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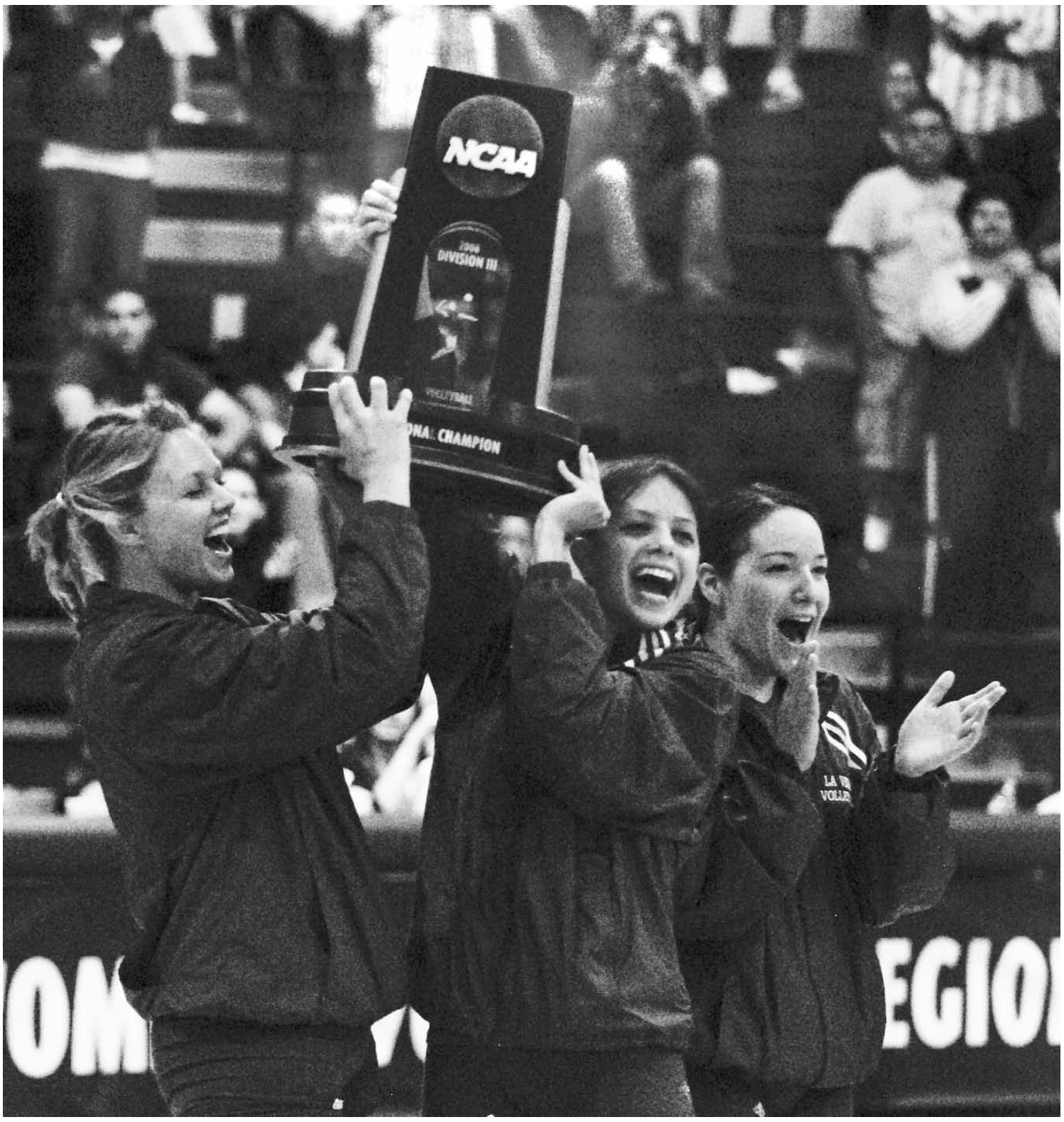
La Verne advances to national tournament



Walter Mansilla

Madison Bradley, Brianna Gonzales and Yesenia Lopez show off the NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Western Regional Championship trophy Saturday night. The Leopards topped the Cal Lutheran Regals, 3-1, climaxing with a dramatic 28-26 nail-biter in the final game of the match, and completing the Leopards' season sweep of Cal Lutheran. **See story on Page 10.**

Talk brings Day of the Dead theme

Narrative features songs, tales

Natalie Veissalov
Staff Writer

The natural sounds of their handmade instruments vibrated through the University of La Verne's Jane Dibbell Cabaret Theatre as Michael Heralda and his wife Sandy Heralda, dressed in handmade cream and turquoise indigenous clothing, performed a musical and cultural narrative about the Day of the Dead.

The theater was filled with about 45 students and professors actively participating in the narrative.

"We are all energy," Michael Heralda said. "All of you here shape time, energy and space."

Heralda is a songwriter, story teller, artist and poet.

Heralda and his wife brought forward the Day of the Dead theme with instruments and song through a program he created called, "Aztec Stories."

"Each instrument somebody made, it was not mass-produced," Heralda said.

Day of the Dead, translated in Spanish to Dia de los Muertos, is a Mexican holiday during which people honor their deceased loved ones. They also make peace with the prospect of death by treating it casually and not fearing it.

Heralda began his performance with a calm song, which was called, "A Coming Together of People." As he sang the narrative, his wife played some of the instruments, including a rattle filled with seeds. He slowly picked up the beat of the music into a more lively and energetic song.

Heralda distributed all sorts of instruments, which included handmade rattles filled with seeds, and sticks made out of branches from tree shrubs.

He simultaneously played the handmade drums, blew into clay flutes and sang.

As the audience played along with the instruments, Heralda sang and stomped his feet, causing the room to vibrate.

When they finished, Heralda asked, "If you had to describe that song in one word, what would it be?"

People in the audience said, "Pulse, heartbeat, vibrant and celebration."

In his performance, he explained the culture of ancient

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Article features ULV

Lesley Michaels
News/Web Editor

The University of La Verne was nationally recognized last week through the publication of a USA Today article that commended ULV as being a leader in the accommodation of transfer students.

G. Jeffrey MacDonald, freelance reporter working in conjunction with USA Today, contacted ULV after examining the 2008 results of the National Survey of Student Engagement regarding transfer students. The survey found that 40 percent of 190,000 college seniors were transfer students.

"The NSSE identifies schools where transfers are at least as academically engaged as their native classmates, thanks in large part to their schools helping them make a smooth transition," the article read.

NSSE also observed that transfer students felt more engaged at the University of La Verne than other institutions.

Charles Bentley, director of public relations, and Rusty Evans, assistant director of public relations, organized the interview and relayed pertinent information and concepts from Provost Alden Reimonenq to the reporter.

Aghop Der-Karabetian, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Stephen Lesniak, dean of regional campus administration, were interviewed.

Lesniak said that through ULV's nine regional campuses, nearly 28 percent of the undergraduate students at the main campus are transfers, and 95 percent of the CAPA and regional campus students are as well.

Der-Karabetian said that the number of non-traditional transfer students" sky-rocketed" in the past 10 years, so it is key that ULV serves students in many ways, via extended learning, night classes, or face-to-

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LV fire, police enhance EOC capability

DOJ grant gives $1 million

Susan Acker
Managing Editor

The La Verne Public Safety Building on Third Street, adjacent to the University of La Verne, is expanding.

Capt. Darryl Seube of the La Verne Police Department said the city of La Verne received a technology grant from the Department of Justice, for more than $1 million.

"There's no way we would be able to do this without the grant," Seube said.

The grant money, coupled with money from the city's general fund, has enabled the construction of a training room, movement of the dispatch center, female locker room improvements and bathroom remodelings.

There were also improvements made to the Emergency Operations Center and upgrades initiated in technology.

"When incidents occur, we'll be better able to respond to the needs of the community," Seube said.

He noted that at a City Council meeting March 3, a bond measure to expand the Police Department and relocate the Fire Department on Third Street was discussed.

However, according to Eric Scherer, principal planner for the city, the bond was not put on the ballot because it was not likely to pass. The expansion and remodeling are the only plans as of now.

Sherer said the grant from the Department of Justice was already "in the works" when the March discussion took place.

Seube said they are not "increasing the footprint" of the station, but rather, expanding and remodeling in the space that the two departments already have.

"I think the biggest change is the EOC," Sherer said.

Some of the renovations are already completed and are making a positive impact. Sherer said that they held the departments' exercise for Operation Golden Guardian, the largest earthquake drill in U.S. history, in the new EOC Nov. 13.

"Just having the extra room made a ton of difference," Sherer said.

