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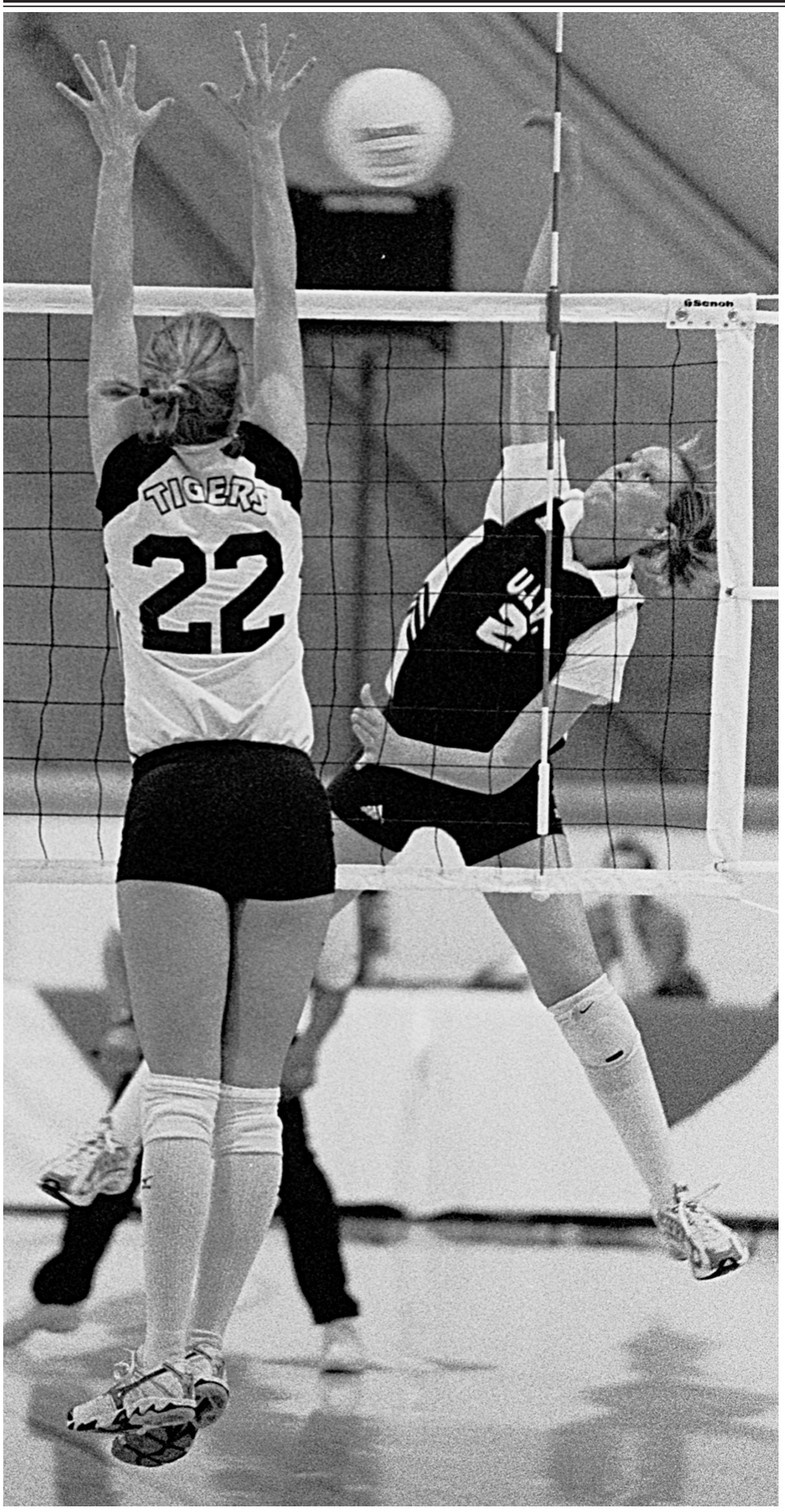

German Jimenez

Pounding the ball down on Lindsey Penrod (No 22) of the Wittenberg Tigers Nov. 20, Jennifer Stout (No. 2) of the University of La Verne, had nine kills and 12 digs and helped ULV sweep the Tigers, 3-0. The win helped ULV to qualify for the NCAA championship tournament in Minnesota.

Women's v-ball third in nation

Chrissy Zehrbach
Editor in Chief

It was with mixed emotions that the University of La Verne women's volleyball team accepted its third place trophy at the NCAA Division III Final Four Saturday at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, Minn.

The Leopards had traveled to the Land of 10,000 Lakes looking for a national championship and instead found themselves in a situation which many referred to as déjà vu.

After being knocked down by Washington University of Missouri, 3-0 (30-25, 30-15, 30-25), in the tournament's opening game for the second year in a row, ULV defeated New York University, 3-1 (30-25, 28-30, 30-28, 30-23), the following night, taking it's second-consecutive third-place finish.

The four best teams in the nation faced off for a chance at a national title. Three of which – La Verne, NYU and Wash U – made an appearance at the Supertents for last season's finals. The latter, a powerful team that expects to be in the finals each year, was looking for a consecutive title, the others were looking to improve upon last year's finish.

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> *—Jennifer Stout, outside hitter*

Added into the mix this year was Juniata College, making its 24th appearance in the championships, and still searching for a national title.

The 24th time proved to be the charm for Juniata as the Eagles took their first-ever national title with a 3-0 (30-27, 30-27, 30-28) win over defending champion Washington Saturday night.

Despite the outcome, the Leopards (33-4) took pride knowing they were still among the top teams in the country – one of the few playing the last weekend of the season.

"As much as we'd love to be No. 1, you know, I don't see anything wrong with being No. 3. Still top four teams in the nation - that's not bad at all," outside hitter Jennifer Stout said.

"There are 420 teams out there who would love to be sitting here right now," ULV head coach Don Flora said.

ULV entered the third-place match after a disappointing loss the day prior in the semifinals, taking on the 2003 runner-up NYU, who had been defeated by Juniata, 3-0 (30-21, 30-25, 30-19), in the semifinal round.

La Verne came into the game looking like a completely different team than had faced Washington. The Leopards established a block early, found the holes on the court and overall had a lot more energy.

"We just come out with even more intensity, even more fire and we bring our game – we show them La Verne volleyball. We didn't show it tonight, but you know what we're gonna bring it tomorrow," Stout said following the loss to Wash U. "And that's all we can do is just play our best, play with no regrets and just come out on fire. I mean forget the loss. Everybody hates losing, but you know what we're gonna come out and get a win tomorrow."

"We didn't have a lot of fun yesterday and I think that made a big difference and there were more smiles and more cheering and just more excitement overall," Schary said. "A new day a new game, and seniors this was all our last match. Nothing to lose, win or lose, so we might as well go out with a victory."

It was in game two that the Violets picked up their game and gave ULV its biggest challenge in the match. The score was tied a total of 15 times with six lead changes - a big change from the first game which saw eight ties and five lead changes.

"For a consolation game this was a heck of a game to watch," NYU head coach Ed Caesar said.

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L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca talks terror

Shelli DeRobertis
Staff Writer

"We are the most complex law enforcement in America today," said Los Angeles County Sheriff, Lee Baca. He presented a public lecture titled "Acting Locally/Thinking Globally: Los Angeles and the War on Terror," Nov. 18 at the University of La Verne.

The International Studies Institute hosted Baca, and Director Kenneth Marcus arranged for him to speak at this latest event in the Hot Spot series.

"The Baca talk was very well attended," Marcus said, "considerably more than the previous two Hot Spot events this term, since this one was in La Fetra and featured a prominent speaker."

Baca explained the difference between the sheriff's department and the police department. The sheriff's department is a county agency that in 1870 when Los Angeles city became incorporated, included what are now separate counties: Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside and Los Angeles. At that time the sheriff's department consisted of the tax collector, assessor, district attorney, and the sheriff (who back then would hang people who were sentenced to death).

"The sheriff's department not only has policing responsibility, they have jailing responsibility and they also have court security responsibility," Baca said. "So unlike the police department who do policing, sheriff's department do policing, jailing and court security, and that's the difference."

Today, aside from overseeing civil unrest, fire and floods, planning for terrorism, and policing public transportation areas, the L.A. County Sheriff's Department is involved with 40 city councils, and 40 mayors. And it partners five universities.

In California there are 58

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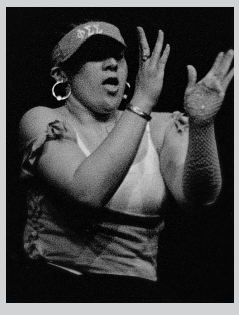

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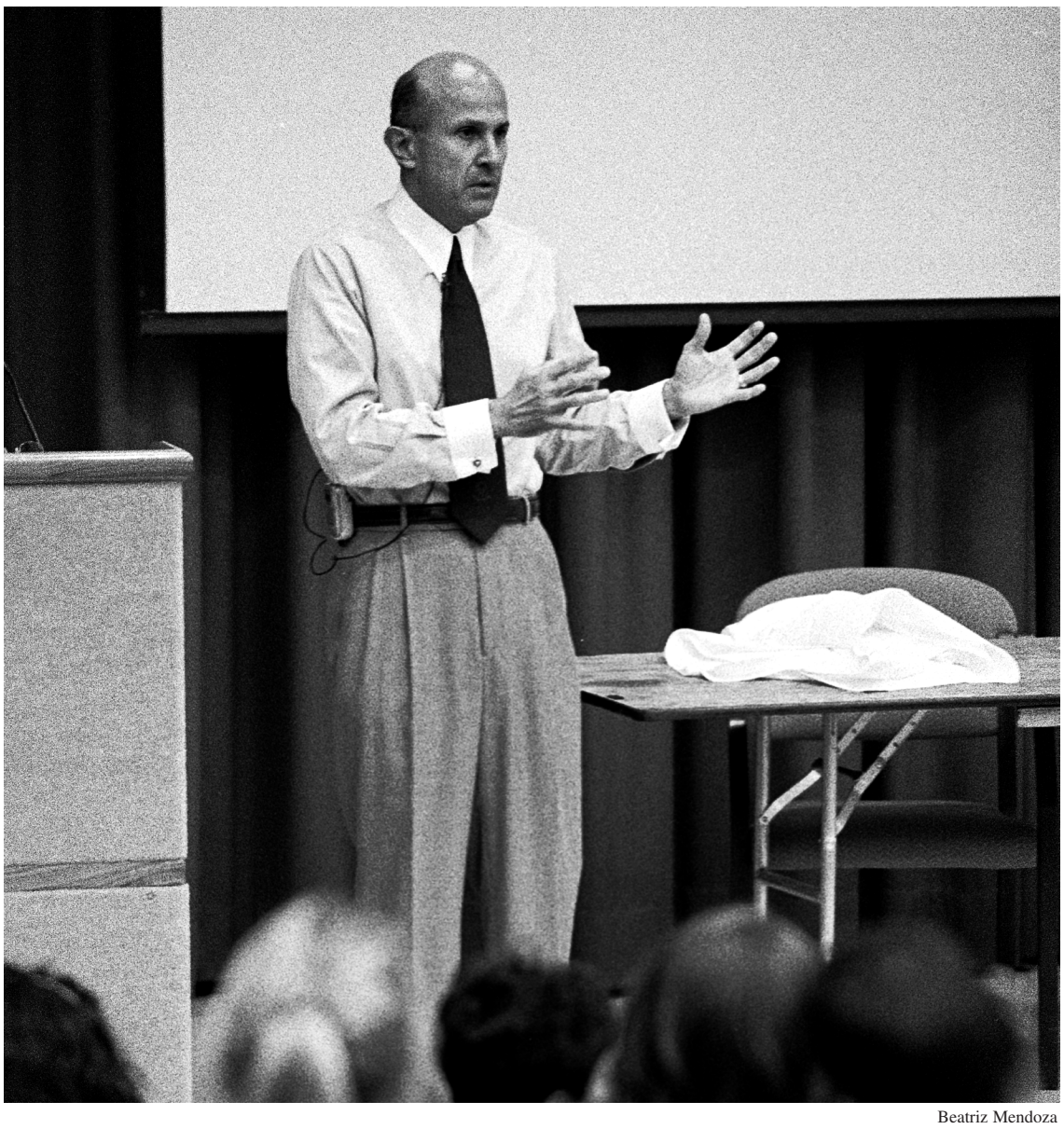

Beatriz Mendoza

Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca shared his views on terrorism with University of La Verne students in his lecture "Acting Locally/ Thinking Globally: Los Angeles and the war on Terror" Nov. 18. The International Studies Institute hosted the lecture in La Fetra Auditorium. Baca has been with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for 35 years.

counties divided into seven regions, and Baca is director of Homeland Security-Mutual Aid for Region 1, which is Los Angeles and Orange County. He administers 15,000 employees in a department that serves 40 cities in their contract.

When a situation like Sept.11 occurs, the regions combine their resources and that's an area where Baca's skills are crucial.

"When it gets so large that we need to use every resource we have, then I'll bring it all together and make sense of it, and apply it to wherever the problem is," Baca said.

Baca explained why America wasn't prepared for the Sept. 11 attack. He said Congress did a report called the Gilmore Report, which was compiled before Sept. 11, for which it commissioned a study on world terrorism. The sheriff's department was aware of that study.

"We formed a terrorist early warning group system in the late 1990s," he said. "We planned on all types of attacks. We wanted to be prepared because this Gilmore report said get prepared.

"Congress didn't pay any attention to this report, Senate didn't pay any great attention to this report," Baca continued, "thus, this is part of the explanation why we were so unprepared when Sept. 11 hit."

