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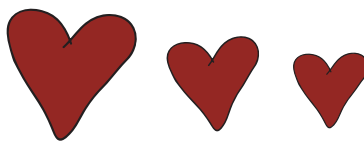
## Love is...

Love. It's a simple four-letter word, yet at the same time enormously complex. How can such a small word cause someone so much happiness, joy, pain, and even confusion? Unquestionably my concept and understanding of love has changed drastically over time.

I remember back in elementary school when love meant getting those little red paper valentine hearts with different cartoon characters, and by the end of the day I would be sick to the stomach with candy and grinning from ear to ear.

Every year when Valentine's Day approaches, shoppers cannot walk into a store without seeing pink and red ribbons, paper hearts, and flying cupids in ever corner of every store. Escaping the sound of love melodies on radios seems to be an impossible task. It is that time of year to spend with your "special someone." But what of those you don't have that "special someone" to share it with? Although Valentine's Day is a holiday geared toward love and compassion, a day solely focused on love could easily plunge someone into self-pity and depression. Consequently, I think that many of us seem to lose sight of what the true meaning of this day is.

When Valentine's Day started rapidly approaching, I could feel myself stressing. Valentine's Day comes with Valentine gifts, and frankly I had no clue what to buy for anyone. Then I realized, all my life I have been focusing on the material aspects of Valentine's Day. I asked myself, what is love to me now? I didn't realize that I saw the answer in everyday simplicity and through the people surrounding me.



Love is when someone takes the time to listen to how your day went. Love is when someone gives you a hug when you're down. Love is when someone takes the time to help someone in need, even when it feels like they are the one needing the most help.

Love is...

I remember reading an excerpt from an e-mail I had received on what love was to several children. One especially stood out to me from all the rest.

"God could have said magic words to make the nails fall off the cross, but He didn't. That's love."

I don't need a fixed date on a calendar to tell me its time to tell the people around me that I love them. One day out of three hundred and sixty five is Valentine's Day. What about the other three hundred and sixty four days? God shows me that He loves me everyday. The least I can do is return the favor to those around me.

Although we are surrounded by love, we take for granted the love that we have in our lives everyday. We are not promised tomorrow, so why not show the people around you that you love them today? I've found love. I see love through the eyes of my friends, through the eyes of my family, and through the eyes of everyone around me. I'm not going to let a single day pass by without showing the people around me how much I care for them. No one should. A favorite quote of mine, taken from the mouth of a child, tells it simply how it is.

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."

- Michele Pai



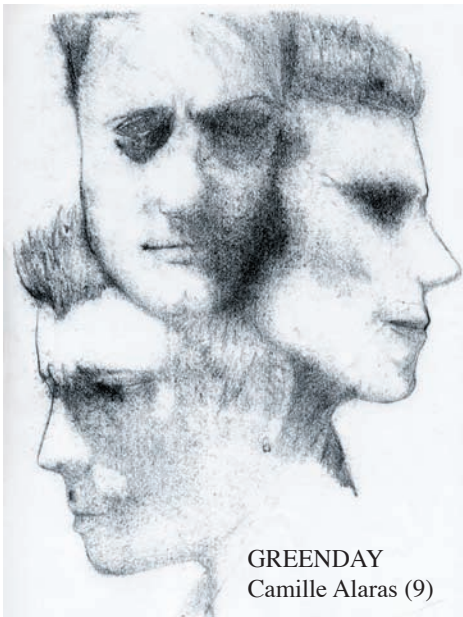
# *Kreative Korner*



Eric Whedbee (12)

- Love** is patient and kind.
- Love** is not jealous, it does not brag, and is it not proud
- Love** is not rude, is not selfish, and does not get upset with others.
- Love** does not count up wrongs that have been done.
- Love** is not happy and evil but is happy with the truth.
- Love** patiently accepts all things. It alwas trusts, always hopes, and always remains storg.