Previously, Sherer said both departments were "bursting at the seams."

"It just makes their quality of life and work space better to do a good job," he said.

"It will definitely benefit both of us," John Chappel, battalion chief of the fire department, said.

One benefit that the Police Department is receiving that will allow them to better serve the residents of La Verne is the updated technology.

"The operations system was breaking down because it was such an old system," Seube said. "If the system goes down, our ability to serve the public is severely hampered."

The most visible work being done to the fire station section of the building is above the truck bays.

Seube said that area will now withstand an eight point earthquake.

When the building was built in 1980, it met seismic standards that are now outdated.

"It really does help us to provide better service to the community," Seube said.

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Rafael Anguiano

La Verne firefighter Dave Bonnano tours the newly remodeled dispatch center in La Verne's Public Safety Building. Through a grant received from the Department of Justice, the downtown station has been upgraded with a new command center that will allow officials to more effectively handle emergencies. Other renovations will also be added to the department.

Day of the Dead...

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Mexico and the indigenous civilizations of the Aztecs.

He also explained how the name "Mexika" is the name Aztecs use when they refer to themselves.

"When you dissect the word 'Mexika,' it means 'naval of the moon,'" Heralda said.

In his narrative, Heralda said that "the great Mexika people did not fear death." He added, "Music is what we use to connect with the dead."

Heralda talked about his mother who died when he was a teenager. He shared his memories of his mother and the tortillas she would make.

Afterwards, he sang a song dedicated to her, her tortillas and her laughter.

The lyrics of the song explain how to make tortillas.

"I hope some of these ideas are planted in your head," Heralda said. "We are farmers planting indigenous seeds of knowledge into you."

Heralda began this program in 1995.

"A year before that, I came across a book at a yard sale," Heralda said. "The book was a fictional account of the Aztecs. Something woke up inside of me."

Although Heralda was born in Arizona, he is of Mexican decent, and he feels a strong connection to the Aztecs.

He wanted to clear any misconceptions about the indigenous people.

He researched the history and culture of Aztecs and ancient Mexico.

With the research, he was able to complete his first CD, "Aztec Stories."

He also wrote letters to people in the United States and Mexico to gain more insight into the culture.

More specifically, he invested a year and a half of research toward the Day of the Dead, according to Heralda.

The audience had many positive things to say after the performance.

"I loved it," Daniel Loera, multicultural affairs director, said. "Four years ago, I saw a different show he performed."

"The level of interaction and cohesion was more magnified at this event than when I last saw him," Loera said.

"Maybe it is because of the environment and space we had for this one," he added.

"Everyone in the audience played a particular role and brought harmony into the storytelling," Loera said. "It was also enlightening and intriguing to hear a perspective on life and death."

"I loved the performance," Crystal Martinez, senior political science major, said. "I liked how we could participate."

"It was a lot of fun," Martinez added.

Sam Guzik, senior theater major, also participated in the experience.

"It was something different," Guzik said. "I liked how they show the different aspects of their culture through performance."

"I like how this culture tells stories through music and dance; they are not just sitting around," Melody Rahbari, graduate student and education major, said. "They bring it to life."

"I loved this last performance of the season for all sorts of reasons," Heralda said. "The audience was attentive and not a single person left during the performance.

"The theater was small, so we did not use a microphone, and the audience was able to hear the natural sound of the instruments," Heralda said.

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Computer theft hits Stu-Han dorm

Alex Senyo
Staff Writer

A Stu-Han dorm room theft of two laptops, some cash and an external hard drive took place last weekend.

Antoinette Schanes is one of the students who had her computer stolen.

She realized someone had broken into her room when she and her roommate came back from a party on Saturday night.

"It happened between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m.," Schanes said. "I got back and saw the room was a mess and thought it was a prank; but then we saw the screen from the window was, like, five feet away from the window."

She said she called the resident assistant on duty, who called Campus Safety and the La Verne Police Department.

"I wasn't happy because I didn't feel safe at all," Schanes said. "This is the second time this has happened in the Stu."

This was not the first time Schanes has had something stolen while living on campus, citing last year when she and her roommate both had digital cameras, cell phones and iPods stolen while living in the Oaks.

According to Jeff Clark, assistant director of campus safety, the lighting has been enhanced in the dark areas of the Stu-Han dorms.

Lights that turn on at night have been added to create a safer environment at the dorm entrances.

"Make sure to lock doors and keep windows closed," Clark said. "Windows should be secured tightly."

"Females should be extra careful," Clark said. "Doors and windows should even be locked when going to the shower."

Clark said the La Verne Police Department is investigating, but has not released any leads or suspects.

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A description of Metro rail fares, locations and procedures.

Perspective

NHRA Finals get the heart racing

Madison Steff
Editorial Director



Rafael Anguiano

The National Hot Rod Association POWERade Drag Racing Finals were held last weekend at the Auto Club Raceway in Pomona. Ron Capps, with seven career No. 1 qualifiers, and driver of the first Funny Car sponsored by NAPA Autoparts, meets with fans of the NHRA POWERade Day racing series. The event was not just about racing but was about the fans as well.

The weather was scorching, the bleachers were packed, and the smell of nitromethane filled the air on Nov. 13-16 as the National Hot Rod Association POWERade Drag Racing Series returned to the Auto Club Raceway at Pomona for the 44th annual Automobile Club of Southern California NHRA Finals.

I have been attending the NHRA drag races since I was a little girl and I feel that it is something everyone should experience in their lifetime.

Maybe fast cars are not your thing, but I guarantee that if you attend one of these electrifying events, it will not be your last.

"I just started coming to the drags a few years ago, and now I can't miss them," Shannon Talbot, a La Verne resident and NHRA fan and follower, said.

Although the 2008 POWERade Drag Racing Series came to a close last weekend, the 2009 season begins in February in our neighboring town of Pomona at the Kragen O'Reilly NHRA Winternationals, and I want you all to be prepared.

"I love living near Pomona because I get to come to the start of the season and the end of the season," Jeff Benson, a La Verne resident and NHRA fan, said.

NHRA advises all fans to "come early, stay late and be prepared." The gates usually open around 8 a.m. and do not close until 7 p.m., and, to be completely honest, it is impossible to see and do everything during that 11-hour span.

Not only are there four professional classes including Top Fuel, Funny Car, Pro Stock and Pro Stock Motorcycle, but there are also multiple sportsman classes including Top Alcohol Dragster, Top Alcohol Funny Car, Comp, Super Stock, Stock, Super Comp, Super Gas and Super Street that race during these events.

"The sportsman classes are always fun to watch because they are so unpredictable," Geoffrey Kruetzer, a La Verne resident and NHRA fan and follower, said. "The outcome depends a lot on the driver rather than the car."

What is great about the NHRA drag races is that they allow fans to have direct access to the race teams.

With their open pit policy, fans are able to wander around the pits at their own free will, watch the mechanics hard at work, ask a few questions and even get autographs from the drivers.

If you want to see some real action take place, my advice is to head over to your favorite team's pit either 45 minutes before they are scheduled to run or 30 minutes after to see the mechanics at their prime.

If you are still looking for something else to do, the NHRA drag races also offer several drag racing simulations, exhibits, stores and display cars for fans to check out.

"There is just so much going on," Talbot said. "I would love to check everything out, but there is just not enough time in the day."

Because the races are held on a portion of the Fairplex grounds, the food and drinks provided are phenomenal.

I don't know about you, but give me a corn dog and a beer, and I am one happy camper.

Even when the gates close, there is still fun to be had as many people head over to the campgrounds located in the Pomona Fairplex parking lot and celebrate the success of the day.

Motorhomes, RVs, trailers and Weekend Warriors are lined up as far as you can see, and everyone is barbequing, hanging out and having a good old time.

"A couple of our buddies had two bands come out to the campground this year," Kruetzer said. "It rocked."

I hope that I have convinced you all to come check out the next race in our neck of the woods and experience the thrill of NHRA drag racing first hand. The Kragen O'Reilly NHRA Winternationals will kick off the 2009 NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series season Feb. 5-8 at the Auto Club Raceway at Pomona.

I hope to see you all there.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Remembering Ortmayer

Roland Ortmayer, former professor, coach and athletic director, will be remembered Nov. 22 at a celebration of life service.

Ortmayer died Oct. 9.

A formal program designed to share memories and stories, will begin at 2 p.m. in Frantz Athletic Court in the Athletics Pavilion, followed by an outdoor gathering in Ortmayer Stadium at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Instead of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Ortmayer Family Endowed Scholarship Fund, which will benefit students working toward a career in education.

More information is available from University Advancement at 909-392-2740.