He then made an analogy to college students.

"Once you're in your field, you can't ignore what you've learned," Baca said. "It's not through lack of information that things don't get done, it's through the lack of interest in the information."

He said that unfortunately in public policy, nobody tests anyone's comprehension on what is being learned.

Examples were shared of pre 9-11 terrorist findings. In 1999 at the Canadian border an Al Quaida member was on his way to blow up Los Angeles airport but clammed up and got nervous.

A clue: America was in danger.

At the time of the twin tower and Pentagon attacks, Baca said the first thing he did was fear for the Muslim society because terrorists are trying to define some of what they're doing under a religious context.

"The Muslim society cannot be held hostage to this kind of logic that's totally illogical," Baca said.

In an effort to learn about terrorists, Baca traveled to Israel in January 2003 to talk to police, where approximately 150 attempted suicide bombers were in prison. Of this number, about 20 changed their minds and forfeited their 72 virgins in heaven.

Given their profiles, Baca found that many of them are young boys; their average age less than 24 years old. Common traits among them are low self-esteem, limited social skills and no compatibility with women. They are all faithful in Mosque attendance, which is where they get recruited.

"The Shin Bet asked people in jail, how and why are you doing this?" Baca said.

The Shin Bet is Israel's domestic security agency who protect the Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, and the answers they received from prisoners were interesting, Baca said.

The suicide bombers find success in becoming a martyr because there's nothing for them to live for. They are told they'll receive 72 virgins in heaven, and that 70 of their relatives will go to heaven because of the murders committed by them during the act of self-explosion.

"There is a brainwashing and taking full advantage of the vulnerability of young men," Baca said, "in a matter that defies any form of decency and humanity."

With a shaky voice and what may have been a tear forming, Baca told a story of how Israeli police caught a 14 year-old boy wearing a bomb-lined vest, and asked the audience what people in their right mind could ask this boy to give up his life for them?

Baca said he found nothing in Islam that supports terrorism.

Under the highest warning level he went to Pakistan in February, where the prime minister agreed to meet with Baca and two of his men.

Baca was told first-hand of the attempted attack on the prime minister when his motorcade crossed a bridge in December.

"Twenty people with cell phones (lined on the bridge) would contact each other," Baca said, "and the guy with the trigger phone would set off the explosion."

This attack was delayed by sensory equipment in the front cars of the motorcade, and after the explosion, which injured nobody, authorities found the chip in the trigger cell phone and tracked information through phone numbers.

"Intelligence agencies in Pakistan don't share what they don't feel like," Baca said.

What impressed him was how a group leader forced them to share the information with a non-intelligence person who was a general.

"We can't protect information," he said. "The key is to solve the problem."

He said the agencies in the federal government have been put under heavy scrutiny in the post 9-11 era, and they have to re-invent themselves.

As part of a solution to obtaining information and making sure it's properly passed along, the FBI has restructured its two intelligence systems. The two systems consist of domestic security and counter terrorism, and used to be on separate levels: a world scale and a national scale. Now they are together.

"There are police officers in centers looking at the same data the FBI looks at." Baca said, "They now look at the same information. This is improvement."

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Alumna discusses alternative marriage issues

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Civil unions and legal marriages were the topic of discussion when Diane M. Goodman visited the University of La Verne, on Nov. 18, to give a speech titled "Domestic Partners vs. Marriage: The Gay Marriage Debate."

Goodman, a University of La Verne College of Law alumna, is a partner in the law firm of Goodman & Metz. She is a family lawyer who focuses on representing gay and lesbian clients and has handled many child custody and adoption matters.

"Thirty-five percent of my caseload is domestic partners adopting their partners' child," Goodman said.

Goodman discussed many issues during her talk, including the defense of traditional marriage and even called upon historical references to defend her point.

"It wasn't that long ago people of different races couldn't get married," she said. "It wasn't okay until 1967.

"Interracial marriage isn't an issue, it isn't banned. I don't see a difference."

Goodman spoke about the present day "defense for marriage" issue.

"The defense of marriage is that it is an institution between a man and a woman and that procreation is its purpose," Goodman said. "However, there is no requirement for a married couple to have children."

She even pointed out that people beyond their childbearing years marry alluding to the notion that they marry for companionship, which is not a "defense for marriage."

Goodman then went on to discuss civil unions in general.

"Civil union is an alternative to marriage," Goodman said. "Separate but equal, (basically) let's give them that so we don't have to give them marriage."

Goodman explained that traditionally, civil unions are not equal to marriage. She also explained some of the problems.

"They were not allowing domestic partners in the hospital," she said. "In 2000, California gave new civil union laws. Register as a domestic partner and get visits in the hospital. 16 benefits and no obligations."

A couple of years later, domestic partners gained the right to second parent adoptions and the right to sue for the wrongful death of their domestic partner, Goodman said.

Despite the benefits, there were still no obligations to go along with civil unions.

"Gay people have to go to court to get their own assets when breaking up. Married people just get it," Goodman said. "When you're gay you can choose to share or not to share."

In her talk, Goodman discussed the passage of the Family Code section 297-297.5. Beginning Jan. 1, same sex partners who register as domestic partners get all the same benefits as marriage. The new law is retro active and will affect people currently registered as domestic partners.

"This means they have obligations, spousal support, sharing financial information, etc. Now the downside of marriage is higher," she said.

By law, employers will be required to extend benefits offered to spouses, to domestic partners as well. Goodman addressed a problem that may rise as a result.

"Federal taxes, benefits given will be taxable income for all health benefits," she said.

The new law is a state law, not a federal law. Benefits received such as healthcare will not be taxed by the state, but will be taxed by the federal government as income.

"One of the interesting things about

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Students initiated into honor society

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Staff Writer



Adam Omernik

Kelly Cooke was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honors Society Nov. 18 at the Harris Art Gallery. The society initiates first year students who have succeeded in achieving high academic standing.

The Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society initiated 30 University of La Verne students on Nov. 18, at the Harris Art Gallery.

The honor society was designed to encourage academic excellence and exemplary behavior. It has a foundation rooted in honesty and integrity.

"The purpose of the society is to encourage superior academic achievement among students in their first year at institutions of higher education," said Kathleen Lamkin, professor of musicology and faculty advisor for Alpha Lambda Delta.

As the night progressed the students awaiting initiation read their oaths in unison, promising to excel in education and to be leading examples for others. One by one they came forward to sign the honor society's book and to receive their cords as Samantha Cook, Alpha Lambda Delta junior advisor, read off each name.

President Steve Morgan prompted the students to raise standards of excellence and to assist in the implementation of meaningful goals at the University.

"We are first and foremost an academic interest," Morgan said, as he congratulated them.

First year honor students were not the only recent additions to the society. Leonard Pellicer, dean of the college of education and organizational leadership and professor of education, was initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta as an honorary member.

"We are all striving to be the best friend, daughter, student," Pellicer said. "I want to be the kind of person that sees something is needed and do it."

Pellicer emphasized that those who excel in school will excel in their work area as well.

The new executive council of the upcoming year was installed after the initiation. Students were given the opportunity to develop and excel in yet another area.

Chapter President Lauren Moon along with Cook plan to make Alpha Lambda Delta well known on campus.

Cook hopes that this new installment of officers will get involved in running the society.

"The role of these officers is to get the word out," Moon said, "to make Alpha Lambda Delta more visible on campus."

Moon and Cook plan to attend a leadership conference in the fall to see how various leadership chapters operate in the nation.

Sweaters with the Honor Society's letters on them is another idea that the executive council had proposed.

"Our education is a really unique opportunity," Moon said. "It will pay off in the end."

Those initiated are seen as leading there fellow classmates.

"In every organization there are those that lead and those that follow," said Namphol Sinkaset, assistant professor of chemistry and faculty advisor of the Alpha Lambda Delta.

"Support your officers and their plans," she said.

After the appointment of officers, Cook passed the torch of knowledge and excellence by lighting the first candle in each row. Students then passed on the light to each other.

"I wish to express our pride in your achievement." Sinkaset said.

All students were affected positively by the initiation.

"We're speechless," Kelly Cooke said.

Sophomore Kelli Clark was thrilled that she was recognized for her academic achievements in college. Like other students, she thought that merit awards ended after graduating high school.

"It has a definite positive effect," Cook said.

Heidi Midtsjo Prior, a CAPA legal major student, was also excited about being honored into the society.

"I'm thrilled because I'm a lot older," Prior said.

A list is provided to acknowledge the new members of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society for First Year Students.

"I congratulate you because you care enough to do the best that you can do," Pellicer said.

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he new law is the complications it will cause between federal and state law," said Allen Stout, academic advisor III from the University of La Verne Inland Empire campus.

"It interests me because it relates to present day politics and is an issue to me in relationship to social justice," Stout said.

Many issues were discussed during the speech. However, the most prominent idea was that marriage and civil union are not equal.

"It doesn't seem fair that straight people can get married or register as domestic partners and homosexuals only have one option," said Toni Mulherin of Covina.

"I think we're going to have a two tier system--marriage and civil union," Goodman said.

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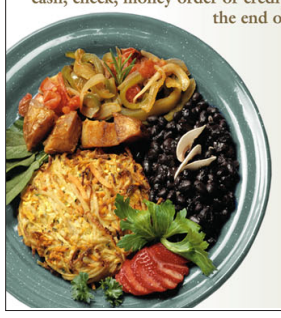

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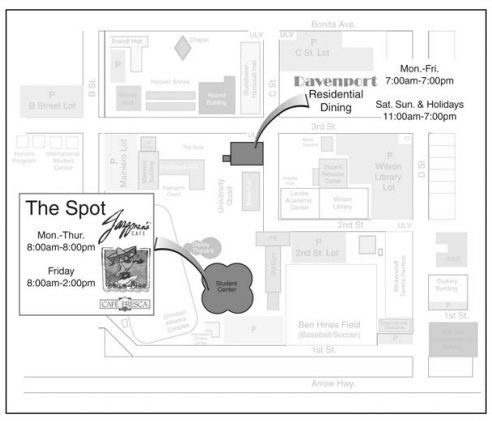

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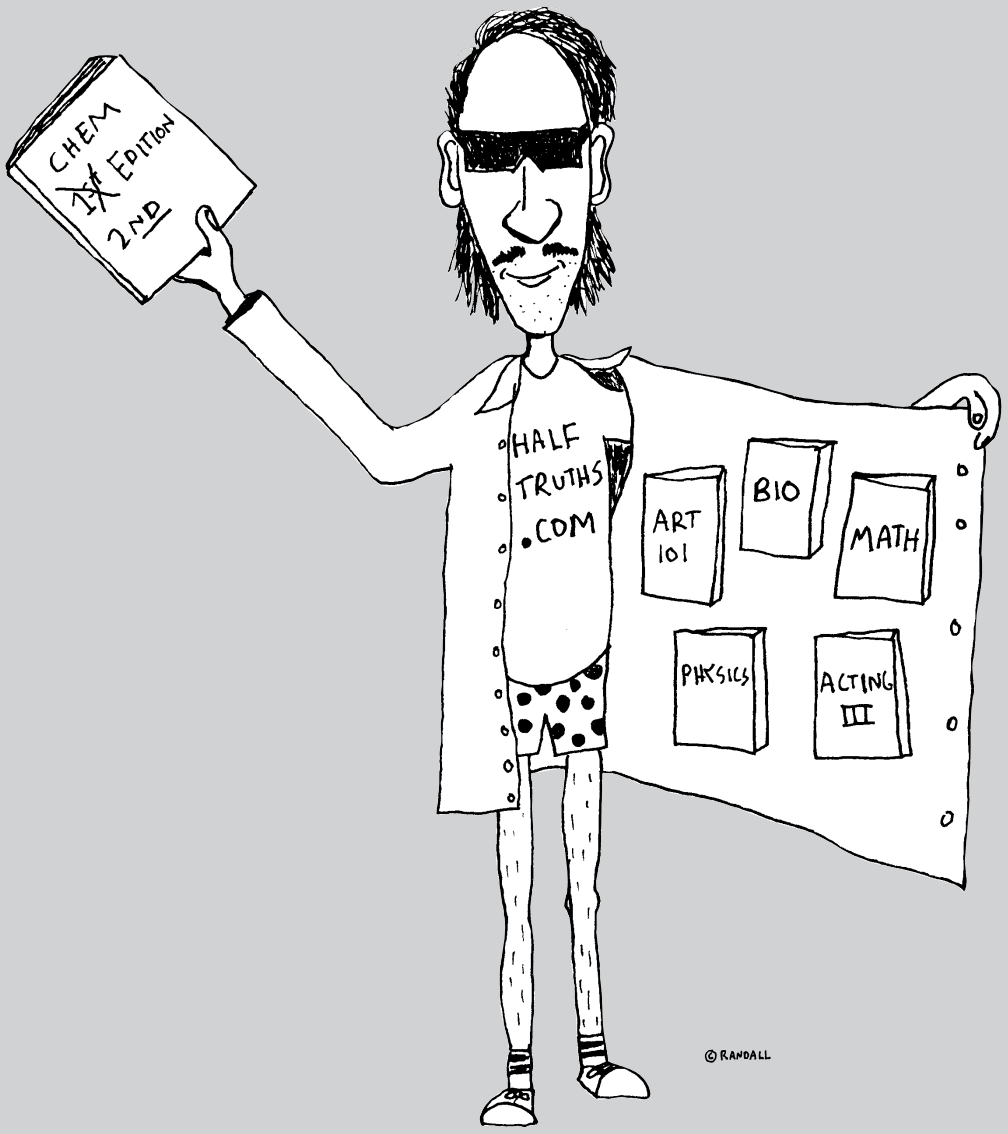

