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Salt Lake Community College's libraries moved over 27,000 books in order to make room for new

Renovation to include new Math **Emporium**

David Bell Staff Reporter

The Markosian Library at the needs of students at Salt Lake Community College.

Evans, dean of the library said.

Some of the most noticeable changes will be those made to the bottom floor. There will be

with a tutor or instructor. This will replace the math lab upstairs. There will be some new additional classrooms created as well, along

with a large computer lab. In the Math Emporium students will be able to work self paced, or with a tutor or instructor, and in small groups, or complete self-paced modules.

library will also be going through "We're having some very some changes. There will be a exciting changes," Dr. Tiffany new quiet study area put in, and moved up from the basement.

and that room for new materials, resources, and services is made available. Approximately 27,000 books were weeded, or taken out of circulation. Books are deaccessioned when their content becomes out of date, damaged, or college operating procedures when they have not been loaned or accessed for at least five years.

All of these books were packed "I'm used to the math lab into a room on the bottom floor Taylorsville Redwood Campus being upstairs," Jonathan Tang, of the library in the northwest central receiving and recycling will be going through some major electrical engineering student corner. The library was selling department said. changes in order to better serve said. "Regardless of where it is it these books for twenty five cents The second (top) floor of the novels or non-fiction books.

week the surplus department spent a couple of days picking up these books changes, that is not the only the group study space will be and moving them to a storage location. The books that were As part of the renovation moved out of the library will not process, the library conducted a be destroyed. Some will be sold a new area created that will be large "weeding" project. Weeding to book vendors, some will be called the Math Emporium. In the is a practice that all libraries donated, and some will be sold

be able to work on their own or collections are kept up to date recycled; none will be destroyed or thrown out.

When taking care of materials that are college surplus, the surplus department follows procedures that are developed and set by the state. They also follow when dealing with these materials.

"We do what the state requests," Ed Benson, supervisor in charge of SLCC fleet surplus,

"I'm very conscientious about the information and learning will be beneficial for students." apiece. These books were not the tax payers' money, and taking care of the college assets," Benson

Although the library is making reason for purging the older and out of date materials. All libraries routinely weed books off of their shelves to make room for more current and relevant material. As a result the library routinely has Math Emporium, students will conduct to make certain that to the public. The rest will be book sales throughout the year.

Service Learning

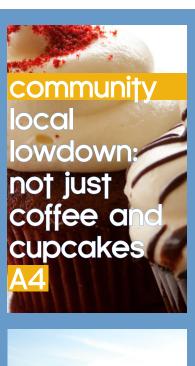
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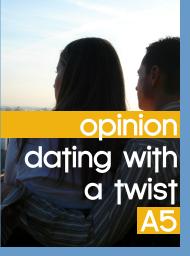
Most students who take service learning classes end up with a rich learning experience, but many are often shocked by the increased workload.

Service learning is a relatively new teaching method that blends traditional instruction relevant community service, and it's been catching fire among college professors across the United States. These classes present students with a number of opportunities that go beyond what a traditional class offers. When partnering with a community organization, students apply theory to real-world situations.

"You could do everything from create a website for a nonprofit, which happened this past semester with a group that I worked with. Another group of students, as part of their leadership class, organized a benefit for the YWCA," Lisa Walz, the Service Learning Coordinator at Salt Lake Community College's Thayne Center for Service and

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Writing mentors needed for local teens

Shad Engkilterra

Contributing Writer

The Community Writing Center at Salt Lake Community College and the Salt Lake Public Library are partnering for Salt Lake Teens Write (SLTW) during the 2011-2012 academic year.

The Writing Center is currently looking for adult volunteer mentors to match with the teens. About half of the positions for mentors are still available.

"This is truly a community project," Andrea Malouf, professor Writing Center director said.