## GET YOUR KREATIVE JUICES FLOWING!!!



GREENDAY  
Camille Alaras (9)



## Friends of the Season

Friends of the season  
 Spring, everyone is in love but me  
 Summer, fires don't care who they set a blaze  
 Autumn, my friends fall away  
 And when winter hits  
 I'm left cold, all alone, just me

It's spring, season of love and new life  
 Lovebirds sing.  
 But I don't, I'm not worth a try  
 I'm just left like a stone, my friends off in two's  
 They just leave me alone

Summer when fires rage  
 But no one asks if I'm okay  
 It's like the heat makes them not care  
 Cause they plan to have fun, while I'm still stuck here

Autumn, when my friends fall away  
 Like the leaves of the trees  
 The wind carrying them astray  
 And as the days go on  
 There is nothing I can do or say

Winter is here  
 And the sun disappears  
 I sit alone in front of the fireplace  
 I feel like the tall Christmas tree  
 My meaning forgotten, even when im always  
 there  
 Just to give gifts and love to my friends

Change for good, change for bad  
 In this case, all is left sad  
 Stop fooling yourself, the truth is real  
 I miss you my friend

Friends of the season  
 Spring, everyone is in love but me  
 Summer, fires don't care who they set a blaze  
 Autumn, my friends fall away  
 And when winter hits  
 I'm left cold, all alone, just me

-Annoynmus LLA student



Jacquelin Weischadle (12)

A frightening thing is the Human being  
 Affecting things we're not always seeing  
 Sometimes we affect things for the worst  
 Like aggravating some to point of burst  
 Sometimes we affect things for the best  
 Like helping someone ace a test  
 Sometimes we don't effect for the worse or better  
 Like maybe we are just a random trendsetter  
 Every single choice you make has an effect  
 Don't make the ones that will leave your life wrecked

-Annoynmus LLA Student

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# Street Stylin' Staff

compiled by Nicole Doctor

It's a new semester, with new ideas, and a new Mirror staff. Here are some fun and new questions to get to know the Mirror staff in a different way. The questions are listed below, enjoy!

1. What is your favorite street or street name?
2. Which corner coffee shop do you like best?
3. If you could be a car, what kind of car would you be?
4. If you could be any part of the street, what part would you be? Why?

## Desiree Quijano

1. "Kapiolani Blvd."
2. "Coffee Depot."
3. "VW Bus."
4. "Fire hydrant because it's small."



## Michele Pai

Assistant Editor

1. "Kuloko St."
2. "Grounds For Enjoyment (GFE)."
3. "A baby blue Mini Cooper!"
4. "The road sign so I can always show people the way."



## Brian Hedgeman

1. "Crenshaw Rd."
2. "Starbucks, the one in Redlands by Krikorian."
3. "Honda S2000"
4. "Stop light because everyone would have to follow my direction, I am in control."

## Oliver Sabalboro

1. "Figueroa."
2. "Starbucks."
3. "Nissan Skyline."
4. "The signs because I would tell them what to do."



## Monika Bliss

Editor

1. "Daisy Ave. or Bliss Way."
2. "GFE in Loma Linda - peppermint hot chocolate!"
3. "A Turbo beetle... haha, that's manual. That car is a lot of fun."
4. "On the corner where there is a telephone booth - I like to talk a lot."



**Aline Ueno**

1. "Wintergreen St."
2. "The Starbucks in Redlands."
3. "Mercedes."
4. "The light post because I am tall."



**Danelle Taylor**

- Sponsor
1. "Lombard St.-It is the windiest"
  2. "I like the



- one in Redlands...I think it's GFE."
3. "A Beetle"
4. "The first thing I thought of was the reflectors in the road...they're bright and cheery."

**Caitlin McCulloch**

1. "St. Micheal's Lane, it's my favorite place in the world."
2. "Rock Island in Bermuda."
3. "I wouldn't be a car, I would be a Vespa."
4. "Yellow light



because we need to slow down some times."

**Ashley Goodacre**

- Photographer
1. "Indiana St."
  2. "The Gaslamp in Redlands off State St."
  3. "Porsche."



4. "The green light because I'm always on the go."

**Nicole Doctor**

1. "California St."
2. "The Starbucks in Grand Terrace."
3. "1965 Shelby GT 500 Mustang"



4. "The road because I try to lead people the right way with my advice."

**Warrie Layon**

1. "Sesame St."
2. "Starbucks in Redlands"
3. "Pinto."
4. "Bike lane. Why not? Bike lanes are fun for everyone."

