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Presidential candidate speaks at Fair

Nathan Baca
Staff Writer

Presidential candidate George W. Bush opened the Los Angeles County Fair with a speech delivered to hundreds of fellow Republicans who waited for hours in the draining afternoon heat to see in person the man they hope will move into the White House next January.

The Texas governor visited Pomona as part of a Sept. 14 sweep through Southern California in a concerted effort to carry the state for his ticket.

"It is such an honor to take part in this festival of life and family," said Bush as he spoke to the crowd thrusting a multitude of signs skyward in the hopes that their candidate would notice.

Bush did notice one sign that read, "Gov. Bush, don't give up on California!" Bush pointed at the sign and with a grin yelled back, "We're going to win California!"

If Bush and running mate Richard Cheney are to take the state's 56 electoral votes, they and the Republican Party are betting on their strategy of courting the increasingly important Hispanic vote, having visited the state nearly 20 times during his candidacy.

All one needed to do was listen to the sounds drifting around the political rally before Bush arrived at the Heritage Farm at the Fairplex to understand the strenuous effort being made by the Bush campaign to promote an atmosphere of diversity.

After a stretch of country music, "La Bamba" and "Livin' La Vida Loca" blared over the loudspeakers. Waging a battle of the bands, Cambodian Americans for Bush, a collection of businessmen and civil servants, danced to the beat of their own drums.

Yet even the music was drowned out by the hundreds of voices that searched for another in the crowd to either argue against or commonly praise their chosen man. One man in particular found a way for his voice to be heard above the rest by yelling at the top of his lungs at the gathering of local and national media that had assembled to cover the event.



Elizabeth Lucsko

As the temperature reached into the 100s on Sept. 14, a small crowd gathered at the Heritage Farm at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona to meet the Republican Presidential candidate, George W. Bush.

When asked what had inclined him to vent his rage on a group of photographers, Libertarian David Plummer said after catching his breath, "Because all you [the media] do is say one thing and then distort it. This entire race has been a media whitewash for Gore." His words gathered a crowd of his own, intent on hearing his condemnation of the past eight years of President Clinton's leadership, an administration he claimed stood for nothing but "taxation and bureaucracy."

When questioned further why he was not supporting the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate, Harry Browne, Plummer echoed the words of many third-party voters in stating that in order "not to waste his vote" he would rather "vote for the lesser of two evils."

Other Bush supporters actively searched for anybody with media credentials to offer their thoughts on important campaign issues. The topic of private school vouchers struck a chord with many in the audience. Ed Gonzalez, who came from Long Beach for the rally, likened the issue to the debate over the Montgomery GI Bill that sent America's soldiers to any college of their choice with federal funds after service in the armed forces.

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> *—Gov. George W. Bush, Republican presidential candidate*

Others supported Bush for topics that are often not regarded as major issues. The California League of Offroad Voters brought its members to support the Republicans due to their disagreement with how the current administration "misuses land" by declaring it federally protected, thereby making private usage of that land regulated.

Sar Sithan had joined his fellow Cambodian Americans in their musical entertainment for the crowd. Sithan explained that his support for Gov. Bush came in appreciation of what former President George Bush did for the Cambodian nation.

Though Sithan praised the accomplishments of President Bush, he was silent when asked whether he would support Bush if the Republican nominee's last name was Smith.

Bush himself covered a wide range of issues in his 10-minute speech. He emphasized that with a Bush once again in the White

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Al Lalane, 81, succumbs to pancreatic cancer

Alisha Rosas
Editorial Director

Al Lalane, who worked at the University of La Verne since the early 1980s, died in his sleep Sunday Sept. 17 at the age of 81.

Lalane died pancreatic cancer at the home of his daughter in Houston, Texas.

Throughout his career at ULV, Lalane worked in a variety of different departments. He was known as a beloved teacher, father, colleague and friend.

When the Journalism Department first started, Lalane was hired to teach typesetting classes. But with technological advancements, Lalane's title was no longer needed by campus publications. It was then that he decided to move his typesetting talents to ULV Graphics. Years later, he began working as an administrative aide for Al Clark, associate vice president of academic affairs.

"He was the kind of person who was always optimistic," Clark said. "When I say optimistic, I don't mean in an irrational sense. I mean [he would say], 'We can do it Al, we can get this job done.' He was there always with a smile. He was always with a story. He loved stories," said Clark.

Lalane's obvious love for storytelling and for creating visual images with the written word is obvious. During his time at ULV, Lalane became a prolific writer for *Prism Magazine*, which is published once a year.

Clark described Lalane as someone "meticulous with everything that he did." Clark said that there were several times in which he had to tell Lalane to stop working. "Al, I would say, it's 5:15 p.m., the work will be here tomorrow."

Lalane's daughter, Corinne Rice, said she feels that her father's extra work was part of his dedication toward the University. "He was always a wonderful role model. To him, a job was always more than just an income."

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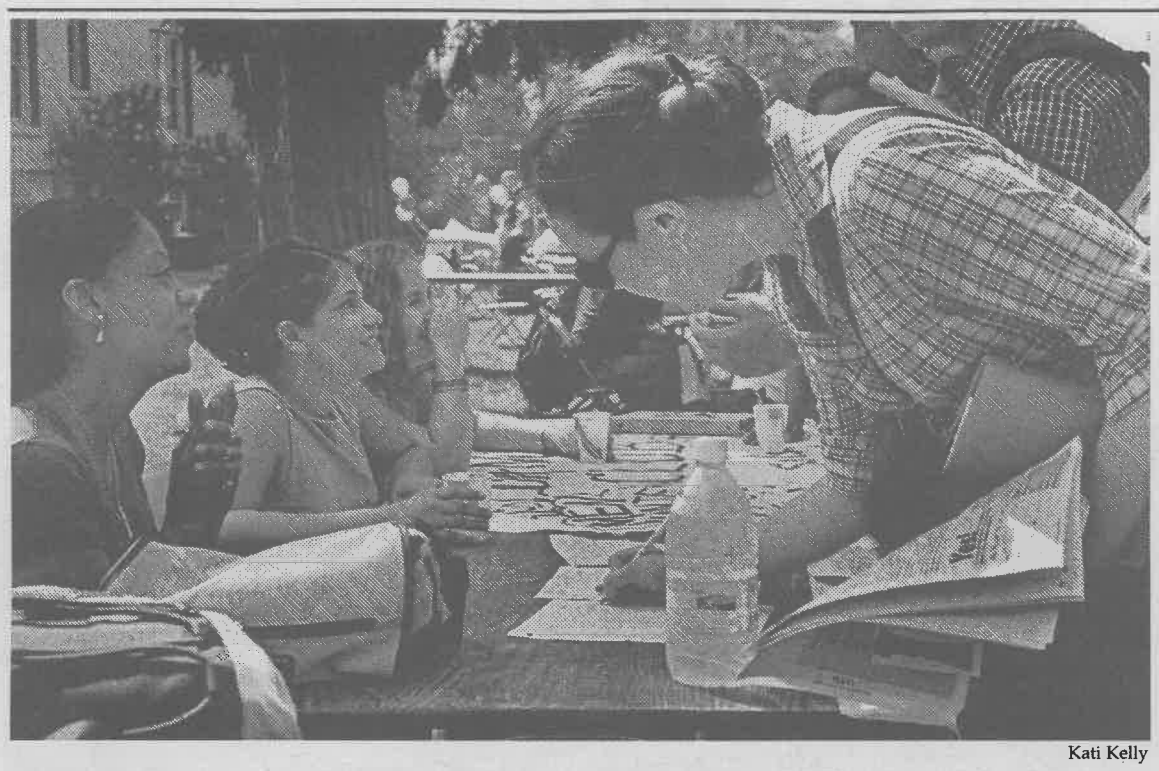
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Kati Kelly

Salsa, anyone? The cross-body lead and the flash are two salsa moves students will be able to learn by joining the Dance Club. At the Club Fair on Tuesday students Monique Flores and Clissa Salas recruit Esther Outten to sign up for at least one of the three types of dance offered by the club.

Clubs showcase offerings at event

•Students survey variety of choices

Julia Carchure
Assistant Managing Editor

There was a large turnout at the annual Club Fair, which took place Tuesday in the Quad as students checked out the clubs that were present to see what they offered to prospective members.

There were returning clubs present and there were some clubs that are new on campus this year.

Some of the clubs that were present were the Greek organizations, such as Iota Delta, Phi Sigma Sigma, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Kappa and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Other returning clubs included the business clubs-the ULV Society of Accountants and Alpha Kappa Psi.

Sophomore Jennifer Enriquez was one who attended the fair to check out the business clubs. "I think it's great to have it, you get to meet other people, and not think about classes. It's a way to get into the big world."

Other clubs present were the Latino Student Forum, the African American Student Alliance, the Society of Physical and Life Science Scholars and the International Student Organization. The new clubs included the Asian Pacific American Student Association and the Dance Club.

Other organizations that were not student organizations were there to offer opportunities to students.

Campus Ministry had a table that offered flyers explaining the services that were offered to students. One table that was there was an information table that was distributing flyers dealing with activism and social awareness. Junior Chris Arbizu was playing the guitar at this table.

Some of the items displayed on tables for students to see were Greek paraphernalia. Other organizations simply had informational flyers describing their clubs and when their individual meetings would take place.

For instance, Phi Delta Theta will be having a party at the Tiki Room "to expose what our club is all about," junior Ralph Solis said.

To find out more about these clubs, contact the Student Center Desk or the clubs individually.

'I think it's great to have it, you get to meet other people, and not think about classes. It's a way to get into the big world.'
—Jennifer Enriquez, sophomore

Oaks construction begins

Nathan Baca
Staff Writer

Construction of the newest Oaks residential building is proceeding as planned in order to meet the deadline of opening the new residence hall pod by the end of the January Interterm.

The new three story, 67-bed F building is the University's short term plan to house the overflow of students who have been admitted on campus this year.

The Office of Housing and Residential Life plans to begin assignment of rooms in November, with the priority given to students living at the Red Roof Inn in San Dimas.

The new dorm is located on the former site of a parking lot next to the current A building. To accommodate the increased need for parking space for the new Oaks residents, two new lots are being converted for parking usage.

The first site is currently a dirt lot behind the AAIC building while the other is at the corner of E and First streets.

Director of Housing and Residential Life Julie Thurman-Francisco emphasized the "tremendous need" for the construction project and stressed the department's "commitment to all freshman and returning students."

The need to address the overflow of students has become more pressing over the past three years as the student body has grown by more than 30 percent.

Though the newest addition to the Oaks Residence Hall is designed similarly to the current residence buildings, getting the design to the construction phase proved to be more challenging than the University had originally anticipated. After what was described by Thurman-Francisco as a "collaborative effort" between her department and executive and planning committees, the University submitted the improved Oaks design to the City Council of La Verne for permit approval.

