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Media pros meet at ULV

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The Arts and Communications Building was abuzz with clever and intellectual discussion last weekend as professional and student journalists talked of media accesses, the Patriot Act and the blurring of the line between sports and legal reporting – a la Kobe Bryant.

The Inland Southern California Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, in conjunction with the University of La Verne Communications Department, brought SPJ's annual winter workshop to the campus.

"I thought the Arts and Communications Building was good space for the (conference) and that it would be really cool for the students at La Verne to get a chance to meet professionals working in the fields they want to go into," said Elizabeth Zwerling, assistant professor of journalism, SPJ board member and co-chairwoman for the workshop.

The keynote speaker was Rob Fukuzaki, a sports anchor for KABC and also a University of La Verne alumnus. Other speakers included Mel Opotowsky, retired managing editor for the *Riverside Press Enterprise*, and Rich McKee, president of the California First Amendment Coalition, which helps journalists and the public understand their rights to information.

"When rights are being taken away SPJ fights for (the journalists) in court," said Jason Cohen, assistant city editor at the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* and SPJ chapter president.

SPJ is a national organization that among other things helps journalists understand their rights when it comes to access.

During the first panel discussion moderated by Felisa Cardona, assistant city editor for the *San Bernardino Sun*, Opotowsky and McKee spoke mostly about the Patriot Act and HIPAA; they said both laws restrict journalists and at times run counter to First Amendment rights.

Bill Norris, sports copy editor for the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, moderated the second session, which looked at what happens when a sports story becomes news. Panelists – including Fukuzaki, Jim Gazzolo, sports editor for the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, and Billy Witz, sports writer for the *Los Angeles Daily News* – shared their love for sports reporting with the roughly 50 conference attendees.

Fukuzaki said reporting sports on television allows only three to six minutes to report a story, precluding most in-depth reporting.

The panelists explained that big stories, such as the Kobe Bryant case, are often taken away from them by news writers. They said that when the story is off the court, it can be hard to tell if it is still sports or news.

"Sports writing isn't that hard," Norris said. "A sport comes down to people just playing the game."

They also gave tips on how

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Sara Kirk

Rob Fukuzaki, a ULV graduate, now serves as sports anchor on KABC every weekday. Fukuzaki was the keynote speaker at Saturday's Southern California Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Conference in the ACB building. This is the first time ULV has hosted an SPJ workshop.

LV voters support Kerry and school bonds

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Despite chilly temperatures and threatening gray clouds overhead, La Verne voters turned out in large numbers for Super Tuesday.

Voters focused on both local and national issues, with a majority supporting measures affecting the state budget, public school funding and Democratic nominee John Kerry, despite distractions from both outside and inside local polling places.

"This is not a nice place to be, but the turnout has been steady," said volunteer Millie Bocic about Veteran's Hall, one of three polling locations in La Verne, which shared space with a ballet class and a nursery school.

La Verne residents seem particularly close to local issues including Proposition C, a bond to improve public school facilities and educational programs.

"I believe in our little city," said resident Carole Lemonnier. "Our kids should get the best we can afford and I am ready to pay for it."

Lemonnier's opinion did not stand alone. Voters like David Kendall were also concerned with conditions of public schools and supported Proposition 55, an education bond that has passed by a small margin.

"Schools are in bad shape. The government is trying to fix the budget, so I support them," Kendall said.

Other La Verne residents disagreed.

Mona DePartee said it was not an issue of schools having enough money; it was an issue of them spending it wisely.

Larry Castorena said that his vote for measures 57 and 58, which have passed, came from the bipartisan support the measures received.

Although concerns for local and state government took precedent, some voters also wanted the opportunity to voice their opinions in the presidential race.

La Verne's support of John Kerry focused on his ability to go up against President Bush in the November election. Kerry, who entered the March 2 primaries with a significant lead over John Edwards, received a sweeping 64.5 percent of Californians' votes Tuesday.

"It can't be any worse than what we have right now," said Frank Brito.

Jannie Brito has expectations that Kerry will resolve the issue of troops remaining in Iraq.

"This war is just not too good," she said. "I want our boys and girls back home."

"Anything is better (than Bush)," said Lisa Christensen, who also voted for Kerry.

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Grocery strike ends

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Supermarket employees across Southern California, including La Verne locations, went back to work Tuesday following a strike that lasted 141 days, but shoppers might be slow to respond.

The United Food and Commercial Workers Union reached an agreement Monday for a new three year contract with the three supermarket chains involved in the dispute: Safeway (Vons), Krogers (Ralphs) and Albertsons.

"It's a lot better than I had anticipated and it's about time," said Jessica Arena, 22, of the contract.

On her first day back at the Albertsons on Bonita Ave. in San Dimas, Arena said the store will probably not receive the full patronage it did before the strike, but many shoppers will return with time.

"I've never been through a strike. This is my first time, so I'm in the 'hope' mode," she said.

Arena said she knows some Albertsons employees who went through financial hardship and even lost their homes while negotiations between the stores and unions continued for five months.

The length of the strike has left shoppers like Sylvia Andrade, 73, pleased to see a resolution.

"Well, I'm glad it's over. It went on too long," Andrade said, stopping into Albertsons to pick up a few items.

However, Andrade and others are not sympathetic to the actions taken by UFCW.

"We all have to pay something," she said.

Rich Wilson, 35, said the strike cost him money.

His union of trade show installers brought in 250 non-working union members from supermarkets, he said, which took away from his union as a whole and his family.

"Whereas I'm shopping here today as a matter of convenience, most of my shopping will be done at non-striking places," Wilson said.

"I think it was pretty lousy what they did to cost their own people and people like myself work," he said.

"They basically harmed themselves. They're not going to get a lot of my business."

Albertsons is not commenting on the resolution of the strike.

However, in a press release on Monday, Dave Simonson, President of Albertsons' Southern California division, said, "We are thrilled to welcome back our associates. Albertsons has been a market leader in Southern California for many years and we will be working very hard to win back customer loyalty and make life easier for these customers as they resume shopping in their neighborhood Albertsons store."

An Albertsons employee who wanted to remain anonymous said that taking recovery time into account, the store is in great shape. Also, temporary workers will be eligible to reapply for positions as anyone would off the street.

'I think it's pretty lousy what they did to cost their own people and people like myself work'
—Rich Wilson, on the five month labor dispute

Trustee grants $4 million

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With a $4 million gift, the largest in University of La Verne history, Trustee Michael Abraham has brought the Campus Center Project a step closer to becoming a reality.

The Campus Center Project includes the development of a building, which will be the new campus center.

As part of the project, the current student center will be remodeled and will only host sports. As a third piece of the puzzle, a landscape plaza will be developed in front of the Supertents.

Abraham and his wife, Sarah, have shown interest in the past in the development of this project, said ULV President Stephen Morgan. They decided to show their support by giving a $4 million donation.

"I want to express appreciation for their extraordinary leadership," Morgan said. "These types of gifts are the ideal models of success that inspires others."

The project will take $16 million. Abraham has challenged the rest of the trustee members to match his donation.

"The other trustees are responding generously," Morgan said.

Trustee Ben Harris and his wife, Barbara, have also shown their support to the project by giving a $1 million donation.

Harris has been the trustee chairman for the past 25 years, and Abraham has been in the trustee committee since 1999, said Vice President of University Relations Jean Bjerke.

The new student center will be located between C and Second streets. "It will be a three-story building," Morgan said.

The ground floor will have a recreation center, café, mailroom and the office of student affairs. The second floor will host the Career Development Center, Graduate Student Services, clubs and organizations, the Learning Enhancement Center and the Associated Student Federation Forum. The third floor will have new classrooms and a lounge.

"There is still more planning to do," Bjerke said. "It will be at least a year before we start the project."

Housing staff gives to kids

Jamie Mahoney
Staff Writer

Underprivileged children in San Bernardino County will be going back to school with new supplies and backpacks provided by a donation drive organized by University of La Verne students and housing staff.

The program, Jumpstart Backpacks, was part of a philanthropic project put on by the residential assistants and program assistants.

Jumpstart began Feb. 4 following a Southern Resident Advisor Programs conference designed for PA's and RA's to create meaningful programs for university residents.

The last backpacks were collected on Feb. 21.

"The supplies get the kids to be excited to start school," said Melissa Stearns, a PA in Stu-Han.

ULV worked in collaboration with several other schools, including the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Chapman University, Cal State Fullerton and Cal State San Bernardino.

"In comparison to other schools we had a good amount," said Eugene Shang, assistant director of leadership programs and housing.

Although there was no official total on the number of backpacks collected through the drive, it was a successful program, he said.

"The community here at the school is what made the program so successful," he said.

"It's good to know that the students and faculty are behind us in our efforts to support the community," said Rosa Arcadia, a RA in the Oaks.

Conference for peace

The Third Annual Organizing for Peace Conference, cosponsored by On Earth Peace, the University of La Verne and the La Verne Church of the Brethren, will be held in La Verne, March 11-14.

The purpose of the conference is to help participants work together in the peacemaking process.

Areas to be addressed are exploration of racism, classism and prejudice, and the basis of spiritual roots.

Featured speakers include biblical scholar Ched Myers; Daniel Loera, interim director of the Institute For Multicultural Research and Diversity at ULV; and Rev. James Lawson, a colleague of Martin Luther King, Jr.

For more information, contact Steve Kinzie at ext. 4045 or Debbie Roberts at ext. 4320.

– Jonathan Corral

Debate takes on issues for 2004

Last debate before Kerry wins

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Five days before Super Tuesday and the end of John Edwards' presidential campaign, both John Kerry and Edwards joked about having each other as a vice presidential nominee at the California democratic presidential debate.

Last Thursday's discussion, sponsored by the *Los Angeles Times* and CNN, was the first to be conducted in a sit-down fashion this year.

"It (gives) quick responses and discussions in an informal nature," said moderator Larry King, also the host of CNN's top-rated show.

In addition to Edwards and Kerry, the Rev. Al Sharpton and Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich used the event to discuss their platforms on several controversial issues.

On the topic of gay marriage, Sharpton used slavery as an example of what could happen if states have substantial legal power.

Both Kerry and Edwards opposed the idea of non-traditional unions, but disagreed with President George W. Bush's recent request to create a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

"He's playing politics with the Constitution of the United States," said Kerry, senator of Massachusetts and the frontrunner of the Democratic presidential election.

According to national results by MSNBC, Kerry had 72 percent of the votes in his elected state.

He also led in California, the state with the most delegates, winning 116 out of 370 representatives.

In the same primary, the North Carolina Senator was a distant second to Kerry.

Edwards attempted to remove some of Kerry's momentum by pointing out what he thought was a key difference between the two.

"I am somebody who comes from the same place most Americans come from," said the Southern politician. He worked at a textile mill to pay for college before becoming a trial attorney.

Kerry tried to present himself as a qualified representative for the American public.

"I've had experiences that John (Edwards) hasn't had," said the decorated Vietnam veteran.

Failing to place ahead of Kerry in other states besides his native South Carolina, Edwards was Kerry's last major challenger in the Democratic presidential election.

Although both Sharpton and Kucinich have been trailing in polls, the Ohio representative garnered a surprising 17 percent of the votes in Minnesota, according to MSNBC.

However, Sharpton managed to receive only 2 percent of California votes, trailing behind former candidate Howard Dean.

The *Times*' editorial page editor Janet Clayton and political correspondent Ron Brownstein asked the questions for the 90-minute deliberation. Besides airing live on CNN, it was also shown in Iraq.

"Tonight's debate is an extension of our mission," said *Times* editor John Carroll on the publication's duty to educate readers about the candidates.

'He's playing politics with the Constitution of the United States.'
—Sen. John Kerry, Democratic presidential nominee, on Bush's proposed anti-gay marriage amendment

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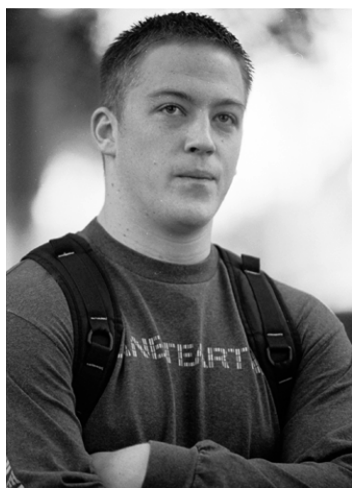
'I did not vote because of the time issue. I really care about what is going on, but I really don't know the details involved in all the issues.'
– Gwen Franco, religion and philosophy



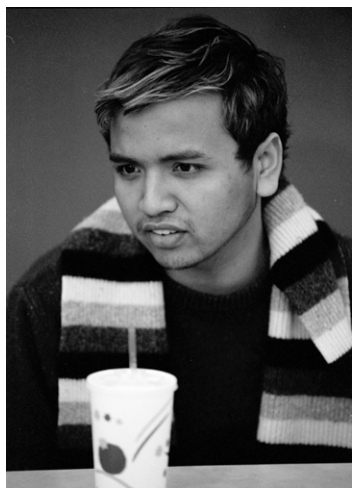
'Yes I voted and I think more people should care about what is going on.'
– Daniel Reagan, undeclared



'I used the absentee ballot. A lot of people don't vote because of other things like school and work. I think a lot of people are not informed.'
– Wendy Schwartz, social science



'I think it is important to vote because it is part of who you want in charge of things and who you want to represent yourself.'
– Pamela Beas, business



'I forgot to vote. But I would have voted because election day is important and I want to support Kerry.'
– Phanny Lun, Japanese and international business



'No, I did not vote, I think I do not know enough about the issues.'
– Eje Ash, movement and sports science



'No, I did not vote because I'm not even registered and a lot of students don't vote because they do not have enough time.'
– Tammy Etheridge, movement and sport science



'It is important to vote because every vote counts. I am mostly concerned about community college prices and gay marriages, which should not be outlawed.'
– Erik Faiivae, economics

Leos not rocking the vote

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Only two out of 22 students voted on Super Tuesday, according to an informal survey conducted at the University of La Verne.