**Leslie Scofield**

1. "Last Chance Rd."
2. "Looney Bean in Mammoth Lakes."
3. "Audi S4."
4. "A center divider planter, so I could brighten everyone's day."



# Remembering a Scholar

A Tribute to Ms. Harlan

“She was one of the best teachers I ever remember having,” reflected Jeff Prakash (12). A loving, caring, and motherly figure is how most people will remember Nancy Harlan.

When Harlan was young, she was very excited about life. She was free spirited yet determined, she strived to be the best she could be. As she got older, she attended Walla Walla College and soon met her future husband Sanford Harlan. They were married on September 28, 1975 and raised their three daughters Katy, Kristi, and Betsy in Riverside, California.

In 1989 Harlan began working at Loma Linda Academy (LLA) as a long-term substitute for an English teacher. Then in 1990, filled with ideas for the school, she was hired as a full-time employee.

On December 31, 2004, Harlan lost her battle with a life-threatening disease. Her loss has greatly affected the English Department since she was an immense contributor filled with many ideas. In fact, she added many new classes to the curricu-

lum, including: children’s literature, Shakespeare, C.S. Lewis, and interper-

**“One minute she looked like she was up to something, the next she looked like she was about ready to create the Eiffel tower.”**



sonal communication.

“She was dedicated to the idea of multiple intelligences, meaning that people learn in different ways. More than anyone else she tried to bring out students’ strengths, allowing for different kinds of learning,” said Pam Dietrich, LLA librarian and long time co-worker with Harlan.

Andy Sandiford, LLA English teacher, remembers “She always wanted

more time to teach and created numerous opportunities for the students to get into literature and work. She wanted there to be a more focused way of doing things by specifics and genres. She wanted her students to



drink deep in life, rather than just sip.”

Harlan will be remembered not only for her knowledge and ideas, but also for her creativity.



Anne Chaffee, also an LLA English teacher and long-time friend of Harlan, remembers that “her room always had a “homey” atmosphere. It always welcomed interesting projects.”

“She’d like to get together and talk with the teachers; she’d serve soup for us. She was like our mother figure,” said Chaffee.

“I would sit and yack with her many afternoons after school. She’d turn and give me a look with her big eyes. They were so expressive. They were creatively mischievous, yet sympathetic. She was always understanding,” remembers David Stone, also an English teacher at LLA. “One minute she looked like she was up to something, the

next she looked like she was about ready to create the Eiffel tower.”

Her students also remember her warmth. Jennifer Han (12) recalls her for “loving what she did. She was like a mother to all of us; I’ll miss her a lot.”

“She liked to do things so when kids walked in the room they automatically felt at home and comfortable; like it was a pleasant place to be. I guess that’s just Nancy to me,” reminisced Dee-Dee Schilt, LLA Vice-Principle. “She was excited to share something she had discovered ... or something about famous people that she thought

## “She wanted her students to drink deep in life, rather than just sip.”

was wise and worth remembering.”

Jared Wilson (12) also remembers that she was “very passionate about what she did.”

Nancy Harlan was a genuine, special teacher, who loved her students very much. She called them “scholars,” and in fact they

were. Sandiford said that “she was one with her students. They were both scholars, learning about life.”

- *Monika Bliss*





: Naan unnai kathalikirāen : Iḷu turney prem karu chu : Maḥal kita : I love you :

# Love Around the World

One legend of Valentine’s Day came about from a story of when Saint Valentine, a priest for Rome in the third century, fell in love. When Emperor Claudius II realized that single men made better soldiers than married men he prohibited marriage in Rome, according to historychannel.com. But Saint Valentine continued to marry young lovers in Rome and was thrown in prison for these actions. There he met the lovely jailor’s daughter and they fell in love, exchanging letters on a regular basis. Before his death for the illegal marriages, he wrote her his last letter signing it “Your Valentine.” Because he was a martyr for love, Valentine’s Day was created in his honor.

This holiday eventually spread to the European countries and migrated over the Atlantic from Great Britain to the United States (U.S.), according to wikipedia.com, and is now celebrated on February 14.