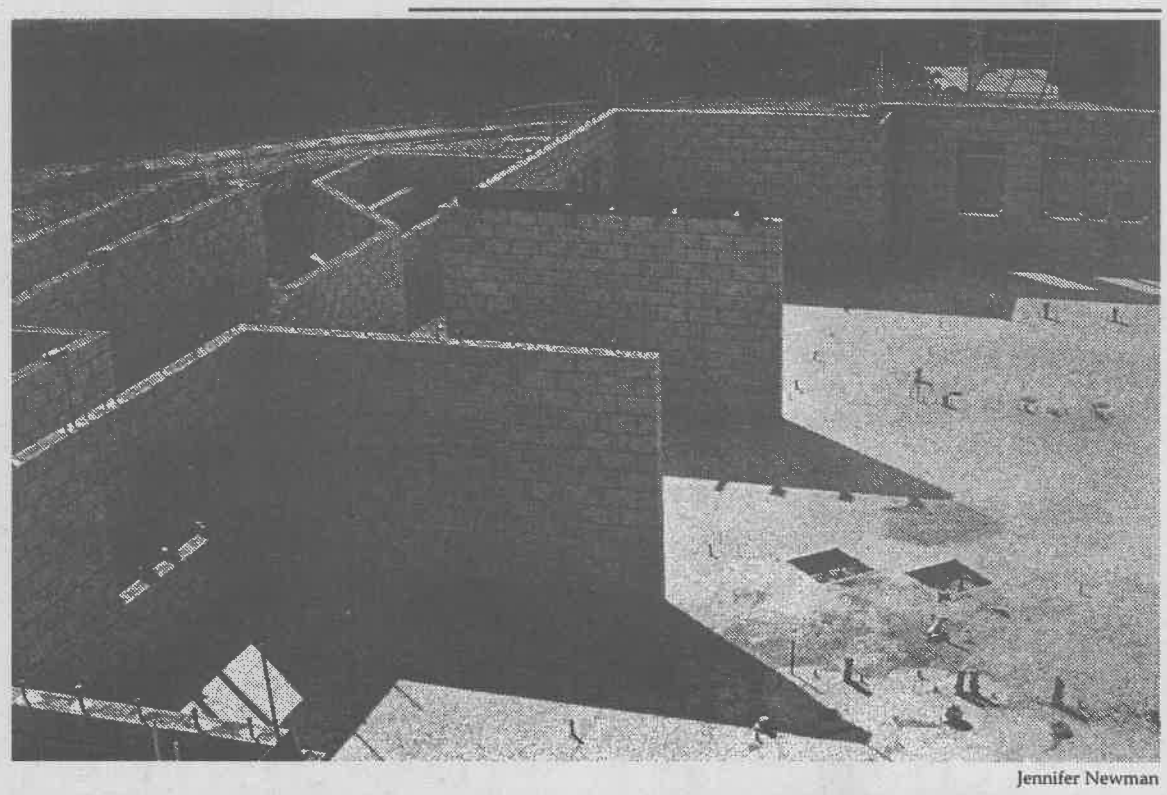
The council had problems with architect Paul Wheeler's design, stating that it violated the zoning limit by being more than 35 feet in height. To maintain the desired three-story design, it was decided to put the first floor at "garden level," meaning that the windows of the first floor will be at ground level, similar to Founder's Hall.

Construction began during the summer after a site survey determined the area was acceptable for building. Workers of Tovey Schultz Construction are laying mortar on the unpainted bricks of the first floor.

Construction Superintendent Rick Colburn said that their team would meet the deadline and that they have been "lucky" that the weather has been on their side. Colburn stated that though new seismic codes have increased their workload, they are still "20 percent complete."

Executive Vice President Phil Hawkey is still in the process of negotiating with the city to drop the park fee that is usually paid with each new residence. If the city does not amend this fee, then the University will be forced to pay an additional $135,000 for parks that Hawkey believes would not be used by the students themselves.

Hawkey's task had also been to find the funds necessary for the project. The $2 million needed for the new Oaks building is funded through a $6 million bond issue taken from increased tuition costs.



Jennifer Newman

As the F building of the Oaks begins to take form, students anticipate the January completion date. Sixty seven students living at the Red Roof Inn will have a new place to call home.

Katie Aimone, a current Oaks resident, says she is looking forward to construction finishing so she does not wake up to the sound of drilling and hammering at 7 a.m.



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News Briefs

Car Wash

Tomorrow the African American Student Alliance will be having a Car Wash to raise money. It will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Carl's Jr in Pomona on the corner of Garey Avenue and Foothill Boulevard.

BBQ

The Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity is hosting a BBQ Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Sneaky Park.

Iota Delta event

This Wednesday Iota Delta presents "Virgin Party" in Sneaky Park. The event begins at 7 p.m.

Amateur Radio

Today from 4 to 5 p.m. the ULV Amateur Radio Group will meet in the KULV room. The meeting is open to all students faculty and staff. For more information contact Jay Jones at ext. 4040 or Mike Laponis at ext. 4279.

—Jazmine Ponce

'Mother of Diversity' leaves La Verne

Julia Carachure
Assistant Managing Editor

Faculty, staff and students gathered Sept. 8 at Fasnacht Court for the reception honoring Harvel Lewis, who left her position as multicultural affairs director for the Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity on Aug. 31.

President Stephen Morgan spoke up on how Lewis was there for students during the tough times at the University. Morgan referred to her as the "Mother of Diversity," because of her help in creating programs that deal with diversity and multicultural events. The reception began with Derek Vergara, executive director for the Institute, sharing some of Lewis' accomplishments at the University, beginning with being an administrative assistant.

"Harvel really paved the way regarding multicultural issues and efforts. The Institute wouldn't be here if it wasn't for her," Vergara said.



Jennifer Newman

Harvel Lewis concludes her 11 years and seven months as the multicultural affairs director for the Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity. A party to celebrate her dedication was held in Fasnacht Court on Sept. 8.

Lewis' accomplishments include starting the Brothers Forum, an African-American male support group, she also put on workshops covering issues ranging from rumors to diversity. She has also been an academic adviser for undeclared majors, a personal counselor and coordinated programs for various ethnic groups on campus. She was an administrative adviser to organizational groups on campus and she also started the Single Parents support group. Additionally, she taught University 100 classes, Core 310 and currently Sociology As A Family.

After Morgan spoke, the crowd turned to jazz player Dr. Benson who played a musical piece. After the piece, he presented his newly released CD to Lewis. Then Mary Prieto-Bayard, associate professor of behavioral science, and Richard Rose, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, from the Coalition for Diversity presented her a leopard toy and thanked her for her work with the Coalition.

Loretta Rahmani, dean of Student Affairs, then came up and spoke on how Harvel has made a difference in people's lives by talking to students as well as talking to faculty.

"Whenever I needed to talk to someone, I would go to Harvel," she said.

After Rahmani spoke, Vergara shared a personal memory, which was about the time that Lewis gave him the encouragement he needed to start talking to his future wife Michelle, who was working in the Admissions Office at the time. When he got engaged, Lewis even volunteered to host Vergara's engagement party.

Then Christina Ayala-Alcantar, assistant professor of psychology and executive director for research at the Institute, joined Vergara to present her a plaque to thank her for her work with the Institute. They presented her with a painting that has five people looking up at the sun, given as a symbol of people at the University looking up to her for help and advice.

Lewis spoke about working with students as a challenge for her and because of that, it has given her the encouragement to do many things in her life. Currently, she is working to finish her mediation training, which she started in April. She also felt that La Verne gave her the talents to do anything she wanted, which led her to start the Multicultural Center, which "started out as just having a table and a typewriter, which disappeared. Then it became a cubicle and then it became the Institute," she said.

In terms of her plans for the future, she sees herself teaching more classes, acting as a consultant for Human Resources and doing diversity training at ULV. As for her training to be a mediator, she feels that people will resort to mediation more and more instead of going to court.

"I think of it as the wave of the future and I am looking forward to it. I am willing to sit down and talk," Lewis said.

Lewis also hopes that the Institute will have a building of its own on the ULV campus.

"I hope that the powers that be will bring it to be visible on campus so that others can see that La Verne means it, that it wants to embrace it and being in a visible spot is going to change that."

Rally educates, entertains students on clubs, events

Christian A. Lopez
Staff Writer

Hoping to inform students on the variety of campus clubs and school events, the University of La Verne housing department held the "Back In the Act," rally Wednesday night in the Old Gym.

Representatives from various campus clubs and organizations had the opportunity to introduce themselves to students, as well as encourage them to join.

Students were also encouraged to be part of the school spirit by supporting school and athletic events.

Those in attendance also got the chance to participate in the prize give aways, which consisted of CDs and gift certificates. But to win, students had to have been fortunate enough to be wearing a toe ring that night or lucky enough to have had the longest last name in the crowd.

The night was highlighted with a special guest performance from Warner Brothers recording artist RPM 2000. The trio had the crowd grooving and moving to their Rhythm and Blues sound.

Hosting the night's event were seniors Jonathan Johnson and Isabel Nguyen.

Johnson, who is also a program assistant for the Housing Department, said he would like to make this an ongoing event for each semester to ensure new students that know about the different things that La Verne has to offer.

Bush...

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House, he would get the government to "Empower the individual to realize their God-given abilities." He then said, "I will rebuild the military." At the end of his speech, Gov. Bush practiced the oath of office in front of the gathering, pledging, "I swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States, so help me God."

Seconds after Bush made his pledge, two people in the crowd elected to exercise their First Amendment rights of free speech by raising blue signs that read, "Gore-Lieberman 2000." Those signs did not remain raised for long as six rally supporters promptly surrounded the protesters and tore the signs from their hands before destroying them. The crowd of hundreds dispersed shortly after Bush went back on the bus to head to San Diego for an appearance at Charles Lindbergh Airport later that day. The ground was littered with many papers that had been discarded as trash. Beside the torn remains of the blue signs that had been taken from the protesters were other political brochures that had been carried by the crowd to fan themselves off in the heat.

Whether or not Bush upholds the Constitutional promises of defending the rights stated in those brochures of life, liberty, and property for the people of Texas, or of the entire United States, will be decided this November.

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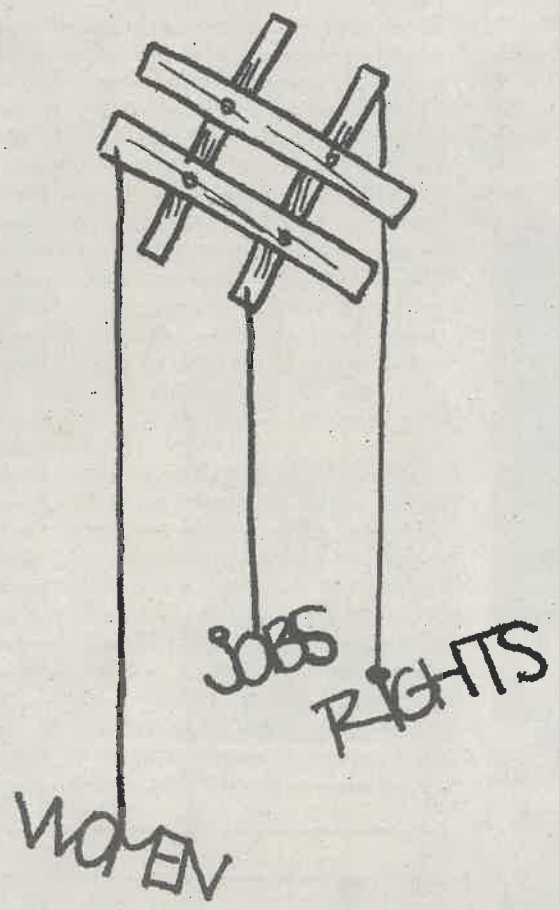
Taliban silences Afghanistan women

Overnight 11.5 million people became prisoners in their own home and no one came to their rescue. A mother was murdered for teaching her child how to read and the crime was considered patriotic. A civilian government worker died from the flu because she was denied treatment due to government restrictions. An elderly woman was brutally beaten with a cable, which broke her leg because her ankle was showing from under her clothing. One thing that connects all of these people is that they are women in Afghanistan.

In September 1996, women in America were going to school, working and enjoying their human rights. However, in Afghanistan an extremist military group called the Taliban implemented "gender apartheid," which has caused the women of Afghanistan to lose their rights and in many cases their lives. As some of us were just starting our second year in high school women and young girls were denied the right to go to school or even learn how to read.

The Taliban banned women and girls from school, working and leaving their homes without a male relative for a chaperone. At all times they are forced to wear a burqua, shrouding their body from head to toe with a mesh-covered opening for their eyes. They are to be covered at all times and can be beaten by anyone if any part of the their body is shown. This burqua is so confining that it is impossible to tell one woman from the next and it is nearly impossible to see their eyes.