People who use writing daily and have two years of experience either professionally or in their personal lives are encouraged to apply. The mentor and the student may work on diverse projects based on the student's interests, ranging from resume development and college applications to creative writing like poems and short stories. This for the mentors in August, and the teens used was collaborative and

the students' academic work.

teens," said Malouf. Mentors must be able to commit May 2012. The teams will also said Malouf.

first week of September. After the a writing activity. At the end of "This is a long-term academic training, the mentor and the student the program, "it was obvious that and career mentoring program for will meet once a week for about they [teens and mentors] had really an hour from September 2011 to

SLCC Writing Center

For more information on how to get involved with the SLCC Writing Center, contact them at 801-957-2192 or visit their web site,

http://www.slcc.edu/cwc/index.asp

of English and SLCC Community for the entire 2011-2012 school meet once a quarter for writing year, and they will collaborate workshops with the other SLTW with the teens for eight months. mentoring teams. Mentors must also successfully pass a background check in order to be considered for the position. Mentors and students will meet in public, and the mentor will not be 2011 with a gathering and a reading allowed to drive students to or from of works that both the mentors and the meeting place.

There will be a training scheduled

The pilot program was called Salt Lake City Girls Write and started with eight teams of mentors and students. It finished on May 21, the girls had written and published.

The process that the mentors and

program is designed to supplement program is scheduled to begin the often times the teen would suggest bonded and gained some skills,"

> The Salt Lake City Girls Write became the SLTW program this year and has expanded to include men. Malouf expects 15 to 20 high school students in their junior year as of September 2011 to take part in the program.

The SLCC Community Writing Center's mission states that it "supports, motivates and educates people of all abilities and educational backgrounds who want to use writing for practical needs, civic engagement and personal expression." They accomplish this through many programs including writing coaching, writing workshops and Salt Lake Teens Write. The CWC also provides an open and safe place for writers to express their ideas.

STUDENT EVENTS

WED/22

3:30pm-4:30pm **Environmental Club** Meeting @ TR Campus, Student Center Basement, (Senate Chambers Room).

6pm-7pm Nook Night @ 510 North Rio Grande St.

7pm-9:30pm "The Sound of Music" @ The Empress Theatre, 9104 W. 2700 S., Magna.

THURS/23

12pm-11pm Utah Arts Festival @ Library Square, 200 E. 400 S., SLC.

2pm-3pm Create your own comic book with Richard Jenkins @ SLCC Communitu Writing Center, 210 E. 400 S. Suite 8.

5pm-6pm Writing for Change: Freedom Writers @ SLCC Community Writing Center.

FRI/24

12pm-11pm Utah Arts Festival @ Library Square, 200 E. 400 S., SLC.

3:30pm-4:30pm Kids' Mini Workshop: Banana Haikus @ SLCC Community Writing Center.

5pm-6pm Mini Workshop: Writing Micro Fiction @ SLCC Community Writing Center.

SAT/25

All Day Iron Pen Competition @ SLCC Community Writing Center.

3:30pm-4:30pm Kids' Mini Workshop: Fractured Fairy Tales @ SLCC Community Writing Center.

SUN/26

<u>1pm-2pm</u> Timpanogos Story Telling Syd Lieberman LIVE @ SLCC Community Writing Center.

MON/27

3:30pm-6:30pm The Community Food Co-op Warehouse Sale @ 1726 S. 700 S. SLC.

7pm-9:30pm "The Sound of Music" @ The Empress Theatre, 9104 W. 2700 S., Magna.

TUE/28

3pm-4pm Laughter Yoga @ TR Campus, LAC Room 124.

5:30pm-6:30pm SLCC Tech Club Meeting @ TR Campus, Library, Lower Level Room 046.

7pm-9:30pm "The Sound of Music" @ The Empress Theatre, 9104 W. 2700 S., Magna.

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Service

Learning said. "But when work requirements. it gets right down to it, the the students are learning."

All of this comes with it a shot," he said. a price. With the addition of mandatory community for new students to end up in Leadership here at SLCC to that they're signing their service, those who choose one of these classes without promote voting awareness life away. It's all about these classes are required knowing the implications. among students. For his to invest more of their Walz admitted that service service work, he handed traditional class are. This always tagged properly can be problematic for a in SLCC's online class bring attention to the 2010 busy student with a full registration system. workload.