Many students in Loma Linda Academy come from countries whose cultures eventually embraced Valentine’s Day as one of their annual holidays in some way or another, whether it is on February 14 or on any other day of the year.

Shelley Patterson (11) says, “In Puerto Rico, it’s the same as the U.S., except we party a lot more; Puerto Rican’s are party people, so it was a lot of fun.”

Thailand native Ploy Radesujalikul(11) comments that she remembers spending Valentine’s Day exchanging

gifts with friends and family.

Hanna Norrlid (11) says, “In Sweden, you might show your appreciation of you partner or loved ones by giving them a card, chocolate, or doing something romantic. It is very similar to the U.S.”

“Celebrations in the Philippines are also the same as in the U.S.” said John Macabuhay (11).

However, Korean celebrations for Valentine’s Day are on February 14 and also on March 14. Jin Hee Kwon informs that “on February 14 the girls give the boys a present, and on March 14 White Day, the boys give the girls a present.”

Another variation occurs in Russia; Russians celebrate their Valentine’s on November 17. “It is not such a big holiday, but the traditions remain the same,” says Andrey Legomin (12).

In Brazil, Valentine’s Day is celebrated on June 12, and it is called “Dia dos Namorados” which means The Couple’s Day. It is different because it is only celebrated among dating couples; friends, family, and loved ones usually do not take part in this holiday, according this writer who lived in Brazil for 10 years.

These cultures, even if they had nothing else in common, would for the most part all come together to celebrate love. Making it something special to loved ones is keeping a tradition and connecting with others around the world.

-Aline Ueno

Szeretlek : Saya cinta padamu : Ti amo : Bahibak : Ich liebe dich : I love you : Eg elskatig : Taim i ngra leat : Kanbhik

Nu umi unangwata : Wo ai ni : Doo-set daaram : Te amo : Bløña wau ia oi : Ke a go rata : Dimagenda wewe : Mo ni fe

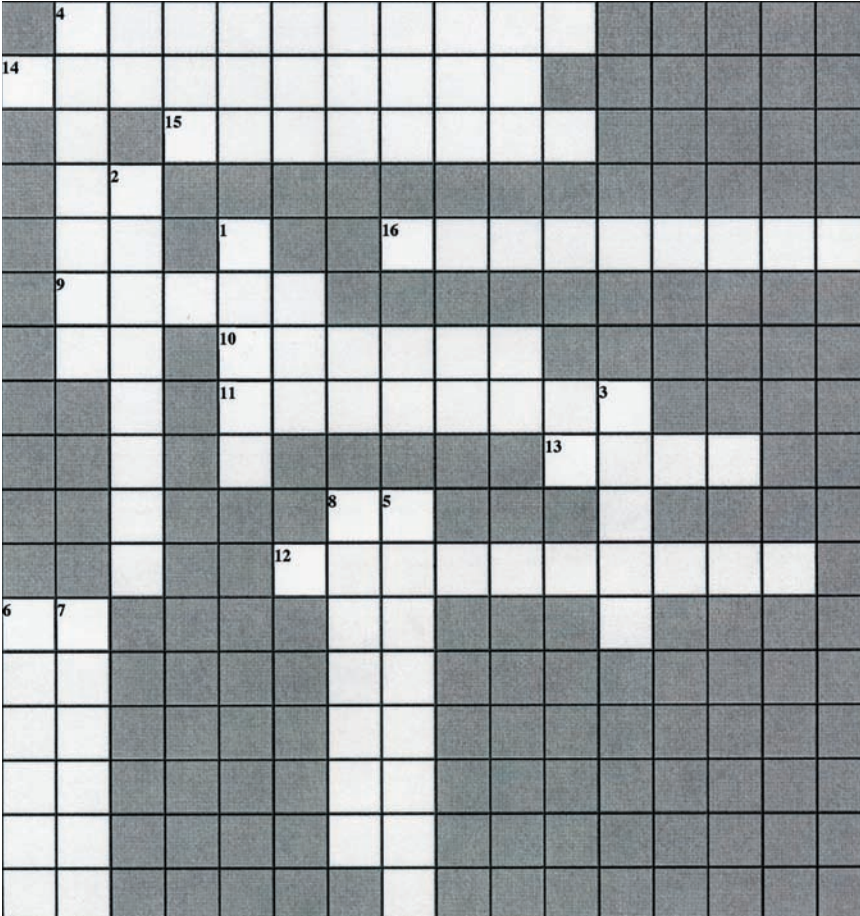
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE JAN:FEB