Not only are women and female children banished from education and the work place, but they are also prohibited from seeing male doctors. There are separate wards in hospitals for males and females and currently there are a few women who are able to practice medicine, but not enough for half the country's population.



It is shameful that the lives of unborn children and their mothers are endangered when there is ample treatment. Getting medical attention is a human right and now dogs and cats in America have better health care than the women of Afghanistan.

These women have been reduced to ghostly shadows and now face mass genocide. What should probe conscience is that if this can happen in Afghanistan and continues to progress, when and where will it cease? If we do not take a stance to protect these women and their human rights then we are giving up on our own.

This is not part of the Muslim belief nor is it part of the culture of Afghanistan. Before the Taliban came into power the women were educated and employed. Afghanistan women were 50 percent of students, 60 percent of the teachers at Kabul University, 70 percent of school teacher, 50 percent of civilian government workers, and 40 percent of doctors in Kabul (the capital) were women. Women could choose what they were going to wear and did not have to paint their windows black and hide from the public in their own homes for being a female. Now they also have to wear silent shoes because woman are not to be heard.

What is not realized is this is a holocaust of innocence, educated woman and children. Some of these women had and have doctorates and now live in fear of being stoned to death, raped or even killed at any man's desire. Not very many people are even aware of what is going on, let alone prepared to take action.

Now, 97 percent of Afghanistan women show signs of major depression. The Taliban labels suicides like drinking cleaning products or women putting their heads in the oven as accidental deaths. Mobility is no longer an option for the women of Afghanistan and they are powerless because their lives are considered worthless. Anyone who tries to leave the country without a male relative will be killed for causes of adultery.

Please do what you can to help these silenced women. You can get more information by going to **www.feminist.org** or calling (888) 939-6636 to receive a "take action kit" with more information on how to help. Any contribution of awareness puts these women one step closer to having basic human rights.

Forum could spend more wisely

As with the beginning of every year, the Associated Students Federation Forum will soon be announcing its budget for the upcoming year. With an estimated $114,000 as the subject in question, a campus-wide concern should be in order.

The Forum reserves the right to allot money in the same uniform fashion it has for numerous years. Thousands go to formals, retreats, recreation days and whatever the forum deems necessary.

Yet even with all of the programs, people and the plethora of orange and green that will be distributed during Homecoming week by the Forum, ASF misses one major one issue: the students are apathetic.

That and that alone should be the concern of the Forum. With a sizeable budget at their disposal, ASF has the capability to alter the unprideful course of enrollment at ULV.

First and foremost is the area of clubs and organizations. Students who show the ambition to start a club at ULV are immediately limited to their $150 activities grant from the forum.

ASF should consider increasing this amount, knowing that the existing cost barely covers the expenses for one school-wide event. Additionally, fundraising is a hopeless effort on the University of La Verne campus, as the Forum should remember from their Winter Formal ticket sales.

With broader budgets, ULV clubs and organizations can offer more to students, thus giving those students the opportunity to offer more to the University.

However that is just the beginning.

The Forum could organize rooter busses to sporting events, making commutes to Redlands and Whittier a welcomed event.

ASF, with its diverse array of talents and monetary strength, has the ability to make the University a place where one's college experience is not limited to the diversity of their class schedule.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Before I begin my praise on a wonderful online section, I really have to comment on the La Verne Police Department ["City offers warning, not welcome," Sept. 15]. It seems that once again those officers trained to "serve and protect" have let the resort that is the La Verne city limits bore them to find activities—such as parking enforcement—to justify their paychecks. And yes, it is a resort, ask Christian Slater.

I can't believe the power play the coppers and the City continue to use against the University and its students year in and year out. One year, the "powers that be" add 20-minutes spots; the next, it's a permit parking; the year after that, a sign that reads "Parking Laws Strictly Enforced." Call me crazy, La Verne, but the cat has already been let out of the bag on that one—everyone is already fully aware of the legend of the Parking Police.

I think what that flashing sign really signifies is the giant ego that swells from that department. Maybe the officer with the most parking tickets and/or speeding tickets at the end of the month gets a gold star on his locker or a 12-month subscription to the jelly donut of the month club.

Anyway, fight the power.

E.I.C. Brice Nixon has overlooked a great issue, and it was great to see him continue the tradition of writing sports columns. I also enjoyed reading Ryan MacDonald's coverage of Orientation—at least one of those MacDonald boys can handle good, hard news.

For the La Verne football team: Good luck against Azusa Pacific and for the entire year. It's wonderful that the roster is approaching the century mark; that's what college football is all about—intimidation with numbers.

I'll end this mission statement with a suggestion for all University of La Verne students who wish to avoid parking tickets with ease—park your car in a garage. I've been parking in my garage for the first week and a half of the academic year, and the La Verne police have yet to catch me for a parking violation. However, I'm graduated and live in Azusa ... but I still don't put it past those enforcers.

Greg MacDonald
Class of 2000

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From the Editor...

University should rethink plans



Brice Nixon

Yes, it is that time again, the start of another school year at the University of La Verne. The quaint college with the scenic campus and desirable small-school qualities, located in Small Town, U.S.A., otherwise known as La Verne, Calif.

And ULV proudly showcases its low teacher-student ratio along with all the other things that make it a major player in the higher education game. At least that is what some would have us believe.

But, as I heard one student put it, there always seem to be the same thorns in our sides. And the main problem seems to be that the University is outgrowing itself. ULV's current students, faculty and staff should not be compromised or overlooked. And maybe they have been kept in mind when decisions have been made. But I doubt anyone would argue the fact that things are far from perfect on this campus.

Now, don't get me wrong. My affinity for this institution is well documented [April 14, 2000 *Campus Times*] There are countless aspects of this University that make it a great place to become the enlightened individuals we all strive to be. And at the same time there is ample opportunity to do all the things that make the college experience what it is meant to be; that is, there is time to test the waters of new-found freedom and discover the horrible reality of waking up after a long night/morning of partying.

This University should strive to be a top institution of higher learning. It should continue to make improvements and grow. It is great to see the decision-makers not clinging to the past. Though traditions are important, they need constant reexamination.

But at the same time, the University's administration cannot get ahead of itself, becoming so enveloped with visions of the future that it disregards the present.

It is great to see that La Verne has attracted more students every year since I first came here in the fall of 1998. That seems to be one of ULV's main goals, and it should be. But at the same time, the necessary actions needed to accommodate the increase in students have not been taken.

That much is made obvious by the fact that we have on-campus housing off campus and trailers for classrooms. And yes, I know they are temporary. But they are not the only inconvenience to this community.

Parking seems to be an ever-present and perpetually-worsening problem on this campus. The influx of students the past couple years has made the problem worse. And if this recent trend continues, changing dirt to pavement will not solve the problem.

Now, I realize that, unlike students at many other colleges, we do not have to pay for parking permits. But we chose to come to ULV because it is not a school with 20,000 students. The expectation is that we are more than just a number.

The construction of the new Oaks Residence Hall building is another example of a double-edged sword. While it is great that one of the ULV's greatest needs is being addressed, the need for more housing, the fact it is still under construction is also a big inconvenience and annoyance to students. Still, it is refreshing to know students with on-campus housing will soon live on campus, instead of San Dimas' Red Roof Inn.

The increased student population has also affected the availability of classes and class size. And maybe that is just something that students have to accept. But the University also needs to be sure it is living up to its mission statement and not compromising its educational integrity.

So the simple solution to all these problems is for the University to spend more money. I doubt ULV is strapped financially. So what is stopping it from spending money on things that will significantly improve the daily experience of those in the La Verne community? ULV definitely needs to expand, because it has outgrown its current space. And at the same time it will improve the University's selling power, which no doubt is a major concern.

The new Oaks building is a good sign and an example of the type of projects the University needs to undertake. The new parking lot near the Oaks, however, is an example of questionable decision-making. It is good to know that the new lots will be done soon, but that seems like something that should be done during summer or January. Doing it now has eliminated parking spaces at a time when parking spots are at a premium.

At The Spot, Keith Friend seems to have good ideas about renovations and improvements. But here's hoping there is no revisiting of the situation from spring '99, when continued construction delays left students without one of their favorite Spots.

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Unhealthy lifestyles endanger generation



Alisha Rosas

She is out of breath. Sweat beads her forehead. She stops running and holds her chest with a small, pudgy hand. Her 8-year-old heart is working too hard for her unexercised body. The fact that she weighs close to 100 lbs. does not work to her favor either. She is not alone.

As a child, I was pudgy. I admit it. The "big boned" description my grandmother gave me grew old with time, and I lost the weight. Now, as an adult, I cannot help but notice the eating disorders, problems and struggles children have to deal with in terms of weight gain and control.

By the government's estimate, 6 million American children are fat enough to endanger their health. That means that one child in three is now either overweight or is at risk at becoming so. This does not include obesity caused by genetics. However, it does include the millions of parents not doing their jobs in terms of feeding their children.

This dramatic increase in weight gain among youngsters has nothing to do with a "fat breed" of children being conceived. Instead, it is how we feed and motivate our youth that forces them into bigger sizes.

We are living in a society in which fast food dinners and sweets are quick fixes replacing the meals our children need to live healthy lifestyles. Taco Bell's slogan, "It's Late, Eat More" is the perfect example of how Americans are drawn to eating. The health-food craze has been placed to the back burner and now when we're hungry, we want something fast. Why get the kitchen dirty, when a cheese burger Happy Meal only costs $2.15?

It is not like I do not fully understand and support dual-income families. My future will probably include juggling a busy family environment and a career. However, my children's health will always come first. That is part of the parental commitment.

I just do not understand how parents can feel good about feeding junk food to their offspring. The calories alone should be a warning sign. For example, a traditional McDonald's hamburger, 16-ounce Coke and small fries (a typical Happy Meal) carries 627 calories and a total of 19 grams of fat. It is because of meals like that that the percentage of American children who are overweight has more than doubled since the 1960s.

I will admit that there are other factors involved in this problem and the parents are not the only ones to blame for their overweight children. Physical education in schools is another example. Fewer than half the nation's schools offer P.E. I cannot help but wonder if sitting on the bleachers still counts as participation. Teachers need to get these children moving, sweating and participating in outdoor activities.

If not for the self-esteem of the child, parents should fight the fat to avoid the future health problems caused by obesity. Illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and several cancers are problems children should not be concerned about.

So what can be done to help our children? First of all, leading by example always proves successful. If your child is heavy, lose weight together. Change eating habits, exercise and set goals with one another.

By all means turn off the television, or at least set limits in regard to how many hours a week your child is allowed to sit hypnotized and lifeless.

Support your children. After all, it is not their fault that we live in a mixed Slim-Fast generation, one in which no one is quite sure how "curvy" or "skinny" to be due to the constant changes of society's expectations. Losing weight is not an easy thing to do. The last thing a child needs to hear is a negative comment about how fat he/she is.

The key to promoting a change in the unhealthy lifestyles of America's children is to focus on the health aspect instead of merely on the appearance or number of pounds lost. Our children are our future, why not do everything within our power to keep them happy and healthy?

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Groping hands should go back in pockets



Stacey Mleczko

It is one thing to walk by someone you see on a regular basis at school and never acknowledge their existence, but it's quite another to walk by that same 'nobody' at a party and decide you know them well enough to grab their extremities. (Basically, that qualifies as their butt, but can be extended to mean other private property, too.)

It is a rare occasion I decide to be a social butterfly and join some friends at a party or hot spot. But it never fails. Every time I do make that choice, I am reminded why it is a rarity.

After surrendering the $5 or $10 at the door, I force my way through a crowded entrance and into an even more crowded room. At this point, it seems that guys tend to assume all manners and rights fall to the floor. They take it upon themselves to grab as many butts that enter within an arm's length.