The numbers paralleled what was going on in the rest of the country.

Voting records for 18- to 25-year-olds have continued to dramatically decrease for 25 years, according to Youth Vote Coalition – the nation's largest organization aimed at increasing civic participation.

"I don't feel that I should vote when I'm not educated enough," said Gerlaine Kiamco, 21, an anthropology major. "I am too lazy to educate myself."

Other ULV students offered their own justifications for not voting.

Lauren Friestad, 18, a communications major, did not make it to the polls because she was in class and her "absentee ballot was not available."

"I voted but I used the absentee ballot," said Wendy Schwartz, 20, a social science major. "I think a lot of people do not vote because of other things like school and work."

Other reasons given by students for not voting in the California primary were hectic work schedules, a lack of knowledge, forgetfulness and not being registered.

According to Youth Vote, "roughly 33 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds turned out to vote" in the 2000 presidential race.

But in the same election, approximately 70 percent of those over 25 voted, according to Mark Hugo Lopez, research director for the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement – an organization that tracks the civic and political participation of young Americans.

Ben Mulchin put it into perspective: "It is the most basic level of participation in our country," said the 18-year-old history major. "If you do not vote, you do not have the right to complain."

"I think more people should care about what is going on," said Daniel Reagan, 18, one of the two surveyors who voted.

However, all students interviewed on March 2 had many concerns beyond their own inconveniences, the top two being the Iraq conflict and school issues.

"I am mostly concerned about the war," Kiamco said. "I am against it because I know a lot of people in the military and I see many going to Iraq and not coming back."

Cutbacks on programs such as art courses worried Thomas Schotke, 26, a psychology major.

Participation in people under 25 has declined since 1972 when 18- to 21-year-olds were first allowed to vote, according to Lopez.

ULV students thought candidates should do a better job to attract attention.

"Political topics should be easier for everyone to access and understand," Kiamco said. "Then I would be more secure in my decisions and confident enough to vote."

A few believed that voting should be made easier: "My polling place is too far," said Angela Black, 21, a behavioral science major. "I think it would be nice if we could have polling places at schools."

Local school bond passes

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***Special to* Campus Times**
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On Tuesday, the city's first ever proposition to increase property value and improve the education of local students, met approval from La Verne voters..

Bonita Unified School District Board of Education placed a General Obligation Bond, Proposition C, to pay for improvements at schools in the district.

Passage required support from two-thirds of voters, and developments will begin this summer in San Dimas and Bonita high schools.

"Even though it's going to hit their (property owners) pockets, it is the best thing for the community," said Robin Carder, chief proponent of the proposition. "By improving schools with capital improvements, it enhances property values."

The final estimated cost of improvements is $88.9 million, with $29.4 million estimated to come from state facility funding for modernization and $3.1 million for new construction.

The bond will bring in $56.4 million to cover the rest of expenses, which will cost property owners about $44 per $100,000 of assessed value on an annual basis.

Voters and property owners like Daniel Dickson of La Verne would vote against the proposition if he did not have two teenagers still in the school system.

"I don't want to pay more, if I don't have to, but I still do," said the 52-year old as he walked into Veterans Hall. "I would not put in more money to a system that I have no need for."

Proposition C provides internal and external improvements such as automatic fire alarm systems, disabled access upgrades, plumbing, flooring, emergency lighting and restroom accessibility.

The last upgrades that the 14-school district made took place four years ago, when air conditioning was installed in selected schools.

Funding was tight, Carder said.

Although many of the schools have state-of-the-art computer systems, new wiring is needed, as well as new science labs in the high schools.

Officials said that to promote extracurricular activities, a new performing arts center is planned to be built at San Dimas high.

At the elementary schools, indoor cafeterias will replace the current outdoor eating area.

Now that the measure has passed, the district is required to organize a Citizen Oversight Committee to oversee the spending of the money coming from the bond.

The committee will include local residents, business owners, city officials and parents who have been an active part of the process, Carder said.

Bond money cannot be used in district salaries.

Money will strictly cover development for schools and annual audits are mandated.

Upgrades needed in all district schools were noticed by the school board in 2000 and was unanimously voted by the board last October to pursue the bond.

For Don Hauser, 57, owner of Coin Depot, the proposition is necessary for the future of the nation and the next generation.

"We all are poor, but it's important to educate future generations," said Hauser, who has also been a La Verne resident for 23 years. "It's cheaper to educate than incarcerate them. Many who don't find a way of living choose crime to survive."

Governor wins support for 57, 58

LV voters agree with the bonds

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Mirroring the reluctant support voiced by politicians and newspaper editorials, voters throughout the state on Super Tuesday lent their support to the propositions Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared will save California.

Propositions 57 and 58 both passed by wide margins.

"I think it's the best of a bad situation," said City of La Verne Mayor Jon Blickenstaff. "I don't like the idea of that big of a bond to pay off debt, but I don't think we have a choice at this time."

Of the other two propositions facing California, Proposition 55 – which will float a bond for more than $12 billion to build and renovate facilities from public kindergarten to universities – barely slid by.

Proposition 56, designed to balance the budget with several novel approaches, was criticized for lowering the votes needed for the legislature to pass budgetary measures. The initiative died with two thirds of votes cast against it.

But most eyes are on Propositions 57 and 58, the fates of which are linked. If one fails, they both fail.

Proposition 57 is an attempt to stop the budgetary bleeding. It authorizes the State to issue up to $15 billion in bonds that would help California finance its budget deficit.

To repay the bonds, the State will take a larger portion of local governments' sales tax revenue.

The State will cover this loss by increasing the city's cut of local property tax. Then, to complete the circle, the State will reimburse schools for their contributions to the local governments by tapping into the State's General Fund.

This debt juggling is referred to as the "triple flip."

"Together Proposition 57 and Proposition 58 will provide California's leaders the tools necessary to restore confidence in the financial management of the State," said Dean Okimoto of the McGeorge School of Law at the University of Pacific.

Okimoto added, "However, out-of-control borrowing has made California the lowest credit rated state in the nation, which is on par with many Third World countries. Moreover, Proposition 57 will plunge California $15 billion deeper in debt, plus billions more in interest."

Assistant City Manager Bob Russi said the council took an action to support propositions 57 and 58. Russi echoed Blickenstaff's assessment of the bond measure.

City of La Verne Finance Officer Ron Clark is less enthusiastic. "I'm a little skeptical of the whole thing," he said. "It's a little convoluted."

Clark said that one problem is that the City of La Verne receives sales tax revenue monthly and will only receive the reimbursement funds on a semi-annual to annual basis, which will definitely affect the City financially.

"We're losing sales tax," Clark said. "Are they going to give us back what we lose? Somehow, we're supposed to be made whole."

Proposition 58 is designed to balance General Fund budgets in the future.

The proposition also allows for midyear budget adjustments. This means the Governor can halt any current legislative activity throughout the fiscal year to declare a financial emergency and attempt to fix the problem.

It allows for a rainy day fund and also prohibits passing any further deficit bonds.

"It's so they never have to do Proposition 57 again," Clark said.

Fallout from the passage of these measures reaches the pockets of University of La Verne students receiving financial aid.

According to Leatha Webster, director of financial aid at ULV, although things do not look good for the Cal Grant program, Propositions 57 and 58 could mitigate the cuts.

"It will be a dreary situation if these bonds pass or not," Webster said.

She said that the grants will be reduced from $9,708 to about $5,400 for new and returning students at public institutions, such as California State or University of California schools, but the impact at private schools will be less.

"For private institutions, it's just for new students," Webster said. "Continuing students have a leg up as it won't affect them – at least this upcoming year."

With the two propositions passed, she said there is some wiggle room that could lead to awards being raised, but not back to their previous levels.

"Because there is so much red ink, the Cal Grant program is going to change either way," she said.

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> *–Jon Blickenstaff, La Verne Mayor*

NEWS BRIEFS

Career Fair in Sneaky Park

Graduating seniors and students interested in job opportunities should head to Sneaky Park on March 9 for "Bridging the Future: Career Fair 2004." The event lasts from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair offers networking opportunities and the chance to learn about available positions. ULV Career Development and Placement Center hosts the event. For more information call ext. 4054.

-Bailey Porter

Peace dinner

The Peace with Justice Center of the Pomona Valley is hosting its annual dinner from 5-8 p.m. on March 13 at the La Verne Church of the Brethren. The event costs $10 for students and will include a Mediterranean dinner. For more information call ext. 4365.

Trip to CSU Channel Islands

Students are invited to attend the 12th Annual California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education. A bus will be going to California State University Channel Islands on Saturday, April 3. Transportation, lunch and the Forum are free, however a $20 deposit is required by March 15 in order to reserve a place on the bus. For more information call ext. 4253.

-Amanda Egan

Leadership Award Dinner

The University of La Verne Black Alumni Association and the Institute of Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity will host the Leadership Awards Dinner on Saturday, March 27. For more information visit **www.ulv.edu/imrcd**.

Black history nominations

The ULV community is encouraged to nominate students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members to receive black history leadership awards. Nominations must be in by March 15. For more information visit **www.ulv.edu/imrcd**.

AASA fashion show

AASA is having its third annual fashion show at 7:30 p.m. on March 19 at the Claremont Inn. Student admission is $5 and general admission is $10 at the door. AASA members are selling presale tickets for $7. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated to AIDS Walk-L.A.

-Beatriz Mendoza

LV programs save water

Bailey Porter
Managing Editor

Two programs to conserve water are underway in the city of La Verne.

Since its implementation on April 1, 2002, one program provides incentive for residents to purchase high efficiency clothes washers.

The program's sponsor, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, offers a $100 rebate to residents who invest in these washing machines.

The second program is a toilet exchange program run by La Verne's department of public works.

The city purchases high quality, low flow toilets and on March 20, residents can exchange less environmentally friendly models for up to two low flow toilets.

"Our water resources in Southern California are limited and installing low flow toilets is the easiest way to conserve water," said Jeannette Vagnozzi, spokeswoman for La Verne public works.

The city's programs have struck a cord with many conservation-minded citizens.

According to TVMWD spokeswoman Cindy Dechaine, La Verne has been participating enthusiastically in the clothes washer rebate, proving that the small town recognizes water shortages as an environmental issue that must be addressed.

Dechaine said that La Verne residents make up 13.2 percent of residents who participate, out of the 500,000 people served by Three Valleys and eligible for the washer rebate.

The district stretches from east Los Angeles County to Orange County.

That is 97 of the 735 rebates that have been awarded through TVMWD, a favorable number relative to the population size, she said.

"If people are already out shopping for a washing machine, why not get an efficient one and get the rebate," she said.

This program promotes the purchasing of washing machines that save an estimated 8,000 gallons of water each year for a family size of approximately 3.8, Dechaine said.

Additionally, with the toilet exchange program, a single household saves 47 gallons of water daily by simply installing low flow toilets, Vagnozzi said.

Furthermore, the toilets turned in by residents are recycled and used for road-based materials, she said.

And the 500 toilets public works will distribute this year will save nine million gallons of water collectively each year.

"The savings continue to grow," she said.

"I think it's vitally important to be active participants," said La Verne Mayor Jon Blickenstaff.

"The amount of water saved is incredible," he said.

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Panel examines sexuality issues

Nila Priyambodo
Staff Writer



Blanca Rocha

Raymond Scott, associate professor of psychology, addresses the need for women's studies as a major at the University. Scott, the advisor for the Rainbow Alliance, participated in a panel discussion on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues in the classroom sponsored by the Coalition For Diversity. Other panelists included Leticia Arellano, who discussed improving methods for teaching about diversity. The next discussion in the series will be March 16.

The Coalition for Diversity presented a panel discussion called "The Open University: Gay and Lesbian Issues in the Classroom" last week.

The discussion was the first of three presentations focusing on the issues surrounding gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students and faculty.

"The coalition deals with the quality of life issues for all persons on campus and whatever current and relevant issues arise in any given year," said Mary Prieto-Bayard, associate professor of behavioral science and co-chair for the Coalition for Diversity.

"But this year, I decided to, as part of our efforts, focus on GLBT students, faculty and staff members here at ULV and deal with gay and lesbian issues in the classroom."

Four faculty panelists had free reign to deal with issues of gay and lesbian lifestyles, including sexism, heterosexism and homophobia, which was later followed by a question and answer period.

The panelists included Leticia Arellano, department of psychology associate professor; Steve Kent, director of theatre; Jason Neidleman, department of political science assistant professor; and Zandra Wagoner, general education program director.

"Often the faculty is not sure how to deal with remarks or beliefs that, by implication, are deeply offensive to the GLBT population," Bayard said. "This will give each panelist an opportunity to share their ideas, raise some provocative issues and stimulate an interactive process with all who are in attendance."

Originally intended for faculty, the discussion soon included students, when the Core 320 class, Sexuality and Gender Issues, attended.

"The fact that students wanted to be there, argued the case for why students should be included in the discussion," Wagoner said. "It signaled that there is a need to address the issue more fully on campus, that we have not done enough and that there is much more to do."

Bayard said that the panelists had specific reasons for participating in the discussion.