**Across**

- 4: the final dance
- 9: the guy in the comic didn't have any of this
- 10: Sandiford's passion
- 11: our favorite clothing style
- 12: LLA's own speedy animal
- 13: "you light my \_\_\_\_"
- 14: you shoot this in a hoop
- 15: he wears his glasses on one ear
- 16: he's a proud grandfather

**Down**

- 1: he said "i will make you fishers of men"
- 2: 3 words in different languages around an article
- 3: this was in each of the staff pictures
- 4: the new coffee shop in Redlands
- 5: where you find your next date
- 6: where you learn
- 7: Mr. Uribe's reward
- 8: Brian Goodacre's love

# As a Journey Begins

Three hundred students, thirteen schools, three days, one God.

“At first, I went because I wanted to see the hot guys. That changed when I met my family group and I realized that’s not what we were there for,” explained Joy Hodges (11).

On January 27, 75 Loma Linda Academy (LLA) Juniors and Seniors piled into two school buses bound for the annual Junior/Senior Bible Conference at Pine Springs Ranch. A few of them had ideas about what they wanted out of the weekend and why they were going to Bible Conference.

“I wanted to see what it was like at first,” commented Jon Diaz (12). “It was different and kind of weird rooming with people you didn’t know and basically having to trust them immediately.” The discomfort did not end with room assignments. Students were then divided into “family groups” with students from other schools.

“The first family group session was really hard,” admitted Andy Schroer (12), who attended Conference as a family group leader. “You get put in a cabin with a

bunch of kids you don’t know and you’re supposed to have discussions and talk about God. That was awkward enough, but on top of that everyone was either tired or upset that they couldn’t hang out with their friends from their school.”



Luckily, that feeling was short-lived.

“By the second session, people were a lot more comfortable,” recalled Zach Jagers (11). “Some really opened up. By then you knew every session would get better and better.”

Aside from the 75 participants that left on Thursday, LLA also sent up 23 leaders the day before. There were several types of leaders: family groups, drama, music, technical, and filming. Every leader had several responsibilities. Cara Tan (12), a family group leader, acknowledged, “it’s a lot more work, being a leader, but you

meet twice as many people and have twice as long to get that spiritual high.”

The leaders’ hard work paid off. “My group leaders really made an im-



pact on me. They were both outgoing and friendly and they lived up to their names as leaders,” praised Diaz.

Allison Crawford (11) agreed,



Aside from family groups, everyone was brought together for General Session. People were invited into a spirit of worship with praise music, special music, and drama and video presentations. Pastor Guillermo Garcia of the Central Span-



ish Church delivered a message that challenged teenagers to continue their personal journey with God.

Overall, Bible Conference was a positive spiritual experience for most students. “It’s a good time to get away from earthly things and go up to the mountains to meet new people

“my family group leaders were really a blessing. In those few days, I saw God through not just my family group leaders but also those in drama and music.”

Family group ties were strengthened during Radical Road, a series of challenges that tested a family groups’ trust in each other, communication, and teamwork.

“Radical Road changed everything for my family group,” remarked Tori Hirst (12). “We really bonded because it forced us to work together.”



and worship God,” shared Hodges.

Diaz summed up how several people felt saying, “Bible Camp is one of the best experiences you’ll have in high school. It’s one of those things that you’ll never forget.”

- Warrie Layon & Desiree Quijano

# Jazzin' Up Love

*pictures taken by Danelle Taylor*



Camille Chavez (9) said, "The dinner was really fun, I'm glad I didn't miss out."

"It was a very fun event," added Sam Jeon (10).

"When I came in, all I saw were people wearing black and white," Kevin Debulgado (9) says shockingly, which was the theme for this year's dinner.