—Lesley Michaels

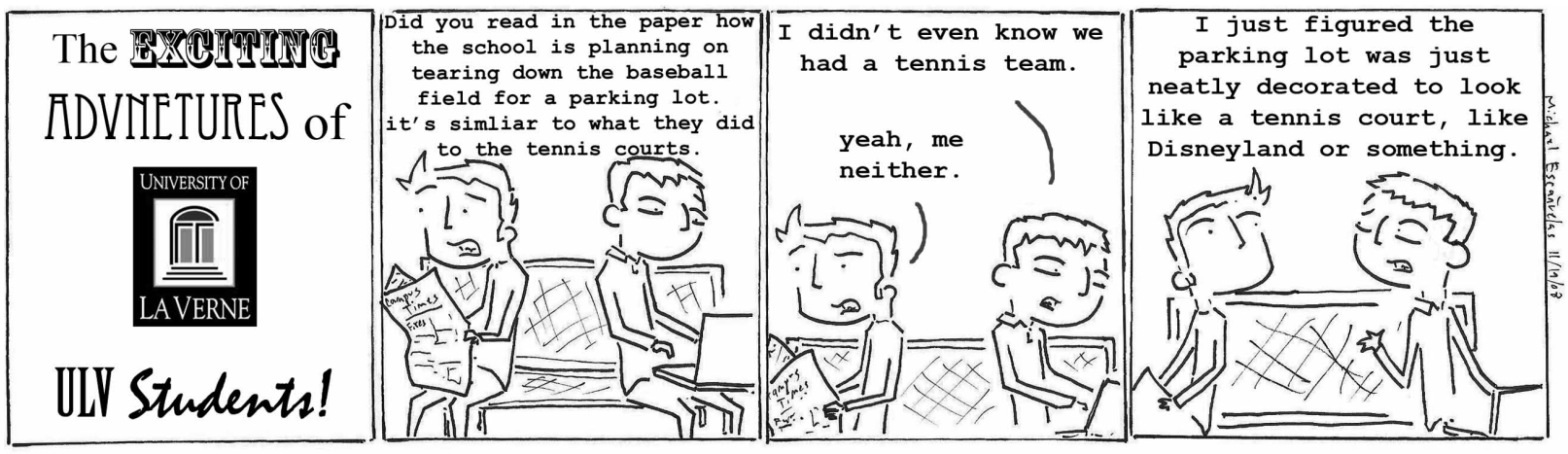
Daniel delivers faculty lecture



Stephanie Arellanes

Juanda Daniel, associate dean and professor of law at the University of La Verne College of Law, delivers an inaugural lecture as a full professor titled, "Virtually Mature: Examining the Policy of Minors' Incapacity to Contract Through the Cyberscope" on Nov. 11 in the President's Dining Room. The presentation was part of the weekly faculty lecture series.

No home for ULV sports teams



As a university, we should take pride in our sports teams.

Sports are always a major part of schools, no matter how big or small the university. But what happens to the sports teams when they have no place to practice or play and no place to call home?

Recently there have been many noticeable changes to the University of La Verne; however, not all changes have been positive.

In fall 2007 the University turned its tennis courts into a parking lot, forcing the tennis team to practice and play at other locations off campus and leaving no real home for their games.

The football team has a field to play and practice on, but the track circling it can no longer be used by the track team to run on. It has been deemed unsafe for the runners and can no longer be used to host track meets.

And there is a death sentence bestowed upon Ben Hines Field. On the day that the new Campus Center opens, ULV, as a condition of gaining city of La Verne approval of its master plan (and permission to build the Campus Center), promised to transform the field into a parking lot for the new Campus Center.

The baseball team is an important team at the University and it is unclear whether the promised Brown Property sports complex will be completed in time to support our championship team.

The term "sandlot" may take on a whole new meaning as the team searches for a suitable venue. National Collegiate Athletic Association baseball guidelines dictate field requirements. High school fields such as Bonita High School are not the required size.

So now the baseball team may be left without a home, along with the ULV men's and women's soccer programs.

In case you are keeping a list, add tennis, baseball, soccer and track and field to a list of "hits" that includes women's softball, men's volleyball and the Old Gym. For those new to list making, women's softball was recently played where a parking lot resides behind the Tents. Men's volleyball was cut for budgetary reasons. The Old Gym, a great place for intramural sports, was razed to make way for Campus Center construction.

While those who drive will think it is great that there will be more parking spots available, especially with the new Campus Center being built, it nonetheless is a shame that the sports teams have to take a hit.

The athletics program at ULV is certainly paying a high price for campus building projects. And the cost to the overall University is one of campus climate and campus culture. The damage exacted on student athletes and their fans is one that will come back to haunt the University.

There will be an effect regarding crowd turnout. Without games on campus, attendance will drop. When the sports games are on campus, people who live here can walk to the games, and they are easy to find, instead of being forced to drive somewhere to hunt them down.

The logistics of student athletes commuting some distance to practices and also of getting support personnel to games and practices must be considered.

And there is the question of how ULV will be viewed as a University when teams and fans from other schools show up for our home games, and they are located on guest campuses.

This cannot be good for the University's reputation. Instead of showcasing ULV, we will be introducing prospective students and guests to other venues.

Many new students look at a school's sports teams when applying to universities. With the current situation for sports, many applicants might be turned off from attending the University. This would result in an even larger decline in enrollment, further diminishing the University's budget.

And there is the matter of pride. The home team should play before home fans at home. That place is at ULV.

While our sports teams cannot completely save the University, they can greatly enhance the overall image and reputation with the proper facilities. We hope there are plans in the near future to accommodate ULV's sports teams so that they have a true place to call home.

Year-round fires strike California

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger made it clear in a news broadcast Sunday that we can no longer plan on fire season in the fall. In reality, we now have a year-round fire season.

Our hearts go out to those who lost their homes and who have to piece their lives back together after the fires that started last weekend.

With the Tea Fire in Santa Barbara, which police are saying was started by a bonfire, the Triangle Complex Fire, which burned areas of Yorba Linda, Anaheim Hills, Brea, Corona and Diamond Bar, and the Sayre Fire that destroyed more than 400 homes in the Oakridge Mobile Home Park in Sylmar, we have realized that we can no longer be complacent. There are steps we can take to be better prepared for the inevitable.

Everybody needs to do their part and clear brush around their property. We also need to be very careful about where and when we light fires. Like Smoky the Bear has been saying for years, "Only you can prevent forest fires." But beyond that, we can do our best to prevent all fires.

The Tea Fire in Santa Barbara is a perfect example of what not to do. A group of people started a bonfire and thought they had put it out sufficiently. The fire came back to life, causing damage to homes, land and people.

We need to think about not starting fires when conditions are so bad. California is extremely dry, and it is not a good idea to have a fire burning in such a dry environment.

What it comes down to is taking a second to really think about what we are doing.

Another lesson to be learned from the fires is to take actions that will help you survive and recover from such a devastating event. First, make sure that you have an emergency plan.

Make sure that everyone in your home knows how to get out of the house or apartment in case of a fire. Also make a decision on where to meet. Having a plan in place could mean the difference between surviving and not surviving. Second, make sure that you have fire insurance and find out what kind of coverage you have. Third, take inventory of your home.

A good tip is to take photographs of everything in your home and keep a set of photographs off-site so that you can show the insurance company what was in your house. Most of all, always be ready. We never know when a fire will start in California, and we can no longer be complacent.

Because of the hard work of the firefighters and many residents, we have a lot to be thankful for.

Many homes were saved from the fires and there were no human remains found in the mobile home park that lost more than 400 homes in the Sayre fire.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to commend the theater department on an outstanding production of "Noises Off!" opening this past weekend. The acting was first rate and very funny. This production is a tribute to the many talented people under the direction of Steven Kent and David Flaten. I urge all who have not to see it this weekend!

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Check your tech at the Oval Office



ERIN KONRAD

Barack Obama and I have something in common. We are both completely attached to our e-mail. Technology is crucial to our lives—our Blackberries are our lifelines. We must be constantly connected and available to friends, family and coworkers, 24/7. There is no excuse not to respond to messages; we have the technology literally at our fingertips.

But unfortunately for our President-elect, Obama will soon have to part ways with his Blackberry. Because of the Presidential Records Act, any correspondence made by Obama must be surrendered and eventually put up for public review. But due to Internet security, our next president will no longer have access to his Blackberry or e-mail. All presidents before him have given up their technology to comply with this law, which was enacted in 1981.

