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DURING THE SUMMER OF 2006, Dr. Jeffrey Dupée, La Sierra University chair and associate professor of history, politics and society, accompanied by wife Elizabeth, chaperoned UHNR 122: The Experience, on a 14-day journey through the countries of England, France, and Spain.

The trip was a requirement for UHNR 121: Global Cultures in Context. In this class the students read travel logs, watched movies on travel, and ultimately prepared themselves as travelers ready to discover a culture different from their own. Touring the cities of London, Paris, Madrid, and Barcelona, the 17 fortunate students saw world-famous landmarks and experienced the exoticism of different cultures.

While the students' transportation consisted of a bus provided by EF Tours as well as a train from London to Paris, walking seemed to be the most favorable means of transportation, probably because it was not only the best way to absorb the city, it was also the cheapest way of thoroughly exploring everywhere.

"I walked pretty much everywhere that wasn't paid for," said La Sierra University junior Michael Tyler, an English Writing major.

"As I look back and remember touring London, I vividly remember running from hotel to museums and museums to more sites, from sites to restaurants, and back to [the] hotel," said Layla Ohara, La Sierra University sophomore psychology major. "Everything seemed 'walking distance' depending on how far you would want to walk and whether that site was worth it."



From left to right: Michael Tyler, Dr. Jeffrey Dupée, Elizabeth Dupée, Layla Ohara, Marlyn Cuenca, Jed De La Paz, Mary Gamino, Marte Asumen, Kassy Skoretz, Charles Schoepflin, Juliana Muchinyi, Gift Pattanaprommas, Rindala Obeid, Zachary Mursic, Elizabeth Lund, Julie Chun, Alicia August, Sergio Rubio.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Next Fall will mark the 25th Annual Pizza Vespers at Gary Bradley’s house. This event exemplifies one of the things that Honors does best: Carries on tradition (25 years in one place!) while continually reinventing itself. (Most of the people at the Vespers weren’t born 25 years ago!)

A couple of new things deserve special attention: In addition to the Honors Scholarship Projects (that also go back 25 years), students for the last couple of years have completed Honors Community Involvement Projects; the projects just completed are detailed on page 4.

We also want to welcome an Associate Director to the Program, Doug Clark. He has a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies, and has been involved in Honors education at Walla Walla and Southwestern.

Looking backwards and forwards,

Paul Mallery

Paul Mallery
Director



2006 INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE



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IN EUROPE the students found themselves amid new and different cultures and, of course, took advantage of their visit to the country in a myriad of ways: from sightseeing to food tasting, visiting cathedrals, the Eiffel Tower, and seeing the Queen of England. The students truly had the experience of a lifetime.

Sophomore Mary Gamino said, “We saw everything from the 900-year-old Tower of London, to the Paris Opera House built in 1875, to Gaudi’s art nouveau architecture in Barcelona, to the Palacio Real in Madrid, [and] to the Chateau de Chambord.”

However, like on any other trip to a foreign country, complications will undoubtedly arise, as it is always a part of any true traveling experience. On this particular trip, the language barrier presented a difficult obstacle for the students.

“Getting off the Eurostar in Paris, France, and trying to communicate with the locals (asking for food, where the bathroom was, etc.) was extremely difficult,” said Juliana Muchinyi, La Sierra University business/pre-medicine sophomore. Despite this barrier, however, Muchinyi learned to appreciate other cultures and interact with different people.

The current class of UHNR 122 is in high anticipation for this upcoming summer. They will be traveling to Vienna, Venice, and Paris, and like previous classes before them, they themselves will have the true travel experience of their own and discover the troubles and joys of traveling.



From left to right: Marte Asumen, Sergio Rubio, Jed De La Paz, Zachary Mursic, Marlyn Cuenca, Layla Ohara.



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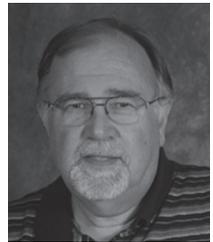
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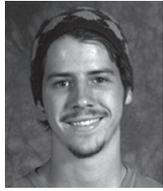
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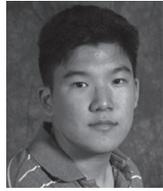
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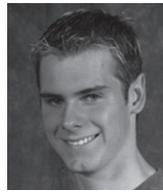
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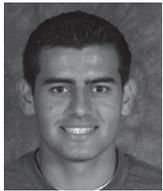
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SENIOR HONOR STUDENTS

ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2006, Honors students presented their community involvement projects in the Visual Arts Center. The students worked in groups with a community agency on a particular project. These presentations are from the third group of students to complete the projects.