Kameron Straine (10) was the Valentine host and received many

The melody of musical jazz pieces floated through the air as the attendees filled in the transformed, jazz-themed Wong Kerlee Pavillion. The Freshmen and Sophomores met up with fellow classmates, socialized and snapped photos to remember the highly anticipated occasion. The annual Loma Linda Academy (LLA) Freshmen/Sophomore Valentine Dinner, was held on February 9 at 6:00 p.m. Attendees were served burritos, enchiladas, salad, rice, and Oreo cake.



compliments from the audience who found him very humorous.

Christian Rucibwa (10), who attended with girlfriend, Poonam Lavingia (10) commented, "Kami Straine was the funniest when he was clueless."

This year's officers wanted the 2005 Valentine Dinner to be recalled through the years with an act to be remembered by.

"We wanted a really cool act, something everyone will remem-



ber.” states Julia Cho (10). As clever as they could possibly be, they hoisted up the “Dating Game,” the closing act of the gathering. Most of the students responded that the “Dating Game” was their favorite entertainment of all.

Shaun Kossman (9) shares, “It was the best act, because it was very funny and entertaining.”

Jessica Han, (9) who was the bachelorette, questioned the participants to contemplate which one she was pleased with. After the questions, she then chose the one she was most impressed with, Marc Cruz (10), who was chosen as the winner.

“His answers were funny, and his weird accent made it even funnier,” says Andrew Talon (9).

The Bachelor, Bryon Conner (10) was next, and he asked questions concerning popular singer Ciara to the participants. Quickly, he eliminated those who disliked the new singer. In the end, he selected Ereni Sellas (9).

Kim Ilio (10) said, “The bachelor was hilarious because Bryon and the contestants were really funny.”

David Canlas (10) added, “The Dating Game was probably the best act because it was hilarious and entertained everyone.”

The Dating Game was only one of several entertainments at the Valentine Dinner. Matthew Udvardi (10) started the night off by performing jazz on his saxophone, supported by Anthony Yeo (9) on the piano. They were followed

by a lip-syncing/dance act by a Po-phomore group “LIP SYNC,” including Mark Murillo, Wesley Marquis, Jon Gomez, Chris David, and Tim Thue. Later, Mehlani Domingo (10) sang an original, Valentine song accompanied on the piano by Trisha Precio (10).

“When Mel and Trisha performed, it was my favorite because I co-wrote the song. It turned out to be really sweet, I wanted to cry,” shared Shanni Corros (10).

The attendees at this year’s Valen-



tine dinner may share the reaction that Katrina Niere (9) shared. She said, “It was definitely worth going because the food was pretty good, the performances were entertaining, and it was a cool place to hang out with your friends.”

- Oliver Sabalboro

## Nut Behind the Wheel

Each of the renovated classics driven around Loma Linda Academy (LLA) are not just cars, but also works of art. Five Juniors and Seniors have worked on their cars to make them stunning and unique. All five of the classic cars might look sweet to the eye, but because of their age, they also have problems. The problems create the personality of the car but also reflect the owner's individuality. The nut behind the wheel does not just drive the car, he/she lives for it.

Each car has a different style and color. Brian Goodacre (12) owns a 1973 911 T 1/2 Porsche. The "Gemini Blue" exterior paint could catch anyone's eye. Devin Ruiz (11) finds enjoyment in his 1963 VW Type I 1200 Bug. The Bug is very unique because of its half cream and half bright blue paint job. Hallie Burishkin (12) is the proud owner of a 1972 Chevelle Malibu. The unusual shape and light yellow color enable anyone to recognize it. Brian Johnston (11) enjoys off-roading in his 1987 brown Toyota Land Cruiser. Dustin Herrmann (12) de-

lights in his 1989 E 30 BMW. The striking red color and old-fashioned body call out to anyone who passes by.

The good looks still allow problems and funny situations to occur. Goodacre recalled the time when "Joe [Hewes (12)] broke the key of the Porsche in the car door and it was the only key I had."



Ruiz was in his Bug when he ran out of gas because his "fuel gage got stuck on 1/4 full."

Not only is Burishkin's Chevelle so loud that it is "Teresa's [Lo (12)] alarm clock. [They are neighbors]." Hallie also recalls when "my passenger couldn't open the door, so she kicked it open and it hit another car."