SLCC Hadley

registered for a service- designated service learning very beneficial," he said. learning English class last class, there is supposed to Continued from page A1 winter. He remembers being be an S.L.," she said. "It's is working with the surprised by the additional up to the [department] departments to ensure that

main purpose is two-fold: for class, I wasn't sure those classes. For some Walz invites students who provide a service to the exactly what it entailed. I community, and to help was a little bit concerned communication lapse, and students to help further that I wouldn't have the that hasn't been happening." ingrain those concepts that time or the commitment

"There is a column student Scott there that is reserved some

administrators to "When I was registering into the system and tag reason, there seems to be a

In Hadley's case, he factor, but I decided to give regards the experience at SLCC require 15positively. He worked At SLCC, it's common with Student Life and election.

unknowingly for comments. In every issues, but overall, it was don't mind."

The Thayne Center go classes are properly marked in the future. Until then, are nervous after ending up in a service-learning class to stick it out.

"Most instructors here 20ish hours. In their head, students have this concept perception."

For those who wish to time than students in a learning classes aren't out voterregistration forms stick with more traditional and designed a poster to classes, she offers another piece of advice.

> "If you're unsure if a "We had some difficulty; class is service-learning, communication e-mail the instructor. They



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Grieving Utahn family terrorized by memorial page vandalism

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Contributing Writer

Casper, grieving the death Casper for two years and of their teenage daughter, became close friends with readers. It is unconfirmed each other." has another thing to lose the teenager, has different whether the memorial page sleep over - a Facebook concerns. page which was originally to the Casper's close friends.

by a Utah Transit Authority comments on her R.I.P page and she stood up for you TRAX test train June 8. on Facebook.' That's the no matter what. Seeing the Casper's death has been last thing that anyone would highly publicized by Utah want that knew her," she that page makes me feel news outlets like KSL news, said.

raising concerns about TRAX. Lindsay Hellan, The family of Shariah who attended school with

memorialize what's being said on this Facebook memorial page remember Casper page and the family doesn't have suggested the page is a has been vandalized with either. I just hope and pray fraud. For people who knew photoshopped pictures of that people will remember Shariah like Hellan, it's the girl and her friends, porn Shariah for Shariah and the issues like this that need to and fake accounts posing as amazing life that she led on. Not for 'that's the girl Casper was hit and killed that had the porn and rude Shariah was a great person

was set up by Casper's "Shariah doesn't deserve family, as messages on the be confronted.

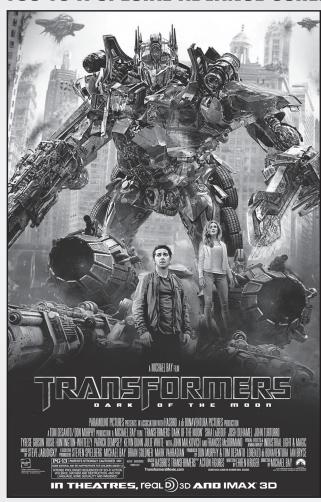
"It's so hard because things that are written on horrible. I can't explain

The memorial page, it. Shariah always backed safety procedures regarding entitled "R.I.P. Shariah everyone up and it's so group has been started Casper" has been plastered hard because I feel a deep on Facebook by Casper's with offensive images and obligation to stand up for family to prevent further phrases intended to provoke her now, just like we did for vandalism and provide

A private memorial a safe place for others to

remember her and pay their respects at facebook.com/home. php?sk=group _228407913838538.

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Growth of planking

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Contributing Writer

activity is a joke?

According to Warren before performing a plank. G., a member of the SLC seriously.

what I mean, earn your summer of 2009. Planking Team/226505070708980.

keep," he said.

that consists of lying or in 2010. Australia and New Planking is a sport balancing face down with Zealand are the most recent that is rapidly growing your arms to your side in to add this activity to their in popularity. There are an unusual location. Taking mainstream just this year. currently two teams in Utah, a picture of this act and the Ogden Planking team posting it on the Internet is Bobo does not believe and the SLC Planking team. a crucial part of the sport. planking is a serious Planking is an activity Most seasoned players like activity. becoming famous in various to be sure to name their parts of the world. Australia, plank as well. The most I go to sleep," he said. New Zealand and now creative and original plank Salt Lake City have teams with the most witnesses is participating in planking. Is the best. Announcing that while SLC Planking team it possible this worldwide you are about to perform members put a lot of effort a plank is also necessary