Maybe intoxication is an influencing factor in the informality around other people. I have certainly noticed the difference in self-esteem that guys present themselves with in the Student Center vs. the confidence they tend to grow in the presence of a pitcher of beer.

As the anti-social partygoer, I have plenty of observational experience. I have decided that males have an unconscious strategy. They seem to believe that because another male is standing next to him, he will not be identified in a line-up. The male bond is not an excuse to accept bad behavior.

Considering the bitter look on my face, I realize I just made a big mistake. I wonder why I come to these things, and suddenly remember that I usually do not and for good reason.

Being groped is in no way a compliment. It is intrusive and demeaning and I see it happening all the time to all types of women.

It happens to me frequently but more often than not, I see it happen to other women. Even the most lackadaisical women should still possess some type of self-respect. The pinch, caress, squeeze or slap should at the very least, trigger the "look," which is an immediate response silently communicating, "Don't touch that, it's not yours!"

Now, I am no longer wondering why guys feel the need to do this, but why most women shrug it off to the reasoning of, "guys will be guys and it happens to the best of us." That is not a justifiable reason to lose respect for oneself. And women should not ignore this juvenile behavior, especially from supposed "college men."

Nor is the consumption of alcohol a reason for guys to suddenly seem they have newfound power. But we know that after a few drinks, guys will do things in a bar that they would never do sober or in other public places.

When we laugh and play around, acting like it was a slick move, we encourage it. If they can get away with it, don't you think they will do it again? I do not want to be their next target.

My first and most immediate response may be a little over the top but if I am feeling considerate, the least I will do is shoot him a look telling him, "If there were not so many people immobilizing my arm, my hand would have met your face before my eyes did."

I admit I have been told that I have a big butt. But, no matter how much I impale myself on your space as I pass through the crowded hallway, does my butt ever become prime pickings or public property? No!

I hate always having to leave a party wondering how many hands have trespassed on to my butt. Guys should not be allowed to chicken out and introduce themselves like that.

I would be much more inclined to start a friendship or relationship with someone who thought first of starting a conversation with me and second about where to put his hands.

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Cortez brings language experience

•Texas native teaches all Spanish levels

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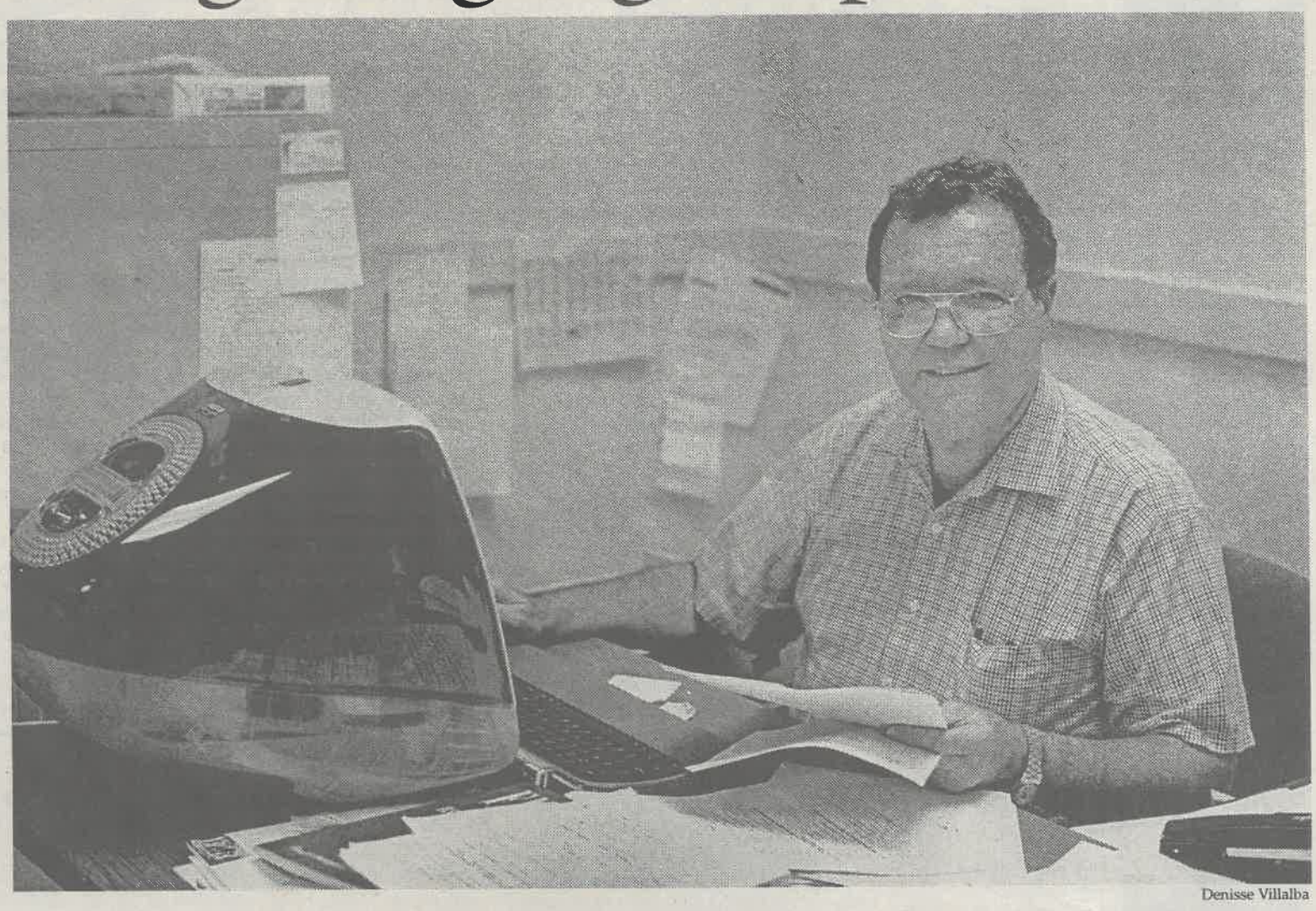
Each semester brings new life to the University of La Verne. This new life comes in the form of students, faculty, schedules and classrooms.

While students may feel that they are the only ones who have trouble and need time adjusting to their new schedules, new teachers can also feel this stress.

Carlos Cortez is a new face on the ULV campus as well as a new resident of Southern California, and is learning to adjust to both.

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- **Biggest Pet Peeve:** Students who come to class and don't come to learn
- **Perception of self in college:** Outstanding in my field, average in others
- **Favorite sport:** Football, tennis, skating
- **Three adjectives that describe you:** Flexible, congenial, friendly
- **Favorite motto/quote:** Stay focused
- **Strangest job held:** Teaching at a correctional school
- **Favorite travel destination:** Spain



Denisse Villalba

Carlos Cortez is the newest Spanish professor this year at the University of La Verne. He teaches a range of courses in Spanish.

Originally from Texas, Cortez says he has spoken Spanish fluently since he was a child.

"Always the beginning of any new job is hard," Cortez said. "Since it is totally new, it takes a great deal of time getting organized."

With 43 years of experience, Cortez has joined La Verne's Modern Language Department as a Spanish professor.

Cortez first thought of becoming a teacher while in junior high school.

"In the seventh grade I had a very good Spanish teacher and I thought I would like to do that."

He went on to get a bachelor of arts, a master's and a doctorate in Spanish from the University of Northern Texas. At Southern Methodist University, Cortez received a second master's degree in linguistics.

Throughout his career, Cortez has taught Spanish, English and ESL (English as a Second Language) to education levels ranging from elementary to college. He now brings a world of experience to ULV having taught in Texas, New Mexico, Mississippi, Japan and Spain.

A full-time position for a second ULV Spanish professor became available at the end of last semester. The demand for Spanish classes has become larger as the admission of students increases. An advertisement for this position was placed nationally and Cortez was chosen out of the hundreds that answered the ad.

"He seemed to have a lot of experience and we were happy that he would bring that experience to our program," said Gerard Lavatori, head of the modern language department.

Cortez is excited about his first semester at ULV, taking on Elementary Spanish I and II and Intermediate Spanish I classes.

Having recently moved from Texas to Alta Loma on Aug. 12, he is still adjusting to the La Verne community.

"I really can't tell what I like the most or the least," he said. "I can say that I like it here, I like California, and so far I have some very pleasant students."

Within the first three weeks of the semester, only one small problem has occurred in Cortez's class. The wrong Spanish books were ordered and the students had to return them for the correct one, but overall the students are pleased with their new professor.

"He has a good character and a good personality," said freshman Annette Gerra, an Intermediate Spanish student. "He's a good teacher."

Greens, issues often serve as forgotten party, platform

Rene Luna
Staff Writer

The Republican and Democratic National Conventions are over!

All eyes were on the cities of Philadelphia and Los Angeles this summer as presidential candidates George Bush and Al Gore squared off to win the nation's votes.

As these two major political parties locked horns with one another, other political parties continue to remain out of the spotlight.

The Pacific Green Party held its rally in Portland, Ore., this summer. Presidential candidate Ralph Nader and vice presidential candidate Winona Laduke each gave speeches before a full house of 10,000, "which no other candidate in the history of America has been able to accomplish," said sophomore Green Party advocate Stephanie Pedroza.

Nader graduated from Princeton University in 1955 and from Harvard Law School in 1958. He came to the public's attention in 1965 when his best-selling book "Unsafe at Any Speed" exposed unsafe cars such as General Motors' dangerously defective Corvair.

Nader has pushed for numerous laws to protect consumers, workers, taxpayers, and the environment, combating corporate abuse, and increasing citizen access to government.

Laduke graduated from Harvard in 1982 and currently resides on the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota and works on restoring the local land base and culture. In 1994, she was named by *Time* magazine as one of America's 50 most promising leaders under 40 years of age.

There are Green Parties in over 80 countries, particularly those that have proportional representation in government. About 200 members of the European parliament are Greens. In the United States, 59 Green Party Members hold elected office in 12 states, and many more Greens hold appointed office and serve on city/county advisory boards and community

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Neher steps into interim academic vice president role

Heather Baxter
Assistant Sports Editor

Following the vacancy of the vice president of academic affairs position in June, Robert Neher, chair of the Natural Sciences Department has been tapped to fill the position on an interim basis.

The retirement of Bill Cook at the end of the last academic year left a hole in the Academic Affairs program. Approached by President Stephen Morgan about the possibility of taking over the responsibilities, Neher said that he considered the offer for the duration of the summer before committing to take the position.

"They didn't have a replacement during the summer," said Neher. "I think the president took over some of the activities during that period of time, that [Cook] normally would have done."

Sept. 1 was Neher's first day as the interim vice president of academic affairs, although he began preparations before that date.

"The complexity of the University makes it very difficult, I think, to ever know exactly what's going on everywhere," said Neher, explaining why he spent weeks preparing for his duties. "With all of the different campuses, there are dozens and dozens of programs [of which I am in charge]."

Some of Neher's primary duties include overseeing all campus programming, as well as supervising all department heads and deans of the different University colleges. "The position is the chief academic officer of the University."

Although the new position has not forced Neher to relinquish his natural sciences chair, he has opted to relinquish his classes until a permanent replacement can be found. Neher is optimistic that his replacement will be found by the beginning of next semester.

In the meantime, Neher said that many of the biology professors have assisted with the increased workload. "They have helpful and cooperative. It makes it possible to do what I'm doing."

The search for a permanent vice president is currently being conducted. Ads have been placed in publications and a committee has been assembled to make a decision about the position.

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Library becomes another Armstrong

Stacey Mleczko
Features Editor

The stereotypical word librarian often brings to mind visuals of books, scorn and necessary silence.

The University of La Verne must deem it necessary to defy that distinction as suggested by the recent hiring of Cassandra Armstrong. As Wilson Library's newest addition, she is technical services/reference librarian and associate professor.