"I am a strong ally of the GLBT community and it is important for me to offer my support," Arellano said. "I want to discuss some of the challenges in the classroom and help students address their own homophobia."

In addition, Neidleman said he wanted to "raise awareness of diversity and have others acknowledge the issue without rejecting it."

Kent participated in the discussion because he feels these issues are significant in current American politics.

According to Bayard, the discussion had an overall positive response.

"This is just the beginning of an ongoing dialogue that is critical for everyone in the ULV community. We have always considered diversity to be an inclusive term."

Future presentations by the Coalition for Diversity include "Spirituality and Sexuality" and "Issues, Theories and Models." For more information call ext. 4178.

Islamic community looks to scouting for values

Kenneth Todd Ruiz
Editor in Chief

Muslim girls and boys are swearing new oaths and donning new uniforms at the Islamic Center of Claremont where the first Muslim Boy and Girl scout groups in the area started last month.

Almost 80 children have signed up for the program, which started last month for the boys and tomorrow for the girls.

"Scouts teach a good message," said Lisa Kahler, who started the scout program at the mosque and is now cubmaster of the pack. "There is nothing contrary to Islam. They have religion in mind."

She said that her goal with the program at the mosque is to provide fun social interaction and learning opportunities for the girls and boys in the framework of an Islamic environment.

Scouting is a worldwide youth organization that, in addition to tying knots and hiking, combines secularism and spirituality in a way that can be adapted to any monotheistic tradition.

For Salah Habib, scouting is more essential today than it was in the 1960s and 70s when he was a scout in Libya.

He said that when he was a child he could wander the streets with his friends in safety, but that he is more worried today.

"Boy scouts provides a safe place for kids to have fun," Habib said, adding that the prevalence of video games and television is even more reason to get his 6-year-old son Kareem outdoors.

On Saturday, Cub Scout Pack 444 raced handmade wooden cars down a wood ramp in the mosque's first "pinewood derby," a scouting tradition.

> 'Scouts teach a good message. There is nothing contrary to Islam. They have religion in mind'
> *- Lisa Kahler, founder of the Islamic Center of Claremont's scout program*

What they lacked in experience they made up for in enthusiasm. The 39 Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Weebolos screamed and hollered as they ran a series of heats to find the fastest car.

Whereas scouts and parents usually share an oral tradition of pinewood wisdom on the secrets to a fast car, everything was new to the parents assembled in the parking lot of the mosque.

Martin Cardenas, cubmaster of a Diamond Bar scouting pack, brought the racetrack to the mosque, set it up and stayed to officiate the derby.

Kahler said she has been overwhelmed by the support the Boy Scout organization has provided.

"We're Muslim, they have no reason to help us," Kahler said. "But they came to us."

Cardenas said that is just how scouting works.

"I believe in scouts so much I wanted to help out," he said. "I wanted to make sure those kids had fun."

Soon enough, parents and scouts discovered the secrets of pinewood victory for themselves, that heavier cars move faster.

Soon every scout had glued rocks and quarters to their cars while a tube of graphite dust was passed around to lubricate axles.

Standing nearby, Hala Hafuda wore the hijab, or headscarf, and a neck-to-ankle length kaftan.

Stitched onto the canvas-colored garment, all the badges, patches and insignia of a scout leader.

Intercepting both winners and losers as the race continued, Hafuda hugged and kissed both telling them, "You both did a great job!"

Tiger Cub Tarik Gibani of Phillips Ranch claimed the day with his purple, orange and red hotrod. The diminutive Gibani was one big smile and summarized his feelings in one word, "Happy!"

Although this was the third biweekly meeting for the boys that comprise Cub Scout Pack 444, the girls will meet for the first time tomorrow.

Eager parents at the mosque filled most of the available space soon after Kahler announced the program.

More than a social club for their children, scouting is an opportunity for the sometimes-insular group to connect to the larger community while maintaining their principles.

Many of Saturday's racers were taking their cars to a competition with other packs held on Sunday.

Ibrahim Alomari, a parent volunteer, said that he enrolled his 6-year-old son because scouting offered "fun, values and leadership."

This is the only youth group that really holds our values," he said.

Kahler said that after parents found out about the plans for the boys, they wanted to get their daughters involved.

"By the time we put the first flyer up, the first grade group was almost full," Kahler said of the Girl Scouts.

She said the Girl Scouts program will adhere to the Girl Scouts of America standard.

The influence for the girls will be on leadership and independence," Kahler said. "The boys focus more on building skills." She added that building

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Comfort food coming to bookstore

Beatriz Mendoza
Staff Writer

For more than five months, the Book-N-Bean Bistro was a neglected space inside the University of La Verne bookstore, but this month it will be reopened as Faith's Comfort Foods, and potentially, La Verne's newest hot spot.

"I want to provide something for the La Verne community," said Patti Weaver, owner and ULV alumna. "I want a place where students and faculty can go and have a home cooked meal."

Weaver began making dinner for friends who had no time to cook after a long day's work. Before she knew it, her home was becoming too small to accommodate the orders of her growing customers. Weaver finally decided it was time to find a home for her business and chose the empty space inside the ULV bookstore.

"I'm planning to redo the patio to make it cozy," she said. "I want to add flowers, more chairs, a patio arbor with climbing roses and a picket fence at the entrance."



Jessica Valerio

Owner Patti Weaver talks about plans for her new restaurant, Faith's Comfort Foods, located in the bookstore space vacated by the Book-N-Bean Bistro. Weaver would like to offer the students of the University of La Verne and the community members a place to enjoy a homemade meal.

The inside of Faith's Comfort Foods will have a French country style theme with hand painted windows, vines at the top edges of the walls and a bulletin board accessible for students to post flyers and other important information. The menus will include a monthly changing assortment of food, such as salads, soups, pasta, roasts and desserts. "Some of the recipes are my mother's recipes, some are my grandmother's and some are my recipes," Weaver said. She will cook and run the shop with the help of family and friends. "We're shooting for March 15 to be the opening day," she said.

Although the University does not have a direct affiliation with Faith's Comfort Foods, Weaver said she will offer a discount for ULV students and staff. In addition to selling dinner, lunch and snacks, Faith's Comfort Foods will sell gift packages, cookbooks and vases.

"I'm not going to compete with Starbucks or other businesses around here," Weaver said. "I will sell simple homemade cakes and baked goods, but it won't be anything fancy."

"The Book-N-Bean had a lot of competition because of the donut shops," said Aaron Neilson, director of dining services.

"But Faith's Comfort Foods is different from coffee and donuts," he said. Weaver decided that she would give the food business a six month test drive. "When I think of my shop, I think about family, friends and faith," Weaver said. "My family and friends are very important to me, and it is always a step of faith to start a business."

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to be a good sports writer.

"Develop a style that you are comfortable with and write as much as you can," Gazzolo said.

Fukuzaki concluded the day with a keynote address as he told anecdotes about how he got to his prestigious job, his first appearance as a TV anchor and his days as a student being critiqued by communications professor, Mike Laponis.

"It all began being a huge sports fan," said Fukuzaki "My parents were very encouraging and I knew I wanted to do this type of job in high school.

"I gained a lot of experience from ULV. ULV provided so much. You are able to get one-on-one experience here and you get to talk to teachers on a daily basis," Fukuzaki said.

Fukuzaki also offered advice to aspiring broadcast journalists.

"Make demo tapes of your work and send them in to stations. Try to start out in radio and then move up slowly to the top of your profession," he said adding, "feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to go to an institution like this. Don't take it for granted."

ULV students, who made up roughly one-third of the workshop attendees were enthusiastic.

"Knowing that Rob came out of my school is inspirational and makes me feel that maybe I can make it too," said Nick Montes, a junior broadcasting major who attended the Saturday event.

"I thought hanging out with some professionals would be real beneficial," said Tom Anderson, freshman journalism major.

Added Rich Uranga, junior TV broadcasting major:

"I came here because I thought it would help answer some questions about my future career and give me some light to guide me along the way."

This was the first time the University has hosted such an event.

Zwerling, who joined the SPJ board last spring said she got the idea to bring the conference here soon after board members started talking about a winter workshop.

"It's so important for students and journalists to go to conferences so they are able to make connections and exchange ideas in a relaxed and informal environment," Zwerling said. "But students are so busy, I thought it would be a great advantage having the conference on their own turf. And by having it here professionals can see how great La Verne is," she said.

"I thought it was a great success and I was excited to see the number of students who came out," said Todd Ruiz, a senior journalism major who is restarting an SPJ campus chapter.

"One thing lacking in the program here is the opportunity for professional development. By partnering with SPJ we can hopefully get students networked with people who get paid for what they want to do," he said.

SPJ is the nation's largest professional journalism association, with chapters throughout the country and numerous student chapters.

The Campus Times was recognized by SPJ 21 times last year alone, along with many other awards in previous years.

'Feel very fortunate to go to an institution like this.
Don't take it for granted.'
—Rob Fukuzaki, KABC sports anchor

Former LV student is remembered

Amanda Egan
News Editor

Former La Verne student, Wayne Vaughn Jr., music producer and club manager, died on Feb. 24 in Hollywood, Calif., from one gunshot wound to the chest. He was 27.

Vaughn was a member of the University's football team and involved with theatre.

He participated in and produced several school plays and was heavily involved in the the radio and television broadcast programs. Vaughn had three classes left in order to graduate with a double major in communications and theatre arts.

He last attended ULV in Spring 2002. Vaughn also attended classes and played football at Glendale Junior College for two years before La Verne. He graduated from Glendale e High School in 1994.

"He was the guy that everybody loved," said Jay Register his friend and current ULV student. "He was always happy and smiling."

His passions were his music and his friends. "He was loved by all of his friends," Register said. "His friends were his family."

Vaughn is survived by his parents, Wayne Lee Vaughn Sr. and Christine Jordan, grandmother, four sisters and three brothers.

Services were held yesterday at Forest Lawn in Glendale.

"Every time he would walk in the door, he would make people smile," said friend Kato Franklin.

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"Bush is dangerous," she said.

Kerry even received verbal support from Republicans like Lynward Johnson.

"I am backing Kerry, but since I'm a Republican, I had the Republican ballot," he said.

A number of voters back Kerry because of his stance on national issues such as the death penalty and war.

"I voted for Kerry to bring security to our country," said Herbert Arce.

He said Kerry can work toward security by not alienating other countries and casting them off on the sidelines. He said communicating is the key.

Kerry's position on the death penalty separated him from other candidates, Colleen Bennett said.

Julian Rodriguez voted for Edwards, who received 19.8 percent of the votes, based on the candidate's position on issues.

"I like his stance towards poverty in America. We have tons of money; we are the richest country in the world, and we can't help get houses for people.

Everyone should have a house or somewhere to go until they get on their own two feet," he said.

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confidence and improving speaking abilities are part of the Girl Scout mission.

Some tweaking with the formula was necessary to tailor the scouting experience to Islam. Although the mottos, promises and oaths remain unchanged, meetings open and close with verses from the Koran.

The National Islamic Committee on Girl Scouting was founded in 1988 to address the needs of Muslim scouts.

The group promotes tenets of compassion and service and scouts can earn several Islam specific emblems by committing to learn and practice their religion.

U-100 wastes resources and time

Our university is currently in the process of resurrecting a class, which for years had been described as a waste of time and money by many students and faculty alike. This class, University 100, "The First Year Experience Program," serves as an introductory course for freshmen and is planned to be reinstated beginning fall 2004 after it was canceled two years ago.

Offering various tours, time management strategies and suggestions for how to remain safe and alcohol free at parties, this course, we believe, served as nothing more than an orientation that extended for an eleven-week period instead of one or two days prior to the start of fall semester.

For 13 years, entering freshmen were required to participate in University 100, a one-unit course, designed to assist new students in coping with the transition from high school to college.

Many students who took the class found it did not live up to the hype. Likewise, ULV faculty who led the class began losing interest. As of 2000, less than 20 percent of faculty was involved in the course.

Believing that the class was not fulfilling its goal, it was suspended so it could be reconstructed and restructured.

Now that the ULV dropout rate seems to be on the rise, U-100 is being reinstated with a new name and a new structure in attempts to assist students early on and prevent drop-outs.

On this campus, only 50 percent of students continue to attend after their second year and many graduate after six years. It is difficult, because of so many required courses, to graduate in four years.

Our university already requires students to complete 24 General Education courses to graduate.

So when a credit/no-credit class that does not fulfill a GE requirement, such as U-100, becomes mandatory, the time necessary to complete a bachelor degree increases, making it even more difficult for students to graduate on time.

Nevermind the fact that more time in class means more money that the University must fork out to cover all the costs involved in offering that extra class.

It seems odd that at a time when we are facing serious budget cuts we would be able to afford the extra money to pay the additional costs, mainly professors' salaries, to cover these courses.

It is estimated that the program will cost a couple thousand dollars to operate and pay for resources to keep the program running.

If the dropout rate is so alarming, and it seems that the only way to reduce it is through incorporating a class that serves as a waste of time and finances, so be it.

But we suggest that instead of extending an orientation over a few weeks and calling it a class, why don't we just stick to the old orientation? Spice it up a little. Throw in a few more hours of guest speakers and workshops. And maybe provide more counseling services to students throughout the year–but make these optional.

Do not give ULV students one more time-consuming, and somewhat worthless class.

The First Year Experience may have its benefits, and it may assist some students in learning how to say "no" to a suspicious drink at a party.

But these are strategies that we are capable of learning through the college experience as a whole, without a special class. Dollars should not be spent, and time should not be wasted on a class that, in the long run, will leave students feeling that their time has been wasted.