Planking team, planking is in planking after learning show off their best planks. a sport that should be taken these few simple rules, which may be the reason pictures of SLC Planking "You can't be any geek of for its drastic increase team in action visit the street, got to be handy in popularity. It became facebook.com/home.php#!/ with the plank, if you know popular in Britain by pages/SLC-Planking-

became well-known in the Planking is a game United States and Ireland

SLCC student David

"I Plank every night when

Bobo's portrays planking as a joke into this activity. They have created a Facebook page Anyone can participate to gain a fan base and also

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Local Lowdown: Not just coffee and cupcakes

Andy Bok

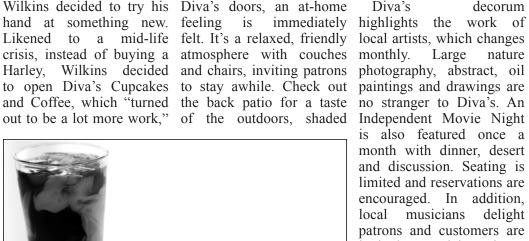
Staff Reporter

of cupcakes. After having nature into the mix. done the corporate grind,

Gordon said.

This isn't just another When the winter lingers, coffee shop hang out. patrons are invited to dine Gordon Wilkins woke Gordon brought his passion in anattached green house. one morning after dreaming of the arts and his love of Diva's also features a drive

Upon walking through with busy lifestyles. Wilkins decided to try his Diva's doors, an at-home to open Diva's Cupcakes to stay awhile. Check out out to be a lot more work," of the outdoors, shaded



Wraps, sandwiches, soups, salads, coffee, tea and mini-size specialty drinks accompany a full wine menu all at a reasonable price. Breakfast is served Saturday and Sunday mornings and cupcakes are always on the flavors. Daily specials and Photo by Andy Bork dessert menu.

open-mic Poetry Jam.

Diva's has regular and



invited to participate in an Great atmosphere and a cool place to relax, Diva's is located at 1560 East 3300 South in SLC. Diva's is open seven days a week.

cupcakes in baker busy. everyday favorites such as red velvet, chocolate/ They also have vegan and gluten free options in select

Coffee has been growing Bakery) chocolate and vanilla bean. in popularity since its doors opened in late 2008.

"We offer so much more," Wilkins said, who recently seasonal choices fill the decided to adjust the name display case and keep the to Diva's Bistro & Bakery.

Diva's Cupcakes and Diva's Cupcakes and Coffee (Diva's Bistro &

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OPINION

Red velvet cupcake and iced coffee.

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Respecting the needs of handicapped people

David Bell

Staff Reporter

ave you ever had to walk into one Lof the buildings on the Taylorsville Redwood Campus from way back in the parking lot? That is what it's like for a lot of handicapped people to go the shorter distance from a handicapped parking space to a building.

The problem for many of these people is that at any given time of day, cars that do not belong to handicapped people are parked in the spaces reserved for handicapped individuals. Most of the time the cars are parked there because people are just waiting to pick someone up, but that does not make it alright. Having a car there makes that parking space unavailable for a handicapped person to park in, so they have to find another place to park.

I have seen someone actually park across three handicapped parking spots to pick someone up. This was the situation almost every day when I had to park at the Lifetime Activities Center for a class. I can walk, but what about students who are in wheelchairs? They need the extra space that handicapped parking spaces provide so that they can safely get in and out of a vehicle.

What really gets to me is when someone who is obviously not handicapped in any way parks in a handicapped spot just because they have a handicapped placard to hang in the window. Some people have them for when they are with a handicapped person. Just because someone has access to one of these placards does not give them the right to take up a handicapped parking spot just so they won't have to walk so far. Being

someone who needs to park in handicapped spot, I would love to be able to just park anywhere.

Another problem that I run into as a handicapped person is when public places are not handicapped-ready like they're supposed to be. About two weeks ago I spent a decent amount of money for an accessible hotel room. I need one of these rooms because I need bars and a shower bench in the shower. This hotel room that was supposed to be accessible did not have what was needed for me in it. On top of that the door to my room was hard to open, which is a challenge for me and many other handicapped people.

I face a third big challenge when I'm at the store or at a gas station. Sometimes when I am opening a door someone will come up behind me and pull the door out of my hand. This sometimes catches me by



Photo by Andy Bork

Many people park in spaces reserved for the disabled, causing difficulty for those that need to use them.

surprise and I often almost fall over from the door being slowly. pulled out of my hand. I figure that half the time it's someone who thinks they are helping me, but the other half of the time it's someone who is being impatient

because I move kind of

These problems happen all over the city and everywhere else I go. I never noticed them before I was handicapped (one of my legs had to be amputated),

but they are very noticeable now that they affect me. People need to take a minute and think about the problems they are making for handicapped people when they don't respect their needs.