Initial interest sparks one's attention. Goodacre was first interested in his Porsche because his "dad owns one and [Goodacre] love[s] the lines" of the car.

"It's reliable and old," Johnston says about his Land Cruiser. "It's fun for off-roading." Owning the Land Cruiser for only one year, he has already off-roaded to Lake Arrowhead, CA.



Ruiz was originally interested in his Bug because “it’s a classic that everyone recognizes, but not many people restore.”

The “German engineering” originally interested Herrmann in his car. The “sheer beauty” is what makes it so special.

Burishkin describes her Chevelle: “it’s old and classic. No one else has one.”

The initial interest in the cars helps create their personalities. “You are what you drive” applies to these five drivers when it comes to personalities. Ruiz says his car reflects him because “it’s slow, easy-going, and incredibly good-looking.”

Johnston on the other hand explains the Land Cruiser reflects him because “you can do a lot of different things with it, and I like to do a lot of different things.”

Burishkin’s sees her car as a mirror of herself. It is “golden yellow, like my hair.”

Because Dustin has a German heritage, being “German” is all it takes for Herrmann’s car to be like him.

Goodacre finds his heritage in his car by it is “old school but still fun.” The renovated classic cars would not reflect the drivers so much if they had not all worked on the cars.

The labor on the cars has raised the beauty and the ability for the car to run. Goodacre has installed new seats, has upgraded his brakes, and installed a new stereo. To upgrade

the Chevelle, Burishkin has put on a new top and sanded it. Ruiz has replaced “pretty much everything”

in his Bug, including the electrical system and the engine, taking a total time of 16 months. Johnston has replaced the clutch in his Land Cruiser. The BMW became even more striking after Herrmann worked on “pretty much all of it” and put in sixty hours of labor time. Although a lot of work has been put into the renovated classics, problems still lurk.

The art, the personality, the work, and the funny problems all create the wonderful cars around LLA. The renovated classics at LLA all have secrets behind them that one might not know, but may learn in the future.

- Leslie Scofield



about them

# REBUILDING FOR A DYNASTY

*pictures taken by  
Amy Lee (11)  
Jon Ford (12)*

Again another season has begun and ended for boys' basketball and soccer. Loma Linda Academy (LLA) was again captured by the buzzer beating shots and game-winning goals. The Roadrunners pride appeared once again as they glistened in their white and maroon jerseys.

The teams this year have new players and a new coaching staff. This year the boys' varsity basketball hired Matthew Lee head coach. Previously he served as an assistant for the Walla Walla girls' basketball team.

Coach Lee is looking forward to working with students at LLA.

"I wanted the opportunity to work with some of the older kids at Loma Linda, and I enjoy . . . teach[ing] basketball." Lee also mentioned that, "it's been challenging coming in with a new staff and trying to make the team work together, especially when you have only two returning players." Despite the adversities the team has faced, Coach Lee says, "It has been a great and positive experience, and I've learned a lot this year."

The boys' basketball varsity

team, accustomed to winning over the past few seasons, has been greatly challenged and has struggled to win in 2005. Because of the numerous losses the team has suffered this season, the team's confidence and momentum decreased as the season progressed.

Guard Jared Wilson (12) said, "We have the manpower to really go somewhere, but I don't think we played to our true potential. With the system that we were using, we weren't clicking very well on the court."

Both Coach Lee and Jared Wilson have mentioned that

this year has been more of a learning experience for the team as the players and coaches have to familiarize themselves with each other's ability, mentality, and strategy. Even though the boys' basketball team may have been struggling this season, Jared Wilson thought the team had their best performance during the championship game of the Loma Linda Tournament against San Gabriel Academy. Because San Gabriel had defeated the boys' varsity team earlier in the year by 20 points, LLA was com-



ing in as the underdog. The boys' varsity team defeated San Gabriel 59-55 and won the championship.

"It was a great win for us; it was a good way to start a new year" commented point guard Mymar Velasco (11). The team finished the season 8-13.

The boys' varsity soccer team has experienced a similar situation to the boys' varsity basketball team. Several key players



from last year's team graduated. Many of the starting roles were handed to younger, less experienced rookies. They had to start and learn very quickly.