Access to pill needed

On Feb. 20 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration was scheduled to approve an emergency contraceptive pill, also known as the morning after pill, for over-the counter sales. Until now, the pill has been available by prescription only.

The FDA, however, delayed the decision for 90 days to reconsider the repercussions of making the drug more accessible.

According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, a group of 49 members of congress sent a letter to President Bush against the pill, saying that it would result in an increase of irresponsible sexual activity. Additionally, because the pill does not protect against sexually transmitted disease, they said in the letter they feel there will be an increase in STDs if the pill was approved for over the counter sale.

The plan consists of two pills designed to be taken at 12-hour intervals, within 72 hours after unprotected sex, rape or contraceptive failure.

The emergency contraceptive pill is not RU-486, or the abortion pill, although many have confused the two. The emergency contraceptive pill can prevent conception if taken within the 72-hour time span, by preventing implantation. It does not terminate a pregnancy that has already occurred.

This pill, which is nothing more than a high dose of the hormones found in regular birth control pills, does not compare to an abortion. Allowing its over-the-counter sales would decrease the need to resort to abortions.

Its side effects and health risks are similar to those of birth control pills. And the emotional toll of this option cannot be compared with that of an abortion or an unwanted pregnancy.

Although feared that some will use the pill as a form of regular birth control, making the pill available will undoubtedly decrease the number of abortions. According to a Feb. 19 Feminist Majority Foundation article, approving the use of the pill could possibly prevent 800,000 abortions annually.

Women should have access to this pill for reasons such as rape.

The concern of women using it as their main form of birth control can be regulated by the price. According to the FDA Web site, the price of the pill was suggested at $25, which would cost much more than birth control pills, Depo-Provera shots or condoms.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Robert Rivera was the one of the greatest educators of our lifetime ["LV mourns mentor," Feb. 20]. I still think of him today as I practice law. Robert Rivera's teaching transcended the classroom. He built character and contributed to University of La Verne's reputation in the academic community more than probably anyone will ever realize.

Albert A. Zakarian
Class of 1985

Dear Editor,

What is the *Campus Times* thinking? Have they lost their focus?

In the past two weeks, I have read stories on the late breaking news that students are bringing home cell phones (La Verne students bring cell phones home," Feb. 27). and textbook prices are inflated (Feb. 20). The appearance of these two articles makes me feel that the Times is severely out of touch with reality. In an informal survey in one of my classes last semester, 100 percent of the students had a cell phone, so it's far from as "innovative" as the *Times* would like to portray it. I have had mine since I even applied to ULV four years ago. The choice of interviewing a UC Irvine student for the article was poor as well. As I mentioned, 100 percent of the students in one of my classes last semester had cell phones, I'm sure one of them would have been available for the article. The class was even in the same building as the *Campus Times*' office!

The news that textbook prices are inflated was also not so "news" to me. This was something that I figured out in the fall of my freshman year. Yet here we are, almost halfway through the spring semester, and the *Campus Times* is just now informing us of this revelation.

Meanwhile, as I write this on election day, I fail to see my fellow students going to the polls to cast their votes in one of the most important elections that many students have been able to vote in. With some major bond issues on the ballot and a Presidential candidate to be chosen, I couldn't imagine myself NOT voting for my future. Yet the Campus Times doesn't feel that it would be newsworthy to remind the students at our school to get involved in the democratic process that we are so privileged to have here in the United States and vote for these issues and candidates.

I hope that the editors of the *Campus Times* will wake up sometime soon and finally be able to decipher newsworthy events from the crap that has been published lately.

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Junior

Letters to the Editor

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Hard time in the 'land of smiles'



KENNETH TODD RUIZ

Almost every traveler to Thailand grows enamored of the kingdom. Looking at the diversity of Bangkok, which trumps Los Angeles, shows many have chosen to stay.

Down alleys lined with fish-smoke spewing food-stalls, European expats in Indian-made suits chew the kebab in African Muslim restaurants while chattering on their mobile phones in Thai.

More "Blade Runner" than any Neo-Tokyo.

While there in January, I met some resident foreigners staying for another reason. They were prisoners in a system famous for making HBO's "Oz" look like the Emerald City. They were prisoners of war, locked up as trophies in the U.S. funded global crackdown on narcotics.

Drug dealers. So who cares?

I didn't know what to expect at Bang Kwang, the most notorious of Thai prisons. I had snapped a rib my second day off the plane, and decided to "take it easy" for two days before attacking northern Thailand by motorcycle. Having exhausted attractions both sublime and profane on prior visits, I opted for some reality-tourism. Awake with the sun, I somehow made it to the river in time to catch a ferry north and an hour out of the blue-silver diesel cloud of the city.

Bang Kwang is also called "Big Tiger" by Thais because the hulking structure swallows people up. Getting into the prison was simple enough. It only required writing down the name of the prisoner I wanted to visit and then repeating "I'm sorry" while being yelled at by Thai officials and guards for 30 minutes.

After passing through innumerable gates, doors and portcullises, I found myself in a lush gardened visitors area. A verdant torment for those looking out from the inside.

Some abuse later I found myself not quite face-to-face with a smiling Canadian man excited to have a visitor.

"Mr. R" got busted for holding black tar in Chiang Mai, a popular distribution point in the central highlands. With no real evidence against him and naive of the quality of Thai justice, he plead innocent to the charges. Big mistake. Although it is possible to plea, there is no such thing as an innocent verdict in Thai court.

Had he declared guilt, he would have been hit with the average sentence – 30 to 50 years. Under prisoner exchange treaties, he'd probably be home and paroled by now. Instead, by virtue of his claim to innocence, Mr. R was in for life.

With a life sentence, his children were swallowed up by the State when his wife abandoned them back in Canada, after he had been in for more than a year. That was four years ago.

He won't see them again.

His only sanity comes from assumed optimism. He is trying to get his case heard by Thailand's Supreme Court, which could essentially issue him a ticket home by reducing his sentence to less than life. The Court might hear his case in another three years.

More than a prisoner of his crime, Mr. R is a prisoner of out-of-touch U.S. foreign policy. Large cash grants are handed out to countries deemed "tough on drugs," such as the $43 million George W. Bush gave to the Taliban in May 2001. So lucrative are drug busts, that Thai police receive cash bounties for arrests. And more than a few innocent travelers have been framed to produce results.

This, in a country with an ancient tradition of smoking opium for medicinal purposes. However, pressure from the U.S. is such that last year the kingdom waged a bloody 10-month campaign and killed 3,000 people "suspected" of being involved in the drug trade.

Mr. R's story is not unique. There must be a better way to address the problem of drug addiction.

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NFL as a job, not a hobby



AMANDA EGAN

The thought of an 18-year-old competing in the National Football League against a 30-year-old man with eight years of professional experience and four years of college experience makes me feel a little uneasy.

This especially true because I will be watching these boys, fresh out of high school, get slaughtered on Monday Night Football.

Maurice Clarett, a 20 year-old former Ohio Sate University running back recently challenged the NFL and its eligibility rule in court.

The U.S. District Court ruled on Feb. 11, for this year at least, that the NFL draft, which is to be held April 24 and 25, is open to all players, regardless of age.

The NFL has appealed this ruling but was denied. Previous to this ruling, the regulations were much more realistic for the physical sport of football.

The rule said a player had to be three years out of high school to even be considered for entering the draft. The judge ruled that the regulations violated the antitrust law.

This new ruling will follow more closely with other professional sports, such as basketball. The difference is, football is not like other sports. It is the most physically demanding sport that exists.

Four 20-year-old offensive stars plan on entering the draft this spring for sure. These boys are not fully aware that the NFL is not a game, it is a job!

Football will not be fun for these boys anymore. It will be about strenuous workouts, constant pounding on the body and most importantly, a level of maturity for which they are not ready.

It's not college anymore, it's professional football.

Mathematically, the ruling does not sound severe, these extra two or three years make a huge difference.

Those are the years for these athletes to make mistakes on and off the field, without being in the spotlight 24/7.

They will have thousands of dollars at their disposal and not know how to use it. Mistakes they make at this higher level will be less easily forgiven.

Players will not be physically or mentally prepared for this league, especially if they have not played college ball.

Slowly but surely a lot of excellent Division I football programs are going to lose their star talent or will never get to experience some talent because the high school bunch will skip college and go straight to the NFL.

Sophomore USC wide receiver Mike Williams is one of the players that has decided to enter the draft. His team won the NCAA National Championship last year under his lead.

Is that, along with the possibility of winning the Heisman Trophy not enough incentive for him to stay at USC for another season?

College football will not be the same next year if a person does not get to see Pittsburgh's Larry Fitzgerald catch a touchdown pass on Saturday. It is fun to see a college player that is better than his opponents. It is true entertainment, because they are not being paid millions to make great plays.

Williams was a superstar at that level. Now with any luck he will become an average member of the NFL.

This ruling changes college football and professional football in a negative way all because of a 19-year-old and his brilliant idea of taking the NFL to court.

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Looking past the exterior



BAILEY PORTER

Appearance is rarely, if ever, everything; yet it is what we most often turn to for our first evaluation of the people we meet or the situations we come across.

Although we are quick to deny having any prejudices because of the way people look, dress or walk through life, we are lying to ourselves.

It's definitely a start, though, to trick ourselves this way, as long as it doesn't obstruct our growth into individuals who really do just look past the exterior.

Is it possible to accomplish this feat? Things would be much more genuine if we at least gave it a good effort to look past appearances.

Love would last a lot longer – or be given a chance to even begin. Overweight individuals would make the choice to have gastric bypass surgery for health reasons and not because they are tired of strangers' averted glances. Great minds of science, arts and politics would be celebrated not for their ability to look good for a television interview but for their contributions to the betterment of our world.

These thoughts came to me the other day when I caught myself evaluating how I was responding to a situation. These are some of the most educational sessions I conduct inside my head because it helps me understand how I relate to the world.

Each weekend, as a volunteer with a pet adoption mobile unit, I find myself talking with some of the most interesting people. Because the conversations focus on the humane treatment of dogs, cats and other sentient beings (my favorite topic), I am usually so keen on feedback that I do not need to fall back on judging based on appearances. I'm looking, instead, for people who speak with compassion and open minds – determinants, in my opinion, of good people.

Although many people use the way they dress to express their personalities, it should in no way become a determining factor in others' conclusions about whom these people really are inside.

We are taught to be observant, to evaluate situations before acting. However, I would challenge everyone to not only observe at a safe distance, but also interact and build a real foundation for your opinions. I don't find this very easy either, but I think it would work to ward off unnecessary, and often harmful, misjudgment.

A straight-laced man in a business suit or a guy with dreadlocks who is partial to piercings really doesn't make a difference. Do they find the need to protect animal welfare? If a person donning tattoos as if they were shirtsleeves wants to talk about rescuing an abused dog, I am all-ears.

It's incredible, to me, how removing the judgment of appearance liberates us into much more truthful relationships with others. Most of the time, if you just listen to a person, you can determine if this is a person you can respect for their ideas, values and lifestyle. After all, these are the only prejudices we should allow ourselves to feel toward others.

Does this person, given his or her circumstances in life, want to make this a more safe, productive and peaceful place to live? When I catch myself making predeterminations about a person, I stop myself short. As other animal lovers have showed me without even knowing it, the important aspects in understanding people's character lies in what they say and do and not in how they appear.

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Dreaming of a life without sugar

Diabetics face hard time at ULV

Max Zänker
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The pen only makes a clicking sound as it punches the needle into Whitney Wickham's finger. She twitches in a short shock of pain, but this kind of pain is already routine to the 19-year old University of La Verne sophomore as Wickham has to endure it twice a day. A thick drop of blood swells out of her finger. Into this drop, Wickham puts a little stripe, which she then sticks into a pocket-computer. After a countdown of five seconds, the number 97 appears on the LCD-screen.

Relieved, Wickham puts the computer back into her bag and continues studying just like nothing happened.

Wickham was diagnosed diabetic in the summer of 1999. Her doctors diagnosed hypoglycemia, a simple lack of blood sugar.

But since this summer, Wickham knows that her body does not produce insulin in proper amounts, a hormone that converts and regulates sugar into energy and Wickham is in danger of high and low blood sugar.

This is why she has to run the painful test routine twice a day, sometimes even more often.

"I hate it, I despise that machine," she said. "When I am taking a shower or when I am washing my hands very long, you can see all those little marks all over my fingers where I poked myself."

The test shows her the scale of her blood sugar. A normal person operates on a healthy blood sugar scale from 60 to 95, whereas Wickham normal numbers lie between 90 and 110.

"But at least I am lucky and don't have to take insulin," the double major in music and theater said."I just have to be careful about what I eat."

If Wickham does not take care of her blood sugar, she runs the danger to fall into a diabetic coma, which could end in death.

"That happens with extreme highs or lows of 400 plus or under 40," she said. "I've never been to that point, but I've been close."

To keep her blood sugar in healthy range, Wickham has to watch very carefully what she eats.

Glucose, sugar or carbs, like in pasta, white bread, juice or any kind of candy, can kick her numbers up, whereas avoiding carbs and eating too much proteins, like in meat, could lower her blood sugar into dangerous areas.

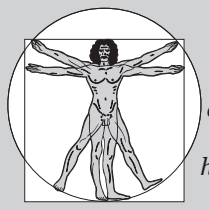
"I have to counteract one with the other," Wickham said. "But if I eat one candy bar, I would have to eat a 12 ounce steak afterwards to balance my sugar."

And she is not alone with that problem at ULV.