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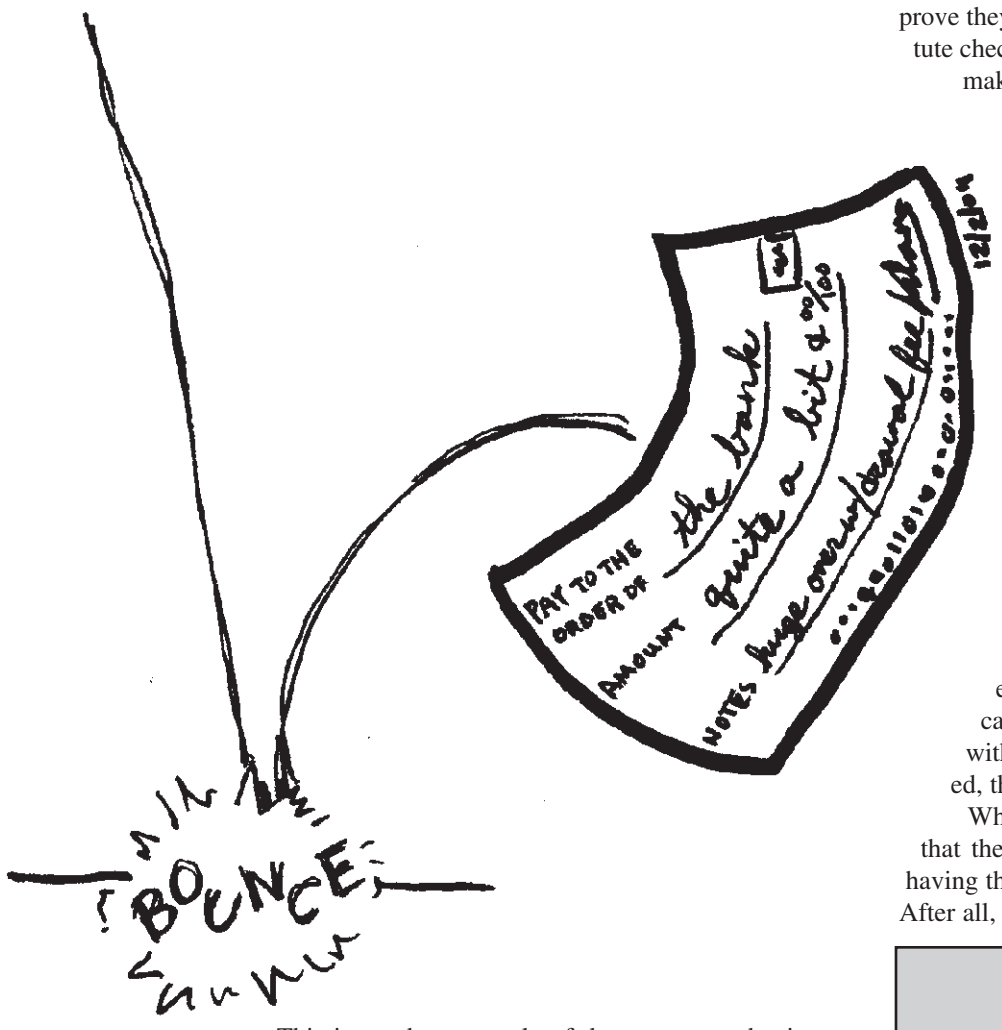
New law doesn't float our boat

"Check 21," a new law that went into effect last month, will allow banks to process checks electronically, making it harder for consumers to avoid bouncing the checks. It can now take seconds after writing the check for an institution to deduct the amount from an account, instead of taking days. This law will benefit the banks, but it will do so at the expense of their customers.

For instance by creating electronic images of the checks, banks will not have to pay the expensive cost of transporting the paper checks.

However, the benefits for the consumers are not as great. While we know it's illegal to write a check for more than we have in the bank, many of us do it anyway. Then they would deposit that amount at a later time to cover the amount they have written on the check. The time between when the check is written and when the money is actually transferred is known as the "float" time. Before this law, the float time was two to 11 days. Now it is a few seconds to a few hours.



Students just getting used to managing money may need the extra "float" days to pay their bills without getting fined. Attending school full-time takes away from the time they are able to go to work. Because of this, their income may not be enough to pay their bills and they might need that extra time to get more money together.

According to the Consumers Union, consumers could be bouncing seven million more checks next year and paying an additional $170 million in fees each month because they are not accustomed to the system.

This is another example of the consumers having to spend more money for laws they are not benefiting from. The consumers already pay enough from other fees, such as the fee for withdrawing money from an ATM besides that of our banks or the fee for depositing a bounced check received by a person. Isn't the consumer spending enough on these fees?

In addition, when the checks become electronic images, the processed checks are not returned to the consumers. If consumers need copies of their checks to prove they paid a bill, they will need to ask for a "substitute check." It is possible that a financial institution can make the consumer pay a fee for the substitute check.

Why should the consumers have to pay a fee for a substitute check when it's not our idea to process the checks electronically? Normally, we would receive the processed checks. So why can't we receive them now? They wanted to process the checks electronically to allow the banks to save money, but by doing this consumers are spending more money. The consumers will need to pay for the bouncing fees, the substitute check fees and who knows what other fees they will think of. Why should we have to pay for something that is not benefiting us in the first place? Especially a substitute check, which we would normally have in our hands after the check is processed.

The "Check 21" law was not highly reported or publicized when it went into effect. How can they expect to put this law into the system without notifying those who will be greatly affected, the consumers?

Why should the consumers be fined for an idea that they did not approve? Why should they pay for having their money taken out of their accounts quicker? After all, isn't that what the consumers are paying for?

High time for change

The tides are changing within the Associated Student Federation Forum as President Travis Berry will be stepping down at the end of the semester.

We here at the *Campus Times* see this time of change as an excellent opportunity to really make some changes within our student government.

So here are some suggestions of what we would like to see from the new Forum executive board.

We'll start with publicity. Please don't keep the student body in the dark. If an event is planned for them, then it's a good idea to let them know in advance.

A good start would be an updated Web site with information. Even a flyer here or there. Or maybe an e-mail.

As far as funding goes, funds should be allocated to all clubs, organizations and activities, not just a select few.

Along those lines, we hope the Forum will be supportive overall, not just monetarily, of organizations on campus. There's a lot of diversity with our campus organizations and everyone sees that, let's not forget to recognize that.

And when there is a choice to fund either a social event or an academic speaker or debate, let's try and make a balance and a variety.

While social events are fun and worthwhile for the student body, the academic opportunities that ASF promises are not being provided. Students can benefit from events that concern issues that affect them or pertain to their respective majors.

It's not all about allocating funds. We'd also like to see ASF advocate for the issues that are important to the students. They are, after all, the voice of the students. Try and find out what is important to the students and fight for them.

Take the discontinuation of the men's volleyball team for example, where was ASF during that ordeal? It was an issue that was important to the students. As our government they should fight for such things.

Who's to say we can't stand up to the administration and fight for what we want? We'd like to see this sort of thing happen in the future. As it stands right now, ASF is not serving as the University's student government, more like the activities coordinators.

That is why we are glad to see that the office of student affairs is forming a Campus Activities Board. Now with the advent of CAB, when it finally gets established it will take some of the responsibility off of ASF.

We hope this will be the opportunity for ASF to find some focus in government and really get to know its students and exercise the responsibilities that come with the job.

Student representation is called for on many committees on campus that directly effect the student body. Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs Al Clark said most faculty committees make an effort to get student representation. "The Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee and General Academic Committee seem critical for student representation," he said.

While student reps have sat on these committees in the past, committees like the Financial Aid Advisory Committee and Graduate Academic Policy Committee are not always attended by ASF.

There are understandable time conflicts with meetings scheduled Wednesdays during classes and other organizations' meetings, but this should not excuse ASF involvement on these committees.

ASF should take a look at its students, especially the newcomers, and find out what they are interested in and try to get them involved as much as they can.

There is so much potential in student government and in our officers here at the University of La Verne. We would just like to see that potential fulfilled and make things happen that are beneficial for all.

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Letters to the Editor

ULV Athens

Dear Editor,

As a student (M.Ed.) and an employee (Admissions Advisor) of the ULV Athens Campus, I read your paper's articles concerning ULV's closing of its Athens Campus with interest. I would like to express my point of view on the matter with the hope that the ULV community will understand more completely the affair. The issue, I think, is a matter of responsibility. The University of La Verne's administration has presented matters in a way that absolve it of any responsibility for the tremendous difficulty endured by the students, faculty and staff at the ULV Athens Campus.

The University of La Verne's administration in California is clearly responsible for any of the problems that materialized in Athens. The University of La Verne's constituents should know what some of the key facts of the situation were. First, and most importantly, the main executive and administrative officers of the ULV Athens Campus were all directly employed by the University of La Verne. This is a fact that is stipulated in the contract between ULV California and the "Somateo Collegio La Verne" (full title of the legal entity in Greece). Pursuant to this contract, the chief executive officer, the academic dean and the admissions/marketing director were all appointed and paid by the California Campus. This fact begs the question about who was really making the decisions at ULV Athens.

The University of La Verne community should be aware about the history of ULV Athens. The University of La Verne began operations in Greece in 1975 in order to serve two U.S. military bases that were located in Athens. By the late 1980s/early 1990s the bases ceased operation. The University of La Verne chose to continue its presence in Greece following the bases' closure. It was able to do this through an arrangement where a legal Greek entity ('Somateo Collegio La Verne") would act as ULV's agent/partner in Greece and offer its educational programs to students in Athens under the administration of ULV California employees. These employees included Craig Sexson (President of ULV Athens), Jeff Nonemaker (Academic Dean) and Rehavia Yakovee (Director of Admissions). Jeff Nonemaker and Rehavia Yakovee continue to be employed in Athens as ULV's representatives. Hence, passing responsibility for the mess to the Somateo is clearly outrageous.

It was peculiar to read Lori Gordien's statement about ULV's "responsibility to make sure the Somateo was financially viable to deliver academic programs," ("Athens campus closes abruptly," Sept. 24) given that ULV should have been directly aware of the Athens Campus' financial situation long before it reached the stage that Ms. Gordien claims it reached. Charles Bentley's comment about annual financial reviews being sent in Greek, and thereby being difficult to understand, is peculiar. None of the aforementioned administrative officers, Sexson, Nonemaker or Yakovee, were proficient in Greek. Why would ULV Athens send the annual financial report in Greek? Equally unsettling is Mr. Bentley's point about the difficulty in translating a document in Greek given that ULV should have really been interested in the contents of such a document and their effort to come to terms with its contents should have been more thorough. A Greek Consulate exists in Los Angeles with the ability to officially translate any document/s from Greek into English. But, as mentioned before, this was probably not the case since the ULV Athens Campus' administration was likely to communicate with California in English.

The timing of the decision to close the Athens Campus is particularly problematic. If ULV California was concerned with Athens' financial situation for some time, as is evident by the pronouncements of some its administrative officers, then one must wonder why it took ULV California so long to completely come to terms with the facts that led the administration in California to decide to close the campus the weekend before the beginning of the semester. Is this indicative of a proactive and responsible attitude towards students, faculty and staff? Furthermore, ULV has already spent, and probably will continue to spend a great deal of money to bring closure to the matter. Wouldn't this money have been better spent to continue the operation of the Athens Campus for at least one semester, which would have allowed students, faculty and staff to gain their bearings and avoid some of the anguish?

> 'The University of La Verne's administration in California is clearly responsible for any of the problems that materialized in Athens.'

In sum, the University of La Verne should not be quick to avoid accepting responsibility for the debacle in Athens. Hundreds of students are still in despair and up in the air about the continuation of their degree programs including myself. Approximately 100 faculty and staff were left without employment and severance pay. Is this responsible and caring? I think not.

Constantine Tourlos
Athens, Greece

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Post-Election Reaction

Dear Editor,

Because Robert Burns in his response ("Letters to the Editor," Nov. 19) to my post-election letter to the editor (Nov. 12) assumes that it was written by all those whose names appeared under it, let me first exculpate the colleagues who supported my letter from any part of its actual composition. Although those colleagues must share the blame of consenting to what Robert Burns refers to as my "muddled thoughts," to me and me alone belong "the mangled grammar and syntax,...and mangled prose." To my shame, no doubt, I remain content with both the ideas and style I used to express them, including sentence fragments and constructing what Roberts Burns refers to as my "hilarious excess of self-dramatizing piety" with egregiously overused conjunctive elements. For me these elements connected my thoughts like so many sutures for the wounds I feel as a citizen of this country today.

My "excess" of feelings pours out of a sense that I cannot now be silent about where we find ourselves, for we live in times in which the human community itself is tragically fragmented and the very syntax of our lives as U.S. citizens is mangled. When this Administration arrogates to itself the doctrine of preventative war (read wars of naked aggression), treats the Geneva Conventions with cavalier disregard, and when we witness our replication of the hell of Saddam's Abu Ghraib, the pollution of Iraq with toxic dust from tons of our depleted uranium coated shells while condemning the enemy for its WMDs, our destruction of Falluja in order to save it (killing hundreds of civilians in the process), the loss of over 1,200 U.S. soldiers with more than 9,000 wounded, as well as the deaths of untold thousands of others including civilians, men, women, and children – in the face of this how can one be silent?