**THE SHOW GOES ON:
MAKING “PROJECT PUPPETRY” INTO A SELF-SUSTAINED PROGRAM**

By Herbert Mendoza, Natalie Marchand, & Clayton Koh

In an effort to connect LSU to its local community and reach out to serve it, we set out to continue “Project Puppetry” and to ensure its propagation into the future. We helped elementary school students create puppet shows that address everyday challenges and facilitated the improvement of their social and literacy skills. We created a partnership between the Service Learning (SL) department at LSU and the Halftime program at Foothill Elementary School. By creating a handbook to guide the SL students, we ensured that SL volunteers will be equipped to carry this project into the future.



**BLISSFULLY UNITING THE COMMUNITY:
A GUIDE TO OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT**

Jose Vargas, Niccole Modell, & Amber Smith

Working closely with Community Action Partners–Riverside County, this team developed and implemented a strategy to promote and recruit new community volunteers for “Project B.L.I.S.S.” (Building Links to Impact Self-Sufficiency). Project B.L.I.S.S. is a local organization that mentors impoverished families and individuals, striving to help them become financially independent. Although Project B.L.I.S.S. is an incredible asset to the community, its existence is not widely known by either those in need or potential community volunteers. Reconstructing an existing “Presenter’s Manual,” holding informational presentations, and compiling a resource directory of Riverside County churches were integral components of the team’s promotional objective.



**THE PROMOTION OF EARLY EXPOSURE TO BOOKS:
ESTABLISHING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PEDIATRICIANS AND FIRST 5 RIVERSIDE**

By Marte Asumen, Valerie Nelson, & Megan Penington

A collaborative effort with First 5 Riverside, Project Bookworm sought to recruit clinics into the Reach Out and Read program, a national nonprofit organization concerned with promoting early literacy in poverty-stricken communities. The program puts books into the hands of children (ages six months to five years), literacy information into the hands of parents, and advocates having volunteers read aloud in pediatric waiting rooms. Project Bookworm focused on creating materials that could be utilized in promotional presentations to doctors, encouraging them to make their clinics ROR clinics. Additionally, the project endeavored to establish connections between LSU’s Service Learning program and First 5 Riverside in order to create a pool of volunteer readers.

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PROJECT B.L.I.S.S.: BUILDING LINKS TO IMPACT SELF-SUFFICIENCY

By Sarah Monickam & Rebecca Lemasters

Envisioning an end to poverty in Riverside County, under the direction of the Community Action Partnership (CAP) of Riverside County, we compiled resources and made an easy-to-access and visually appealing resource manual. The Riverside County Resource Manual offers support in transportation, child care, housing, employment, education, finance, healthcare, and personal development. Upon completing the manual we believe that CAP has reached and will more effectively reach its goal with the manual we composed.



KILLING US SOFTLY

By Gregory Crowder, Kevin Webster, Diana Krueger, & Amanda O'Reilly (not pictured)

Killing Us Softly worked with the Northwestern Vector Control District to better inform the Greater Riverside community of the dangers of vector-borne diseases. From educating Adventist Pathfinders (O'Reilly and Webster) to working with pool companies (Crowder and Krueger), Killing Us Softly has worked to raise public awareness of mosquitoes and the diseases they carry.



PARA TODOS: EXPANDING THE SERVICES OF PROJECT B.L.I.S.S. TO THE SPANISH COMMUNITY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Larissa House & Xousaen Helu

Recognizing the need for Project B.L.I.S.S., an organization which helps empower families in Riverside County to overcome poverty, to better serve the Spanish-speaking community, this project was designed to help with the outreach to these communities. With that goal in mind, our project was to translate the applications and forms from English to Spanish. The applications and forms were successfully translated, and it is our hope that they will help Project B.L.I.S.S.

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HONORS EVENTS

HONORS DESSERT HOUR

On January 24, the Honors Council held a Dessert Hour from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the lobby of South Hall. During this hour, Honors students were given the delightful opportunity to relax and, as the poster states, "enjoy the steamy goodness of hot beverages and the delicious flavors of seasonally appropriate desserts." Another event provided by the council was a vespers at Dr. Clark's house. The vespers took place on February 9 and was held from 5:24 p.m. to 7:37 p.m; it gave the students a time to simply relax and enjoy the Sabbath with their peers. *The Honors Council has more events planned in the future so be sure to look out for announcements!*



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began at La Sierra University in 1983.

It strives to give special attention to undergraduates of outstanding intellectual and creative ability and aims to charge the imagination in an environment where students initiative is the guiding force. Students are given the opportunity to recognize their potential through encouragement, discussion and interaction. The overall objectives of the program are focused on the La Sierra University mission

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