Nevertheless, if laws are indeed restructured to fit the 21st century, Obama could be the first President in the Oval Office to have a laptop computer on his desk. He is trying to move government forward in terms of technology. His weekly addresses to the nation will be available on YouTube. So it is understandable that the law might seem antiquated to some.

In a recent New York Times article, members of Obama's campaign team noted that most memos and briefing books were sent to his Blackberry for review, instead of printing out hard copies. Obama was able to look over documents at a quick pace because they were always accessible to him by e-mail. Friends of the new President stated that he often had his Blackberry close to him, usually fastened to his belt.

Although government officials should err on the side of caution, with the possibilities of hackers and security breaches, I personally can sympathize with the dread Obama must be feeling in giving up his technology. I recently have admitted my complete dependence on my cell phone.

Since switching providers this summer, I now have good coverage, unlimited texting, Internet access and e-mail. I was delighted with the opportunities to surf the Web and check my e-mail whenever I needed to. But after school started, I began to see an addiction developing. I checked **cnn.com** on my phone between classes to read breaking news stories. I made sure new e-mails were answered right away. I texted instead of calling friends to actually talk. I reached a point when an intervention might have been necessary. I realized I had a problem when I checked my email before bed one night and couldn't sleep because I was so stressed out from a message I read.

So I came to find that immediate action was essential. I decided to set ground rules for myself: no e-mail after 9 p.m., texting only when I can't physically call someone and setting my phone out of eyesight when I'm not using it. This last goal was extremely helpful—if I don't see my phone, I'm not tempted to have it glued to my hand.

Now I feel like my cell phone is a bonus to my personal technology, but it's not running my life. Maybe Obama could benefit from a Blackberry break. He will certainly face more stress in his life than I could ever possibly imagine. Perhaps taking a pause from his constant need to be briefed will help him retain appropriate priorities. It makes sense that the nation needs access to presidential e-mails—made clearly obvious by the secretive correspondences conducted by the Bush administration. But I understand how hard it is to acknowledge your technological weaknesses. I have some advice for the soon to be president—let them take the Blackberry, at least for a little while.

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Tips to prevent a holiday food coma



JENNIFER KITZMANN

Are you worried about the couple of pounds you may gain on Thanksgiving Day? Are you worried about the second helping of mashed potatoes that may be living on your hips for the next couple of weeks? Are you worried about not being able to zip up your jeans the day after. I am a little worried too.

I am more worried about finding myself lying in the middle of the living room floor in dire pain ready for combustion and dying from a food coma with Snoopy the dog licking my face. I can already see the second serving of blueberry and boysenberry cherry pie dripping from my mouth.

As has happened so many times in the past, my sister and I will taste everything twice while cooking Thanksgiving dinner and then proceed to make large plates for ourselves to taste it all over again.

My sister usually will wear her tightest jeans to remind her not to eat so much, but it never really works, especially after a couple of servings of pie.

I don't want to ruin your big eating day on Thanksgiving, but I thought some of these tips may be helpful in cutting back just a bit.

There are a few small things you can do like removing visible fat and skipping the skin and dark part of the meat, which will save you big on calories and fat. I always say portion control. One portion should be no bigger than a deck of cards.

You can always substitute traditional stuffing made with butter and fatty sausage for a healthier choice such as chopped vegetables and turkey.

I don't like sweet potatoes, but if you do, remember they are naturally creamy, so little fat needs to be added; skip the butter if you can.

The harder one for me is the good old mashed potatoes and gravy. I could just sit with this dish and be happy, especially the gravy my mom makes that is loaded with turkey fat and lard. I also love the butter cream sauce and added salt that make mashed potatoes what they are. I know this is not a healthy choice, but it tastes so good. A more healthy alternative to my dream mashed potatoes dish is to use non-fat buttermilk as opposed to butter or cream.

Green bean casserole is a staple food on Thanksgiving. I know we always have it at our house, and no one ever eats it. But if someone has an urge to make this in your household, just make sure they avoid the fried onions and high-fat cream soup that is usually added to this recipe.

Denying the delights of pie would be a sin on Thanksgiving. Good news: pumpkin pie has only 180 calories without the crust so at least you can have seconds.

I know some of you have already started starving yourself days before Thanksgiving to give yourself some room, but it does not work that way. Sorry, I know I try it every year. I always grab a smaller dinner plate because if it doesn't fit, I am not likely to add it.

Also, after the big dinner, be active and go for a bike ride, take a walk with grandma, chase your little cousins around the house or go to the gym.

Well, I know I will try to follow some of these tips, but just thinking about pie is destroying my will power. So if you decide to go to the gym after dinner, don't call me because I will probably be in a food coma and stuck in a pair of my sister's tight jeans. I can't wait.

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Time to part ways with the ca-VAL-e-ay



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Many things happen over the span of nine years. I, for one, have lived in eight separate apartments in four states on opposing sides of the country. My hair has gone through many phases of colors. I've gone through about 50 goldfish.

Despite these unprecedented experiences and changes, one facet of my life has remained consistent: my car. I have had one car since I was 15: the black Chevrolet Cavalier Z24 convertible—"The Cavalier" (Ca-VAL-e-ay, as she is phonetically and pretentiously referred to).

The Cavalier had 13 miles of road experience when she arrived at my house in 1999. This week, the odometer reads more than 172,000 miles that have been personally accumulated through driving in 43 states and 3 countries. Suffice it to say, the Cavalier has been around the block.

It is for this very purpose that I must soon endure one of the most significantly emotional experiences of my life: trading her in Dec. 23 after I drive her home across country to Ohio one final time.

Now, I'm not an overly material person. The Cavalier is no master of engineering (though it is still on its first transmission, go GM!). But I am undoubtedly nostalgic, especially when it comes to my passion for transportation and adventure. As soon as I received my license, I knew that I'd be in the car a lot. As soon as I decided to go to college in Florida, I knew I'd be driving back and forth on breaks (1,100 miles to Ohio). As soon as I moved to California, I knew I'd be behind the wheel even more due to my fear of flying (2,310 miles). As soon as I transferred to La Verne, I knew I'd be spending hours in traffic during my commute from Pasadena (240 miles a week).

I admit, I have been denying the Cavalier of our precious togetherness since I've been exposed to the wonderful world of the Metro and Metrolink. But that doesn't mean I love my car any less.

I've had some of the most important conversations of my life in that car. I found God while in my car; I've denounced God in my car. I've used the car for many untraditional activities: tanning and napping, to name a few. Whenever I get stressed, angry or am unable to sleep, I get in the Cavalier, put down the top, crank some Nine Inch Nails and everything is OK. The Cavalier is my refuge, my property and my hobby, and I would not be the same person without such an outlet.

It infuriates me to know that the Cavalier will only yield a measly $500 trade-in value at the dealership. Yes, she has some miles, and she shows some cosmetic damage. But if you produce an ugly kid does that mean you love him less?

For these reasons, it will be inconceivably difficult to walk away and watch her fade in the rearview mirror as I drive away in my new car, like the traitor that I am. I know that the Cavalier has enabled the best times of my life. I also get to prepare for the separation instead of having it abruptly towed away after being totaled driving on I-210.

I could strive to be Irv Gordon, who has the '68, two million-mile Volvo that he keeps replacing parts on to continue driving. But I guess the time has come. We've had our memories; we've driven to some weird places, but most importantly, she drove me to where I am now.

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Taking It to the Streets

Election Day was just the beginning as the battle over gay marriage continues to be fought across California

by Mark Vidal
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Groups gathered on the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Haven Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga on Nov. 11 to protest the passing of Proposition 8. The proposition eliminates the right of same-sex couples to marry in California. Several lawsuits have been filed since the election to invalidate Proposition 8. The state has become divided over this issue, when the election brought to light the controversial topic.

Proposition 8 eliminated the right of same-sex couples to marry in California two weeks ago, putting an end to dueling campaign commercials and rampant sign snatchings. Nevertheless, there is no end in sight for the controversy.

The state supreme court has agreed to rule on the legality of the ballot measure.

"It has been difficult for me to deal with the fact that I helped take rights away from other people," Rachel Simanjuntak, a Mt. San Antonio College music major, said. "But I'm glad I stood up for what I believe is right."

The California State Constitution will now read, "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California," after 52.2 percent of Californians voted in favor of the gay marriage ban. However, the other 47.8 percent of Californians feel less than glad at the outcome.

The No on Proposition 8 campaign made it clear that the fight is not exactly over, proudly displaying its statement, "We will not give up. And we are not done," on its Web site, **www.noonprop8.com**.

The group already has support from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, who voted on Nov. 12 to join a lawsuit that challenges the constitutionality of Proposition 8.