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I am delighted that Robert Burns refers to Buddha as an "old chum." (How much I would hope to be worthy of such friendship!) To this chum I add the name of another, and, for me personally, even older one, Jesus, who (forgive one more piety!) calls on us to love our enemies and return good for injury. The default mode of violence and militarism for our ills is a dead end; ultimately, the U.S., no more than its enemies, can slaughter its way to peace and security. Violence creates, at best, only a fragile negative peace, and, at worst,the law of the jungle, the ethic of "might makes right," the politics of the latest outrage.

Finally, I agree with Robert Burns that it is important to create a climate that encourages the expression of the many divergent views of our students and faculty and staff. As part of this expression, I want to thank the *Campus Times* for making this exchange of letters possible.

Steve Kinzie
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Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Robert Burns's letter in the Nov. 19 issue of the *Campus Times*. His letter was in response to a letter by Steve Kinzie et al. on the election and the work for peace, justice, and community-building waiting to be done ("Letters to the Editor," Nov. 12). Normally I would not dignify this kind of a letter with a response, but as an educator I am concerned with the message Burns's letter sends to students. His letter was personal, childish, hysterical and mean spirited. Faculty should be promoting a healthy and open exchange of ideas. Unfortunately, what Burns demonstrated was the way to kill debate. (Ironically, he may have done more harm to his position than to Kinzie's.) One final note. Burns ends his vitriol with the suggestion that students critical of the Bush Administration are not proud of America. Love of one's country and patriotism are expressed in many ways. Constructive criticism is one such expression.

Hector L. Delgado
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Dear Editor,

ULV Education Professor Robert Burns wants me to feel embarrassed by a letter submitted recently to the editor of the *Campus Times*. In the Nov. 12 issue, faculty member Steve Kinzie wrote a letter lamenting the outcome of the Bush/Kerry race. Burns was critical of Kinzie, in part, because Kinzie's letter had "mangled grammar and syntax" that were "on display for our students' analysis [and] should be a matter of profound embarrassment for any faculty member."

I took another look at Kinzie's letter. Burns had a point. If you're reading Kinzie's letter with a copy of Strunk and White's Elements of Style on your desk, you might be dismayed. Of course, Kinzie wasn't shooting for an A in English 101 when he wrote his letter. It was pretty obvious—except to suddenly awakened grammar literalists like Burns—that he was exercising poetic license. (Frankly, I think Burns knew this, but wanted to trounce Kinzie's wobbly prose just for the fun of it.)

But I wasn't embarrassed by Kinzie's letter as much as I was by Burns' reply to it the next week (Nov. 19, 2004). Kinzie may have been guilty of loopy grammar, but Burns was guilty of far worse. Like a schoolyard bully kicking a kid when he's down (Burns is a Bush fan), Burns unleashed a vitriolic screed long on venom and short on basic respect and decency—principles I've long associated with ULV.

It was also short on logic. In one paragraph, Burns sneers at ideals such as diversity and non-judgmental multiculturalism. In the next, he claims to "value all of our students: gay, conservative, heterosexual, liberal and all others!" As proof of this, he says he has posted on his office door a photograph of Oliver North. As you may recall, North—informed by his own twisted notion of patriotism—lied to Congress while testifying during the Iran-Contra scandal. I can't help wondering who else's picture he's got on his door. Maybe Joseph McCarthy. Maybe one of the Watergate burglars or some other champion of democracy.

Kinzie may need to clean up his grammar. But if Burns thinks his petulant diatribe is a reflection of the values and principles ULV holds dear, he needs to clean up his act.

Randy Miller
Adjunct Professor of Journalism

Dear Editor,

Would someone please remove the exclamation point from Robert Burns' keyboard? An exclamation point denotes that you are yelling at your reader. Stop yelling at me, Mr. Burns.

Matt Paulson
Senior

FROM THE EDITOR...

Counting down to graduation



CHRISSY ZEHRBACH

Just breathe… all I have to do is just breathe. This is what I have been telling myself all week, but to no avail–the stress continues to pile up around me and I think I'm about ready to burst.

It's registration time again. And just like any other semester I chose what classes I still needed and signed up. It was easier this semester, I didn't really have a choice in what I need to take–I need to graduate.

It wasn't until my fellow seniors mentioned it to me that I realized this was the last time I would have to register for classes.

At first it was a relief that I would not have to go through the painful process ever again.

But now it's just adding to my stress because the fact that I will no longer register for another semester means I'm that much closer to being done and leaving the University of La Verne.

I know I've said this in the past, but it still applies: with graduation less than six months away I still have no idea what I'll be doing, or even what I want to do for that matter.

I'm sure I'm not alone on this. There are a lot of seniors in the same boat.

Each week I've read Amby's columns about the uncertainty of her future, and now it's catching up with me.

I had been pretty calm about all this until everyone else around me started to freak out.

There was a fleeting moment this summer where I decided I wanted to go to graduate school, but after some time I changed my mind.

I soon realized that the reason I hadn't filled out applications or signed up to take the GRE was that I didn't want to go, at least not right away. Now there's a need for me to find a plan B.

I think subconsciously part of my motivation for continuing my education was to extend the time I have before entering the real world.

But most of all it was a chance to get away and experience something and somewhere new.

I was ready to pack up and head across the country until I decided it just wasn't what I wanted or should be doing at this point in my life.

And while wanting to get away from this setting is so very tempting, at the same time I don't want to leave. While I seek out change, I hate it just the same.

I was given the opportunity to travel to Minnesota this weekend with the women's volleyball team. The chance to escape couldn't have come at a better time.

I've never been so cold as I was this weekend, but I haven't been quite that relaxed in a long time either.

It didn't seem to bother me that I never really got to have a Thanksgiving. I was just happy to be going somewhere somewhat spontaneously.

I had fun covering the games and while I wasn't working on that (which was a fair amount of time) I was relaxing and having fun. I was carefree.

Of course there were things I should have been working on, but I put them on the back burner to preserve my sanity (at least that's what I'm telling myself, I'm really just a big procrastinator).

When I reluctantly returned back to the speedy way of life here at ULV, leaving the snow behind me, the procrastination caught up with me. I've got assignments up to my eyeballs and not nearly enough time to complete them all.

I keep telling myself there are only two weeks left in the semester, but it does not seem to help reassure me at all.

The real world is coming, but as much as I worry I think I'm prepared. So nevermind all this... bring it on... but I'll need to remember to breathe.

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Finding voice after four year search



AMBY SARABIA

It was only four years ago that I was a timid freshman, afraid to voice my opinions and questioning my every move, worried I wouldn't be liked by my fellow classmates.

It seems like only yesterday when I was stressing over what my future career would be. Was I destined to be an English major or a liberal arts major? I dreaded the thought of having to deal with my new surroundings and the important decisions adults are in charge of making not something someone straight out of high school had to face.

Overwhelmed by all the new decisions and my new surroundings I would drive home each weekend eager to escape from all the unfamilarity around me. I sought the familiarity of old friends and my family.

I hated when my weekends at home ended. Every Sunday I would reluctantly drive back to my dorm knowing I was about to spend another week agonizing over projects and over my future.

I was unable to foresee how attached I was going to get to people at La Verne. Rather than driving home two times each week to escape my roommates or the unfamiliar faces around campus, I now find myself wanting the company of these people I now classify as friends. While I still drive home for the weekends, (Who would pass up home cooking?) I find myself calling my dorm home and no longer dread the thought of living away from Montebello.

My friends from back home whom I used to rely on and planned outings with each weekend have somehow become acquaintances, while my friends at La Verne have evolved into those who I find myself running to for advice, comfort or for pointless conversations.

Making late night trips to Circle K for junk food has become a routine, just as visits to T-Phillips to talk over appetizers and drinks. The donut shop has become my favorite spot for breakfast as I run in to grab a bagel between classes. Together we have gone through our ups and downs, stressed out over finals, cried and laughed. The friends I have made here at La Verne have made my experience that much better.

Aside from gaining friendships and becoming comfortable living the so-called college life, in the last three years I have also learned how to handle those complicated decisions which used to terrify me.

After dabbling in a variety of classes, I have discovered my passion for journalism. I have finally found my place on the campus as I have written for the *Campus Times* and *La Verne Magazine*.

Through writing for these publications, I have found my voice and have been given the opportunity to let it be heard. I was able to become an editor, a position I always aspired to hold but never thought I would.

Sure it took me awhile to break out of my shell, but I did it. I no longer question my every move, worried that a wrong move will cause others to judge or belittle me. No longer will my voice go unheard on campus, in fact many of those who knew me when I was a freshman joke at how much I have changed throughout my years here at ULV.

Looking back, I realize exactly how much I have grown as a person here at ULV, and I am positive that despite the rough times I had at the beginning of my schooling here I would not change anything.

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Is there fight left after Willingham?



STEVEN FALLS

Notre Dame football. Come on all you USC faithfuls, you have to admit that Notre Dame football has been the envy of all major universities around the country for the past 40-some-odd years. That is until recently.

On Tuesday, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame fired head coach Ty Willingham after three seasons at the helm of one of the most storied football programs in our country.

When looking at this event, I can think of two major reasons why this issue has become such a controversy over the past few days.

Number one, Coach Willingham was fired after leading the Irish to a 21-15 record over this three-year span. By some schools' standards, a winning percentage of nearly 60 percent would not warrant a dismissal for a head coach when three years ago they gave him the keys and told him to rebuild the program, rebuild it's credibility and it's legend back to the level that it once was.

Granted, after Willingham began his first campaign at an impressive 10-1 record, he dropped 14 of the next 25 and failed to lead the Irish to bowl victory in any of the three years.

My beef is with the timetable given to Willingham in turning the program around. I am not only talking about Willingham, I am talking about most sports. These days, it is win now or let's move on. What I do not get is the philosophy behind these decisions.

How on Earth do they expect a man to build a football program that was in shambles after the 2001 season? They did not even give him a chance to see his first recruiting class go through the program.

The man was a prime example of class on and off the field. He loved his players and his players loved him. I could understand the move after three losing seasons but that just was not the case.

Number two, was firing Willingham race related?

Honestly, it's hard to think that it wasn't. I feel that if this were a white coach, say George O'Leary, he would still be the head coach of the Irish given he had achieved the same success as Willingham.

The past two coaches were each given five years to revive the program and each were sent packing after the five- year contract expired. In fact, Willingham is the first coach in Notre Dame history to be dismissed before his contract expired. The previous two coaches did nothing more than his time around, except lose.

Being in the stands at the Notre Dame and USC game last Saturday gave me a live perspective of the Irish. Being a sports fan my whole life, I could just tell the team really was not all that great. They played well and were coached well but were simply steamrolled by a team significantly superior to them.

Maybe the Irish's time is up. Blue chip recruits are choosing trendier schools with more recent success. Notre Dame is stagnant and not as appealing to the potential recruits as it used to be. The board of trustees felt that a change was so desperately needed because the team simply was not winning. So they axed the man they hired a few years ago to do the things in which he successfully completed for the most part.

They fired a man who brought integrity to a program that desperately needed it, all in the name of "winning" which he was doing also, just not enough. Is winning really that important?

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Mall takes shopping outside

New stores make their way to I.E.



Veronica Garcia

The Inland Empire's new outdoor shopping center, Victoria Gardens, offers customers more than 110 shops to choose from, including Coach, The Apple Store and Macy's. The new mall opened on Day Creek Road in Rancho Cucamonga on Oct. 28.

Melissa Rodriguez
Staff Writer

Are you looking for a new place to spend most of your savings this holiday season?

Are you a shop-a-holic who has grown tired of the same old shopping centers?

Then fret no more. There is a new mall in town.

It is not just any mall but it is Victoria Gardens: nearly 147 acres of outdoor stores, food and entertainment.

This beautiful shopping center is located in Rancho Cucamonga on Foothill Boulevard off of the 15 Freeway.

The grand opening of Victoria Gardens was Oct. 28.

This project was a huge investment and the partnership of two nationally recognized companies, Forest City Development and Lewis Investment Company, LLC.

These two companies have invested $200 million in the mall and hope that many people in the Inland Empire appreciate their investment.

This mall is not like average surrounding malls such as Montclair Plaza, Ontario Mills or the Brea Mall.

Instead, this outdoor mall resembles such shopping areas as Old Town Pasadena, The Block in Orange and the Beverly Center in Century City.

The only indoor area is the food court.

Outside of the food court there are tables available where bustling shoppers can sit down and relax for a bit. There is also a playground area for the children.

For the chilly evenings, which have started already, a big fireplace is lit for those who just want to sit down with a cup of coffee available from either the Coffee Bean or Starbucks.

"I like it because it reminds me of Disneyland," said sophomore business major Will Hawkins.

"It looks like Disneyland because it's set up like a small town even though it's in a big city," Hawkins said.

Victoria Gardens has nearly every store that anyone could possibly imagine, including department stores like Robinsons May, Macy's, JC Penney and possibly a Nordstrom in the future.

Other stores such as Bebe, Abercrombie and Fitch, American Eagle Outfitters, Banana Republic, Bath & Body Works, Coach, Express, Forever 21, Gap, Guess, Hollister Co., Pac Sun, the Apple Store and The Bombay Co. provide many shopping choices for consumers.

Victoria Gardens, although somewhat of an upscale mall, is introducing many new stores and restaurants to the Inland Empire.

One store that seems to be gaining popularity in the Inland Empire already is Buckle, a store that originated in Nebraska in 1967.

There are only 10 Buckle stores in California, and Rancho Cucamonga was lucky enough to be number 10.

Speaking of which, Lucky Brand is one of the biggest and most popular brands found in Buckle. Roxy, Kenneth Cole, Billabong, Fossil, Hurley, Quicksilver, G Unit, Ecko, Puma and Buckle's own BKE line are all featured in this rather hip store.

