany Nistler**
RamPage Reporter

Young Frankenstein, a musical parody written by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan, is based off the 1974 comedy/horror film. Young Dr. Frankenstein attempts to finish his grandfather's work by bringing a corpse to life and does so with scary, but hilarious complications. A wide variety of music, also written by Mel Brooks, is present such as comical and love songs to keep the musical light-hearted and entertaining.

Some of the main roles include Dr. Frederick Frankenstein played by *Seth Kleber*, Igor played by *Chandler Villwock*, Inga played by *Leah Bibler*, Frau-

Blucher played by *Mary Hill*, Elizabeth played by *Jessica Kilgor*, Inspector Kemp & Hermit played by *Andrew Banks*, and the Monster played by *Jacob Nunez*.

This musical is perfect for those who enjoy the original Frankenstein with added comedy and horror. Mel Brooks himself claims it is his best musical yet as it holds a good rating. Victor Valley College will be begin its first production October 29-November 8.

Performances will be held on the Main Stage in the Performing Arts building at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturdays, and again at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Its expected to be a good turnout, so be sure to purchase tickets early.



Paper Towns Does Not Disappoint

Review By: **Diallo Kahin**
RamPage Reporter

The story of *Paper Towns* is a simple one. Quentin, played by Nat Wolf is a senior in High School. For the past 10 years he has had a crush on his neighbor and longtime best friend Margo, who is played by Model turned actress, Cara Delavigne. One night, Margo sneaks in Quentin's room in search of a partner in crime in order to exact her revenge on the people who betrayed her. That adventurous night excites Quentin and gives him the confidence to finally do something about his crush. The only problem is, Margo disappears and Quentin and his friends take it upon themselves to find her.

Paper Towns offers more than its cliché storyline and mediocre trailers. Nat Wolf proves to be a likable and charismatic lead. He manages to never make Quentin come off as a loser or an overly thirsty lame who has no shot with Cara Delavigne. While the marketing may suggest that the character of Margo is the focal point of the movie, she's really not. Instead you get Austin Abrams and Justice Smith playing Quentin's best friends Ben and Radar. The three of them combine to portray one of the most realistic and funny depictions of friendship in recent memory.

The great casting and performances don't stop with the males.



Halston Sage and Jaz Sinclair are equally good as Lacey and Angela. Lacey's character in particular is surprisingly well written. While Margo is much more of an idea than an actual character, Delavigne pulls it off anyway. Delavigne's convincing performance proves why Quentin goes above and beyond to find her.

Paper Towns kept me entertained in its hour and forty-nine minute screen time. While the film will undoubtedly garner a lot of comparisons to *The Fault in Our Stars*, it's much more similar to the overlooked, yet fantastic movie, *DOPE*. Whether you go see *Paper Towns* for the love story, or the even better executed comedic bits, it's almost impossible to not have a good time. I give *Paper Towns* an 8.9 out of 10.

VVC Football Starts Season with Blowout Victory

By Bryan Garcia
RamPage Reporter

It is important to get off to a good start; Victor Valley College Football team did that with a 48-15 victory over West LA College on September 5. The Rams scored first with a rushing touchdown from running back Jason Knowles, and never let go of the lead. Knowles went on to add another rushing touchdown, while quarterback Sam Allen ran for two more. Allen threw for an additional two touchdowns with wide receivers Justin Davis and Tyler Hatch on the receiving end. Although the score may im-



On their home field, Rams stop West LA College. East LA College Saturday, October 3.
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ply otherwise, the game was close the first three quarters. In fact, West LA had an opportunity to take the lead late in the third. However, Rams played their best football from this moment on, shutting out their opponents and scoring four consecutive touchdowns.

Rams Head Coach Dave Hoover referred to his team's good play under pressure as "a good sign." Hoover also stated that the goal for the season was "the same as always, win the whole thing." The Rams host East Los Angeles College Saturday, October 3rd, in their second game of conference play.

Rams Dominate Sequoia

By Angel Camacho
News Editor

"Unity, Discipline, Fairness." These are the words used by veteran Coach Mike Bradbury as he leads the Rams to victory against Sequoia College 6-2. The Rams started strong scoring consecutive goals, making it almost an easy victory; however, Sequoia College wasn't leaving the field without something on the scoreboard.

During the second half of the game, Sequoia scored two points consecutively. Both teams played an intense game; not going down without a fight. During the game, Coach Bradbury reminded his team the importance of working

together. "Support the Play! One at a time to work together! Talk to each other!" The game ended in yet another win to their strong 6-1 record. How does this win feel to the players? #25 Thomas Gardner (Line Back Defender) says "It's a great feeling!" When asked how a win like this occurs, Gardner states, "When there is chemistry between the players, we are at our best."

With a record such as this, the Rams have a great shot at becoming conference champions on October 9th. VVC Rams faces Palomar College next. Keep up the great work Rams.



Men's 2015 Soccer Team

Photo by VVC

Going For The Gold

By Jessica Vaughan
Features Editor

After not having a team to compete for the 2014 season, Wrestling has returned to the Victor Valley College campus. Head Coach, Scott Seeley explained that with all of the issues of classes being dropped last year, the wrestlers struggled to maintain twelve units, which is a requirement to be on the team. At the start of the season, the team did not have enough members to qualify to compete.

Fortunately, VVC has enough wrestlers to compete for the 2015 season. Seeley is excited to have a team back on campus and he is confident that they will step it up. "Those guys are really hungry to win," Seeley said. First year student, Austin Almendarez is excited to be part of the wrestling team this season. He has been wrestling for five years and is dedicated to the sport. "You're only as good as hard as you try," Almendarez stated. He thinks the team works well together and is sure that they will have a great season. "We're a new team but we have a lot of potential," he added. It is assured that VVC has some champions on



Photo submitted by Scott Seeley

campus. Although there are no meets on campus, be sure to support your Rams Wrestlers.

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- Men's Wrestling Santa Ana Tournament 10/3
- Football vs. East Los Angeles @ home 10/3
- Women's Soccer vs. College of the Sequoias @ home 10/3
- Women's Volleyball 10/7 @ San Bernardino
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- Women's Soccer vs. Rio Hondo College @ home 10/13
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