Since the election, gays, lesbians and supporters of same-sex marriage upset over the outcome have been protesting throughout the Los Angeles area almost every day.

In possibly the largest Proposition 8 rally yet, more than 10,000 protesters assembled on the streets of Santa Monica Boulevard and Sunset Avenue in Silver Lake on Nov. 8. Many held signs that read, "STOP H8."

Rallies took place close to home as well. UV Rainbow Alliance participated in a humble protest in front of Pomona City Hall on Saturday.

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> —*Rachael Simanjuntak, Mt. San Antonio College student*

"Our focus is to get gay couples the same rights as straight couples and for them to be recognized across the nation," David Bayless, faculty adviser for the Rainbow Alliance, said.

While the Rainbow Alliance promotes gay marriage, its members say they strongly believe in both sides being heard.

On Nov. 3, members handed out information in Sneaky Park that shed light on both sides of the debate.

"It was important for us to give balanced information on the issue," Bayless said. He has been affiliated with the club for four years.

There is no doubt that Proposition 8 was the hottest proposition on the ballet this election season, taking in more than $70 million of campaign funds combined for both sides.

"I think that eventually it will be overturned," Van Perkins, a community religious liberty leader, said. "I see that protesters in the street are very angry, and people may want to change their minds on the basis of gaining peace."

The future remains uncertain for both sides as proponents wonder whether their victory will turn into failure, and opponents wonder what will happen to the more than 18,000 same-sex marriages that have been performed since May.

It is not yet clear if those marriages will be nullified; however, many counties have stopped issuing marriage licenses across the state.

"I am saddened and offended that this is happening," Stephanie Turner, ULV senior history major, said. "It makes me want to expatriate immediately."

It is indisputable that the issue over same-sex marriage has made both sides feel like they are the victims.

Opponents argue that their fundamental rights as citizens have been attacked while proponents say that they themselves are under attack.

"I definitely feel victimized," Simanjuntak said. "I think that the expression of my opinion in the form of a vote has shed a hostile light on a lot of Christians, making us look like the bad guys. It's really a two-way street."

Proposition 8 has divided many Californians and many faiths. Churches like St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pomona denounces Proposition 8 on its Web site, while the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Glendora still displays its "Yes on 8" signs.

For many religious officials, the decision comes down to defending liberty or defending morality.

"As a promoter of religious liberty, I am conflicted and find myself voting on the opposite side," Perkins said. "But when I reason from cause-to-effect and find out that the final effect will be an effect on the moral aspect of society, I am forced to vote 'yes.'"

One thing is for certain. California's State Constitution put Proposition 8 into immediate effect the day after the election.

Time can only tell what the future will hold.

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CAB attends activities conference

Board revamps its Web site

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The Campus Activities Board is more than up to speed in coordinating events for students on campus.

With its new Web site containing a comprehensive list of events, it is time to check them out.

"We did have some challenges in getting the Web site up earlier in the semester because it took a little longer to get the work orders processed," CAB adviser Barbara Mulligan said.

Mulligan said that the many flyers posted around campus, the information booths and just plain word of mouth, have really helped in getting students to attend CAB events.

CAB student representatives attended the National Association for Campus Activities Conference in Ontario at the Convention Center last weekend to gain new ideas for the remainder of this semester and for spring.

Mulligan said that students who attended were introduced to other marketing skills, were able to meet other students and learned new and fresh ideas for planning campus events.

"The conference is such a great way to swap ideas with other venders, meet marketing experts and bring ideas back to the University," Mulligan said.

CAB Special Events Chairwoman Evelyn Castro said that many of the activities offered at the conference were to preview artists, musicians, comedians and poets who would be available to perform at events at the school.

Castro said that she was amazed by what she learned in one of the sessions on building creative ideas.

"It was a great way to gather ideas from other activities boards from other schools," Castro said.

"In one of the sessions, they had attendees brainstorm and had a group discussion on how many ways a glass could be used," Castro said. "This really helped in getting us to think creatively, and everyone thought of so many ways such as a cookie cutter, a magnifying glass, a pencil holder and so many other ideas. It was really neat."

"The conference was a great way to meet other students from other universities and share ideas," CAB Intramural Chairman Adam Jaime said.

The conference also got CAB members to start planning for next semester's events, and they have already started thinking about the new ideas for spring.

"I was very impressed with the professional representation that the conference offered," CAB Major Events Co-Chairwoman Naime Laskar said.

Laskar said that it was great to talk to professionals and other vendors about planning and expanding ideas to help make ULV events better.

"I am looking forward to spring semester and the events we are looking forward to having," Laskar said.



Erin Brockman

Roxanne Garcia, John Leggett, Mike Rogers, and Kyle Quintero await instruction from Ruby Ballestamon during Twister Night, a CAB event held on Nov. 11 in Leo's Den. Evelyn Castro and Ami Smith, the coordinators of this event, as well as Sami Cacchione, got in on the fun by laughing at the mayhem and taking pictures as the contestants in a game of Twister got tangled up.

While CAB members look for new events for students to attend, they also concentrate on how they can give back to the community.

For example, Jaime said that the Turkey Bowling event on Wednesday was not just about rolling turkeys down a plastic runway to hit bowling pins, but that the frozen turkeys everyone brought were given to charity and homeless shelters.

Another upcoming event is the Diabetes Walk this Saturday at Ortmayer Stadium that starts at 9 a.m. that will raise money for the cause. Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Kappa will sponsor the event in the fight against diabetes.

CAB is also thinking about commuters and making them feel at home Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. in the Quad.

CAB will host its annual winter commuter day and will offer free food, games and prizes.

As Christmas gets closer, CAB members are already thinking about putting a smile on children's faces with a toy drive from Dec. 1 to Dec. 12 in the residence halls.

So if you missed the big screening of "The Dark Knight" this week or the game of Twister on Tuesday, stay tuned next semester because CAB members will have a new bunch of comedians, artists and fun events up their sleeves for you to enjoy.

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Students make plans for Thanksgiving break

Leopards celebrate vacation

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Staff Writer

As Thanksgiving approaches, students, faculty and staff are longing for the upcoming five-day break. Many will be heading home locally, but some students have long drives ahead of them to see their loved ones.

Senior business administration major Donnel Williams will be joining his family in San Diego for Thanksgiving dinner.

This year, Williams is thankful for family and is looking forward to seeing his five sisters. "I haven't seen my family in a couple of months," Williams said.

Senior social science major John Ausman and freshman Gus Cortez will drive 12 hours to Oregon for "Civil War," the rivalry football game between the Oregon State Beavers and Oregon Ducks. "It's going to be fun," Ausman said. "Everyone's going to go crazy."

Ausman and Cortez will leave Thanksgiving night after eating dinner with friends in Davenport. Ausman cannot wait to "eat as much food as possible" over the break.

On Saturday, the International Study Abroad Center and International Student Organization will hold a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner at 5 p.m. in the President's Dining Room for students who will remain on campus. Nearly 60 international students are expected to attend and learn about the traditions and history of the holiday.

Lucie Leung, a sophomore biology major from Ecuador, is excited about her second Thanksgiving dinner at ULV.

"It's nice to have everyone together and to give thanks," Leung said. "It's good to learn about Thanksgiving."

Leung said she looks forward to enjoying an American experience and is thankful for her parents as well as new friends she has met at ULV.

"Many of our students come from cultures that are very rich in tradition and have deep roots," Debbie Yang, international center adviser, said. "America is a young country with a limited history; it is significant to share this holiday."

> 'Thanksgiving embodies the spirit of America.'
> *—Debbie Yang, international center adviser*

Yang believes it is important for students to learn about celebrating the bounty of harvest and gratitude for gifts one receives; the most important of these gifts being food, shelter and friendship.

"I am happy to share this holiday with international students," Yang said. "Thanksgiving embodies the spirit of America."

Yang will be celebrating Thanksgiving and hosting dinner at her San Dimas home with two turkeys and a ham.

"This year, I'm thankful for the same things most people are – family and friends," Yang said. "But I'm also grateful for the stability the country does have in this time of turmoil and anxiety. I am thankful for the faith and hope that everything will work out."

"Thanksgiving is just family joining together to enjoy family," Stephen Morgan, ULV president, said. "The four-day weekend is our last chance to take a breath before the big holiday. There's nothing complicated about Thanksgiving," Morgan said.

He will be spending Thanksgiving at his brother's home in Manhattan Beach.

He will be joined by four generations of his "relatively small family." Morgan is happy to be having turkey and cranberry sauce but is anticipating a slice of pumpkin pie with a large scoop of whipped cream.

"The only reason I eat the pie is so I can have the whipped cream," Morgan said.