"This store definitely targets the age range from 14 to 30 years old," store manager Ryan Michler said.

It is very stylish while remaining conservative at the same time.

"It has been crazy here since we opened," Michler said.

"And we are still hiring," he added.

Buckle also does alterations to make your jeans fit you perfectly.

Pac Sun and Hollister: watch out.

Buckle is definitely going to create tough competition among some of the trendiest stores here in Southern California.

With so many stores, one should really save nearly $500 before even thinking about going to Victoria Gardens.

But if not, window shopping has always been an enjoyable pastime for many.

"I love this mall but it is just really cold out here. The stores here are awesome. I can't wait until after Christmas so I can buy things for myself," shopper Cecilia Laszlo said.

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> *–Cecilia Laszlo, shopper*

The stores are not the only things of which Victoria Gardens has plenty. The restaurants there are wonderful as well.

Thanks to Victoria Gardens, the Yard House has finally found a location in the Inland Empire, making many beer lovers very happy.

With at least one hundred if not more different beers on tab, the restaurant is based around the bar. One must like alcohol an awful lot to fully enjoy all that the Yard House has to offer.

California Pizza Kitchen is another restaurant that has decided to expand out of Orange County and come to the Inland Empire.

There is also a bar-b-que restaurant and soon to come: the famous P.F. Chang's China Bistro.

It is a privilege for the Inland Empire that someone has decided to finally bring many of the most popular stores and restaurants found only in Los Angeles and Orange counties to our part of the state.

Victoria Gardens is making sure its first Christmas season in business is full of holiday celebration and cheer for all of their customers.

Now through Dec. 24 snow will fall nightly at 7 p.m. with an additional 8 p.m. snowfall on Fridays and Saturdays, creating a magical atmosphere perfect for the busiest consumer holiday.

There will also be carolers strolling through the mall and a 65-foot Christmas tree erected for all to see.

And Santa Claus will even be present giving children the opportunity to deliver their wish lists to him directly.

Victoria Gardens is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Bird enthusiasts flock to Fairplex

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Lots of chirping and squawking could be heard coming from Building 4 at the Fairplex on Sunday when Everybody's Bird Mart came to town for the final time this year.

Around 400 vendors crowded into the massive hall and the building became even more packed as throngs of eager guests filed in at the 9:30 a.m. opening.

Bird lovers of all ages and backgrounds, armed with wheeled baskets, cages and their wallets scoured the aisles in search of the birds and accessories of their dreams.

Patrons in the market for a feathered friend had thousands of options at their disposal.

Birds of every imaginable size, color and texture were on hand and were being sold for an extremely wide range of prices.

Zebra finches, creatures just slightly smaller than the average pager, could be had for as little as $4 a piece.

At the other end of the value spectrum were mature cockatoos and macaws with proven breeding records selling for as much as $1,600 each, a whopping 400 times the price of a tiny zebra finch.

Of course, most of the birds being offered fell somewhere in between the extremes as far as dollar value was concerned.

There was definitely a bird for every budget.

Better still, four veterinarians were on duty making sure there were no overcrowded cages or seriously ill animals.

Of course, the birds themselves are only part of the investment.

Birds need cages to live in, food to eat and the occasional toy to entertain them, among other things.

As a result, there were many vendors peddling such necessities, and some were even selling both birds and accessories.

Vendor Steve Duz of San Diego said there are numerous knowledgeable and friendly breeders who attend the Pomona events regularly.

Duz called the show "a pretty cool place to get birds and information."

However, birds and bird-related items were not the only things up for sale. There were at least two groups selling rabbits, some for as little as $5, while another booth was offering a trio of eight-week-old Dachshund puppies for $300 each.

Another booth was selling a massive array of bug specimens from exotic locations such as Thailand and Africa, and included beetles, moths, butterflies, spiders, scorpions and centipedes of all shapes, colors and sizes.

There were even a few vendors who were selling things that had nothing to do with animals, such as one selling sunglasses, another who was selling seashells and another promoting life-sized metal palm trees, complete with spotlights in place of fruit.

Needless to say, Everybody's Bird Mart was very well attended by buyers and sellers alike.

Indeed, the inaugural Bird Mart, held 27 years ago, was a much smaller affair.

"The first show had about 40 vendors," said Jim Williams, show promoter and son of the husband and wife team who founded the event. "It's grown gradually."

A big factor in that growth is probably the prices; Duz said prices at the show were about two-thirds of retail.

As if the lower prices were not enticing enough, Williams and his team also held a raffle for cash door prizes.

Three people won $50, while one lucky patron received $100.

With prizes like that, it is not surprising there are currently 20,000 names on the show's mailing list.

Everybody's Bird Mart is held four times a year.

The next one will be held on March 20.

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Keep pet safety in mind this holiday season

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During the holiday season, many people become distracted with decorating the house, wrapping and opening presents and entertaining guests. However, in the process, their pets are forgotten about and many of them can get lost, ill or injured.

According to Nancy Peterson, issues specialist at Companion Animals of the Humane Society of the United States, the Thanksgiving and Christmas times are the most dangerous times during the year for pets.

"There are so many things around the house that becomes unsafe for the pets," said Peterson, who was also a veterinary technician.

Make sure the Christmas tree is secure so any dog or cat cannot tip it over and place the electric cords out of chewing range, Peterson said.

According to Sheila Beattie, executive secretary at the Inland Valley Humane Society and SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), there are also other precautions pet owners can take to keep their pets safe during the holidays.

When entertaining guests, there should be a quiet place where the animals can retreat to when the noise gets louder and the crowd gets larger.

"I have two dogs and it's just me and the dogs," Beattie said. "But when I have a party it can be more than 10 people and the dogs are not accustomed to that. I would put them in a separate room.

"Loud noises and stressful situations can cause them to get upset," Beattie added.

Keeping pets calm will be beneficial for the owner and guests as well as the animal.

"Pets that are usually loving and caring can snap and suddenly bite someone. Keeping the pets in a separate area can keep the pets safe and the guests safe."

Chicken and turkey bones should also be securely disposed of so that any pet can't get a hold of them.

These bones are hollow and can easily break.

If the animals attempt to eat the chicken or turkey bones, it can cause severe splinters in their stomach, throat or intestinal tracts.

"It can also clog their intestines," Beattie said. "Then, it would back up the waste and basically poisons the pet. It can be fatal."

Other holiday items that can be fatal to pets when ingested are: tinsel; icicles; breakable ornaments and other Christmas tree decorations; holiday plants, such as poinsettias, mistletoe and holly; gift wrap paper and ribbons; and chocolate, which can be toxic.

According to David Lara, community resource officer at Inland Valley Humane Society and SPCA, another important thing to do is to always make sure the animals are wearing collars with identification tags, just in case they runaway from home.

"At New Year we always receive a lot of phone calls from worried pet owners because their pets runaway during the festivities," Lara said. "Their pets freak out from the gunshots and the loud noise."

Knowing the number to the closest 24-hour emergency veterinary clinic is the one of the most important safety measures to take, Beattie said.

"Any pet owner can look this up in the yellow pages," Beattie said. "They are open after hours and on weekends when regular vets are not.

"It is at a higher cost, but it is worth it when their pets can be saved."

Lara's overall message to pet owners is to be aware and to keep the pets safe.

"Pet owners should take the procedures needed to keep everyone safe and these procedures should be taken prior to holding an event," Lara said. "You think it won't happen to you, but it's better to be safe than sorry during this time of year."

Peterson agreed with Lara's point of view.

"The holidays are a hectic time filled with extra fun and danger for pets," Peterson said. "Look at the world from the pets' point of view to make the busy holidays safer for them. And spend some time with animal friends.

"After all, isn't that the best gifts you can give them?"

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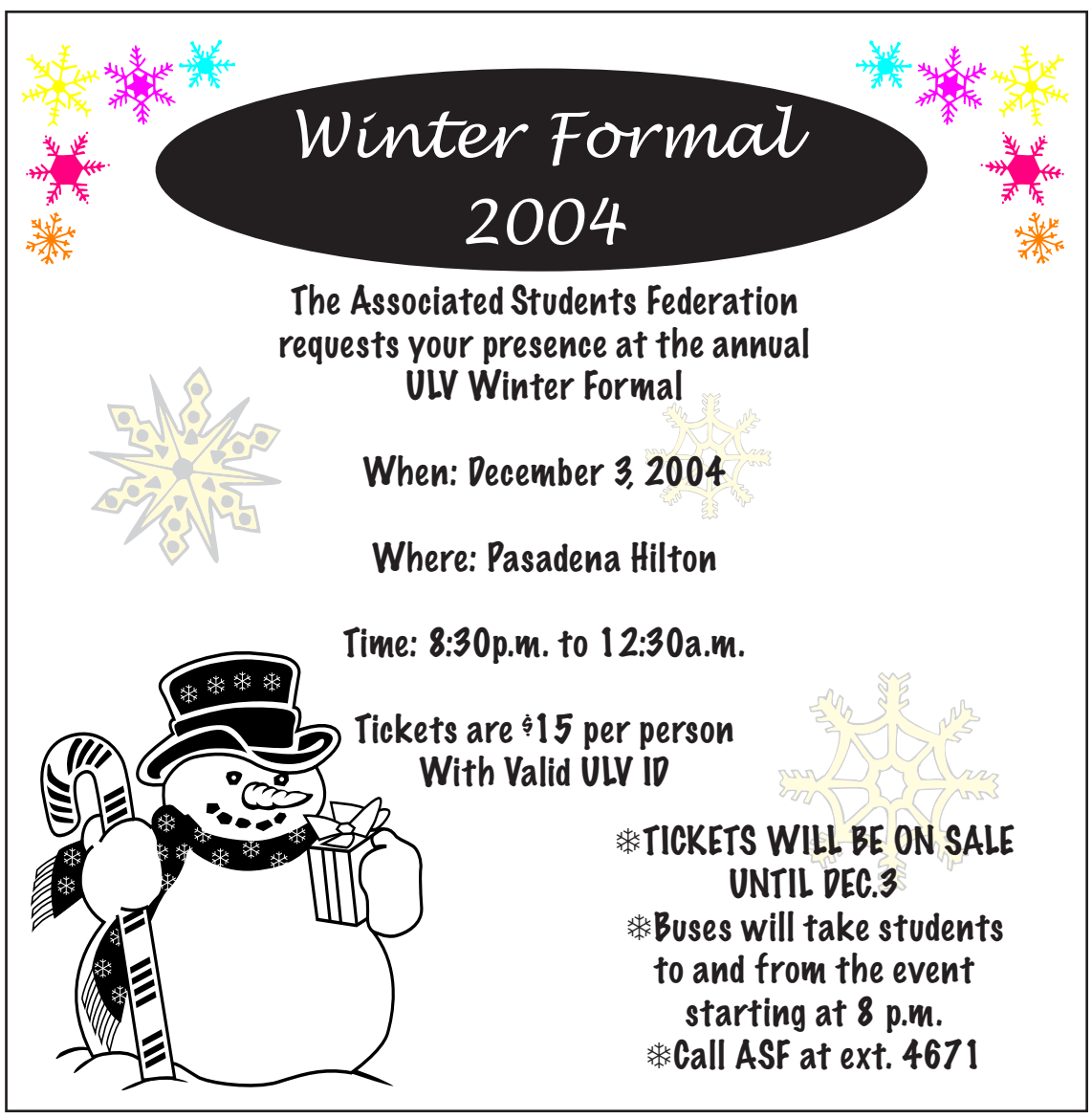

Arts, etc...

HAPPENINGS

Winter Formal

Get your groove on at ASF's Winter Formal tonight at the Sheraton. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available today at the Student Center for $15 each.

Chamber Music

The University's Chamber Music Ensemble presents its final concert at 8 p.m. tonight in Founders Auditorium. Come hear great classical music from some of ULV's most talented students. Tickets are free for students and $5 for general admission.

Local Talent

Rico Coffee will feature ULV's Becky Tuttle, a ULV music major, at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. Her CD, "Last Day", will also be available at the coffee shop located on Foothill in the Vons shopping center.

Computers Galore

Get some great deals at the Computer Fair, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday at Fairplex buildings 6 and 7. Tickets are $8. For more information,visit **www.lacomputerfair.com**.

West African Drumming

The West African Drum Ensemble will perform its final concert at 8 p.m. Monday in Founders Auditorium. Take a break from finals to hear this great, local music. Tickets are free for students and $5 for general admission.

Candlelight Christmas

The University Choirs will present their annual Candlelight Christmas concert at 8 p.m. next Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Founders Auditorium. Catch the holiday spirit as the music department lights up Founders Hall with decorations, snow and great music. Tickets are free for students and $5 for general admission.

-Stephanie Duarte

Talent 'drops it like it's hot' on center stage

by Tom Anderson

photography by Veronica Garcia

Phi Sigma Sigma sorority hosted its first ever talent show Nov. 19 in Dailey Theatre.

The event, named "Drop It Like It's Hot!" after the hit Snoop Dogg song, showcased a number of talented performers from within the University of La Verne and the surrounding communities.

The evening kicked off a few minutes later than scheduled, with a thumping male versus female dance battle to the tune of "1, 2 Step" by the recording artist, Ciara, to fire up the sellout crowd.

This opening number was the highlight of the show, as far as show attendee, Cassy Armijo, was concerned.

"It was definitely worth the price of admission," she said.

From there the hits kept coming one after the other, as emcees Brian Ortega and Jaclyn Urquidez introduced each of the immensely talented acts.

The girls of Claremont High School's Wolfgang Hip-Hop Dance Team delivered not one but two highly energetic and expertly choreographed performances.