"On an average, we see one or two students a year and assist them with managing their diabetes," said Cynthia Denne, director of the health center.

"I am sure that there are others who choose to continue under the care of their private physicians," she said. Especially those diabetic students who live on campus face tough challenges every day at ULV. "I have a hard time finding anything I could eat at Davenport," Wickham said. "So I end up eating what I shouldn't eat, mainly dishes with too many carbs. I have to eat a lot of protein snacks after meals and I hate those."

Food & Fitness



One in a weekly series exploring trends in health and nutrition

Director of Dining Services Aaron Neilson does not agree.

"We offer a good variety of options for carb-conscious students," he said. "Those students can eat a burger without the bun from the grill, salad from our salad bar or cheese from our deli bar."

The University also plans to offer the help of a registered dietician. More information on students' nutrition are available online at **http://dining.ulv.edu**.

Asked about what kind of healthy food she likes, Wickham has to think for a long time. "That is a hard question," she said. "I haven't had something good and healthy in a long time."

'I am fine if I take care of myself. It's all about knowing your body, so you can do what everybody else can.'
– Whitney Wickham, sophomore

In addition to the food services, ULV offers physical support at the Student Health Center and emotional support at the Counseling Center.

Another challenge, the diabetics have to face is their fellow students and the faculty's reaction on the disease.

"It is really embarrassing to test my sugar in the classroom," Wickham said. "People freak out, they either gaggle around me or show their disgust. One of my teachers interviewed me for half an hour why somebody of my age has to do things like that."

She advises students to treat her and other diabetics on campus like everybody else.

"Continue what you are doing. I can handle it myself unless it is a major emergency," Wickham said.

In case of one of those emergencies, the needs help. She gets shaky, disoriented, sweaty and irritable, her heartbeat raises, she starts passing away and she gets what she calls the 'get-out-of-my-face-syndrome' where she will not accept any help. "In this case, ask me what I need, find my computer and test my blood sugar," she said. "If it is low, I need juice and if it is high, nuts or peanut butter."

According to Denne, a diabetes diagnosis is often delayed, because some of the symptoms seem harmless. She lists frequent urination, excessive thirst or hunger, unusual weight lost, increased fatigue, irritability and a blurry vision as the first signs of the disease. Information on diabetes, including a diabetes risk test are also available online at **http://www.diabetes.org**.

"The best we can do for our family members or friends that have diabetes is to become educated about the disease and to offer support and understanding," Denne said.

Even facing the struggle with her blood sugar, Wickham is happy that the disease does not keep her from exercising, she just has to check her blood sugar afterwards.

"I am fine if I take care of myself," the former figure skater said. "It's all about knowing your body, so you can do what everybody else can."



Jason Cortez

Whitney Wickham, a ULV student double majoring in music and theater, is a type one diabetic. She was diagnosed last summer and tests her blood twice daily. If her blood sugar levels are not monitored and regulated, the consequences could result in a diabetic coma or even death.

Latina writers speak at ULV

Authors experienced subversion

Adrianna Gardner
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne's Department of Modern Languages, in collaboration with the University's honors program, on Wednesday gathered three prominent Latin American writers for a roundtable discussion, speaking on "Writing as Subversion: Latin American Women Speak Out."

The event, in honor of Women's History Month, evoked a roundtable discussion on experiences and opinions of Latina writers and their contributions to writing, using unique perspectives.

March is Women's History Month and the author's talk was one of several campus events honoring women's struggles.

The topic of discussion in La Fetra Hall was no matter of persuasion or corruption.

Latina authors Ana Maria Shua, Alicia Kozameh, and Nora Skejilevich shared their experiences of triumph and ideas on writing in subversion.

"It was interesting seeing that these three ladies went through a troubled time, and still have positive, reflective images to share with other people," said Tiffany Davis, a sophomore behavioral science major, who attended the Wednesday event.

Andrea Labinger, professor of Spanish, served as a moderator for the discussion that included University's faculty and students.

She began the discussion by introducing the audience to the idea of literature, the many forms it can take on, and the relationship between literature and subversion. All three writers agreed that subversion in literature is an artistic expression. One of the authors, Ana Shua, a Buenos Aires native, has been widely anthologized and her novel "Los Amores de Laurita" (The Loves of Laurita) has been made into a motion picture. Shua said that a writer's optimal goal is to make her writing immortal. The writers seek to tell readers their stories like they seek an obsession, she said.

"We need to write about them," said Alicia Kozameh, native of Rosario, Argentina, and author of "Pasos Bajo el Aua" (Steps Under Water), which fictionalizes her experience as a political prisoner during the country's dictatorship of the 1970s. She added: "I feel like I'm always fighting."

Kozameh said that writers sometimes have the intention to be subversive but other times do not. She used the example of the public's metaphor of Argentina's dictatorship and the female protagonist's search for liberation in Shua's Soy paciente (1979).

Shua offered merely a black humorist perspective and had no idea of its subversive undertones. The authors spoke of having the urgency to change their reader's minds. They all said they view fiction as an art, and their obsession with telling their story as a gateway to work artistically to breathe life into the pages.

"This topic is larger than life, and language is insufficient to its story," said Nora Skejilevich, an Argentinean/Canadian writer, professor of literature, and survivor of a concentration camp during the Argentine "Dirty War."

> 'In life, if you do not have a revolution, you can make it in a book.'
> *– Nora Skejilevich, author*

The human rights activist said writing became subversive because she wasn't able to tell the story. "We tell the same stories but with different shades," Skejilevich said.

The writers suggest techniques of using different voices, allusion, and other literary devices to mix a level of subversion into their writing.

"I put my effort into being different," said Kozameh.

As a part of the University's honors program, Labinger said she was grateful for the good turn out at the event.

For Labinger, the experience of having translated many of their works gave her insight to the women's courage and resourcefulness. Labinger told students of Kozameh's "ingenious" ideas to entertain both fellow political prisoners and her while locked in a basement. Upon receiving gifts from relatives, the women would save wrappers from gum and paper to roll their cigarettes.

"It was really good to see how they want their memory alive in order for them to continue," said Arleen Lopez, a junior television broadcasting major on the authors' roles during Women History Month.

"I like their courage and the fact that they are women," Lopez said.

The women displayed boldness and resilience that define the human spirit. "In life, if you do not have a revolution, you can make it in a book," Skejilevich said.

Dissertations demystified

Janelle Krug
Staff Writer



Gloria Diaz

With her new book, "The Dissertation Journey," Carol Roberts, professor of organizational leadership wants to assist students in writing their doctoral dissertation and master's thesis. Roberts, a member of the ULV faculty for 15 years, enjoys traveling, scuba diving and hiking.

Carol Roberts, professor of organizational leadership at the University of La Verne, has recently written a book titled; "The Dissertation Journey: A Comprehensive and Practical Guide to Planning, Writing, and Defending your Dissertation," that will be available this month.

The book is written as a guide to help doctoral and masters students write their dissertations. Roberts said she hopes to encourage readers through the difficult process of writing a dissertation.

The book includes checklists, helpful hints, sample forms and organization and time management tips.

"It is a very, very complete step by step guide" said Leonard Pellicer, dean of the School of Education and Organizational Leadership. "It's very encouraging."

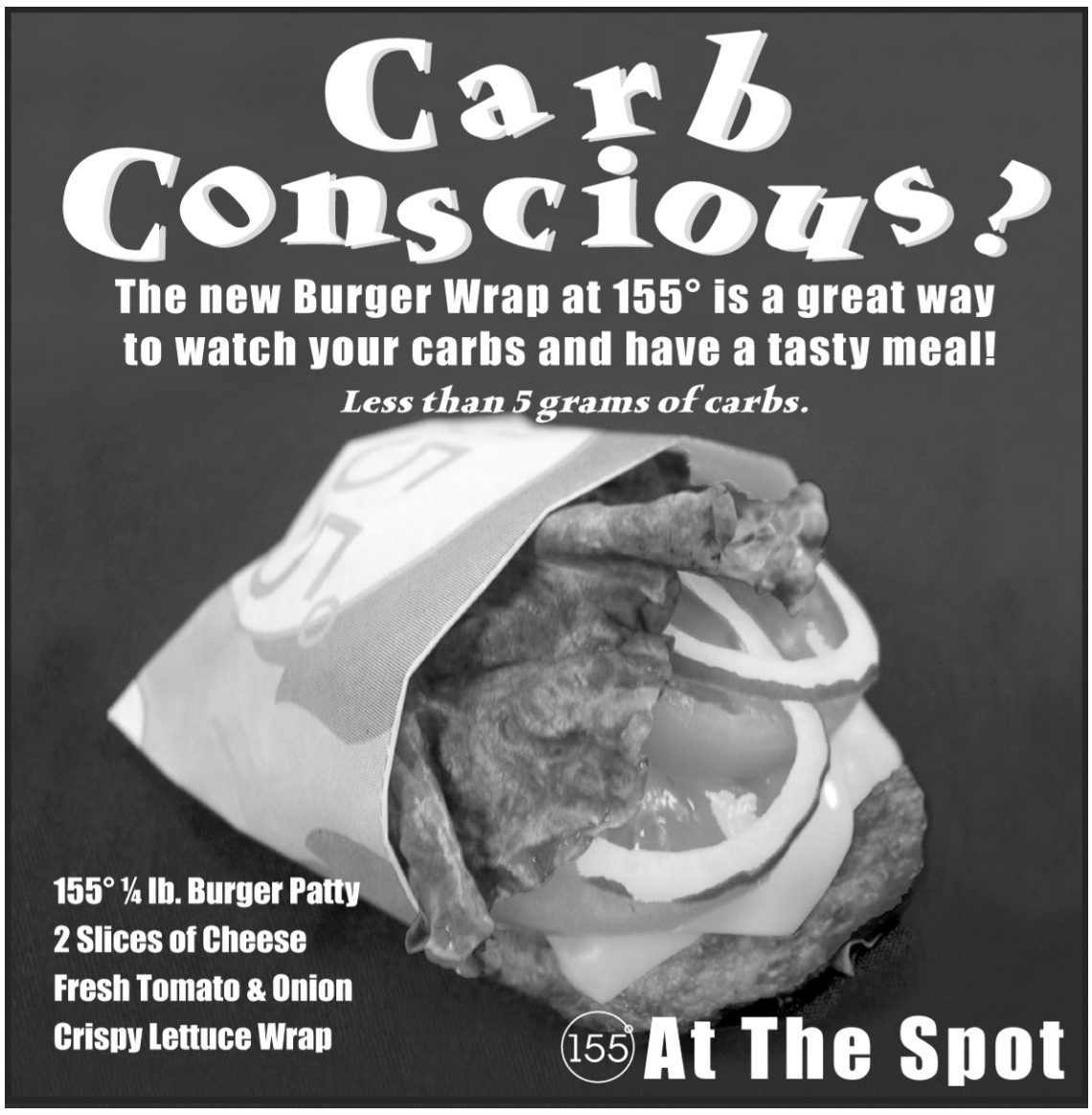
Roberts said that only 40 percent of doctoral students finish their dissertations and she hopes to help more students complete their dissertation goals.

She compares writing a dissertation to climbing a high mountain.

"The climb will test your mettle and challenge your resolve, but once you complete it and experience the magnificent view from the top, you realize the rewards far out weight the effort," she said.

Roberts grew up in Los Angeles and received her bachelor of education at Cal State Long Beach, her master's in reading and school administration at Cal State Fullerton and her doctorate in policy planning and administration at the University of Southern California. Roberts is teaching two classes this semester in organizational theory and organizational leadership.

In addition she has started work on her second book, which deals with the the topic of team building.



Foster family becomes permanent

Janelle Krug
Staff Writer



Desiree Quintero

Safety specialist Jeff Boster and his wife, Betty, have been foster parents for some time. Recently, they welcomed Ryan as a foster child, then decided to make him a permanent addition to their family. They continue to care for foster children, with two new children placed in their care. Boster holds a picture of his biological son Billy, while a picture of his new adopted son Ryan is on his desk.

Most people at the University know Jeff Boster, a safety specialist with the Operations department here as a part of the University's maintenance team. But recently, he made the ultimate commitment. After several years of housing foster children long term, Boster and his wife adopted a young boy to join their family.

The Boster's new son, Ryan, came to them when he was 3 – from a homeless family. After staying with the Bosters for several years as a foster child, he was removed permanently from his mother's custody by the state, and the Bosters adopted him.

Boster and his wife first learned about the foster home organization Koinonia when they attended a Christian music festival. When learnig first about the foster home organization, the Bosters already had a son, Billy, but wanted a bigger family. They thought that becoming foster parents would be a way for the family to grow and help children in need of a loving home, Boster said.

They requested boys between the ages of six months and 10 years. Jeff Boster's wife became a stay-at-home mom to care for the foster children full time.

Boster and his wife began taking foster children into their home in 1999 and since then, they have had a total of nine children to stay with them.