The University president said he is thankful for being alive and for being able to participate in the holiday by being willing and able to make the world a better place. "Whether it is with a smile or something bigger, we each can doing something to make this a better world," Morgan said.

Morgan said he believes Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to relax before Christmas. He hopes everyone takes advantage of the short break.

"I hope everyone within our community has the opportunity to be with family and takes the time to enjoy each other," Morgan said.

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Arts, etc...

HAPPENINGS

Guest Recital

The music department is hosting a guest artist recital in Founders Auditorium tonight at 8 p.m., starring Paula Fehrenbach on cello and Timothy Durkovic on piano. They will be playing the complete works for cello and piano by Beethoven: Part I.

General admission is $5 and is free for students.

ULV Art Galleries

Phillip K. Smith III's exhibit "Organic Geometries" which displays his public art projects, comes to a close in the Harris Art Gallery today.

Karen Tapia's exhibit of the Orange County fire in October 2007 titled, "Sheltered" will be up in the Irene Carlson Gallery of Photography until Dec. 5.

For more information, visit **www.ulv.edu/art** or call 909-593-3511, ext. 4763.

Storytelling in Claremont

The Folk Music Center in The Village in Claremont is hosting the Inland Valley Storytellers' Tellabration 2008, a worldwide celebration of storytelling, on Saturday.

The event was created to raise awareness of this ancient art form.

For information, call John St. Clair at 909-983-8510, or visit **www.folkmusiccenter.org.**

Concert in Riverside

Strung Out will be playing at the Chain Reaction in Riverside tonight, along with Black President, G.G. Elvis and Pour Habit.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m., and will end at 11:30 p.m.

Tickets are $18 at the door.

For more information visit **www.allages.com**.

—Jaclyn Mittman

'Noises Off' showcases talented LV cast

by Erin Konrad

photograhy by Christina Worley



"Noises Off," a play by Michael Frayn, tells the story of British actors staging a play called "Nothing On." In the second act, Melody Rahbari, Jessica Swapp and Adam Evans put on their best acting faces while going through a final dress rehearsal. "Noises Off" will run through Nov. 23 in the Dailey Theatre.

Doors slam, actors tumble around the stage and hilarity ensues when a British theater company attempts to put on a show despite an eccentric bunch of characters.

The University of La Verne Department of Theatre Arts has pulled off a successful staging of the racy comedy "Noises Off."

The Dailey Theatre production achieves its effectiveness with a capable cast and an impressive set.

Written by Michael Frayn in 1982, the play takes place in a theater in England, where a group of actors (and one overbearing director) are working to put on a performance in a short amount of time.

The show within a show is an entertaining premise, because the actors are all having affairs with each other and are generally trying to take the others down during fits of jealousy.

Frayn originally thought of the plot for the show while backstage at one of his plays – he realized that what went on behind the scenes was often more interesting than what was playing before the audience.

The term "noises off" is a direction in theater that specifies sounds that are meant to originate offstage.

This element is used appropriately in this production, and is accomplished because the theater is so small.

Space is utilized well, and the audience becomes involved in the production from the very beginning of the show.

The actors are really what contribute to the show's success. While the ensemble is strong overall, there are a few standout students who keep the production running smoothly.

Kris Bicknell, a senior theater major, has great comedic timing in the role of Frederick Fellowes.

His dorky swoons are humorous, and Bicknell's departure from dramas (like "Hedda Gabler") is especially impressive.

Another scene-stealer is Joshua Prisk, a junior theater major, who plays the old drunk, Seldson Mowbray.

He does not have as many lines as the other actors, but he elicited many laughs from the audience while delivering his hilarious monologues.

Adam Evans is also a notable member of the cast. The senior theater major is perfectly over-the-top as the fanatical director, Lloyd Dallas.

These hardworking actors deserve more seats filled in the audience – at a recent performance there were fewer than 30 people in the theater.

While the women performed considerably well in their respective roles, they did not receive as many laughs as the men in this production.

The British accents, though hard to maintain, often disappeared in scenes with yelling or loud exclamations.

Fortunately, due to the fast moving pace of the show, the audience could hardly notice the switch back and forth.

The costumes were also a tad disappointing. The era of clothing did not match among the characters.

The characters Dotty Otley and Garry Lejeune seemed to be more suited to a period piece, while the Belinda Blair role was outfitted in jeans and tennis shoes.

The lack of consistency in the costumes leads to a sense of confusion to the production. Having the costumes be more cohesive would have helped the show's professionalism.

What helped to restore the significant accomplishments of the play was the remarkable set on display.

The theater department recently acquired a new set, which can pivot and rotate 180 degrees.

The entire structure is lifted off the ground using six air casters and compressed air.

During intermission, the actors filled in as the crew and moved the set to reveal an entirely different setting for the second half of the show.

The show opened Nov. 13 and will continue Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee showing on Sunday at 2 p.m.

For more information visit **www.ulv.edu/theatre** or call 909-593-3511 ext. 4386.

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Movie Review

'Role Models' brings the laughs

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If you want a movie that involves KISS, an intense and brutal battle scene, a car jacking, nudity, plenty of sexual innuendos, children with an extensive profane vocabulary and enough hilarious moments to keep you rolling with laughter throughout the entire film, then "Role Models" is the movie to see.

The movie, directed by David Wain and written by Wain and Paul Rudd, was released to theaters Nov. 7.

"Role Models" follows the journey of Danny, a spokesman for an energy drink company called Minotaur, played by Rudd ("40 Year Old Virgin" and "Knocked Up"), who finds himself miserable and unhappy with life.

After fighting with his girlfriend Beth, a successful lawyer played by Elizabeth Banks ("40 Year Old Virgin"), his day turns into a nightmare.

Danny's reckless accident in the Minotaur business truck with co-worker Wheeler, played by Seann William Scott ("American Pie"), leaves these men with a court order to serve 150 hours of mentoring children at an organization called "Sturdy Wings" that gives a child, a "little," the opportunity to hang out with an adult, a "big," on the weekend.

The founder of "Sturdy Wings", Gayle Sweeney, played by Jane Lynch ("40 Year Old Virgin"), is a quirky and troubled woman who takes her job seriously and looks at her organization as a lifesaver.

She pairs Danny and Wheeler with two of the biggest problem children in the organization.

Ronnie, a foul-mouthed 10-year-old with an attitude problem, played by Bobb'e J. Thompson, joins up with Wheeler, while Danny gets paired with a quiet, cape-wearing boy named Augie, played by Christopher Mintz-Plasse ("Superbad"), who happens to be the oldest child in the organization and pretends to be apart of a mythical Renaissance land where he can fight in battles.

Danny and Wheeler are required to spend time with the children every weekend until they have completed 150 hours and the parents of the children sign off their time sheets.

Although the men show no interest at first in engaging with the children or their lives, they quickly find out that they can learn more from their selected children than they thought possible.

While it may sound like the movie takes a sappy storyline turn, it is fueled with enough sexual innuendos to keep the crowds hysterically laughing.

The leading men are rather funny in this film; however, it is the two boys in the movie who keep the comedy going. Ronnie provides most of the raunchy comedy; even though he is only a 10-year-old, he offers some of the funniest lines in the movie that you would never expect to come from a child's mouth.

Joke after joke kept the audience laughing; every time Ronnie had something to say, the crowd laughed even harder. This badass child provided the main comedy in the film.

This movie is worth every penny and is definitely worth seeing. If you can laugh at immature and raunchy comedy and loved "Superbad," "40 Year Old Virgin" or "Knocked Up," then this movie will leave you with side pains from laughing so hard.

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Article...

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face classroom sessions.

"The article did not distinguish between traditional and nontraditional students, which is important because they are two distinct populations," Der-Karabetian said.

Der-Karabetian stressed the distinction is important because both have different needs; a traditional undergraduate student requires different learning strategies than an adult CAPA student, which ULV recognizes and caters toward.

Before the publication, the four involved were uncertain yet optimistic about the extent of La Verne's coverage in the article due to the length and involvement of the topics discussed with the reporter.

"This was our one chance to do this interview well, so we had to make sure our points were refined and important," Lesniak said.

The article, published Nov. 11, proved to be somewhat abbreviated in comparison to the interview. Mention of ULV was short, nearly 60 words in the last paragraph of the article that also mentioned several other institutions. Lesniak's quote, "They can bring their war stories with them, and find out what could have been if the decisions had been different," was cut from the print version and remains only on the Web version of the article.

The article alluded to ULV's nine satellite campuses and the fact students are "encouraged to draw on their own life experiences when analyzing real-life problems that professionals and organizations face."