Born in Manhattan, N.Y., she says she quickly became a California girl. She was raised in Downey, Calif., from infancy and completed her adolescence when she attended Western High School in Anaheim. She had a son and spent her time as a hippie until at the age of 28. She then enrolled at Mira Costa College for a year before transferring to the University of California, San Diego. In 1978, she received her bachelor's of art in anthropological linguistics with a minor in French Literature.

Armstrong was hired as a library assistant at Bolt Law Library after relocating to Berkeley. After one year of employment, she qualified for tuition remission and attended graduate school for her master's degree in information science at the University of California, Berkeley.

The qualifications to become a librarian do not end with the ability to alphabetize books or follow the Dewey decimal system. Modern technology makes it necessary to know advanced database integrity in order to catalog materials correctly. Head Librarian Marlin Heckman, said he hired Armstrong primarily to catalog all the materials that enter the library and to help the university resolve a series of problems that commonly occur in library database loads.

"Cassandra Armstrong is someone with experience. It is not very common that someone with her qualifications in cataloging comes along. She is just what we need."

Although her technological expertise is useful to the library and inquiring students, her knowledge will also be useful in the classroom, as she will conduct sessions for various College Writing B and International/Intercultural Experience courses. She is currently discussing the possibility of guest lecturing for Keith Lord, assistant professor of art; and for the anthropology department.

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- **Biggest Pet Peeve:** Second-hand smoke
- **Favorite sport or hobby:** Running, gardening, cooking
- **SAT scores:** I took them in 1964, scored high on verbal and low on analytical on GRE
- **Three adjectives that describe you:** Old, fat and smart
- **Favorite motto/quote:** We're all set theoretically
- **Highest achievement:** Completing the automation of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Library
- **Strangest job held:** A go-go dancer for three years
- **Favorite travel destination:** South of France. "I have been there seven times."

Among her previous accomplishments, she has published papers on database integrity, error detection and solution and machine-readable formats.

Included in her list of many talents is her passion for communication. She speaks six languages excluding her computer linguistics. Among them are the popularly educated forms of Spanish, French and German as well as the rarer languages of Greek, Hebrew and Luiseno (of Native American accent). She plans to utilize her skills in Spanish by joining the initiative of the university's First Generation Student Success Program, (FGSSP).

Armstrong moved to La Verne this summer from Pittsburgh, Pa. where she was the systems librarian at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She says what pushed her toward La Verne initially was its location. She said she always lived on the beaches of California and she missed it. La Verne is more inland than she is used to but in the month that she has been in residence here she claims to have fallen in love with the community.

She said she is as impressed with the students as she is with the environment. Classes have only been in session for three weeks but the students who have been in the library have expressed an interest in learning and presented sophisticated levels of research.

Armstrong developed that thought further and broadened her opinion toward the university, she said she continues to be impressed with the orientation of the school and the flexibility that exists. The ability of adjusting levels to meet the needs of varying student knowledge is always positive.

She has been warmly welcomed into the community thus far but would like to acknowledge the common misconception that librarians get labeled with. She said she is wrongly perceived as condescending but she is a very approachable resource and is always looking to help anyone who asks.

If you need library assistance, contact Armstrong or any other librarian at Wilson Library, ext. 4305 or ext. 4306.



Jason Cooper

Cassandra Armstrong works behind the scenes at Wilson Library cataloging books. Her work makes it possible to find the texts needed for research.

Green Party...

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organizations.

According to the Green Party Native Platform-from Global Circle.net, traditional Native values of caring for the collective, are all values which resound with sustainability, a healthy community and a healthy environment. Those values, and how people live them in their day-to-day lives, represent values needed in America today.

Those values are perhaps best reflected in the founding principles of the Green Party, which speak to ecological wisdom, grass-roots democracy, non-violence and economic justice. In addition, the Nader/Laduke 2000 campaign supports government-to-government relations with Native people and their representative governments, and will continue to support Native sovereignty and the responsible exercise of treaty retained rights.

Pedroza spent her summer in Oregon as part of her Summer Service. She also worked for the Green Party in a booth at the local county fair passing out literature, and par-taking in the rally at the Portland Convention Center.

Pedroza said what was unique about the rally was that everyone who attended dressed in their own way. Nobody wore blazers and everyone was friendly and "not concerned with wealth."

David Rojas, a junior and Green Party advocate said, "If you see what the Green Party stands for, it just makes sense. With all the crap people have to go through, there is so much division, classicism, racism, oppression in general. It's about correcting all the social injustices that plague us now."

"The Green Party for me is an alternative," said junior Kristine Werthwein. "You're either a Republican or a Democrat or an Independent and 'there's nothing else out there.' The Green Party is a party that is growing in numbers. It's about non-violence and protecting the environment around us. It's a party for the people."

Some of the issues Rojas and Werthwein would like to be known, are the Democrats, who have reaped the benefits of organized labor's grass-roots effort, telephone, and money, but have not expanded organized labor. Rojas said the Democrats are the biggest promoters of corporate welfare.

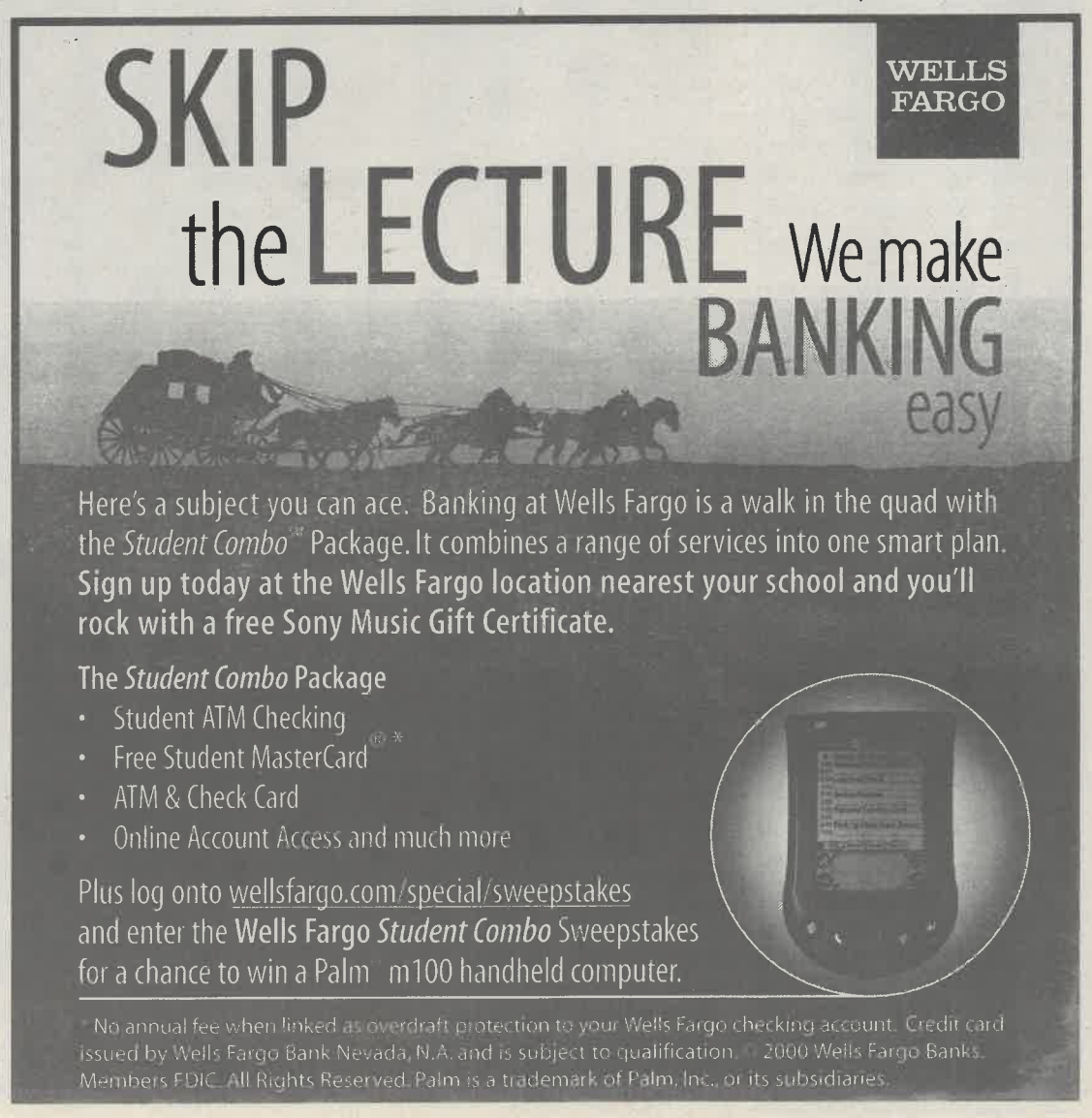
According to **www.votenader.org**, the "corporations have always, and will always plan the future of Americans. They make sure the children of American grow up corporate. They are raised by Kindercare, fed by McDonald's, educated by Channel One. They are given hand-held entertainment units like Gameboys, seduced by Disney movies and toys, and their coaches and teachers all operate against a backdrop of corporate logos and sponsorship."

Nader, in his nomination acceptance speech said, "The worsening concentration of global corporate power over our government has turned that government frequently against its own people, denying its people their sovereignty to shape their future. Again and again, the will of the people has been thwarted and the voice of the people to protest has been muted."

Pedroza added that the plastic and cotton industry paid the United States government to pass proposals to make hemp, a widely cultivated Asian herb with a tough bast fiber and that can grow under any environmental condition, illegal. Hemp is biodegradable and can be used to make many products, such as clothes and paper. But with its association with marijuana, Hemp continues to remain illegal.

Pedroza said to help get Ralph Nader in the Presidential debates, call the Commission on Presidential Debate at (202) 872-1020. Pedroza also said the elections this year are very important because the next president could choose three new Supreme Court judges who can "alter the Constitution."

"It is our duty as young Americans to get involved because if we don't, the government will dictate what we can and cannot do," Pedroza said.



Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

Now on Sale

•Tickets to see Face to Face at the Glass House in Pomona on Wednesday. Tickets available from TicketMaster or at the door.

•Pedro the Lion will be playing at the Glass House on Nov. 3. Tickets went on sale Thursday morning.

Now Showing

•"Women on Top" staring Penelope Cruz. A Brazilian woman defies her husband's orders to be a housewife and cooks her way to the top of the San Francisco culinary scene.

This Weekend

•Rent-a-Friend is playing at the Boogie in Anaheim tomorrow. Tickets are $7 for ages 18 and over, and anyone 21 and over gets in free. Visit Rent-a-Friend's web site at **www.rentafriend.com** for more details.

•Hank Williams III performs tonight at the Galaxy Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15. Williams will also perform on Saturday at the Roxy at 8 p.m., for $15.

•On Sunday, the Ice House comedy showcase in Pasadena celebrates its 40th Anniversary. The comedic line up includes Brian Regan, Steve McGrew, George Lopez and surprise guests.

•Moby with Hybrid will perform at the Greek Theatre on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $31.

•Recording artist Marisa Monte will perform at Royce Hall, UCLA, tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets are $20 to $35.

•Party on the Peir, in Santa Monica on Sunday. Kenny Loggins will perform in addition to the wide array of entertainment including carnival booths, face painting, and clowns. Unlimited access to rides, cotton candy, and popcorn. The fun starts at 11 a.m. and will not stop until 4 p.m. Admission is $40 for general, and $20 for children.

—Melinda Sanchez

L.A. County Fair brings world culture to locals

by Crystal Apilado
photography by Jason Cooper

The Los Angeles County Fair is back at the Fairplex in Pomona through Sunday, Oct. 1. The theme of the 2000 L.A. County Fair is "A Journey to our Destiny." This year's fair features new attractions as well as some traditional ones.