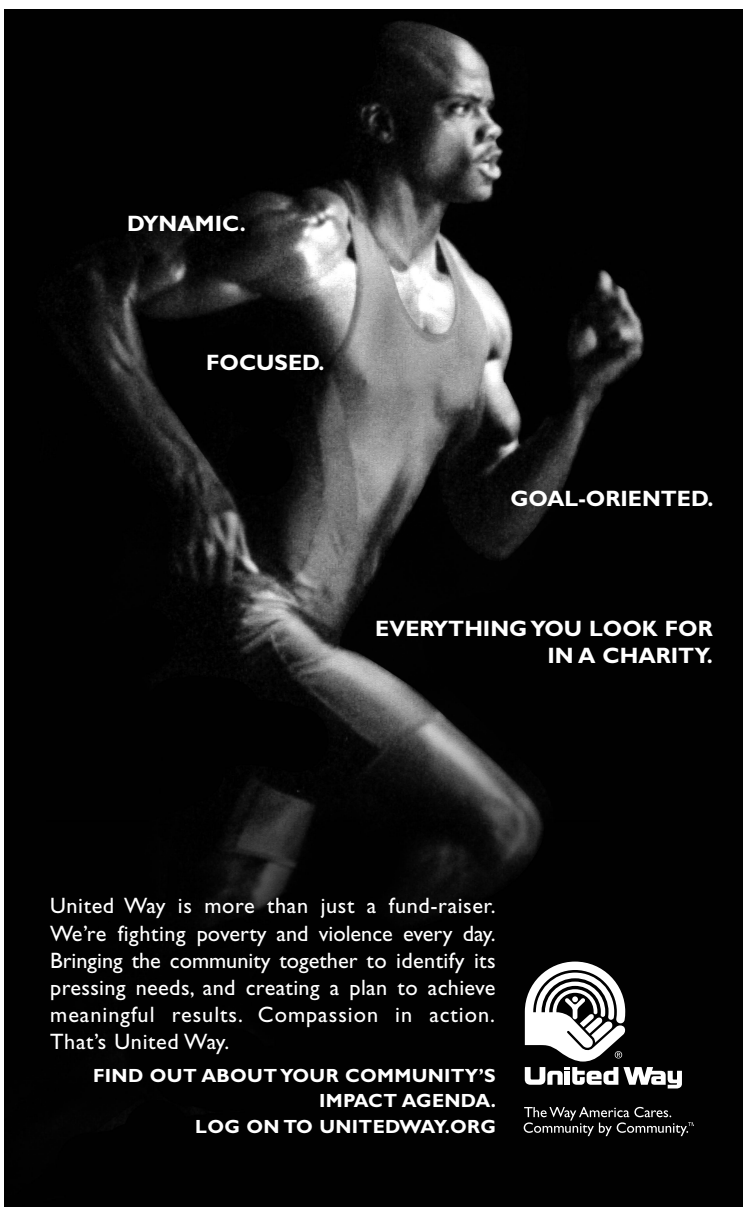
"Each kid is different," Boster said. "Each kid has a different story."

When a child first comes to their home, the Bosters try to make them feel part of a loving family. They also involve them in school, Boy Scouts and even fishing. Some children need more attention to some basic needs that are often taken for granted. One of the biggest challenges the Bosters face is disciplining the children. It can be difficult if they did not learn any discipline at home, or were previously in foster care. To compensate, the Bosters consistently give the children love, something that was lacking in previous discipline.

Another challenge that Boster faces is letting the children go. He tries not to become attached but sometimes it is hard to watch them go back to their own family. One of the Bosters former foster children, came back to visit them after returning to live with his mother. He took the values that he learned from living with the Bosters and taught them to his mother, including going to church. When the child came back to visit he would advise the new children that are living with the Bosters to assure them the Bosters home was a good and safe place to be.

After the Bosters adopted Ryan, they took some time off from hosting children to spend more time with their new son. But only months after adopting Ryan, the Bosters welcomed two new foster children into their home.

For more information on this foster program, visit **http://www.kfh.org**.



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HAPPENINGS

Kid's Music Club

Hosted by Scott Farthing, Timothy Durkovic and Jacqueline Petitto, the Kid's Music Club will be presenting "I Love the Piano" tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Founders Auditorium. Admission is free.

Spring Theatre Mini-Festival

The theater arts department will be hosting a series of senior one-act plays Sunday through Wednesday. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call (909) 593-3511, Ext. 4386.

Nicolas 3 Concert

Flutist Rik Noyce, soprano Carol Stephenson and keyboardist Philip A. Smith will be performing in Founders Auditorium on March 12. General admission is $5. Students are admitted free.

Prism seeks creativity

ULV's creative writing publication, "Prism", is accepting short stories, poetry, and photography submissions to be published in its 25th anniversary edition. The deadline for submissions is March 15. Entry boxes are located in Miller Hall.

At the Fairplex

The Country Art Folk Show sets up shop today and continues offering the finest in crafts for sale, through Sunday. Admission is $6 today, $5 on Saturday and Sunday.

The PSP Paintball tournament continues today through Sunday. Teams compete and winners are awarded cash prizes. Spectators are admitted at no cost.

For more information call (909) 623-3111.

—Valerie Rojas

Gratz and company
Jazz things up

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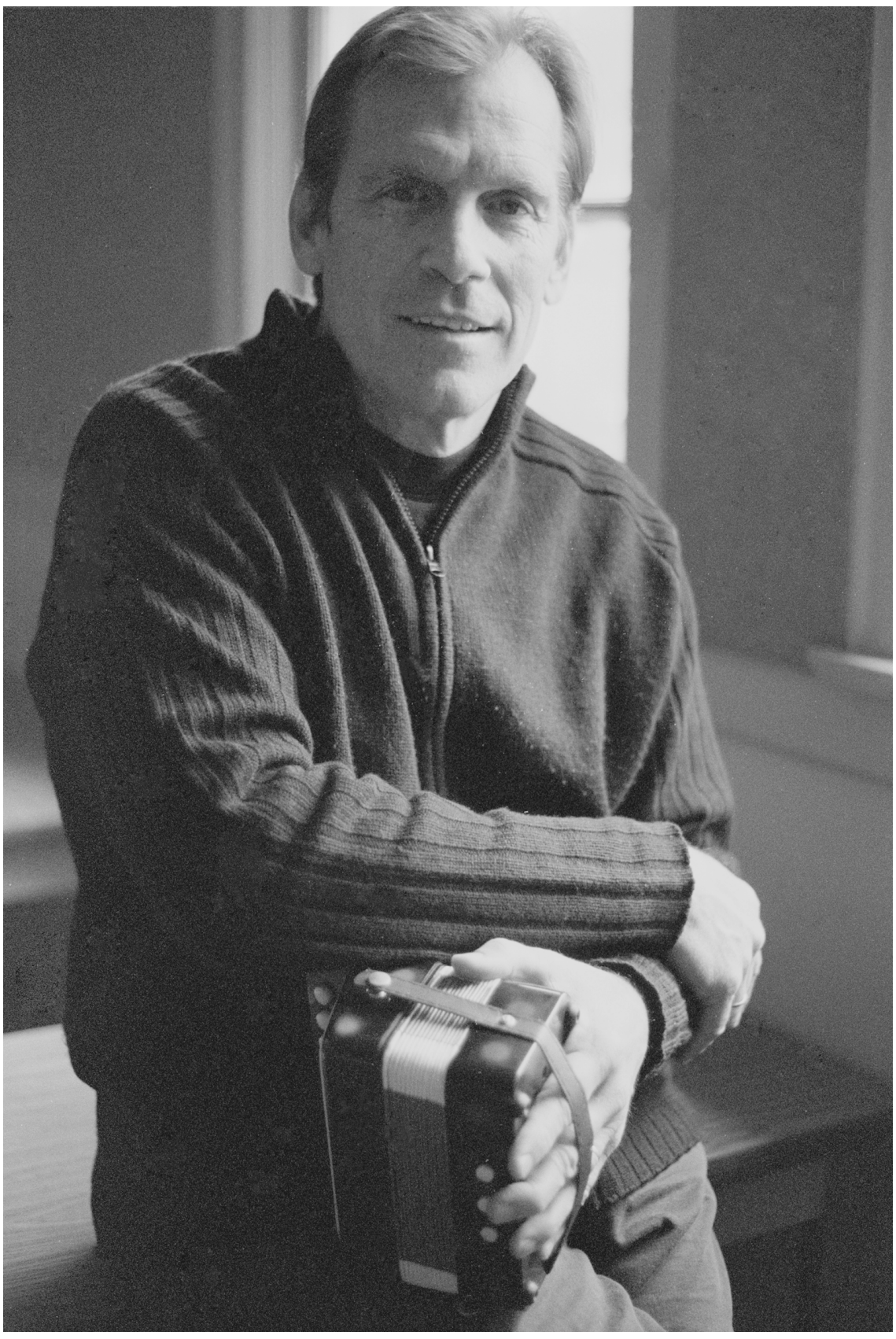

Among Reed Gratz's assortment of interesting musical instruments is his accordion from Los Angeles' Chinatown. Gratz, professor of music, has an upcoming concert in Founders Auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday Joining Gratz on stage will be Michael O'Neill, Max Bennett, Michael Bennett and Steve Biondo.

Reed Gratz, professor of music, will be leading a group of talented musicians at 8 p.m. tonight to perform the works of Brazilian jazz composer Antonio Carlos Jobim in Founders Auditorium.

Jobim's work will be performed by Gratz along with many other talented musicians.

Gratz an internationally recognized jazz artist, will be joined by guitarist Michael O'Neill, bassist Max Bennett, drummer Michael Bennett and percussionist Steven Biondo to perform musical pieces composed by one of the most original jazz composers of the 1960s.

Jobim, was born Jan. 25, 1927, in Rio De Janiero, Brazil.

His career spanned decades.

Jobim recorded several albums as a jazz guitarist, pianist and singer.

His frist was recorded in 1954, as a backup singer in Tom and His Band.

The work of Jobim influenced many, including the Bossa Nova fad of 1962.

Gratz is a two-time Fulbright scholar and has released three albums.

"The Music of Antonio Carlos Jobim" as performed by Gratz and friends is sure to make an interestingly hip evening.

General admission is $5 and student admission is free.

For reservations call (909) 593-3511, Ext. 4921.

For more information about Gratz, visit **www.reedgratz.com**.

Gospelfest celebrates tradition

Jay Aguila
Staff Writer

The African American Student Alliance and the Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity presented Gospelfest Sunday in Dailey Theater.

The Gospelfest, a celebration of gospel music and American tradition, welcomed performers of all music types and backgrounds.

"We are trying to exhibit different types of gospel; we had praise dancers, hip hop gospel, jazz gospel, R&B gospel and ended it with a traditional gospel group so that the people can see the spectrum of what gospel music is," said Keisha Bentley, the cross cultural programs director.

An energetic and talented host Angela Perry, a ULV alumna, began the Gospelfest with a beautiful rendition of the Negro National Anthem.

From the rhythmic sounds of the Shikana Glory Praise Team, the gospel rap of Meek, the r&b of Angel, and the acapella verses of Aalis, the fest was a blend of old school and new school for today's generation.

Although Gospelfest seems to have a greater significance to the African American community, people of all backgrounds were encouraged to celebrate the music and the Lord.

"It gives them a chance to praise and worship god in their own way, no matter what religion they are, whether they are spiritual or not, this is their way to celebrate and praise God," said Lakia Sims, coordinator of the Gospelfest.

The Gospelfest was targeted toward the whole La Verne community, but it traces back to primarily African-American roots.

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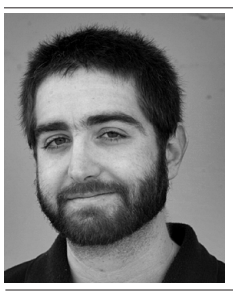
Feedback

FCC sterilizes entertainment



TAYLOR KINGSBURY

I know that you're as sick of hearing about Janet Jackson's boob as I am talking about it. But, unfortunately, the pop star's publicity stunt has generated something far more sinister than her comeback.

The Federal Communications Commission, in their infinite wisdom, has decided that one nipple is just cause to reinvestigate their existing policies regarding obscenity, and to use their all-powerful hand to initiate some selective censorship.

Broadcast entertainment as we know it is in the process of being sterilized, and conduct that was considered just fine a few weeks ago is now yielding an unjust fine.

Anxious programmers are now altering their wares to save themselves from bankruptcy, apparently unconcerned that their audience seemed to like things just the way they were.

Most publicly, MTV, who produced the Super Bowl fiasco, has vowed to resign some of their spicier clips to the late-night hours of their schedule.

This, too, seems like a publicity stunt. After all, anybody who has been unfortunate enough to familiarize themselves with MTV knows that the channel rarely plays videos anyway.

The ones truly affected by this newly generated paranoia are radio personalities, who are being forced to alter the material that made their shows successful to begin with.

The most infamous of shock-jocks, Howard Stern, has seen his show dropped from six affiliate stations, including one in San Diego. Nationwide, many jocks specializing in racier material have been canned without the opportunity to adhere to the new standards set for them.

Surely we can all agree that Howard Stern and similar-minded radio personalities specialize in crude humor. But anyone who doesn't approve of the material has dozens of other stations to choose from.

Stern's show is a success because he knows what his audience wants to hear, and if his material is truly offensive, then millions of listeners around the world obviously enjoy being offended.

So, what is offensive? Conveniently, the FCC doesn't specifically say. Their website only pinpoints material that references "sexual and excretory organs." However, by that definition, a host who speaks about having a cold and needing to blow their nose would be met with a $275,000 fine.

There can never be any set standard for decency, since each individual has their own unique threshold for language. Hell, my mother won't even say the word "hell." She spells it out, "H-E-L-L." Yet, you just read it three times and probably didn't think twice about it.

Under the FCC's technical guidelines, if my mother heard a radio host use the world "hell," and was personally offended by that, she would have grounds to file an obscenity report.

Of course, "hell" is a minor example. But, even the most obscene sexual references are still only words. Words are nothing more than a combination of letters arranged phonetically, and any imagery that a word invokes is a product of the listener's mind.