Catch the Health Disease: You booze, you lose

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Staff Columnist

magine you are in a bar. There are dim Lights, lots of laughter, and rosy cheeks. Last call comes and then the lights turn on, and suddenly you catch a glimpse of yourself in a mirror. You have smudged raccoon eyes, bright red cheeks, and a bloated belly. Sounds sexy right?

What if this was your life every night or every weekend? What kind of physical toll is staying out late and drinking taking on your body? There is a common misconception that it is specifically the alcohol that is to blame for that belly hanging

around the middle. However, it is more than likely that the sugar in your cocktails or beer is what is causing the flat tire. With that in mind, there are a few things that a partier who wants to stay slim needs to be aware of.

First, what kinds of food are you eating before, during, and after drinking? Are you loading up on carbs so you don't drink on an empty stomach (bad idea), or are you eating pretzels like a Dyson vaccuum at the bar? Is it so late at night when you get done that all you want is a burrito from Del Taco? Do these sound like good choices when you're slinging

back Captain and Coke all to watch what we drink night? I say no.

The second thing to be aware of is the pure math associated with drinking. People who drink a lot will gain a lot of weight. Do the calorie count if you must, but I can't think of a more simple way to say this than to say that lots of drinking will equal lots of fat.

Third, genes have a lot to do with how you metabolize sugar. Some people were just born lucky and have fast-acting metabolism and crazy energy. The rest of us have to watch what we eat and suck on vitamins for that extra kick. What this means for booze is that the rest of us need

because our bodies have a harder time digesting drinks that possibly have volcanic ash (true story) in them.

Fourth (all of my readers can probably chant this with me), alcohol is a depressant. It will take you down a notch by slowing down your brain activity. All of the science is boring, but it's there and it's been proven. People who are sad are less likely to be motivated to get in shape, thus the gut will be more likely to grow.

One fact that may not be very well known will come as bad news for guys and girls alike. Alcohol has been proven to increase sexual desire, and delivery. Also, the lack of sleep that normally accompanies the life of a partier causes a drinker's immune system to become cry about the pounds that depressed, meaning that it won't work as hard as it normally would. Not to mention all of the aging that drinking causes to your skin and vital body organs.

Drinking isn't all bad though. There are some drinks that when taken in moderation can be okay, even good for you in some cases. Drinking a glass of wine a day can help with heart problems and boost your memory. If you ingest antifreeze accidentally, drinking a

few shots of vodka will but decreases performance buy you more time as you go to the hospital.

> Be smart when it comes to drinking. Don't drink every weekend and then are ganging up on you. Be aware of what you're putting in your body while you are drinking. And of course, don't drink and drive.



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What is beta?

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Guest Columnist

here are some occasions when a company or individual wants to allow people to use their website or software before it is fully tested and complete. Sometimes users may notice flaws that a developer overlooks. This public early release also allows for a marketing buzz to build for an anticipated final release. Different companies use "beta" and other labels to make pre-release products available, though they often come with caveats. Here is a rundown of how different companies often choose to release beta versions of their products:

for "Adobe labs" you will find that news about some of Adobe's product updates in the pipeline is available. From time to time an early version of their popular Flash Player can be downloaded from the labs. You can also download prerelease versions of some of their other software through the labs.

Apple
With minor exceptions,
Apple only makes prerelease software available
to developers. This software
is called a "Developer
Preview." The developer is
placed under a contractual
obligation to not share
any information about the
pre-release software until
it is made available to the
general public. One current
exception is the "iTunes
in the Cloud" part of the

iCloud service coming some time in the fall. Another is the "iWork.com Public Beta" which allows users of Apple's iWork productivity software to share and collaborate through

documents on the Internet.
Google

One company willing to often share early work with the public is Google. One example is "Music Beta by Google". The company's website says that this service allows you to, "Upload your personal music collection to listen anywhere, keep everything in sync, and forget the hassle of cables and files."