Expedition Earth is one of this year's new attractions. It is a chance for fair goers to travel across the globe and experience various environments, habitats and creatures from different lands. Some of the featured places are the South American rain forests, the Arctic tundra and Australia. The attraction contains robotic animals as well as live ones.

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The Etnies Gravity Zone Skate Park provides entertainment for aggressive inline skate and BMX bike lovers. Professional competitions and shows are performed using jumps, obstacles and ramps. Sessions and clinics are offered to the public for an admission fee. Safety gear can also be rented.

For car lovers, "Thunder Alley" is being presented by the National Hot Rod Association. Drag and automobile races will be featured as well as driver appearances and a display of racing cars.

An L.A. County Fair press release said that during the run of the fair, the "Planes of Fame" Museum at Chino Airport will feature a FAU-IA.

The Asian Festival will run Sept. 29 to Oct. 1. An introduction to the Asian culture with crafts, dances and performances.

According to an L.A. County Fair press release the festival promotes the heritage and achievements of Asian culture. Over 20 different Asian communities will be focused on during the festival.

The Asian Festival will be held at the Festival Plaza by the lagoon. The Festival Plaza was recently designed and will house three other events. The other events planned are a Senior Health Fair on Senior Tuesday, Sept. 26; A one-of-a-kind Arts and Crafts show this weekend; and the African Village Weekend which was held last weekend.

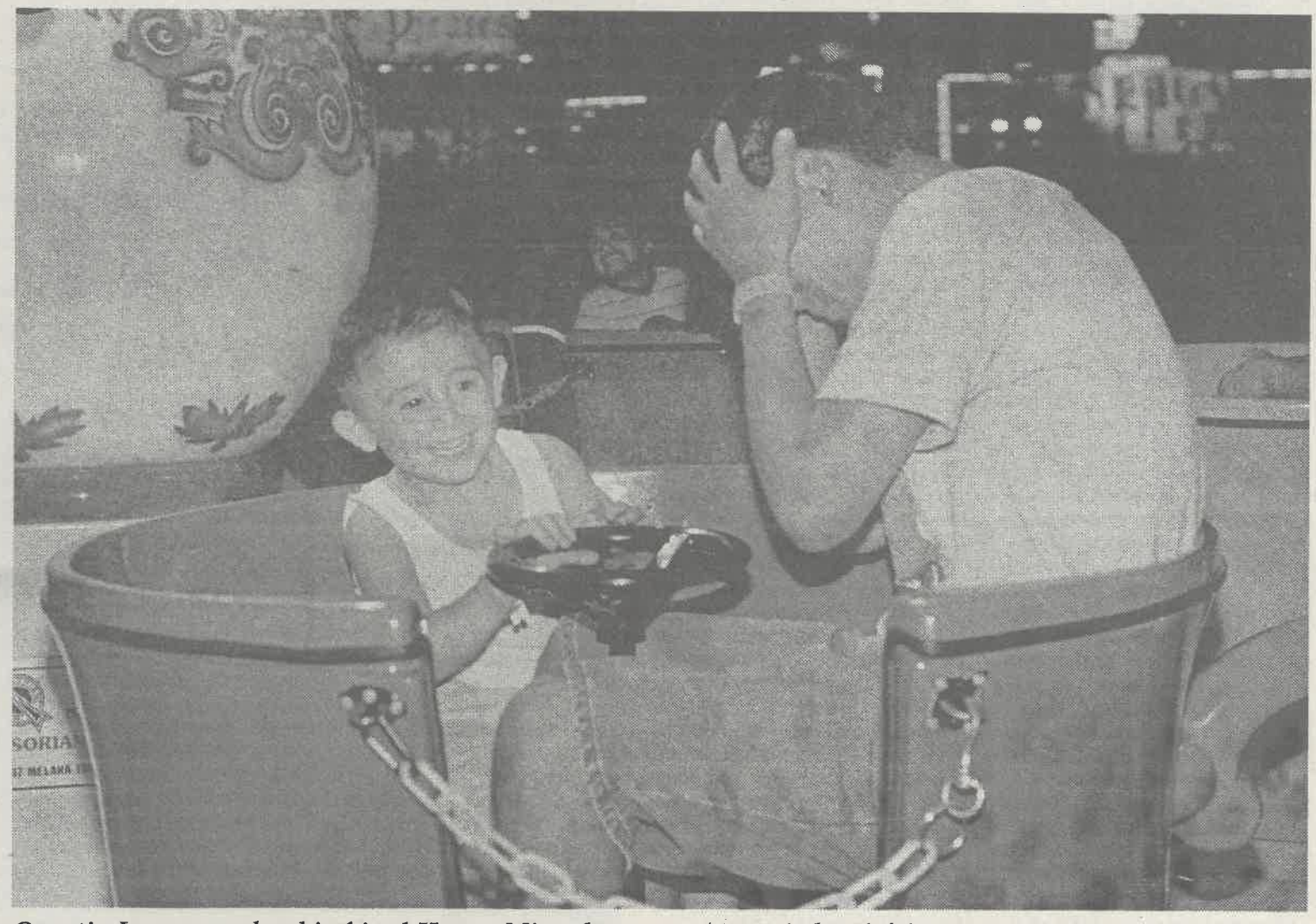
The flower and garden pavilion will feature a wide array of arrangements this year. The theme is "Geometrics in Flowers" and will show handmade arches, recreated California Missions and floral arrangements complementing geometric forms. There will also be waterfalls and tropical flowers shown.

The Millard Sheets Gallery's theme this year is "Applauding Revolutionary Talent" and will feature a diverse display of artwork. Some of the galleries feature photography, digital art, glass blowing and a hands on garbage collage. Artists will offer demonstrations daily.

According to an L.A. County Fair press release, visitors may participate in a digitally produced self portrait project.

Among the new and old attractions, old favorites such as thoroughbred races, horse shows and carnival rides are featured. As well as many attractions and hands on activities for children of all ages. Some of the night time entertainment performing this year includes Creedence Clearwater Revisited, who is playing tonight. Tower of Power will be playing tomorrow. KC and the Sunshine Band will be playing on Friday, Sept. 29 and Styx will be performing on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Admission for the fair is $10 for adults 13 and over, seniors $7, children ages 6-12 are free Monday-Friday and $5 on Saturday and Sunday. There is special $5 price after 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday. General parking is $5 and preferred parking is $8. There are unlimited wristband days for $15 on Monday and Tuesday and there are 10-tab wristband days also for $15 Wednesday-Thursday. The hours for the fair are 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Sunday.



Quentin Lozano pushes his friend Hector Miranda to the edge of throwing up as they spin round on the tea cup ride at the L.A. County Fair. With the purchase of a $15 wristband fairgoers can ride unlimited attractions that range from a kids carousal to a thrill seekers roller coaster.



Natalie Fowle

Lordsburg Coffee and Tea is a popular place for students like Sean Krispinsky to take a break from class. The cafe was named after the original town that became La Verne.

La Verne offers weekend fun

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Staff Writer

So many things to do, to see, to try, but so little time. Students are probably wondering what is there to do, at such a small school and community. Although the University of La Verne is not surrounded by franchises, it is fortunate to have small, Mom and Pop businesses and restaurants that have a sociable ambiance.

If Italian food is imperative, try Warehouse Pizza on 'D' Street. Warehouse Pizza is renowned for having the best pizza in town. Junior Irina Sardaryan enjoys going there because, "It's a nice place to go with your friends and get away from our chaotic schedules." It is also a perfect locale to watch different sport activities on television, amongst other avid sports fans.

If time is a factor, the Bowl House offers healthy fast food choices at affordable prices. It may look like a hole in the wall, but the food is excellent and inexpensive. It is also a great place to go with your friends, while passing time until class starts.

Going to the movies? Edwards 12 is located on Foothill Boulevard. There are a variety of films to choose from and there is no reason to get bored waiting for the movies to begin; junior Cameron Hurst said he likes going to Chili's Restaurant to "kick back and eat appetizers."

Other restaurants to visit around La Verne because of their refreshing setting are Café Allegro on Third Street, Café Dunya on Bonita Avenue, Mediterranean, Roxy's Café & Cantina on 'D' Street and El Merendero on Fairplex Drive, serves Mexican food.

> 'It's a nice place to go with your friends and get away from our chaotic schedules.'
> —*Irina Sardaryan, junior*

According to Enrique Guitérrez, El Merendero is not even comparable to other popular Mexican food restaurants. He said, "El Merendero is supreme and needs not fear any competition."

An event people enjoy attending is the Los Angeles County Fair, which runs through Oct. 1. It is a great place to go and immerse oneself in the different events and activities. One of the current exhibitions is the Expedition of Earth. This exhibition probes into earth's creatures, habitats and their environments.

Other events going on in the fair include horse racing and concerts. Creedence Clearwater Revisited will be playing tonight and Tower of Power will perform tomorrow night. An excursion for the young and old adults is Gravity Zone Skate park, where inline athletes will perform and contend. It will also give an opportunity to the public to go out and skate. The Asian Festival and the Fiesta Village provides an array of authentic crafts, food, entertainment, dances, Mariachi and much more.

People who enjoy the nightlife or need to get away from school or work, can go to Nick's, a local bar. Senior Victor Garcia enjoys going to Nick's because of their "friendly atmosphere." Other areas of interest are Dave & Buster's in Orange and Ontario, The Block at Orange, Old Town Pasadena and 3rd Street Promenade in Santa Monica, all of which are fun places to go and with friends or take a date. It has a medley of stores, restaurants and movies.

Movie Review

'Duets' hits sour note

Jazmine Ponce
Managing Editor

Karaoke is a way of life. Karaoke, in "Duets," represents a dream to the six main characters and this dream is winning the $5,000 prize in a karaoke contest in Omaha, Neb. Either by chance, love, desire or destiny each character is drawn to grab the microphone and sing.

The film stars six upcoming characters as well as established actors broken up into three duets. Gwyneth Paltrow stars as the charismatic, childlike Las Vegas showgirl named Liv, who has recently lost her mother and gained a father. Rocker Huey Lewis is a karaoke hustler named Ricky who must deal with the fact he is the father of ditzy Liv.

Paul Giamatti, last seen in "Man on the Moon," plays Todd, a corporate salesman who has reached his breaking point and goes on a search for himself and befriends a hitchhiker named Reggie. Andre Braugher ("Frequency") is Reggie, an ex-con who wants to put his shady past behind him and perform his one talent, "singing like an angel."

Maria Bello ("Coyote Ugly") is a drifter in search of a recording contract in California, who will do almost anything for a free ride, which is exactly what she gets from a sucker named Billy. Scott Speedman of "Felicity" plays Billy, a hapless cab driver and former monastery student, who is in search of harmony.

The trailer suggests "Duets" is a movie about "six lost souls in search of a little harmony." In reality, "Duets" never finds that harmony. The movie does not know what type of movie it is, a drama or a comedy. The film seems like a happy-go-lucky picture at times then it dramatically turns into a dark drama. The characters are left with no depth or feeling. The audience could care less about the nondescript karaoke-loving bunch of fools. The plot is hazy and somewhat haphazardly thrown together like a jigsaw puzzle.