Example: When I say "deep penetration," you begin imagining a vulgar sexual scenario. But, that's only because you are a filthy pervert. I was referring to football defense.

So, words are only as powerful as we make them. If someone is offended by explicit language, that is something they are doing to themselves.

And, don't even try to sell me that "for the kids" speech perched on your lips. Your kids should be in school while Howard Stern is on, and if they're old enough to talk, chances are they're using more vulgar language than him, anyway.

Sure, TV is a much different entity, since sexual imagery has more visceral impact than speech. But, what's offensive about a nipple, really?

We all see two of them every day when we get ready in the morning, and if we're lucky, we get to see two more sometime later in the day.

The major hypocrisy here is that if Justin Timberlake's nipple had been exposed instead, we wouldn't be in this bind.

What we have here is the outset of a subtle censorship, and we should be terrified---after all, the FCC is a function of our government. Don't forget, our country's leaders are aggressively pushing an agenda that is fundamentally conservative and Christian; which is great, unless you're not a conservative Christian.

Thankfully, the FCC has no jurisdiction over print, so this column is safe. However, in the interest of adhering to the media's newly defined standards of decency, I will simply say that the FCC, and the right-wing fundamentalists who support them, can go make love to themselves.

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Music Review

God Awfuls fail to resurrect punk rock

Taylor Kingsbury
Staff Writer

"We need a revolution," sneers vocalist Kevin De Franco on "Watch It Fall," one of the feisty numbers on the God Awfuls' debut album, "Next Stop Armageddon."

If De Franco's referring to his hometown of La Verne, then I'm a little lost. Apparently, growing up in an affluent middle-class college town with an almost non-existent crime-rate inspires one to loathe society as we know it.

However, if De Franco's talking about punk rock, then he's absolutely right. From its inception as the raw and primal antithesis of all things Pop, to the ironic invention of the pop-punk genre, punk rock has transmogrified into a brand name.

The genre has splintered into several subspecies, allowing surly, non-conformist youth to align themselves with the attitude and fashion of emo, grindcore, or oi, while still claiming their dubious foothold on the punk scene.

While originally fashioned as a no-frills, plug in and play salute to rock and roll, punk as we know it today has more to do with buying an $80 pair of multi-zippered plaid pants at Hot Topic. Somewhere along the way, punk became fashionable, which of course spawned yet a new sub-genre of punk: classic punk; notable because the bands who play it express only disdain for the homogenization of the genre.

But, alas, that too has become fashionable. So, it's easy to be skeptical when a band like the God Awfuls declares that punk rock songs should not be about girls.

On their debut release, the Awfuls strive for, and maintain, a standard of traditional punk fury with choruses catchy enough to be memorable, but not catchy enough to be on Star FM. The young band certainly has its chops down, and its work captures both the vigor of the brash British punk of the '70s and the more melodic sensibility of early-'90s skate-punk.

The album echoes the work of Bad Religion's peak period, and will undoubtedly thrill disenchanted fans who refuse to accept punk's popularity.

While there's nothing inherently wrong with catchy three chord tunes about protesting intolerance and defying authority, there are no new punk songs left to write.

Indeed, tunes like "NRA" are well executed, but nothing the discerning punk fan hasn't already heard thousands of times before.

No one is going to revolutionize punk rock.

So, why buy this? Sure, the God Awfuls certainly don't live up to their name, but how is that an accomplishment?

We don't need a new band that sounds like Bad Religion or the Dead Kennedys, because those bands have rich catalogues of their own. Punk splintered because it had to; the genre evolved because it had grown stagnant.

If this is the sound you're looking for, pick up some early Vandals or Strung Out records. But, I suppose if you have all of those, and you can't quite afford the plaid pants, you could certainly find worse than this.

Gospelfest...

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"It is something that you can trace back to Africa, the Caribbean and also to the South, during slavery especially in negro spirituals where it was used as a way for people to go through the underground railroad, and so we can see that journey from then to now," Bentley said.

The performances were energetic and wonderful to watch and to hear. Artists like S.P. and Aalis gave very traditional sounds with a twist of today's feel. The Gospelfest came to a close with the Heavenly Tabernacle singing traditional gospel music.

The first Gospelfest was held at ULV in 2002 and after this performance, it is planned to be a tradition for years to come.



Softball stretches streak to seven

Jonathan Corral
Assistant Editor

The University of La Verne softball team has a motto that states, "Get it Done" and the Leopards did just that in its weekend series with California Lutheran University.

The Leopards (8-4, 6-0) used a total team effort, excellent pitching and some last-inning heroics to remain unbeaten in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with 7-4, 9-2 and 3-1 victories over Cal Lu last weekend at Gibello Field in Thousand Oaks and Wheeler Park in La Verne.

With the victories, the Leopards are in the driver's seat in conference, trying to improve on last year's second-place finish.

"One of our themes is to finish everything we start," head coach Robin Haaker said. "This weekend the entire team really stepped up and played some great games to continue our winning streak."

The finale of the three game series was a nail biter filled with all the drama of a Hollywood movie, ending with a sixth inning solo home run by Kelley Silagyi, propelling the Leopards to victory.

"When I first stepped to bat, I was just thinking I'd get something started for the team," Silagyi said. "But right when I hit it, I knew it was gone, it was just one of those hits."

The entire game was a classic pitching dual between Leopard ace Amanda Jones and Regals' starter Gianna Regal. Neither pitcher gave an inch as they both swept through the opposing lineup with ease.

The Leopards drew first blood in the bottom of the first when Jones helped her own cause driving in Amber Guerra for the early 1-0 lead.

The Regals jumped on the scoreboard in the sixth when Jones started losing her control. Jones gave Cal Lu the game-tying run after walking four straight batters.

Staying true to form, the Leopards kept their composure in the bottom of the sixth by scoring runs on Silagyi's dramatic solo home run as well as Suzy Riker, scoring on a double by Elaine Martinez, finalizing the game in dramatic fashion giving the Leopards the 3-1 victory.

"This is still a young season," Haaker said. "We now have to know that other teams are going to be up beat to play us and we just cannot settle for what we have accomplished so far, we still have to play one game at a time."

Jones completed the seven inning masterpiece by only allowing one run on one hit and finishing two for three from the plate with an RBI.

Game two was less dramatic, but once again found the Leopards jumping on their opponents early and not looking back.

Mary Olsen took the mound for the Leopards and started shaky, giving up two runs in the first and second innings.

She calmed down after her offense helped her out in a big way, exploding for six runs in the bottom of the second when the Leopards batted through the lineup.

With the bases loaded, Olsen drew a walk to bring in Riker for the first run. Another walk by Guerra evened the score at 2 with the fireworks just beginning.

A.J. Taggart drove in two runs for the Leopards with her double to the center field wall scoring Martinez and Olsen for the 4-2 lead.

The Leopards added two more runs when Guerra and Taggart scored on singles by DeGiacomo and Silagyi increasing their lead to 6-2 after two innings.

Olsen cruised the rest of the way with flawless pitching and a defense that was vacuuming any ball that was in the air or on the ground.

Second basemen Riker was evident of that with her diving left and right for the ground balls not afraid of getting dirty.

The door was closed on the Regals in the bottom of the fourth when the Leopards added three runs.

"Last year we lost to Cal Lu, so these past games we stepped it up and played like we know how," DeGiacomo said. "We came in with a lot of intensity and maintained it through both games."

Guerra started things off with a double over the center fielder's head to begin the inning. DeGiacomo and Silagyi had consecutive singles that found their way through the outstretched arms of the Regal defenders. Riker finished the deal when she tripled, bringing home Silagyi, capping off the victory, 9-2.

In the double header the Leopards received two complete games from Olsen and Jones, who pitched their team to victory.

'One of our themes is to finish everything we start.'
-Robin Haaker, head coach

"Mary and Amanda really stepped up huge for us," Haaker said. "They kept the opposing hitters on their toes and pitched within themselves, not to mention they had their offense and defense backing them up."

The opening game of the series played in Thousand Oaks, Friday, stayed true to form with the Leopards dominating all facets of the ball game.

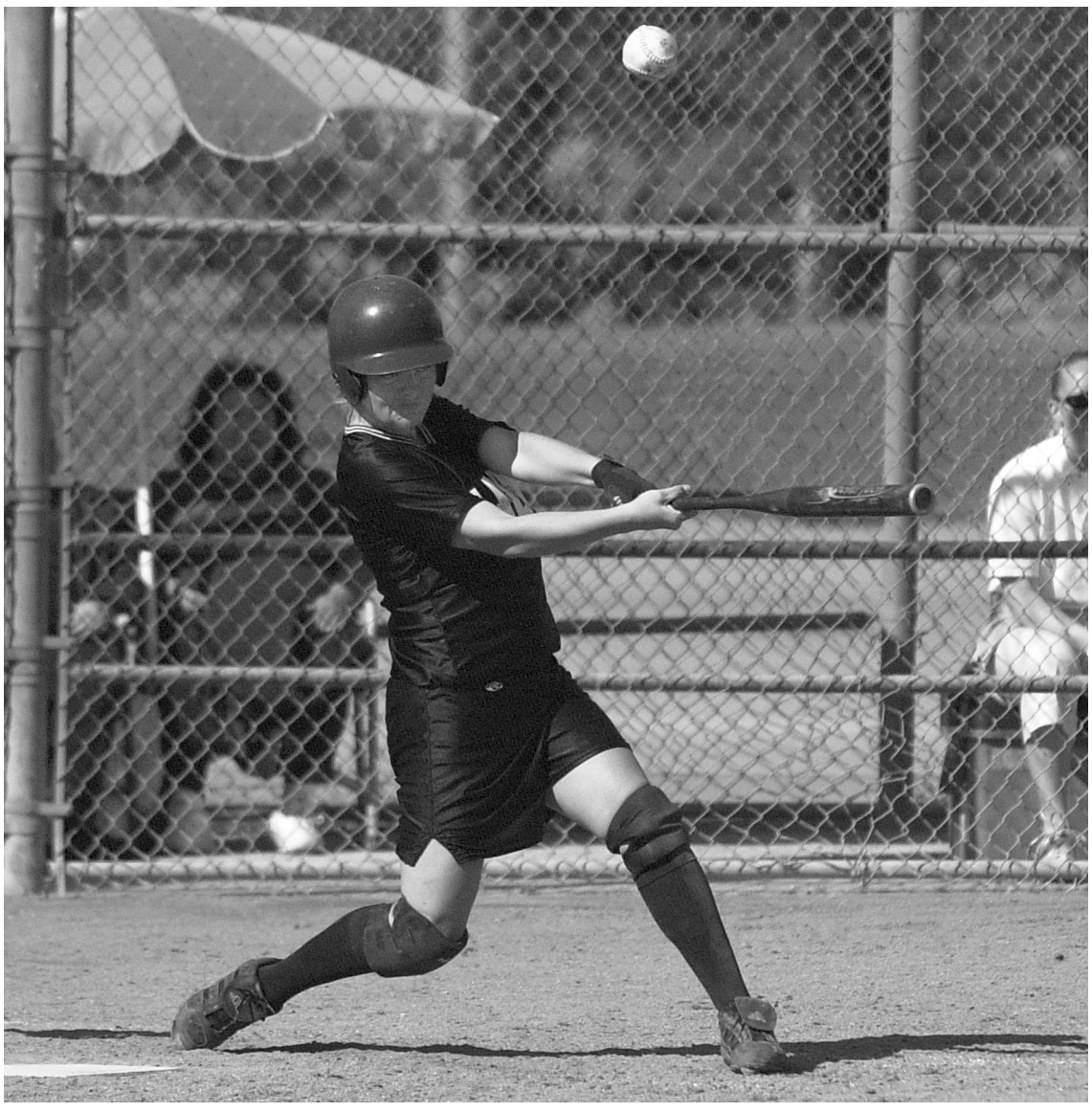
Morgan Dobis lead the Leopards, going three for four at the plate. Riker had one hit and two RBIs.

The entire game, the Leopards were held at bay until they exploded in the fifth and sixth innings scoring four and three runs, respectively, to come away with the victory.

"The season is far from over," DeGiacomo said. "We just have to take it a game at a time, one team at a time and even one inning at a time, if we do that we should be fine."

The Leopards put their perfect conference record on the line this weekend against Occidental College, starting at 3 p.m. Friday at Wheeler Park and concluding with a doubleheader at noon and 2 p.m. Saturday in Los Angeles.

"I think our team chemistry is a big reason we will continue to be successful this season," Silagyi said. "We have to keep pushing each other and play with our hearts and mind."



Adam Omernik

University of La Verne thirdbaseman Kelley Silagyi hit a pop up that was caught for an out during the second game of the doubleheader against the Cal Lutheran Regals Saturday. The Leopards came away with two wins (9-2, 3-1) partly attributable to Silagyi, who brought in two runs in game one and hit a home run in game two to further demoralize the Regals.

SCIAC regulations change

Amanda Egan
News Editor

The Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference has altered its strict out-of-season practice guidelines to more closely adhere to the National Collegiate Athletic Association regulations.

In the past the athletic teams in the conference were not allowed to practice out of season as a team, but were allowed a limited number of individual workouts with the coach.

The new rules say that athletic teams in SCIAC are allowed to practice as a group for a maximum of six hours a week, split into three days for five weeks. However, the hours count separately for each athlete.

"The five weeks makes a big difference. We have a chance to get in better physical condition and keep our injuries down," head baseball coach Scott Winterburn said.

The workouts are voluntary; therefore a student may miss a practice for class and make up their hours individually with the coach as long as they do not exceed six hours during the week. There is no competition allowed during this time. These are not NCAA rules, they are rules created by SCIAC.