Nevertheless, in terms of the new marketing strategy for the ULV, such coverage is a great way for the La Verne name to be extended in the area.

"There are so many schools students can choose to attend, so this article gives us an identity," Bentley said. "People will recognize that the University of La Verne is a quality institution, and that they do something well."

In the lengthy interview with the reporter, Lesniak and Der-Karabetian stressed other important strengths of the University that did not make the publication.

One point: ULV faculty strive to connect with students as much as possible. "Students feel more supported," Lesniak said. The intimate class sizes and interactions inside the classroom contribute to engaging students more than other larger schools, Lesniak said. "ULV emphasizes active learning strategies in the classroom where they discuss situations rather than listen to lectures," Lesniak said. Also, ULV shows reflective learning, which is provided through programs off campus.

"Students take the knowledge they are obtaining and apply it the next day in their life or in their work, which reflects personal values, ethics and responsibility," Lesniak said.

The article was an important step for ULV because it advertised the achievements of the school, and that the school strives to fit needs of different levels of transfer students. Bentley said the University does not generally "boast" about its success.

"It says what we already know about our school, but what should be known by others," Der-Karabetian said. "We don't do enough to inform other administrations of other universities what we have to offer."

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La Verne advances to Final Four

Leos beat New Paltz in opener



Walter Mansilla

Junior middle blocker, Crista Jones (No. 4) spikes the ball over the net during the first game of the West Regional Championships on Saturday. Jones is one of two Leopards to receive the First Team All-America honors for the West Regional Championship.

Chris Weedon
Staff Writer

The La Verne volleyball team took another step toward a national championship yesterday traveling to Bloomington, Ill., and beating SUNY New Paltz in straight sets, 25-15, 25-16, 25-16, to advance to the semifinals round. La Verne will face Juniata tomorrow at 2:30 p.m., PDT. The Leopards narrowly lost to Juniata earlier this season.

"We decided to stick to our motto of taking it one day at a time. It doesn't matter whom we play; we only need to worry about our 30 by 30," junior middle blocker Crista Jones said.

Prior to yesterday's game, ULV beat rival Cal Lutheran at Frantz Court last Saturday to win the NCAA West Regional Championship.

"At the beginning of the season, we made goals for ourselves. It [winning the region] was part of our goals. It's very gratifying," head women's volleyball coach Don Flora said.

The tournament was held on the Leopard's home court this past weekend, and the road to the championship found the women up against a couple of familiar opponents.

In the second round (La Verne had a bye through the first, thanks to its superior season record), the team was matched up against Nebraska Wesleyan, which they defeated Oct. 17, 3-0.

This match was a little more closely contested, with a final game score of 3-1, but had the same result: a ULV win and a spot in the championship game.

The final found La Verne pinned up against conference rival Cal Lutheran for the third time this season, with similar results. Cal Lutheran stole the first set 25-20 and took control of the second early on, going ahead 12-4.

"The middle of game two was kind of a gut check. Our players had to decide if they were going to do what it takes to win or check out. They made the necessary adjustments," Flora said.

Unfortunately for the Regals, the Leopards made those adjustments and would not be denied a win. The team rallied from behind to take the set and would roll from there, winning the next two sets en route to a 3-1 match victory.

"It feels great to move on and get to keep playing. We didn't win the last two years, so winning is a big accomplishment," senior outside hitter and recently selected First Team All-American Brianna Gonzales said.

With this obstacle out of the way, the women's sights turned to Bloomington, where their national title run began against New Paltz Thursday night. La Verne sits in the second seed in the eight-team tournament.

This match was interesting for ULV, considering its lack of experience with New Paltz State.

There are no common threads amongst opponents for the two teams to compare to in order to assess what kind of team they were.

"Our goal is to go out there and take care of our side of the net and worry about our game. We want to come out with a lot of excitement and energy. We want to win and have fun doing it," Gonzales said.

Potentially looming in the matches to come are No. 4 Emory and No. 6 Juniata, which both beat La Verne earlier in the season.

"I'm pretty confident in our team. It is one of the closest and most dedicated teams that I have ever been on. We are all focused on our overall goal of winning a National Championship," sophomore defensive specialist Chelsea Sleight said.

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Damaged track slows down La Verne runners

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Roland Ortmayer, for 20 years, transported by van his small track teams to Pomona College for meets when he was head coach. Then, because the University of La Verne's track was clay, it did not meet NCAA specifications to host home track meets.

Next spring, current track and field head coach Pat Widolff will again be bussing his teams to track meets at other conference schools, as he did last season, since La Verne's track once again falls short of meeting NCAA standards to host home track meets. The track is not used for competition, just practices.

Because of an engineering error that took place in 1972 when the Supertents were built, First Street was buried intact under the track and field. With the construction of the Tents on the previous site of the historic track and field, and the consequent move of the track and field to its present location in the early 1970s, the street under the field was not removed. Consequently, on wet years, the asphalt traps water and causes it to percolate back to the surface, compromising the rubber track surface.

Because of the current cracks, bumps, bubbles and delamination that have formed in several lanes on the track, La Verne had to forfeit its rights to host the spring 2009 SCIAC championships.

Consequently, ULV's junior sprinter Adam Kazub, the fastest runner in SCIAC, who won the 100m and 200m in the SCIAC championship last year, will be able to defend his title next spring. But ULV fans will not be able to shake their pompoms in the stands of Ortmayer Stadium.

"It's horrible," Kazub said. "There's pot holes; you can't compete on it."

"The conditions are pretty bad," junior sprinter Seve Villarreal said. "[In practice] we have to use specific lanes so you don't run on it."

A new track proposal was sent in September to the Capital Projects Evaluation Committee from the athletic department, claiming the current track was unsafe and asking for funds to resurface and possibly dig up the buried First Street asphalt.

The proposal was forwarded to senior administration officials.

Roger Hardy, deputy vice president for major projects, said replacing the track would cost upwards of $800,000, an "expensive" amount the school cannot afford at the present time.

He said just resurfacing the track is an option but added that it would not solve the underlying problem. "You can resurface the track, but it wouldn't provide a long term or immediate satisfaction," Hardy said. During the past several years, track repair and patching has been attempted, at a cost of $8,000 a year. Unfortunately, the repairs have created uneven surface areas.

The problem started, according to Hardy, when a decision to put in an all-weather track went into effect. First Street, which runs parallel to the athletic fields, once crossed east to west under the south end of the stadium. Hardy said the people in charge did not take out the First Street asphalt when the new track and field was put in place. That, he said, now needs to take place before the track is resurfaced.

The track has been resurfaced once before in 2002. But wet years caused water to be trapped and store up inside the track, which causes the rubberized surface to bubble up or crack. In addition, the seals that protect water from draining underneath have broken.

Widolff, professor of movement and sports science, is in his 18th season as head coach, having taken over the program

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Women's basketball set to begin

Richard Lugo
Sports Editor

Coming off two straight post-season appearances and a 2008 Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament championship, the La Verne women's basketball team is set to begin its 2008-2009 campaign today against Pacific Union at the SoCal Tip-Off Classic.

The Leopards, 20-8 overall last season, return three starters from last year's team and are excited to continue their momentum from last season.

"We have a core group of returners who are back, and that has provided leadership in the off-season and now in season," head coach Julie Kline said. "I expect us to be competitive in each game."

A key component for La Verne's success this season relies on the return of its senior forward Trenecca Jones. Jones was the 2007 SCIAC player of the year, a 2008 First Team All-SCIAC selection and was named to last season's **D3hoops.com** First Team All-West Region for the second straight time.

"She's the example of what hard work can do on the floor," junior forward Emily Carrillo said. "I think she (Jones) sets

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Erin Brockman

Sophomore Trenecca Jones plays defense against freshman Elizabeth Gonzalez as both work to complete a play suggested by head women's basketball coach Julie Kline in practice on Nov. 11. La Verne plays today at 2 p.m. at home against Pacific Union.

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when Ortmayer retired.

He said that while the conditions are not favorable for his team, they nonetheless hold practices on the track. "It hasn't been difficult, but it hasn't been easy," Widolff said. "If we know where the bad spots are, it will be OK."

The question of recruiting is also raised by the track condition. Kazub said that on his recruiting trip, he was not impressed with the track. "It's harder to recruit people with the conditions on the track," Kazub said. "A lot of people are discouraged by the track."

"My parents ask me, 'Why don't we have track meets here?'" Kazub said.

Villarreal said he feels the same. "They come here and see it and say like, 'Wow, what are they doing here?'" Villarreal said. "I wouldn't have come here if I knew the track was in poor shape."