The team practices during first period and after school almost every day of the week, and it definitely showed.

ULV student Monique Chambers slowed things down a notch when she recited three creative and heartfelt poems of her own creation.

After her last piece, the emcees asked her how she got started writing poetry. Chambers replied that she started at age 13 as a way to escape from and vent aggression regarding a family crisis that was going on at the time.

Just before the intermission, Ortega invited his Phi Delta Theta fraternity brothers on stage for some impromptu dance lessons from hip-hop expert Michael Stallings.

The resulting instruction period only confirmed Ortega's assertion that the men of Phi Delta Theta can not dance…period.

When the crowd returned, they were treated to the vocal styling of the University's resident rap star, BMUSE, who also answers to Ben de Ayora. BMUSE's work and sheer talent must be heard to be believed, and can be found on his Web site at **www.myspace.com/bmuse**.



Jessica Cisneros of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority performs to "King of the Dancehall" in the first annual Phi Sigma Sigma talent showcase, "Drop It Like It's Hot!" The talent showcase, held in the Dailey Theater on Nov. 19, included acts student acts from ULV and Claremont High's Hip-Hop Dance Team.

Another ULV musician who wowed the crowd was Christy Roberts. The velvety-voiced, guitar-strumming singer/songwriter has a CD coming out in the spring, and judging by the reactions of the crowd, it should be a hot seller.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, Tanesha Atwell, Charlene Bolivar, Natalie Camacho and Jessica Cisneros turned the funk back up to 11 with their dance routine set to "King of the Dancehall."

In addition to the aforementioned performances, student Cathleen Buttung danced the hula, and Urquidez joined Veronica Garcia for some Tahitian dancing.

> 'It was definitely worth the price of admission.'
>
> *—Cassy Armijo*

To close the show, all of the Phi Sig sisters present took to the stage and sang the show to a close.

"I was really happy with it," said Dana Diaz, Phi Sig social chair and coordinator of the show. "And I'm hoping to expand it as the years go by."

Diaz said she got the idea of holding a talent show at the beginning of this past summer.

"I just wanted to do something big," she said.

The audience seemed to be equally pleased with the final product.

"I didn't think they'd actually sell out," said Phi Delta Theta member Andy Monroy.

He added that all of the acts were impressive, but none more so than his fraternity brother's rapping.

"He got the crowd going," he said of BMUSE's performance.

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Music class drums a sacred beat

Ensemble performs in the Quad



Beatriz Mendoza

Music Department Coordinator Steven Biondo and students from his West African Drumming class performed on the Quad Wednesday. This is the sixth semester Biondo has taught the class where students learn by oral instruction on how to play. The West African Drum Ensemble has two performances each semester. The ensemble include both music and non-music majors.

John Patrick
Assistant Editor

A small crowd of students and faculty gathered in the University of La Verne quad Wednesday and turned their ears to the thick tribal sounds of the University's West African Drum Ensemble.

"These beats are sacred," ensemble member Nathan Lahr, said explaining the stoic and intense countenances of his fellow drum ensemble members. "If you start dancing around, you might miss the changes."

Music Department Coordinator Steve Biondo started the drum ensemble in 2001.

In its sixth semester, this class is a way to provide the University with a percussion ensemble and teach students history.

"I wanted to open the program to music majors and non-musicians," Biondo said.

Half of its members being non-music majors.

Students who join the ensemble can count on experiencing a learning process that is less traditional than Western society processes.

"(Biondo) does his part to teach us in an oral tradition," Lahr said.

"He'll play a part and we'll try to catch it. I've really appreciated learning that way."

Oral tradition is important, Biondo said.

"Master drummers have taught the same way for 400 years," Biondo said.

The fact that the music is not printed in an order of bars and measures frees the musicians to play for as long as they desire.

Biondo said the piece begins when he plays a call to start the rhythm and changes are communicated through signals that he plays on his drum.

"(The ensemble has gone) beyond what I had hoped," Biondo said.

"When it started, the class was open to 10 people, now it's open to 20. Next semester I might add an advanced level," he said.

The West African Drum Ensemble's final performance of the semester will be 8 p.m., Monday in Founders Auditorium.

Tickets are free for students and $5 for general admission.

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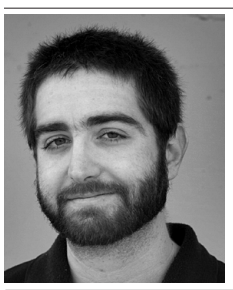
Feedback

My definition of true happiness



TAYLOR KINGSBURY

I've often been accused of being a negative, smarmy prick. I'll concede that this assessment is fair enough, especially since I'm the last person who should be telling anyone their opinions are wrong.

I respect any input on my work that is levied my way, and every piece of it has some impact on what I do, whether I'm conscious of it or not.

Now, if an attempted rapist writes me a letter calling me a "dumbass" that can't tell the difference between Spanish people and Mexicans (true story), I'm not really going to respond to that in print. Oh, wait, I guess I just did. I hope you die, you f**k.

But, when Kenyon, perhaps the nicest person I've ever met, tells me that he'd like to see a column about things that make me happy, I'm obliged to comply.

So, for Kenyon, and anyone else who cares, here are some things that make me happy. And, no, they're not in order.

Music makes me happy. The joy I receive from listening to, creating and performing music brings me an indescribable amount of happiness. Music, to me, is the most powerful universal force in the entire world. It transcends age, race, sex, religion, culture and time, and no matter who you are, you have been touched by music in some way. Hell, even plants respond to music. I'm told they like my column, too.

More specifically, "Don't Stop Believing" makes me happy. Let's face it, Journey wrote what is probably the most perfect song ever constructed. The message is poignant, the dynamic is incendiary, and the hook is undeniably uber-hummable. So, you think it's cheesy? That's fine. You can listen to your new Chingy record instead.

My girlfriend makes me happy. She is the most beautiful, wonderful, caring, fun and overall amazing creature ever spawned onto this planet. When I'm with her, everything else in the world ceases to exist, and that's fine, because I love having the world to ourselves. I will be forever changed in the best possible way by everything she has brought into my life. I love you, angel.

Mashed potatoes make me happy. The man who first decided to grind potatoes into a fine paste, slather them in butter, and smear them across a plate deserves to be declared a saint. Actually, he nearly was. The year was 1744, and the man's name was Thaddeus Mashe. In fact, the verb "mash" was literally created because of his contribution to the potato medium. Okay, I made all that up, but you believed me, if only for a second. And that makes me happy, too.

Puppies make me happy. Eddie is mine, and he's about the best dog I've ever known, even though he's more like a horse. You have to love an animal that will stay loyal to you, even after you beat the crap out of it. I haven't tested this theory on Eddie, but my girlfriend sticks around, so I think he would too.

Friends make me happy. No, not the show; that makes me murderous. I mean real friends, not those random people you meet in class and share small talk with. Don't get me wrong, you guys are great, too. But when I say "friends," I speak of that tiny circle of people that you know would give their life for you in a second, and that you would do the same for without blinking an eye. You honestly think your sorority sisters would do that for you? I'm afraid not, but chances are, they'd be willing to screw your man after you gave your life for them. Hell, they probably already are.

Beer makes me happy. By far the finest libation ever concocted, good beer tastes so fantastic that the buzz is simply a pleasant bonus. Yeah, sure, that part makes me happy too, but I don't have much control over that, do I?

Satan makes me happy. The Dark Lord gave us sex, drugs and rock 'n roll, all of which make me really, really happy. I mean, you probably like God more, and more power to you, but, honestly, what has He given you? Peace? Love? Heaven? Well, sex, drugs and rock 'n roll bring us peace, give us things to love, and take us to heaven. So, Satan is better. Oh, yeah, sarcasm makes me happy too.

Writing makes me happy. Apparently, my writing doesn't make most of you happy; it actually pisses you off. But, if I offend, perturb, annoy or ire you, then I've obviously gotten some reaction out of you. And that makes me happy too.

Furthermore, I am incredibly happy that I have managed to incite acclaim, generate numerous awards, enhance my writing experience, create countless clips for my portfolio, and ensure that whether you like me or not, you know who I am.

I did all of this simply by talking endless amounts of smack and convincing the rotating staff of Campus Times editors to keep printing it.

I scammed you all good, and that makes me happy.

So, that's my list. I could have written so much more, but I'm out of space, and you're bored.

But, even the fact I'm out of space makes me happy, because that means that I only have one more column to write, and then I will be able to retire from my tenure at the *Campus Times* and emerge from the University of La Verne as a certified graduate.

And, holy crap, that really makes me happy.

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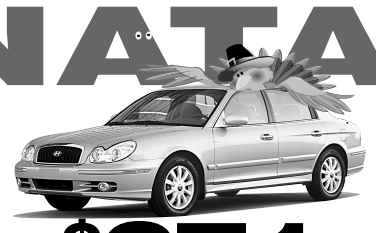

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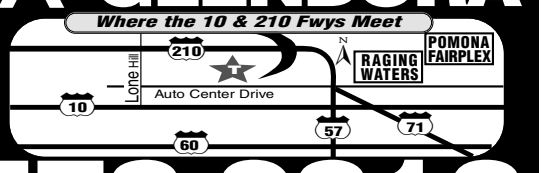

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ULV hammers La Sierra, 79-58

Leopards record first victory

Melissa Rodriguez
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne women's basketball team captured its first win Monday, defeating La Sierra 79-58.

"I give credit to the girls effort at practice everyday, we're excited," head coach Julie Kline said. "We are committed and taking it one game at a time."

The Leopards came together as a team and sent La Sierra home the same way they came, winless.

La Sierra now has a 0-6 record while La Verne improved to a 1-3 record.

La Verne made 41 percent of their field goals compared to La Sierra who made 38 percent.

The free throw line proved to be the difference for the Leopards.

La Verne made 17 out of 23 of their free throw attempts, whereas LSU made only nine out of 25 free throws.

The Leopards were behind the entire first half and went to the locker room trailing, 29-26.

They came back the second half motivated and ready to take charge in the game.

With the audience into the game cheering on the Leopards, they began to shoot and score.

"We had to get everything together and build from it," junior forward/guard Nicole Gerber said.

Junior guard Stephanie Foster and sophomore forward Janie Cozine led the Leopards to victory with 20 points each.

Senior guard Sally Marroquin shot 100 percent from the free throw line.

Cozine had a team high of 10 rebounds and Gerber followed with five.

"We came out fired up," Gerber said. "It was intense but we came through and won."

The Leopards shot a fair 74 percent from the free throw line for the game and outscored La Sierra, 53-29, in the second half to ensure the victory.

This 2004-2005 team is a fairly new team. There are only three returning players resulting in 11 new women.

> 'I give credit to the girls effort at practice everyday, we're excited. We are committed and taking it one game at a time.'
> *–Julie Kline, head coach*

This first victory is an important step to further progress building the team's unity and hopefully they can continue to build on this momentum.

"We have improved steadily," Kline said. "We need to improve on everything and emphasize on defense."

The Leopards face Hope International University in a non-conference match up next Wednesday in the Supertents.

Like the Leopards, Hope International holds a 1-3 overall season record.

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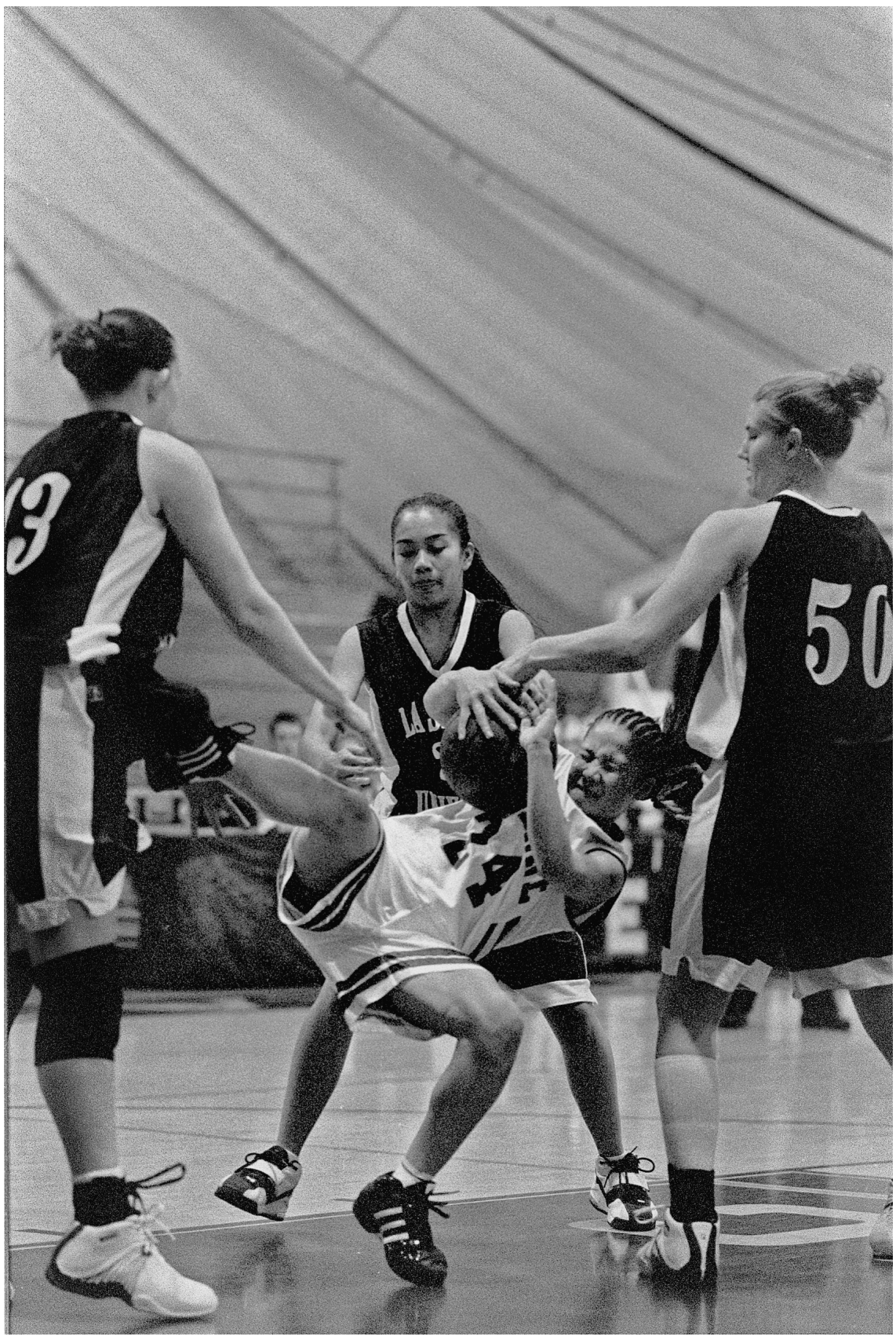

German Jimenez

Aggressiveness by University of La Verne's Sally Marroquin (No. 24) on Monday against La Sierra University's Ashley Graves (No. 43), Petra Pucheloua (No. 33) and Krista Stinson (No. 50) helped give her team the lead. Marroquin scored valuable points, with 6 for 6 free throw shooting, to beat La Sierra,79-58. The Leopards improved to 1-3.