If you Google "Google labs" you will find a website that lists the "new ideas" the company has in development. The Gmail and Google Maps webpages also

have experimental "labs" features available through the settings.

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Before its final
release, Internet
Explore 9 was
made available
as a public beta.
Microsoft generally
makes a "release

candidate" available for their headline software when they are near a final release. If you Bing "Microsoft Connect" you will find a website listing products accepting feedback. Some of these are in the beta stage of development.

Occasionally companies will make early versions of hardware available. Google recently gave away free Chromebooks to a limited number of developers and testers. Many other software companies also make their offerings available as betas or release candidates before their final release.

As previously stated, there are some caveats to using these beta versions. One is a willingness to use something that is not complete. Another is the understanding that some features may be missing. The notion that the product may not work as expected, that It might quit unexpectedly in a crash and that it may hang and refuse to respond are all possible issues that are more likely to occur in beta versions. If you can deal with this potential, you can get a sneak peek at the future of your favorite software.



Dating with a twist

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he D word. That would be dates, of course. Because they can make a person feel happy, excited, nervous, and sometimes crazy, one of the challenges on a date

is coming
up with a
conversation
so that the
time spent
on the date
won't be
awkward.

Going to

a restaurant and having dinner is always fun, but the risk of garlic breath is a big one to take. What about going to your pantry and fridge or just as far as the grocery store for an amazing date? No, I'm not suggesting that you should have a date next to the ice cream section. I am suggesting having a dinner date with a meal that is home-

Let's quickly get the idea out of the way that you don't have to be a professional

made.

chef in order to cook. A home-made dinner should be low key, so don't stress much about what food to make. There are a lot of meals that can be made by people who are not professional chefs, like chicken sandwiches and many others. You can even Google some fast and easy recipies. This will give you lots of ideas to choose from. Sure the food won't taste like it might at a fancy restaurant, but it will be more special. Working as a team to chop and cook the food will be a lots of fun, and the conversation will flow easily at dinner time. Let's also not forget that music can be put on in the background to sing along with while the food is being cooked. This will make the date even more enjoyable. For desert, you can go with something easy like ice cream since you've already done a lot of work chopping, piling and cooking, as it's always ready to serve.

Keep in mind on this date that the point is not only to show off your cooking skills (if you've got them) but mostly to enjoy your date and yourself as well. Remember the whole point of the home-made dinner date is to have fun and share a recipe with your date. You won't even have to worry about paying a bill, and you can tag team the dish washing duties. Just remember to go easy on the garlic.



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Do 'Penguins' pop at the box office?

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I'm probably one of the few people you'll ever meet that remembers the book this movie is based on. Upon seeing the trailer and early posters, I was hit by a huge wave of nostalgia and was curious about this film. However, given how long it has been since this book was read to me by my second grade teacher, I had no real expectation aside from those that come along with any movie starring Jim Carrey.

I say this because this can often be either beneficial or detrimental to a film's success, given that many of the people I've talked to have been divided when it comes to Jim Carrey's performances. Much like professional wrestling, you either love or hate his films.

The basic story of the film follows Thomas Popper Jr. (Jim Carrey), a wealthy, fasttalking, divorced realtor who is given a Gentoo Penguin by his father, an adventurer who traveled around the world, after he passes away. After an attempt to send the penguin back, he ends up getting five more. The rest of the story follows Popper's family and the impact of the penguins.

One thing I liked about this film, and about the more recent Jim Carrey films in general, is the steady flow of comedy. Most other comedies have jokes at the beginning and the end, but devote the rest of the film to out-of-place drama. Not so with this film. Even in the more dramatic scenes, they find a way to infuse comedy here and there. This style of comedic filmmaking works well for a film that's only about an hour and a half long.

The acting in this film is a bit of a mixed bag for me. The acting from the main family worked really well, but I couldn't really gauge the performances from the other actors. I believe that this is mostly due to the fact that Carrey's performance kind of overpowers the other performances, which is both

good and bad. It's good that the main character has a constant presence, but if it pushes the other characters to the fringe, it lessens the intended impact of the few dramatic scenes.