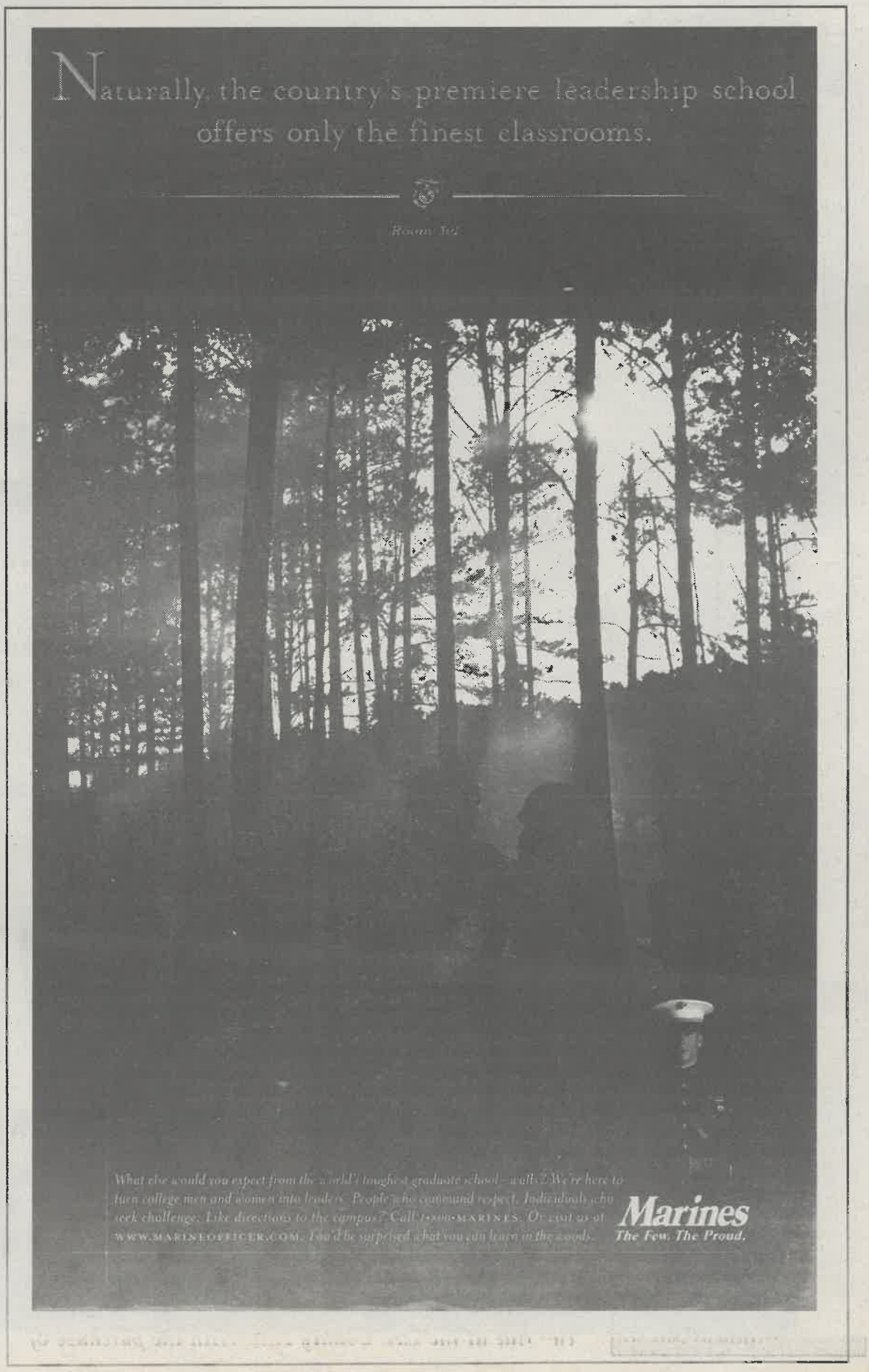
The audience is left to assume a lot about the story, leaving the audience with undeveloped characters that go from point A to F without any explanation.

All the actors who have performed well in other projects try their best to work with this undeveloped script. Lewis, who has acted minor roles in "Back to the Future" and "Short Cuts," is a poor actor, and does his best when singing.

There are two standout performers. One is Paltrow, who always brings an endearing quality to every film she does and is perfect as the innocent ingenue in search of love and a family. Giamatti does well as the man who is on the verge of being over the edge.

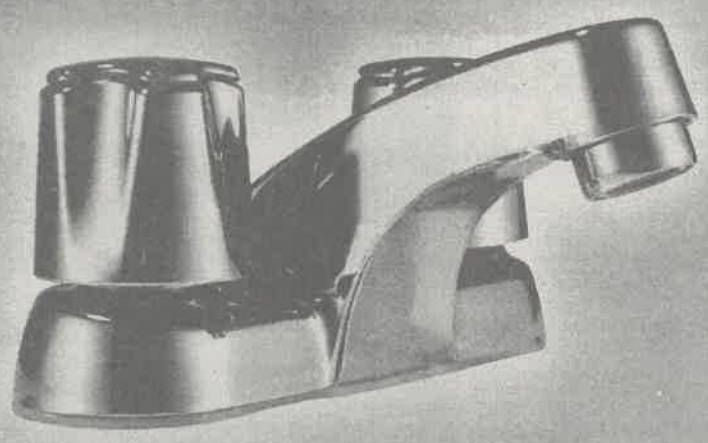
The outstanding quality of "Duets" is the soundtrack. All the actors who do sing, surprisingly perform exceptionally well. Lewis and Paltrow's rendition of Smokey Robinson's classic "Cruisin'" is one of the outstanding performances in the film along with Paltrow's version of Kim Carnes "Bette Davis Eyes." Paltrow has a beautiful voice that could have her almost performing an album professionally.

Overall, "Duets" falls flat and the best alternative to watching the film is investing in the soundtrack which contains the best moments of the film along with a rare duet of Paltrow and recording artist Babyface performing the Temptations' classic "Just My Imagination (Running Away With Me)."





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Women's soccer jukes Poets, Eagles

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The hot and sticky weather did not seem to be a factor in the performance of the University of La Verne women's soccer team on Saturday, as it recorded a 3-1 win over the Whittier College Poets.

The first 10 minutes of the first half seemed to be dominated by ULV (3-3). The Poets' offense was no match for the Leopards' defense.

"We played really well. We achieved our victory by a lot of passing, kicking, and shooting," said midfielder Nancy Santana.

The first goal of the game was scored by Whittier's Libby Barnish. Whittier became more aggressive after its first goal. La Verne's shots were made too far out, which gave Whittier the extra edge it needed.

However, the second half of the game seemed to be a turnaround for La Verne. The Leopards came back with three goals made by midfielder Erica Borbon and defenders Robin Haaker and Katie Zwissler.

In Wednesday's game against Concordia, Santana said, "We should win. We are ready. I'm pretty confident we should win."

In Wednesday's game, played at ULV's Ben Hines Field, both ULV and Concordia showed no mercy. Aggressive passing and numerous shots set the Leopards apart from the Eagles, and led La Verne to a 3-2 win over Concordia. The Eagles record of 4-0 entering the match would seem a little intimidating, but it did not faze the Leopards. "We played really well tonight. We played to the best of our ability, hard and aggressive. We never lost it, we played with great intensity. We always play well with one another," said co-captain Suzie Sateri.

Good communication between the players seemed to be a key ingredient to the Leopards' win. Women cheer one another on and keep each other focused and in the game. Captain Katie Zwissler said, "We are ready for this Saturday's game. We should win."

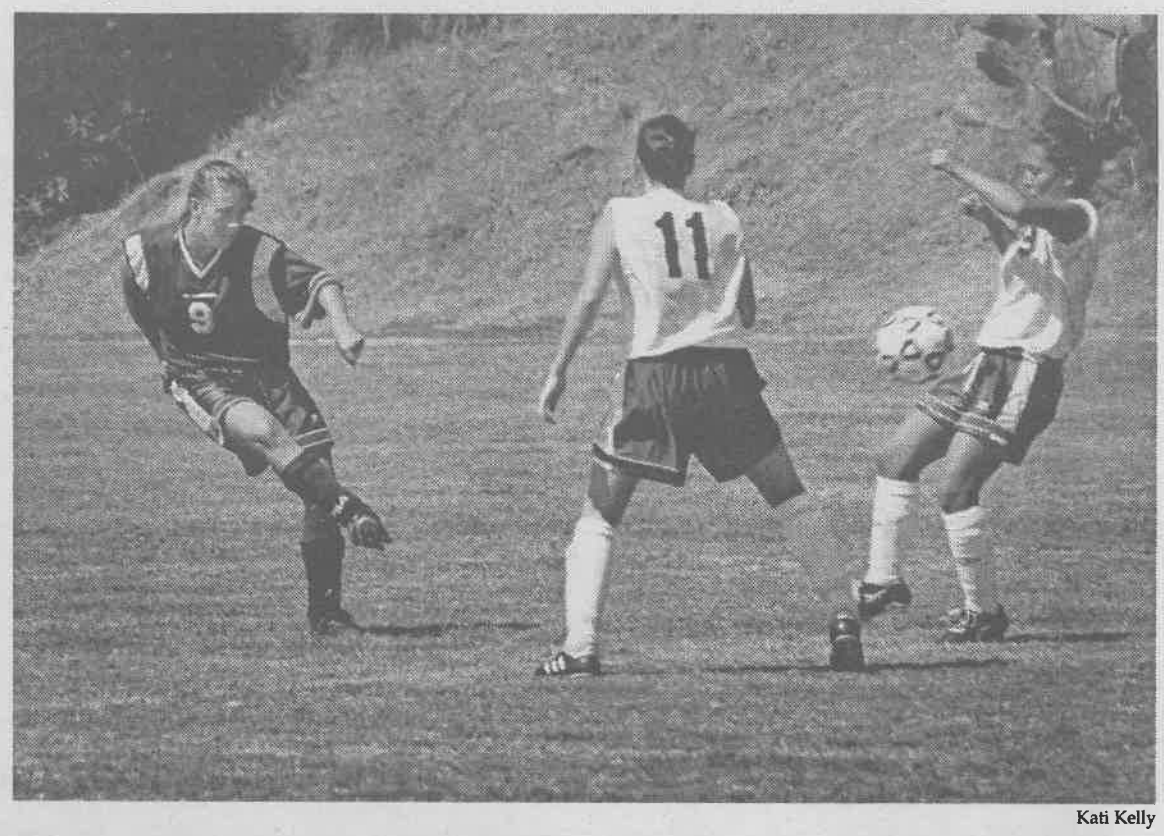
"We should beat Claremont Mudd-Scripps this Saturday. We should win every game," said Sateri.

Both teams showed ruthless playing skills. Early in the game, La Verne midfielder Rachel Aquino passed to forward Rachel Lieberman for an attempt on goal but Lieberman missed. La Verne forward Ashley Polan missed a possible goal opportunity when her centering pass was nicely defended by Concordia. La Verne's first goal was scored by Zwissler with 2:18 left in the first half. The ball was kicked clear over the goalkeeper's head. Concordia seemed to realize that La Verne had victory instilled in their minds, and the Eagles became more aggressive, taking more risks. Early in the second half, the Leopards scored two more goals. One by midfielder Erica Borbon and forward Adrianna Ramirez to create a 3-0 score with 38:47 left in the game.

The Eagles answered twice in the half.

With a little over 31 minutes left in the game the first of the two scores came from a kick by Concordia's Heather Hoffman. Then at 11:42, Evelyn Miles hit the last goal for the match to create the final 3-2 score.

Tomorrow, La Verne hosts Claremont at 11 a.m. On Wednesday, the Leopards travel to University of Redlands for a 4 p.m. matchup.



Kati Kelly

During the women's soccer game Saturday at Whittier, La Verne's Robin Haaker (#9) kicked the ball straight at Whittier's Libby Barnish (#9) while her teammate Erin Hurley (#11) approached to help. With the temperature reaching 103 degrees during the game, the players needed to drink about a half a gallon to a gallon of water per player to stay hydrated.

Football loses in catfight to APU Cougars, 27-23

•Leopards ousted in 2000 opener

Danny Craig
Sports Editor

For University of La Verne football coach Don Morel and his players, Saturday night's bout against Azusa Pacific University was a fairy tale that slipped away as the Leopards were defeated 27-23 in the game's final quarter.

Trailing by four points with 1:10 left on the clock in the fourth quarter, the Leopards' hopes of a score from a struggling offense were extinguished by the efforts of Cougar defensive lineman Saafiga Foster.