Leopards split games in Masters Tournament

Men cruise to victory over ACU

Jonathan Corral
Staff Writer

With the young season now in full stride, the University of La Verne men's basketball team opened with a 2-2 record after splitting two games during thanksgiving break against top-notch teams at the Masters Tournament in Santa Clarita.

The Leopards defeated Atlanta Christian (Ga), 97-88, to salvage a split in the tournament. Rebounding with a strong performance from their last outing, the Leopards were sparked by junior guard Jason Greenlee, who scored 22 points in the win.

Big games were also turned in by Marc Holmquist, Jake Franzen and Victor Reynolds who each scored 12 points apiece with Franzen grabbing a team-high 12 rebounds for the double-double.

In the game, the Leopards shot 45 percent from the field while making 71 percent of their free throw attempts.

"They have a real good team," head coach Gabe Duran said. "We let up a little bit defensively but overall we played a great game, in the other as well."

The Leopards led 46-38 at the break nearly letting the game slip away allowing Atlanta Christian to shoot 63 percent from the field and stealing the victory.

Over-matched was the phrase as the Leopards suffered a 104-74 defeat at the hands of tournament host The Masters College, a top ranked NAIA team in the first game of the tournament.

> 'They were definitely a huge challenge. But I think if we would have eliminated a lot of turnovers the game would have been a lot different.'
> *—Jason Greenlee, junior guard*

Hurting the Leopards chances was their shooting troubles.

The Leopards shot a low 37 percent from the field and couldn't figure out the defense, while allowing the Mustangs to shoot 50 percent and almost score at will.

"They were definitely a huge challenge," Greenlee said. "But I think if we would have eliminated a lot of turnovers the game would have been a lot different."

Once again the Leopards were led by the trio of Franzen, Holmquist and Greenlee.

Franzen scored a team-high 17 points, while Holmquist and Greenlee each scored 13 points for the Leopards.

ULV continues action in the Lee Fullmer Tournament at 5 p.m. today and tomorrow in Redlands.

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Volleyball...

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With the score 29-28 in favor of the Violets, ULV could not get the ball over the net following a tough rally, giving NYU its only game in the match.

The Leopards outhit NYU in all games except the second, bringing the team's match average down. ULV finished the match hitting .253 while NYU hit .269.

Despite losing the second game, the team said it never worried about the match.

"When you worry you start thinking of too many things and you're not playing volleyball. So you can't worry about it," Stout said.

ULV picked up the pace in the third and fourth games, never allowing the Violets to hold a lead in either.

Outside hitter Amy Kratochvil lead the Leopards in kills with 16, followed by middle blocker Tricia Schary (12) and opposite Adele Jones (10). Middle blocker Many Sedia also chipped in with nine.

Defensively the Leopards benefited from setter Amanda Thomas' and libero Lauren Friestad's 14 digs apiece. Leslie Flores also had 11 and Kratochvil recorded nine.

"La Verne had a pretty stingy defense tonight when they needed it and I think that was the big difference in the game," Caesar said.

In the match, six players contributed to 11 service aces and the team combined for a team total of nine blocks, holding their opponents to four.

"They have a big front row, the block's there every time – they had a lot of blocks on us, and the defense is everywhere," NYU's Elena Drinka said. "We played a lot of teams this year where it's a kill every time and we just weren't getting that today."

A match-high in kills was recorded by Drinka, who put away 23 balls on the Leopards' court, despite playing with a torn abdominal muscle.

"Drinka's obviously an All-American for a reason, so they set (her) a ton of balls. She's got a good arm and good location," Flora said.

Jennifer Gardikas and Natasha Boysaw also contributed to the Violets' fight with 15 and 10 kills, respectively.

The Violets had four players tallying double digits in digs. NYU put up a tough fight, picking up a lot of La Verne balls and swinging with all they had, but made many errors as well.

"It seemed like we got out of the gates a little slow in almost every game," Caesar said. "Once you make a deficit that big its hard to fight back and it seemed like it carried over to the next game."

Ending the season on a win was a high point, especially for the Leopards' six seniors.

"I think we were disappointed with yesterday but we wanted to step up today and prove that we are a good team," Jones said.

"I think we knew what we needed to do to finish the way we set our goals for the year … and to finish our season the way that we would have liked to," outside hitter Sara Lupu said.

NYU took its fourth-place finish with a grain of salt.

"The final four is an accomplishment for any team and for us to get here two years in a row has been a great honor," Gardikas said.

"We had a great season last year and this year too, so to me it's not a step back. It was a fun weekend but definitely not the best," Drinka said.

"As a program we haven't really reached a pinnacle yet as a championship but...we've taken a big step forward for the program and we're starting to get the program the way we want," Caesar said. "We're hoping to get up to this elite group pretty much of La Verne, Wash U and Juniata. These teams have been the top teams since its been around. So now that we've been here a couple times and we're starting to see what it takes to be a winning program."

In ULV's first-round match against Washington, the Leopards marched onto the court knowing what was on the line. But something was missing from their game – a lack of focus and energy.

"We didn't get out tonight and play La Verne volleyball, and they totally took advantage of that," Kratochvil said. "They came out on top and we just didn't play our game so they were all over us."

"Bottom line they came out and they out dug us, out blocked us, out swung us. They just did everything better than we did and that's why the outcome came out like it did," Schary said.

It was the Bears' energy from the beginning that guided them through the match and kept their spirits high. Unfortunately, La Verne did not match that energy on the court.

"The match didn't start when it was 0:00 on the clock. the match started with the energy that you saw during our warm ups, when our players were getting mentally prepared to play the match," Washington head coach Rich Luenemann said.

In the match Wash U consistently found the holes in La Verne's defense, successfully tipping the ball past the blockers to the empty court behind them.

"We trained for the tip for the last week since the quarterfinals and we didn't pick it up," Kratochvil said. "I don't know if it was that we couldn't read it or what was going on, but the ball dropped in that same spot every time."

Flores covered the floor for ULV, picking up 11 digs.

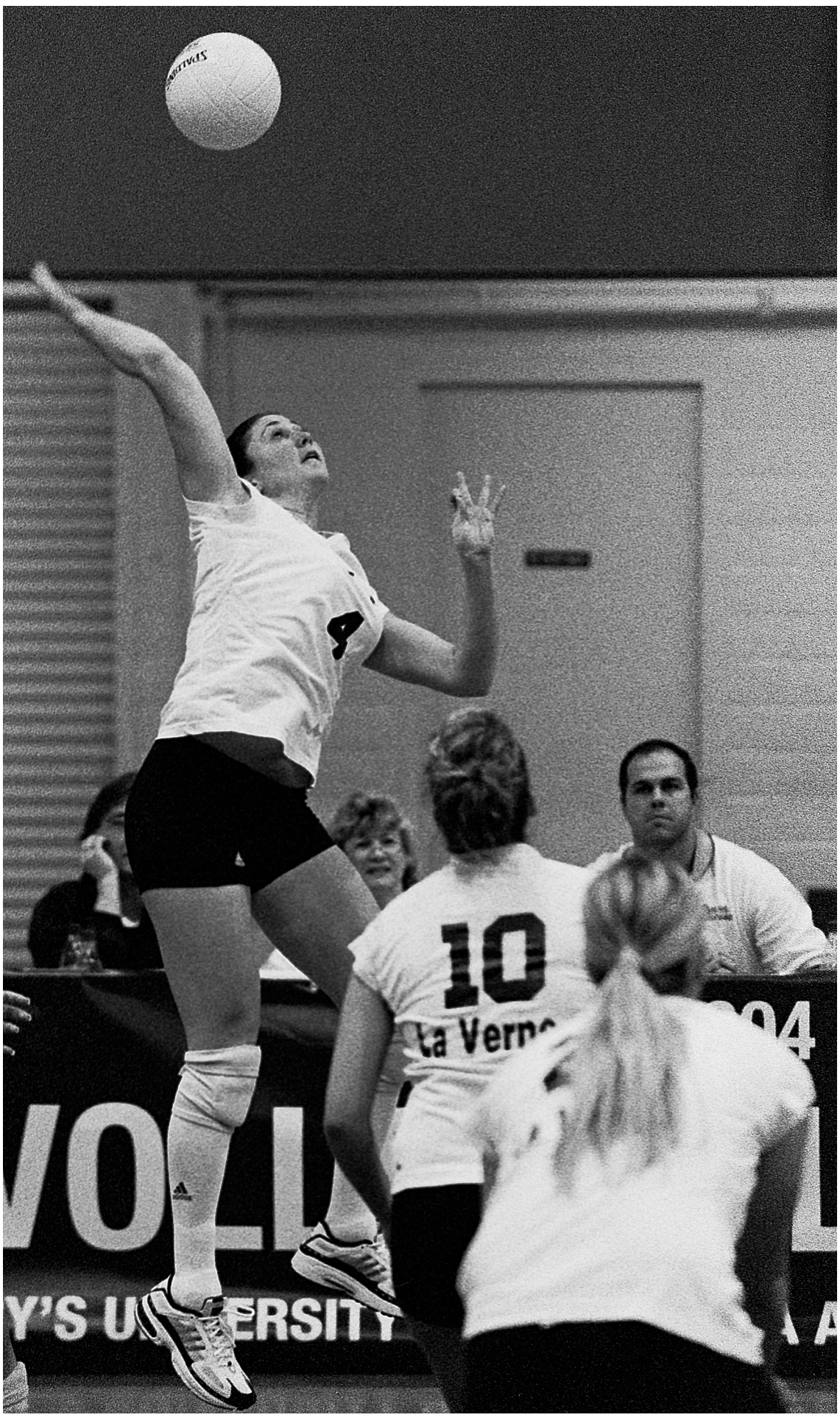
"They were probably the strongest hitting team I think we've ever faced," Flores said.

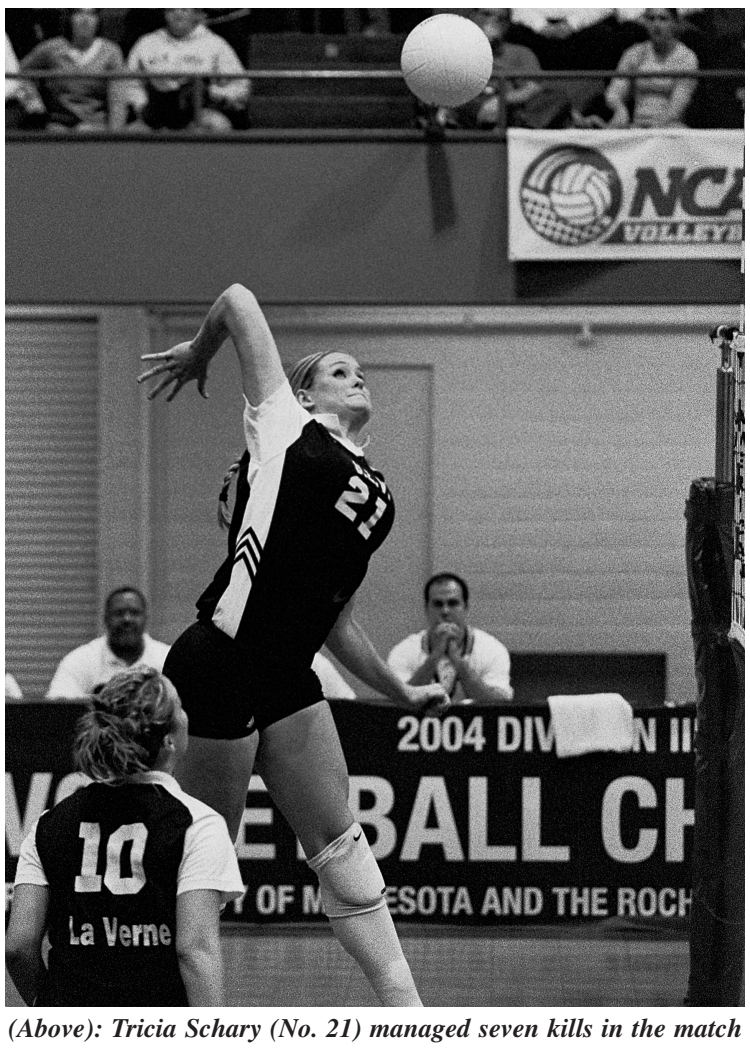
In game two came hope that from the other side of the net there would be a new side of the Leopards. But in a disappointing second game ULV was reduced to a negative -.111 hitting percentage. Five players ended the match with negative percentages.

