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Workers concerns still unaddressed

•Coalition meets with Marriott

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Following concerns that the treatment and working conditions of Sodexho Marriott employees have not improved, Marriott's regional operations director Thomas Marotta met with the Coalition of Diversity on Tuesday, where both staff and students questioned Marriott's adherence to the promises made to employees last semester.

Junior David Rojas, who was present at the meeting, raised some doubt relating to Marriott's commitment to the new four-step action plan proposed to employees last May. Also called to question was the company's tactics in dealing with employees who voiced concerns about the treatment they received.

Rojas was one of the original students to bring concerns of unfair employment practices by Marriott to the University's attention.

The four-step plan proposed by Marriott included promises to replace the existing on-campus management, the implementation of an employee incentive bonus program, the speedy execution of these new policies, and the promise to review all concerns raised by employees both quickly and thoroughly.

Although these promises have been in effect implemented in the program at La Verne, some of the original concerns of the students and staff here have not been examined by Marriott, and thus no suitable action has been taken.

The workload and the pay rates of the employees was one of the most important matters for Rojas. There are no plans to raise the pay scale, said Marotta.

Mary Prieto-Bayard, associate professor of behavioral sciences and Coalition co-chair, questioned the amount of work that employees were expected to complete in a short amount of time.

"I've been told by the people in my building [Founders Hall] that they would like me to report that the classrooms are dirty," said Prieto-Bayard. "I thought that to report that would reflect badly on [them] but they said that it would not, that it would show that three people were doing the work of four people."

One of Rojas' first concerns was the way in which Joanne Gonzalez was reprimanded for her unfair treatment of her employees. Gonzalez was the manager of the ULV Marriott workers at the time that these complaints were first made. Her removal from the managerial position was one of the first requests made of Marriott.

Although Gonzalez was removed from her position at the University, she was neither reprimanded for her actions, nor was she reviewed by Marriott, said Rojas. In fact, she was given the same position at another school without any conditions put on her employment.

"Firing [Gonzalez] was not an option," said Marotta. "Brian [Worley] and I talked about eight months before the concerns were raised. We agreed that [Gonzalez'] managerial style, and her, I hesitate to use the word but, harsh treatment of employees needed to be changed. We planned to put her in a new environment.

"With [Gonzalez's] background, terminating her was not an option for me."

Marotta, though had no explanation for the lack of consequences for her actions at La Verne. Both Rojas and Coalition member Derek Vergara also raised questions concerning Gonzalez's background.

Vergara cited several incidents that occurred when he was the director of Housing and Residential Life five years ago.

Said Vergara, voicing his opinion in the meeting, "She was rude to me, rude to my staff, rude to the students, and rude to her workers." He also cited complaints that he made to Worley in 1995.

Another of the concerns that Rojas was most interested in addressing dealt with the fear employees had of retaliation when they voiced their mistreatment by Marriott. Of the 25 Marriott employees from last year, only eight have returned this year.

During the month and a half when treatment conditions first were called into question, and just prior to Gonzalez's leaving, several employees were fired. The majority of these workers were illegally working in the United States, and Marotta cites this as the grounds for their terminations.

"There are INS regulations that we must adhere to," said Marotta. "Our company policy is that we do not retain undocumented workers."

"Keeping in contact with the ladies that were here working last semester, most of those ladies that were vocal don't work here anymore," said Rojas. "They were fired because of illegal papers. This has prompted the workers who have come to this campus to be in fear of the same kind of retaliation."

Rojas believes that the investigation into the workers' papers was prompted by the vocalization of employment concerns. Marotta, however denies that any retaliatory action was taken against vocal employees.

"I don't see any of [Marriott's actions] as retaliation," he said.

Some of the steps taken by Marriott to improve treatment conditions include the implementation of the bonus plan for

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Liz Lucsko

In the wee morning hours of Friday, Sept. 15, Marriott employee Mercedes Araujo battles the dirt and grime of Stu-Han's wing two bathrooms. Over 20 Marriott employees help clean the classrooms and residence halls of the University everyday.