"These rules are still stricter than NCAA rules," said Kelly Beck, SCIAC sports information director.

According to the 2003-04 NCAA Division III Manual, athletic teams are allowed 21 weeks including their pre-season and regular season to be involved in their sport. However, the time of year that the team competes plays a factor in when they can practice.

All sports, excluding fall sports, can begin working out and competing on Sept. 7 or the first day of classes. These workouts are limited to the amount of weeks a team has left in the 21-week time frame from their regular season participation.

"When we face teams out of our regular season schedule it shows that they have been practicing," junior softball and soccer player A.J. Taggart said. "The more you practice, the better you can be."

On average, a team following NCAA guidelines will have approximately 10-11 weeks to prepare.

"The majority of Division III conference follow the NCAA rules," Beck said.

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Water polo dives into season cold



Reina Santa Cruz

The women's water polo team played its first game against Cal State Hayward on Saturday at the La Verne Aquatic Center. Hayward's driver Jessica Araujo (No. 3) blocks against University of La Verne driver Kari Erickson. La Verne lost the game, 5-3, to the Pioneers.

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Staff Writer

The women's water polo team began its season with a 5-3 loss to the much more experienced team from Cal State Hayward Saturday at the La Verne Aquatic Center.

The Leopards, who have only held five practices due to the end of the swimming and diving season, performed well but were unable to keep up with the Pioneers of CSUH, who have played 15 games leading up to Saturday's contest.

"It is just going to take time to put it all together," head coach Tim Hugar said.

The team was down 2-1 at the half and came back and scored two more goals.

That was not enough, however, to match the three goals scored by Hayward, making the game 5-3.

Junior goalie Jessica Figgins made nine saves throughout the game.

Freshmen Jessica Egbert and Valerie Keehmer, and junior Kristin McKown scored goals for the Leopards.

The team, which Hugar said is evenly matched, does not seem to have one star player.

"A lot of people did some good things out there today," he said.

"I think we performed well," Egbert said. "We have some work to do, but if we keep it up we will do well."

Most of the players seem to share the same view.

They were at a disadvantage having been together for such a short period of time before their first game.

"If we had more practice we could have won. We just need more time together," freshman Lynea Loeffler said.

The team is very young with only one junior.

Coach Hugar said as a team they can make a lot of improvements on everything, but sees the potential in such a young group.

This weekend the Leopards travel north to take on Sonoma State and UC Santa Cruz.

Volleyball drops match to rival Slugs

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Sports Editor

The University of La Verne men's volleyball team dropped to a No. 4 national ranking this week after a 3-1 upset from the University of California Santa Cruz Saturday night in Santa Cruz.

Looking to establish Division III West Coast superiority with a second win over the rival Banana Slugs, the Leopards could have clenched a bid to the Molten Invitational Tournament to be held April 16-17 at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisburg, Va.

Instead, the Leopards faced a side of Santa Cruz they have not see since the 2001 season – the last time ULV suffered a loss to the Slugs.

"Some guys on our team have never lost to them," head coach Morgan Coberly said.

After a steady climb up the rankings this season the Slugs sat at the Leopards' heels in the No. 4 position heading into the weekend's contest. Santa Cruz will replace ULV in the Division III national rankings at No. 3 – the Slugs' highest ranking since debuting on the list at No. 7, Jan. 20, the first poll issued this year.

ULV made its first poll appearance at No. 3 and had not moved until this weekend.

The Santa Cruz match set the Leopards back, but Coberly believes there is still a chance for ULV to receive the bid to the national tournament. A committee will now decide who gets the bid. The team's Division III record, strength of schedule, home and away records and previous poll rankings are among the criteria considered by the committee.

"I would hope that we still go," Coberly said. "I know we're a better team than the other teams. We had it in our hands had we beat Santa Cruz. It's up to a committee now, so you never know."

Santa Cruz has never made a Final Four appearance while ULV has received the bid the last two years.

In the two teams' second match-up this season, the Leopards were defeated, 3-1 (28-30, 23-30, 30-28, 22-30).

"Santa Cruz played completely out of their minds. They can't possibly play any better than they did," Coberly said.

When comparing Saturday's match to the first contest with Santa Cruz, Jan 16., where ULV won, 3-0, Coberly said Santa Cruz "wasn't even the same team."

After dropping the first two games Saturday, ULV picked up its intensity in the third. Down 12-9, the Leopards went on a 12-3 run to take the 21-15 lead that they would not relinquish, taking the game.

"They did what they had to do, they started playing defense like we had asked them to do between games," Coberly said.

ULV had turned up the heat in the match and headed into the fourth game with hopes of a turnaround.

"It's not that we stopped playing defense in the fourth, they were just swinging as hard as they could and it was just going down," Coberly said.

The momentum carried over into the fourth game as, for the first time in the match, the Leopards took the first two points. But once the score was tied at 4, the Leopards watched Santa Cruz put away 10 straight points and never regained a lead.

"We felt like we were the better team the whole match and we should have beat them," said junior outside hitter Dwayne Wibeto. "They played above average for them and we didn't play up to the level to beat them. They're a lot better team at home."

"It's a different atmosphere going up there, it's a little bit different," said senior libero Scott Alley. "They always play harder for their fans. They wanted it more than we did, and they

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Leopards close season in seventh

Sara Lupu
Staff Writer

In an effort to close out its season with a win, the University of La Verne men's basketball team lost to a persistent Whittier College team, 74-69, Feb. 26 in the Supertents.

This was ULV's second loss this season to the Poets, with the first coming on Feb. 4 in overtime, 106-97.

With both teams close to even in shooting percentage categories, the biggest difference in the final game for both teams was the effort on the boards. Whittier out-rebounded ULV, 42-26, which aided in their ability to outscore the Leopards, 12-3, in the final four minutes.

"I'm not really sure what happened. We just had a complete breakdown of our systems in the last four minutes," senior guard Marc McCoy said.

ULV junior guard Jason Greenlee had a game-high 21 points, while seniors Steve Rugg and McCoy scored 14 and 12, respectively, in their last college contest.

Whittier's Aaron Dawson led his team with 19 points and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds.

With a 12-13 overall record, 4-10 in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the Leopards finish the season seventh place overall in the conference.

"We struggled once we got to conference play this year," head coach Gabe Duran said. "As a team, our focus could have been better because we made too many mistakes at key points in games."

For a team who was, "excited after they started the season off strong being 4-0, this finish is disappointing," Greenlee said. "We came into conference, which had some tough competition, and didn't do the little things like rebounding and making shots down the stretch to close out games."

Highlighting the season was the Leopards' 90-84 win against this year's conference champions, Pomona-Pitzer, Jan. 24.

"They didn't lose a conference game at home all year with the exception of the one to us. It was big for our team," Greenlee said.

As far as what the team's off-season focus will be, Duran said, "We want to get better defensively first and foremost. We also want to get better in the front-court, and tougher both mentally and physically."

Weight room workouts and conditioning during the summer and the fall are two ways that the team is looking to improve their strength. "For the most part, our effort was pretty strong throughout the season, but we need to work hard in the off-season and continue to build our program up," Duran said.

Earning SCIAC athletic honors this season were Greenlee, making First Team All-Conference, and McCoy with Second Team honors.

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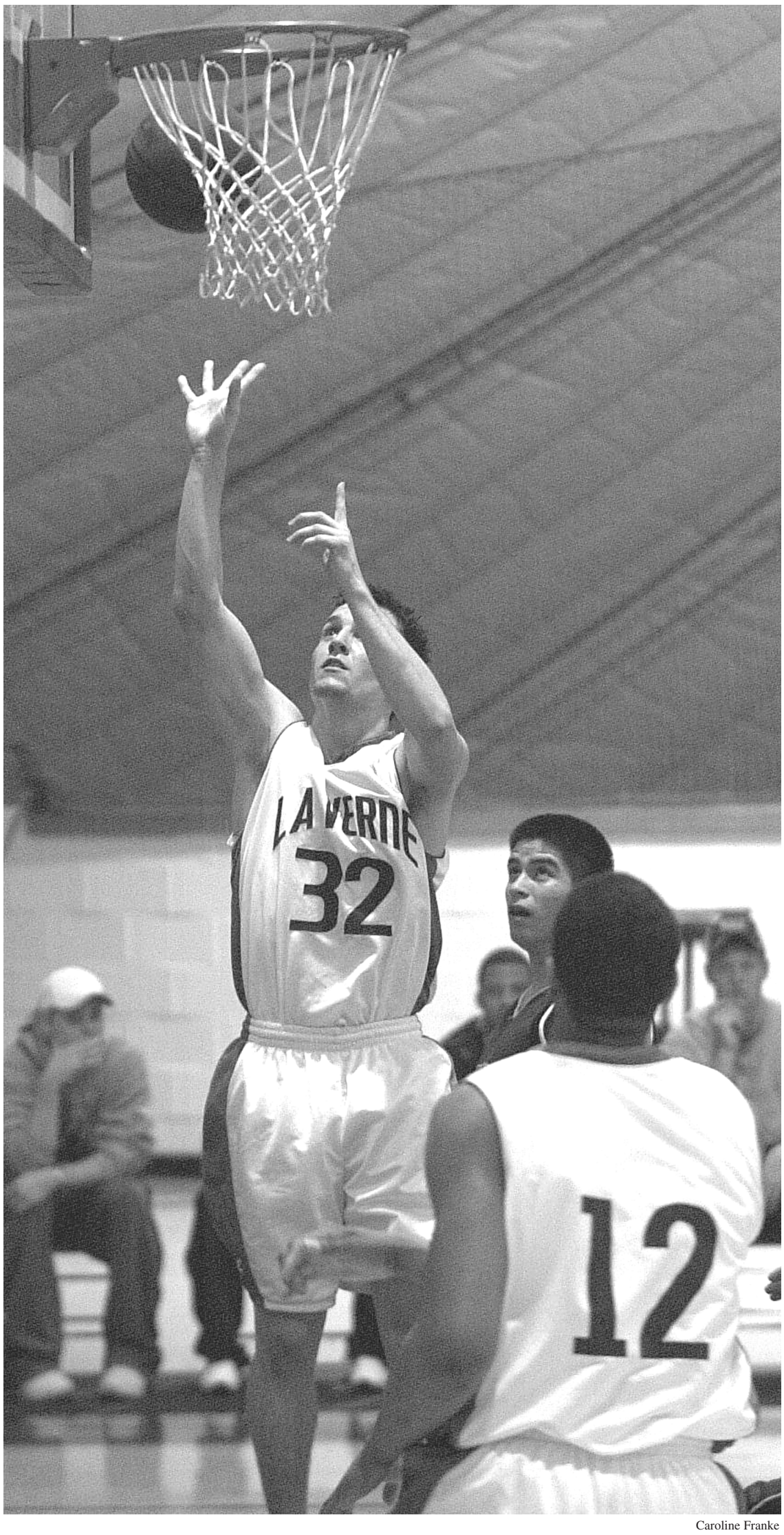
> *Gabe Duran, head coach*



Caroline Franke

University of La Verne senior Steve Rugg (No. 32) scores two of his 14 points during the first half of the men's basketball game against Whittier Thursday in the SuperTents. Despite their efforts, the Leopards were defeated, 74-69, in the final game of the 2003-04 campaign.

Volleyball...

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outplayed us."

Sophomore outside hitter Matt Cornell recorded a game-high and personal season-high 22 kills, followed by Wibeto, who chipped in 16 kills in the match.

Santa Cruz recorded four players in double figures in kills, but as a team hit a mere .189 in the victory.

"We were all disappointed, but we all know it's something that happens," Wibeto said about the loss to Santa Cruz. "The rest of the season we have to work hard to try and earn the West Region selection."

On their Northern California roadtrip, the Leopards also faced Division I opponent Stanford University (6-11). Stanford (No. 12 in Division I), upset ULV, 3-0 (30-19, 22-30, 30-24), Friday night in Burnham Pavillion.

"They're probably one of the most beatable Division I teams we've played this season," Alley said. "We have to learn to capitalize more on the other teams' mistakes."

The Cardinal dominated the match, and showed its strength with a .453 team hitting percentage.

ULV hit .234 in the match, spearheaded by Cornell who hit .481 with a game-high 15 kills. Wibeto also contributed 10 kills to the Leopards' offense.

In the first game, the two squads traded the first 10 points before Stanford went on a 15-4 run, taking a 20-10 lead. The Leopards gave the Cardinal a good run, but could not pull out a win.

"It's what has hurt us all year," Coberly said. "In every game we play, we give up a run and we can't make that up against good teams. You can't give up streaks like that to good teams."

"We played inconsistently," Wibeto said. "They're a team you can't let get a big lead on you."

After a week off, ULV takes on Lees-McRae College at 7 p.m. Monday in the Supertents.

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If a team participates in the fall, the amount of practice time varies.

Football is allowed 25 practices, soccer is allowed 15 practices, women's volleyball is allowed 16 practices and men's water polo is allowed 21 practices before Sept. 1.

"Teams that follow NCAA regulations have a little bit of an advantage over the SCIAC teams," Beck said.

La Verne is likely to face teams in their pre-season and playoffs that have been practicing for at least two months.

With the new SCIAC rules, La Verne has the opportunity to practice for five weeks before their first official practice.

"It is still not enough, but it is better than nothing," Taggart said.

Most of the athletic teams at ULV are taking advantage of the new guidelines and practicing out of season.

"We can become closer as a team during those weeks," Winterburn said.