"We never got our offensive groove where we were able to run our hitters the way we should have," Schary said.

It appeared the Leopards needed some time to warm up in the chilly state as the first sign of real intensity came in game three. ULV took an early 6-1 lead, but the Bears tied it up at 12, trading points until a 15 point tie. From there Washington went on an 8-1 run to make the score 23-16. Only seven points away from victory, the Bears let their lead slip as the Leopards stepped it up, but still took the game, 30-25.

Kratochvil posted a match-high 14 kills, but it was her opponents, not her teammates, who followed. Washington's Megan Houck tallied 13 kills





(Above): Tricia Schary (No. 21) managed seven kills in the match against Washington University, although it was not enough to change the momentum of the match.
(Left): Amy Kratochvil made 16 kills against New York University in the final game of her volleyball career with ULV.

and Emilie Walk and Whitney Spencer had 12 each. Wash U also posted three player with double digits in digs, spearheaded by Colleen Winter who accumulated 19.

As a team ULV hit a low .048 with only 7.5 blocks while Wash had 13 blocks and a .282 hitting percentage.

With the win the Bears advanced to the championship game. Last season they won a Division III record eighth title.

Some admitted revenging last season's loss was motivation in wanting to win the game, but it did not overcome them.

"I don't think we looked back at last year at all," Flores said. "We held our heads very high coming into this game and it didn't matter what happened last season. This is a new season so we went out there and tried our best."

The Leopards earned their spot among the final four by defeating Wittenberg University of Ohio Nov. 20 in the Supertents. Many had anticipated the match to be a stronger contest than it turned out to be. Getting to the quarterfinals, Wittenberg defeated Mt. St. Joseph's, who handed La Verne one of its three losses during the regular season, 3-1, on Sept. 17.

But ULV took care of the Tigers in true Leopard fashion, maintaining an undefeated record on its home court this season. ULV took a decisive 3-0 (30-16, 30-25, 30-26) victory.

Accolades from the post-season journey to the Final Four included All-American selections in Kratochvil for first team and Schary for second team. Thomas and Sedia both received honorable mention nods. The same four players were also named All-West Region selections.

Back home in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Kratochvil was voted SCIAC Player of the Year while teammates Jones, Schary and Thomas were first team choices. Stout and Sedia were second team selections.

Six seniors (Kratochvil, Jones, Stout, Thomas, Schary and Lupu) will be graduating from this season's roster, forcing a turnover in ULV women's volleyball.

"The six seniors are the best six players on our team and I hold them to very high standards and they've met every single one of them," Flores said.

"I love where this program is right now," Flora said. "We have a wonderful amount of athletic depth and people who have learned a lot from our six seniors. Our second team has made our starting team better. I think those girls will step up and fill some roles in '05."

Flora said this class was the best senior class La Verne had ever had "by far in my era and I think by far in the history of La Verne volleyball and SCIAC and in the nation."

"Three final fours and four conference championships and all that good stuff, but it's way beyond that – it's the leadership and the culture and they all bring something very different. They have established a culture and a belief and a level of excellence," Flora said. "We're one of three programs to finish on the top ten the last five years. In the final rankings there's only three of us – Juniata, Wash. U and La Verne – to finish in the top ten the last five seasons. So these outstanding women have set the standard for La Verne volleyball."

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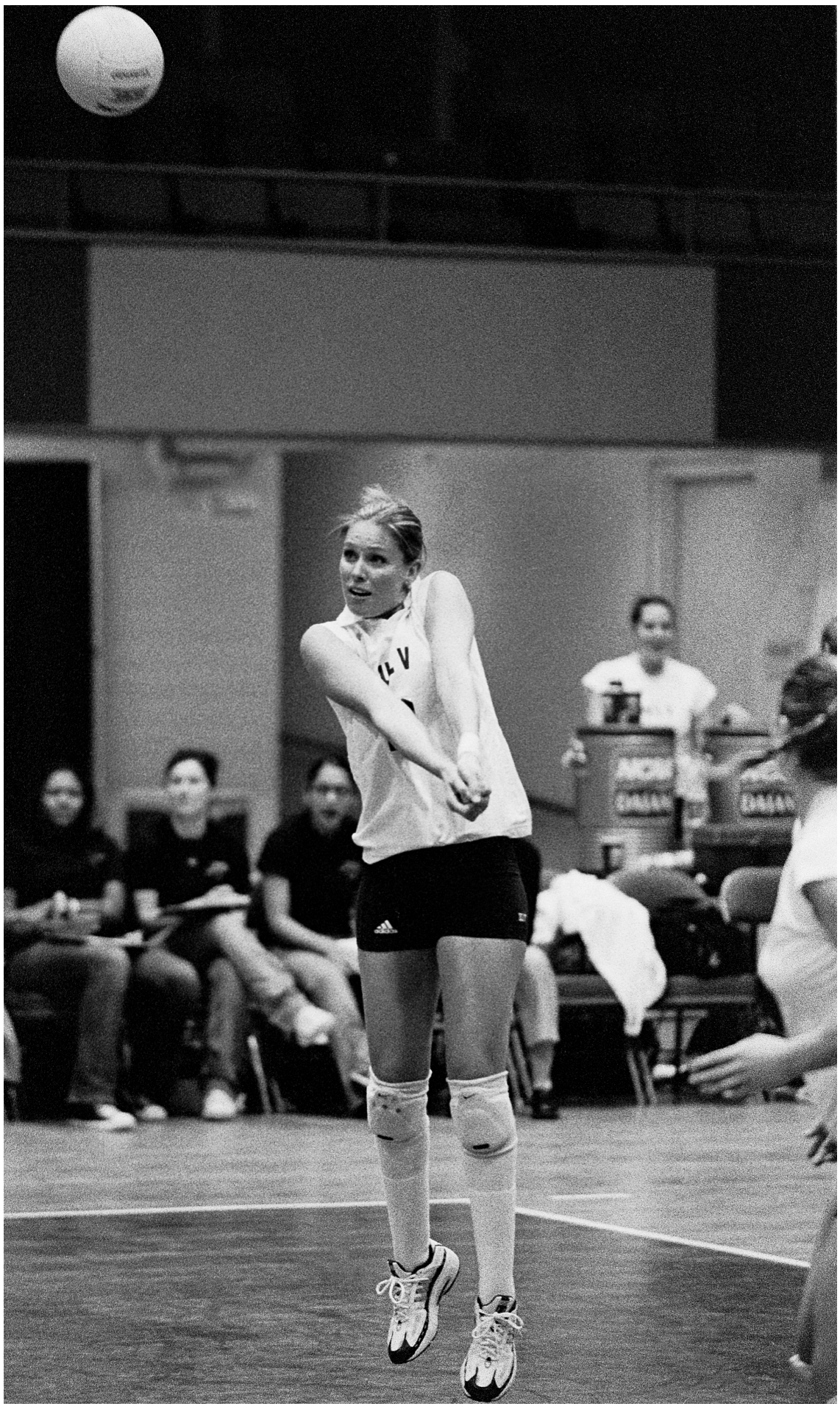

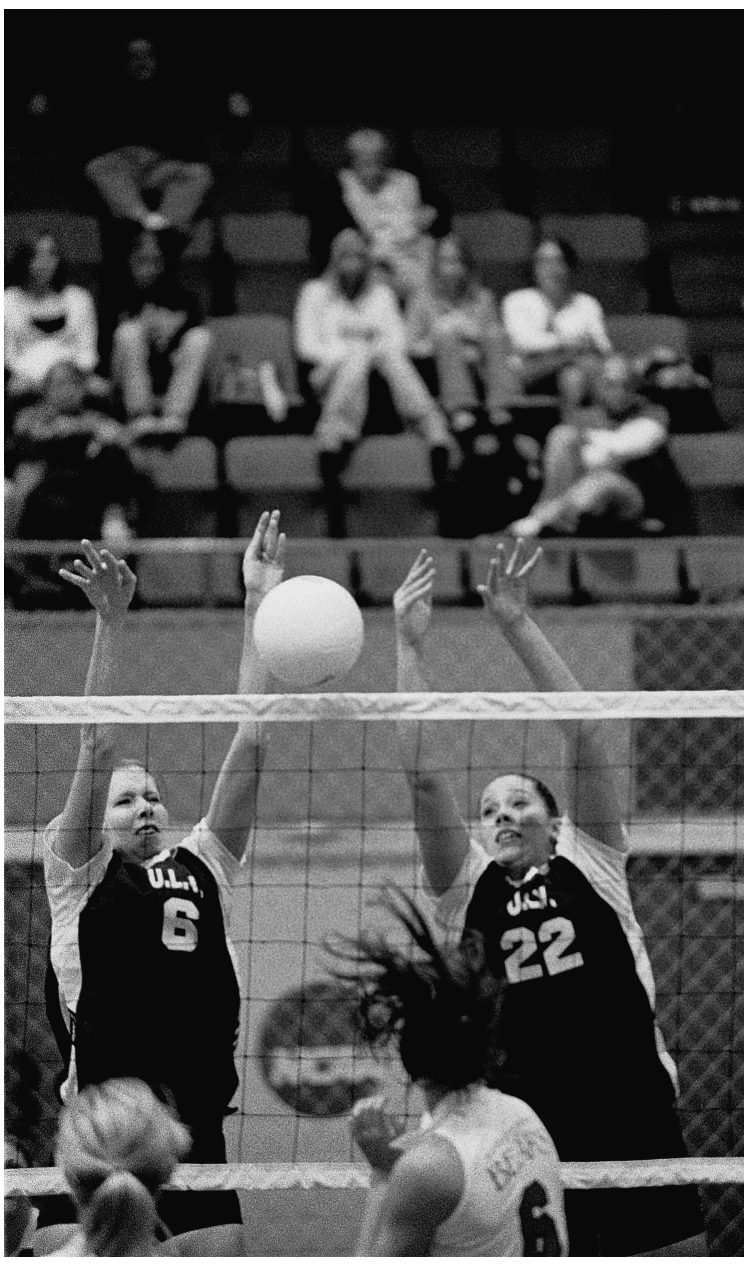



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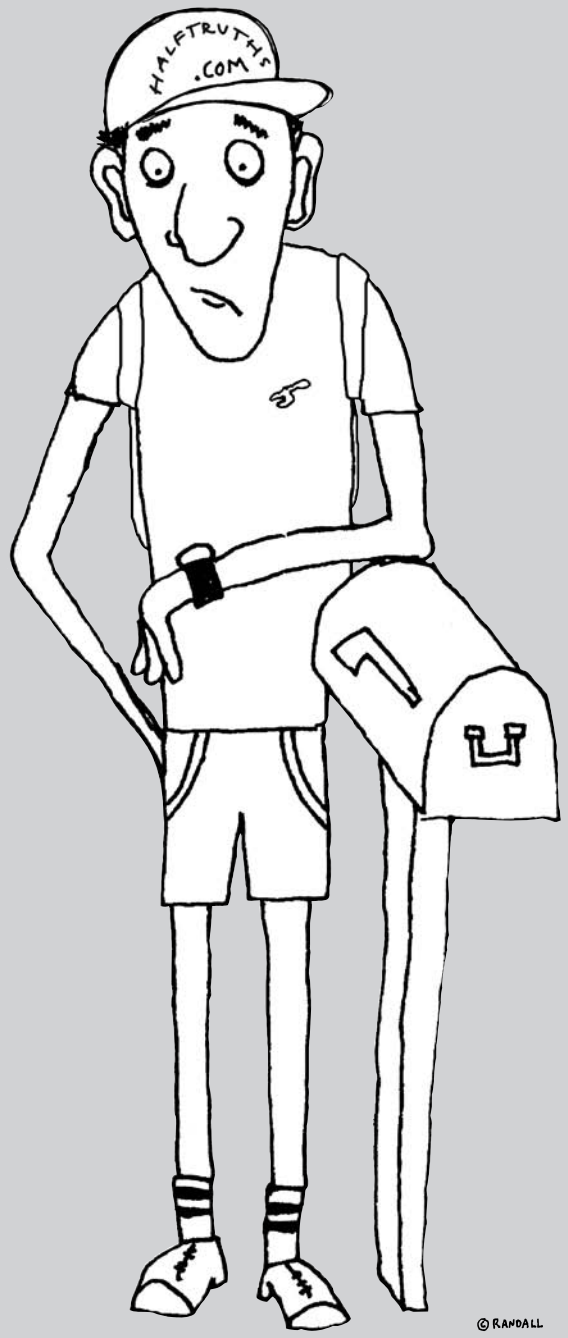
(Top): Jennifer Stout helped with the Leopard victory against NYU in four games at the Mayo Center, Saturday. After a discouraging loss against Washington the previous day, ULV was able to overcome New York for third place.
(Left): Adele Jones (No. 6) and Mandy Sedia (No. 22) of the University of La Verne faced off against Washington University in the NCAA semifinals, Friday, held at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, Minn. The Leopards were unable to overcome a slow start and lost three consecutive games to the Bears, 30-25, 30-15, 30-25. The defeat marked a repeat of what happened last season for ULV with a loss to the Bears in the same semifinals match-up.
(Above): The women's volleyball team proudly displayed its third place trophy for friends and family to see.



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