But Widolff feels differently. "I don't want them to come here for the track," Widolff said. "I want them to come here for the school."

Kazub noted that he would have more pride in the school if there were a new track. "I'll be happy to compete here," Kazub said. "We put our best into winning. We put La Verne here."

When the track was in good condition, ULV hosted many invitationals for college track teams. The athletics department has also lost a source of rental revenue. The track was used for several California Interscholastic Federation regional meets by local high schools.

Widolff said that the invitationals were fundraisers, with the rental proceeds going toward uniforms and track equipment. The invitationals made $6,000 to $10,000 each year, "depending on how many teams came," he said.

While the track is currently not on the docket to be fixed, key administrators still believe the fix is a possibility, but the list is long.

"There is still a concern there," David Koch, director of facilities management, said. "The track is still on the list to do, but we're looking at all of our projects."

Koch said that the current U.S. economic climate and ULV enrollment fluctuations factored in the decision to hold out the track repairs. "We would have moved on it and gotten it done if the enrollment was upheld," Koch said.

With the John and Sarah Abraham Campus Center and Hanawalt House being constructed this year, Koch said many projects are being put on hold, along with the track. Among the held projects are the construction of new dormitories. Also, Koch said that projects moved up in importance, such as the re-roofing of Hoover building, which Koch said may start leaking if the problem is not fixed soon.

Koch said that just resurfacing the track would be "a cheap fix." He said he would not rule out the option if others want to do it that way. However, he wants decision makers to understand the consequences.

"I believe doing it right is the right way to go," Koch said.

While students feel frustration, administration members said they want them to know that they are trying their best with the situation.

Hardy said he believes the track should be on the school's top priority list.

"There's no doubt it needs to be done. We can't have a track program without a track," Hardy said. "If we are going to do it, we need to do it right."

"Unfortunately, you don't get everything you want in life, and it's important for our students to understand," Widolff said. "I think it's a good lesson that all our athletes need to have."

Widolff said he does not have a problem with taking his teams to Pomona College.

"It shouldn't keep us from being a good team," Widolff said. "We have really good runners here. We don't use that as an excuse."

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Stephanie Arellanes

The network of patches on the track around Arnett Field in the Ortmayer Stadium represents a minor hazard for athletes and casual joggers alike. The current track, which is 18 years old, was built over the original First Street. The sub-surface under the track has cracks, and the top layer has worn down. In addition, the seals that keep water from draining underneath have broken. Costs to repair the damage and install a new track is estimated at $800,000.

Hallinan ready to lead hoops squad

Alex Senyo
Staff Writer

Basketball season has started. Fans attending the games can get rowdy, excited, and, if the team is anything like it was last season—if not better, fans will not leave disappointed.

On the court, you may notice a particular player – one who seems to always be in the zone, but who does not try to take the game over solely by himself. You may notice No. 40, Brendan Hallinan, or "Brendo" as his teammates call him.

Hallinan is from Alhambra and attended La Salle High School. "I started playing when I was really young," Hallinan said. "Basketball's always been my passion; it's the one sport I found I was really good at, and it's fast action, and you play any time."

The common theme coaches and teammates would say about Brendo is his work ethic. He, himself, cited Larry Bird as one of his heroes.

"His work ethic was insane," Hallinan said. "The first one in the gym, the last one to leave. That's really how every great player is. They want to lead their team, and they try to set the tone, and, hopefully, people will emulate them."

Head coach Richard Reed has nothing but respect and gratitude when talking about Brendo.

"To me, Brenden is the epitome of what a La Verne Leopard should be. He is absolutely, in my 10 years of coaching, the most unselfish person I have ever been around," Reed said.

"I truly believe Brenden thinks of other people first, second and third, and he tries to help anybody and everybody the best way he knows how."

Kyle Luhnow, senior forward, spoke just as highly of his teammate. "He is one of the nicest guys I have ever met, and may ever meet," Luhnow said. "And the passion that he has for the game is unreal, but it's real, and you immediately get that from him."

And this sentiment is true for all of Hallinan's teammates. "The greatest compliment someone can say about someone is when your peers can say the same thing," Reed said. "His teammates look at him the same way. He's basically the guy that people on our team look to for leadership."

Hallinan graduated last spring with a bachelor of science degree and is now pursuing a master's in leadership and management at ULV. His love for the game at La Verne motivated him to come back and play one more year.

"I just love the atmosphere at La Verne, and I wanted to keep playing basketball," Hallinan said. "I had one more year of eligibility and didn't want that to slip away. And this year, this team has the potential of being something special—a great team, great coaching staff, it's just fun, to keep it simple. No one wants to get out into the real world right now."

"He's going to be a successful human being in whatever he takes up in this world," Reed said. "But he chose to come back another year to be with his teammates, and I think that is what a Leopard is. He gets everything out of the experience. He doesn't let a day go by."

Hallinan, who above anything else, is a team player, would have rather talked about his team than himself. Touching on his head coach and his fellow players, Hallinan was very excited. "[Reed] is a very animated guy. He has as much energy—sometimes more energy—than the players," Hallinan said. "His energy is contagious; every day he's full of vigor. He's a good motivator, but I think the best thing, the thing I like the most, he seems to genuinely care about players on and off the court. He wants you to be successful in life."

The basketball team lost its-first two games of the season, to Colorado College, 86-85, and then to North Park, 70-65.

But the losses do not have Hallinan flustered or dissuaded.

"The great thing is there is room for improvement," Hallinan said. "And we're not even close to reaching our potential yet."

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Leah Heagy

Senior Brendan Hallinan enjoys his final year playing guard on La Verne's basketball team. Hallinan has been on the team for four years and is majoring in movement and sports science.

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the tone, and when she goes out there and plays hard, I think everyone else knows they need to step it up to keep up with her."

Jones averaged 17.2 points and 10.9 rebounds for the Leopards last season and tallied more than 15 double-doubles. In a game against Caltech last February, Jones became just the sixth player in school history to score more than 1,000 career points.

"Trenecca has challenged herself to get better for this season," Kline said. "She has put in more time in this off-season than she ever has. We try to create more opportunities for her; we try to work with her as far as her individual skills go and just add to her repertoire of abilities. She's pretty much taken it upon herself; she's amazing."

Kline is entering her 17th season as head coach for the Leopards and brings with her the leadership that has brought SCIAC titles to the program in 2003 and 2007. "I think we're quicker and stronger overall than we were last season," Kline said. "We have more depth as far as athleticism and more depth as far as personnel. They (the players) get along extremely well; they all work extremely hard, and they're doing all the right things to prepare and get ready for the season."

One of the challenges the Leopards face going into the season, despite returning three starters, is their youth.

"I think because we have so many new kids, just getting them familiar with the system and comfortable within the system, it might take us a little longer to get into a rhythm," Kline said.

Aiding Jones and Carrillo as a leader on the team is (year) guard Ashley Paul. "We've improved a lot since last season," Paul said. "We obviously want to win SCIAC and go to the tournament, and we've gained a lot of young players who will help our program succeed. Our chemistry is pretty good, and once we get to know how everyone plays and our set plays, I think we're going to be really good. Our biggest challenge is probably going to be playing against our SCIAC opponents. We won the tournament last year, and they're going to be trying to come get us."

La Verne begins its regular season today at 2 p.m. at Frantz Court against Pacific Union.

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LEOPARD SCOREBOARD

AT THE BUZZER

Men's Basketball, Nov. 19
La Verne - 91
La Sierra - 76

Men's Water Polo at the SCIAC Championships, Nov. 16
La Verne - 14
Caltech - 5

NCAA DIVISION III VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tonight, Semifinals, Bloomington, Illinois
2:30 p.m. – Game 1: La Verne vs. Juniata
5 p.m. – Game 2: The winner of Emory vs. St. Benedict will face the winner of Ohio Northern vs. Williams.

Saturday, Championship Match, Bloomington, Illinois
5 p.m. – The winner of Game 1 will play the winner of Game 2

LeoFM will broadcast Game 1 of today's match live starting at 2:20 p.m. The championship match will air Saturday, starting at 4:50 p.m. (pending a ULV win Friday). LeoFM can be found at 107.9 FM on campus and online at* www.ulv.edu/leofm. *Shane Rodrigues and Kevin Zeni will be broadcasting live for LeoFM.

FINAL SCIAC VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	Conference	Overall
La Verne	**14-0**	**25-2**
Cal Lutheran	12-2	26-7
Pomona-Pitzer	9-5	20-9
CMS	9-5	19-12
Redlands	6-8	12-15
Occidental	4-10	8-11
Whittier	2-12	5-21
Caltech	0-14	1-21