This year, Coach Andy Sandiford, long-time soccer coach and LLA English teacher, appointed John Nwosu (12) captain of the boys' soccer team. John Nwosu is in second season of playing soccer for LLA.

"Even though it's a challenging job, I have tried to get the job done and make sure our team's goals are accomplished by winning consistently," commented Nwosu. He also stated, "We struggled a lot during the preseason, but we gradually came together and started to adjust the chemistry of our team. We then began to develop more and more after each game."

Meka Nnaji (12) talked about how compared to last season, a lot of trust and responsibility has been placed

upon many of the new players, and at times, they have been called to make big plays. Many of the returning players from last year's team had to change their positions and step up their play.

Nnaji talked about the role change mentioning: "It was good because we have a fluid team; everyone can play anywhere Coach Sandiford puts them. We had a bunch of talented athletes last year, but a lot of the rookies stepped up for us this year. We had to play even harder with this new team."

Even though the team has started off slow this season by losing their first three games, the team was able to bounce back and make it to the playoffs by defeating Western Christian, 4-3. The team had failed to make it to the playoffs over the past few seasons, so even with new, young players, the team accomplished more than previous teams.



This season has provided many changes for both of these teams. They can look forward to setting more records in the future.

- Brian Hedgeman



# Briefs

## Brain Chain

Kris Harter, math and history teacher at Loma Linda Academy (LLA), and Scott Blackburn are the creators of a new game called the Brain Chain game. The game has trivia questions that come from different subjects such as entertainment, geography, history, science, sports, and more. Roy Ice (Azure Hills Youth Pastor) designed the graphics for the game. Hundreds of games have been sold already. For more information, log onto [www.brainchaingames.com](http://www.brainchaingames.com).



## Musical Man

Dominique Hunt ('04) was one of fifteen students out of 800 who were chosen as semi-finalists in a program called Spotlight Awards. It is designed for gifted high school performing arts students in Southern California. Finalists will perform on April 17 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Unfortunately, Hunt will not be able to go any farther in the competition because the next performance falls on a Saturday.

## Beautiful Baby

Grandfather Burishkin and Aunt Hallie are proud relatives of new baby, Jeralyn Eve Macknett. Jeralyn was born to Jamie and Dale Macknett on January 31, 2005 at 1:45pm. She weighed a healthy 5lbs 9ounces.



## Solitary Soldier

Billy Jarvis, an alumni of LLA, is currently stationed in Iraq. He is homesick and lonely. He wants to stay in touch with everyone at home, and would greatly appreciate emails from students. His email address is [JarvisWT@3MAWDM.USC.MIL](mailto:JarvisWT@3MAWDM.USC.MIL)

## Cool Cafes

Two new coffee shops opened up a few weeks ago. There is now a GFE in Loma Linda near Stater Bros., and the Gaslamp in Redlands off of State St. GFE has a quaint friendly atmosphere inside and has a warm inviting feel. The Gaslamp has a modern and classic look around the store. There are plenty of places to sit and study quietly.



# Small Talk

Compiled by Oliver Sabalhorn



**That 70's Show**- I absolutely love this show because it's hilarious. Fez, my favorite character is so funny.

**Rock climbing**- When I was 13, my neighbor took me rock climbing. I couldn't help wanting to go more. I bought all the equipments for rock climbing.

**Soccer**- I played soccer for the Junior Varsity team this year. We all had a blast!

**Snowboarding**- Growing up in Colorado made it really easy for me to go snowboarding a lot. I started when I was 8 years old. Aspen and Breckenridge were two places I went to snowboard. I love it.

**Cheerleading** - It's my 1st year in Varsity Cheer. It's hard work, but rewarding to perform in front of the audience.

**Green Day** - I listen to all kinds of music, but right now I'm into Green Day. I love their entire American Idiot album.

**The OC** - I started watching The OC because my brother told me about it. I haven't missed an episode since. I wouldn't mind living or chilling in OC.

**Surfing** - In 7th Grade I attended a surf camp. Since then, I go surfing every summer at Rincon Beach in Santa Barbara with my family and friends.