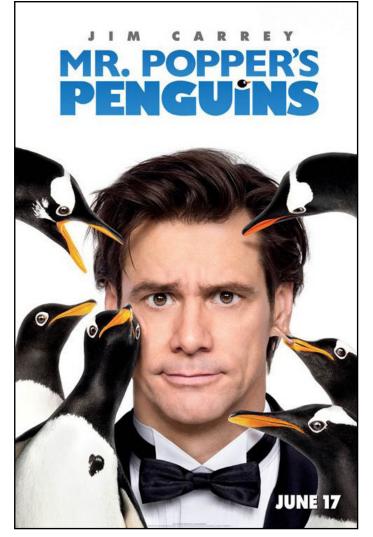
Not much can really be said about the characters in this film since they seemed pretty much stock. Popper is the usual "all-business" father who begins to soften up throughout the film. His ex-wife (Carla Gugino) is the type where although they're divorced, she still has feelings for him. The remaining characters are fairly stock, and are again mostly overshadowed by Carrey's character.

While it is true that they used real penguins for the film, you don't see as many of them as you may think when watching the film. The penguins that we are focused on appear mostly through CGI. However, from a logistics standpoint, it probably made the most sense to use CGI, given that each penguin had its own

little quirks.

Now for those of you who wonder if this film is faithful to the original book, the answer is fairly straightforward. This film greatly strays from the story of the source material, the only similarity being the fact that Popper comes into possession of the penguins. If you're a purist who actually remembers the original book, then this movie isn't for you.

Now I know I may be putting this film in a negative light, but that's not to say that this is a bad film. Overall, this film is entertaining, there's a consistent flow of comedy and the story is a heartwarming, albeit a predictable one. However, if you're looking for laughs or if you're a parent looking for a film your children will enjoy, then this is a good choice. I would like to add that you'd best see this either at a dollar theater or as a rental. On my scale, this film gets a 3/5. An entertaining, but lackluster family film.



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Green Lantern a bright day for fans

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Marvel Comics have been the absolute ruler of the super hero movie world for the last few years. DC Comics, not wanting to be outdone by their age old rival, decided to take a break from releasing straight to DVD cartoon movies and put out another live action. The sad part is that where Marvel has made their favorite spandex-wearing heroes approachable to new audiences, DC decided to cater straight to their existing fan base with *Green Lantern*. This is good news for fans, but bad news for everyone else, especially the Sarsgaard, *Orphan*) being girlfriends of fans.

Green Lantern follows Hal Jordan (Ryan Reynolds, X-Men Origins: Wolverine), a man who had devoted his entire life to be exactly like Tom Cruise from *Top Gun*, straight down to the "whitie tighties." His life reaches a new low when he destroys two robotic planes and gets fired by his ex-girlfriend Carol Ferris (Blake Lively, Gossip Girl). His life goes from difficult to wonderland when he's taken in a big green bubble to a dying purple alien who gives him a ring that can make anything he wants appear. It takes him to the planet Oa where he is told that he is now part of an elite group of intergalactic police called the Green Lanterns. After some extremely xenophobic remarks about humans from his new teammates, he returns home to discover that Earth and most of the galaxy is being threatened by an evil entity named Paralax that he must to stop.

The film is most definitely a fan film since most of the story doesn't make a whole

ton of sense without the decades of comics detailing the background story. Though still not as bad as Marvel, plenty of characters pop in throughout the movie so that fans can say "Oh holy crap! It's that one fish guy from comic number 443." They're peppered throughout the shots of Oa and the little earthlings Reynolds has to play with. Also typical of this genre, the ending is left wide open by a mid-credits scene for a sequel to follow in a couple years.

There was one subplot about one of Green Lantern's infamous villains Hector Hammond (Peter controlled by Paralax and gaining unrelated super powers. Then DC's equivalent to Samuel L. Jackson's character in all of Marvel's productions shows up and hints at a secret organization. For fans this is great since they get to see long beloved characters done so well in exceptional casting choices and CGI. For non-fans though this makes the film feel cluttered, with too many minor characters to keep track of. This also creates the problem of trying to cover too much at once, making it so that even the main characters don't get as much characterization as they deserve.

In the end, the fans get exactly what they want. Live action and Green Lantern fighting bad guys with cameos from all his little buddies and villains. It's just too bad that non-fans outnumber the fans on this

Green Lantern is rated PG-13 for epic space battles and for seeing Reynolds in his undies.