With ULV quarterback Aaron Becker in a shotgun formation, a low snap created a loose ball that Foster recovered on the Leopards 32-yard line.

With APU in possession of the ball, Cougars quarterback Luke Winslow finished off a three-touchdown day by kneeling out the clock to create the games final score.

"We could not move the ball on offense," said Morel. "We were stuck trying to throw the ball on every snap."

Passing was the only offensive stronghold for either squad as ULV gained 250 total yards in the air to be outmatched by 340 passing yards from APU. The games only net rushing came from the Cougars, who gained only 17 yards on the ground. The Leopards came up with zero yards in rushing.

The games first score came from ULV in the second quarter when at 11:43 kicker Flynn Turner kicked a 47-yard field goal to give the Leopards a 3-0 lead.

APU answered on the second play of the ensuing series when Winslow hit Cougar receiver Kevin Carlson on the left side for a 42-yard touchdown pass to make the score 7-3.

ULV's performance in the rest of the half created a sizeable advantage.

At 9:18, on what looked like an attempt to throw the ball out of bounds by Becker, receiver Josh Long scooped up the pass and made for the end zone to cap a four-play, 65-yard drive. After the extra point, the score was 10-7.

The Leopards defense accounted for the half's final score with 3:23. Linebacker Scott Traver picked off a pass from Winslow and ran it back 52 yards for a touchdown. After the extra point, the halftime score was 23-7.

Despite a favorable La Verne score, the second half was marred by a fatiguing defense and an offense that grew stagnant.

"We shot our load tonight," said Morel. "We faked everything, we kicked an onside, we faked a punt. I think we did everything we could do to try and win."

Even with ULV's arsenal, the final half belonged to APU behind Winslow's throwing power.

The scoring campaign for the Cougars began with 12:06 left to play when a three-play, 78-yard drive was concluded with receiver Caleb Willis catching a pass from Winslow and racing down the left sideline for a 61-yard touchdown. With an extra point, the score was 23-14.

Cougar running back Jesse Aust carried the ball 2 yards over the goal line with 11:30 left in the campaign and to make the score 23-20 after a failed extra point.

The matchup's final touchdown came from a 45-yard Winslow pass to Carlson to give APU the lead, 27-23 score.

"I just think we were in better game shape because we'd been through the war twice already," said APU coach Peter Shinnick. Shinnick said that he felt APU had an advantage having had two games going into the contest.

Morel said he concurred with the theory having had only two weeks of preparation to play APU who has had over a month to work as a unit.

Although noting the need for offensive improvement, Morel commended Becker on his debut performance in what he called a "baptism by fire."

Becker said he felt confident in the performance of his teammates and their outlook in conference, yet observed difficulties he had with the Cougars.

"I'll tell you that defense ... we had no idea what to expect," said Becker.

With the peaks and valleys of the evening's events, there was a positive sense toward upcoming competitors in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"The fact of football is that seven days from now at this time, the Claremont game will be over and hopefully we will have won that," said Morel.

With a 0-1 record, the Leopards will face the Stags at Claremont tomorrow at 7 p.m.

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> —*Don Morel, head football coach*

Lalane...

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His devotion to the University was obvious to Clark. "His attention to detail was unbelievable. His loyalty to the school, to his associates and to me was a kind that one rarely sees. He was the kind of person who took responsibility seriously. If the job were his to be done, he would finish it. If the person was someone he was to take care of, he would do just that."

Rice also recognized her father's work habits. "He stayed with it even though he was ill," she said in regard to Lalane insisting on finishing his last day of class during the spring semester, despite Rice's suggestion that he move to her home sooner.

Clark noted how Lalane handled his illness when he describes a visit to Lalane only a few days before he died. "Did he say a thing about his illness?" Clark asked. "No he did not. Except once he said, 'I'm feeling weak.' I never heard him once say anything about pain. I never heard him once say anything about feeling bad. I never heard him once complain about anything."

A funeral service will be held in honor of Lalane on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Clark is scheduled to deliver Lalane's eulogy. "I did know him. It is an honor and a privilege to be able to talk about a friend and try to summarize some of the high points of their life for other to remember them by."

Lalane is survived by his wife, Rice and her husband Valentene, and their daughter Tara, all from Houston; and his son Carl.

The service is at Live Oak Memorial Park, located on 200 E. Duarte Road in Monrovia. For information, call (626) 359-5311.

Water polo dunks ranked opposition

Ryan Mac Donald
Staff Writer

Demonstrating an impressive ability to compete on a national level, the University of La Verne men's water polo team defeated two nationally ranked squads on Friday Sept. 15, improving its record to 7-1.

The Leopards played with intensity, dominating their first opponent no. 13 ranked UC Davis winning the game 9-6. Following their first victory, the Leopards successfully completed the doubleheader with another victory over no. 9 ranked Navy, 9-6.

"Honestly, we didn't play that well vs. Davis," said head coach Tim Hugar. "However, we played outstanding vs. the Navy. We had tight team defense and we were very disciplined in making good decisions. We played a lot smarter in our second game."

In the first game, the Leopards established an early lead in the first quarter, 3-1, and the team continued to play strong through the first half to extend their lead to 5-3. Leading the team's scoring with four goals was team captain Kenny Clements, followed by junior transfer Alan Shumway with two goals.

"We are impressing ourselves with the way we are coming together as a team," said junior Rey Lopez. "We are playing stronger throughout the games, with many players contributing to the victory."

> 'We played good team water polo. It was one of the smartest games we've ever played. We were patient and we never backed down.'
> —*Kenny Clements, men's waterpolo co-captain*

The Leopards outscorced and outplayed Davis in every quarter, and it provided them with a 9-6 victory.

In the second game vs. the Navy, Shumway led the team with four goals, coupled with numerous saves by goalie John Steifling, the Leopards dominated the first half, 5-3.

Positioning themselves toward victory by employing offensive strategies and team defense, the Leopards outplayed the Navy. Supporting the team's first half domination was Clements, whose offensive play was key to the La Verne victory.

"We played good team water polo," said Clements. "It was one of the smartest games we've ever played. We were patient and we never backed down."

Opening the third quarter with consistent shot making, the Leopards extended their lead to 7-4. The Leopards maintained their high level of play into the fourth quarter, placing themselves safely ahead, 9-4.

The Navy posted two more goals in the fourth; however, it was not enough to threaten the Leopards' victory.

"This year, we know how to come together as a competitive team and finish a game," said Lopez. "In previous years, we wouldn't close the victory, but this year we remain mentally and physically strong throughout the entire game."

Out of the water because of injury, senior team captain Fred Sicard watched the games and approved of the team's performance.

"The expectations were very high, and once I got hurt, I thought the level of play was going to drop," said Sicard. "But these guys are playing so well."

Looking toward the rest of the season and the start of conference play, Hugar was optimistic about the team's chances on improving and competing at high levels.

"It's my hope that we get better. It's too early, and I don't want to set expectations or limitations. We can't rest on that. Our edge is that we are hungry, and we don't want to lose one of our biggest edges by losing focus," he said.

On Saturday the Leopards lost their second game of the season to Princeton, 6-5. Battling back from a 5-1 deficit, the Leopards gave Princeton a fight until the last seconds of the game, when a loose ball was tipped into La Verne's goal.

The Leopards, who are ranked first in Division III and 18th in the nation, play the Air Force on Oct. 1.

Whittier tourney awards volleyball second place

Brice Nixon
Editor in Chief

With a second-place finish in the Whittier Tournament over the weekend, the University of La Verne's women's volleyball team extended its season-opening winning streak to seven matches and made a statement about what it expects from upcoming conference play.

Despite losing in the championship match to the College of Notre Dame, an NAIA school, the Leopards, ranked 18th in the nation in NCAA Divison III, remained undefeated because the match was best-of-three games rather than the regulation best-of-five. The change was made to accommodate Notre Dame, which had a plane flight to catch.

In the championship game on Saturday, the Leopards took a quick 8-1 lead before the Argonauts came back to tie the score at 8-8.

But kills by senior outside hitter Amy Brummel and junior middle blocker Adriana Contreras helped La Verne finish off Notre Dame. The Argonauts, however, came back to win the next two games for an 8-15, 15-12, 15-10 win.

La Verne beat Notre Dame in four games on Friday to open the tournament. And Contreras, for one, was unhappy with the circumstances of the loss.

"It's kind of unfair because we beat them in four yesterday," she said. "And today, they beat us in two games and they get the trophy."

Head coach Don Flora, however, saw a lot of positives come out of the match and the tournament as a whole.

"It's a huge step for us," he said. "We saw really good competition today, and we played very well. As we head into conference a week from Tuesday, we're sitting right where we want to sit.

"We did everything we wanted to do. And if Amy Smith doesn't go down in that second game, we should have won that second game, even though we adapted out of it pretty well. Sue (Whitcher) came in and did a good job."

One thing La Verne could not adapt to was the height of Notre Dame's middle blocker, Yi Wang.

"She played on the Chinese national team," said Flora. "She has a little bit of a knee injury, but she's really darn good. She's an elite international level player."

But Flora still had good reason to be upbeat, considering one of the Leopards' wins came against Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) rival Cal Lutheran. La Verne beat UC Santa Cruz in its second match Friday, 15-6, 15-6, 15-5, and then beat Whittier College on Saturday, 15-12, 15-10, 15-6, to win its pool and set up the semifinal match with Cal Lu.

The Leopards defeated the Kingsmen in four games, 15-8, 11-15, 15-12, 15-7.

"That's a huge statement about conference and our confidence about where we're going to be," said Flora. "That's a huge match and a huge win for La Verne."

On Wednesday, the Leopards improved to 8-0 with a 15-10, 15-12, 15-11 win at Chapman University.

Afer opening SCIAC Tuesday play at Caltech, ULV will play its first home game this season when it hosts Pomona-Pitzer on Sept. 29.

Fleet feet put cross country team a step ahead in Balboa invite

Deanna Reyes
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne's men's and women's cross country team ran competitively and finished high in the rankings at the San Diego Invitational over the weekend.

The event was held at Balboa Park in San Diego on Saturday. Since it was an invitational, any school was welcome to participate. UC San Diego, Chapman University, Chico State and Sacramento State were a few of the schools who competed in the event.

The women's team finished 10th out of 23 teams.

"The team did really good," said top female runner Leti Arroyo. "We have a lot of good runners this year."

Lucas Nubar, ULV's top male runner, completed the five-mile run in a time of 27:46 and placed ninth out of 180 runners.

Arroyo placed 36th out of 141 runners with a time of 21:05. Although she was the top female runner for ULV, Arroyo said she was disappointed with her performance since her average time is 19 minutes.

Although Nubar and Arroyo ran well in their events, head coach Pat Widolff said that the team in general needs to be more committed and dedicated.

In regards to what he could do to help the team become more dedicated Widolff said, "It's nothing that I can do. It's an individual thing that each person needs to improve on."

The men's team is short a member and with only four athlete, they are not allowed to compete as a team. Any student interested in joining the Cross Country team can contact Widolff at ext. 4846.

The team's next meet is the Riverside Invitational tomorrow at 9 a.m.

Leopard Scoreboard

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ULV	**3**
ULV	**3**
Whittier	1

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ULV	**9**
Navy	4
ULV	**9**
Princeton	6
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Schedule

Saturday
Football @ Claremont, 7 p.m.
Men's Soccer @ Claremont, 4 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Claremont, 11 a.m.
Cross Country @ Riverside Invitational, 9 a.m.

Tuesday
Volleyball @ Cal Tech, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Men's Soccer vs. Redlands, 4 p.m.
Women's Soccer @ Redlands, 4 p.m.

Did You Know?

The University of La Verne track team had five athletes who earned the title of All-American :

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4x100m
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