> 'We've spent time in a room with a lot of these women and we found them to be very credible women ... It's difficult for those of us that were involved in these discussions to discount that credibility that we, that I hear in their stories, their pain, their sense of exploitation.'
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> *—Mary Prieto-Bayard, associate professor of behavioral sciences and co-chair of the Coalition of Diversity*

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Founders renovations leave space

•Offices will relocate to Hoover

Deanna Reyes
Staff Writer

Next September, the Hoover Building will become the new home to the Behavioral Science department, CAPA and John Gingrich, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. A decision process will then take place to determine which departments will be moving into the empty spaces in Founders Hall.

A notice will be sent to all departments notifying them that this space is available. Schools and departments interested in moving into Founders Hall must complete a proposal, called an RFP, stating the reasons why they wish to utilize the space. They must give a program statement that includes what actions and visions they have, what space is needed and the number of students, faculty and staff within their department.

The Space Committee, comprised of representatives from various schools and departments, will be the decision makers for this process. According to Phil Hawkey, executive vice president, the criteria for the committee's decision will be similar to that which was used for the Hoover Building. Some of the criteria which may be used include growth of enrollment in the program, financial impact, enhancing the reputation of the University and special space needs.

The decision process will begin sometime in November and a final decision will be made in March. Once the decision is made, the architecture and planning work on Founders Hall will start.

"We want to be in a position so that next September we can start working on Founders Hall," said Hawkey. Renovations to offices and classrooms will be made, however Founders Hall will remain open and in use for classes in fall 2001.

Since the top floor of Founders Hall will be empty, Hawkey said he anticipates that there will be some expansion of the computer lab and instructional technology that faculty members can apply to the classrooms. He also said more offices for technology, staff and training will be implemented.

Currently, the law school occupies the Hoover building. When it moves to Ontario in January, a renovation of the Hoover Building will begin, set to be completed by September. Then, Gingrich and the Behavioral Science and CAPA departments will move into the Hoover Building and lastly, the Hoover Annex will be removed in early 2002.

Hawkey said that the President's office, which is currently on the second floor of Founders Hall, will be relocated to Gingrich's old office, and the Vice President of Academic Affairs' office will be moved to the President's office.

The departments that move into Founders Hall will also be leaving empty spaces behind. Hawkey said it has not been decided which departments or offices will be moved to these spaces, but that it would be determined in the future by the Space Committee.

In The News

Miss La Verne

Applications are now available for the up coming Miss La Verne Scholarship Organization. They can be obtained by visiting the La Verne Chamber of Commerce located at 2078 Bonita Ave.

Snowboarding

For people who are interested in snowboarding, the snowboarding club is accepting members. The sign up sheet is located at the student center desk. The club will also feature trips and competitions in Mammoth and Lake Tahoe. For more information contact Lina Gonzalez or Michael Houdyshell at ext 4250.

Liberal Studies

Two informational meeting for students majoring in Liberal Studies will be held Thursday Oct. 19. Students can either attend the first or second meeting.The first meeting will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Barkley Building room 29. The second meeting will be held in the President's Dining Room from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. A boxed lunch and dinner will be provided. To RSVP, call the Education Dept. at ext. 4626 or stop by the Barkley Building for more information.

—Jazmine Ponce

NASPAA accredits ULV's masters degree program

Audrey Griffith
Staff Writer

The National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) accredited the University of La Verne's Masters of Public Administration degree program on July 19.

NASPAA is an institutional membership organization that exists to promote excellence in public service education. The purpose of NASPAA's MPA standards is to promote and maintain educational quality and to provide professional education in public policy and administration. The review and accreditation process combines program self-study, a review by the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation and a three day campus visit. The process is rigorous and can last more than a year.

ULV's program was founded in 1974 and the department was opened in 1979. In 1995, the MPA submitted its educational philosophy and mission statement and in 1998 the department began changing its curriculum to meet NASPAA's standards. The MPA resubmitted its report to NASPAA in 1999. Members from NASPAA visited the campus for three days, interviewing students, faculty, and staff.

Jack Meek, from the Public Administration department, said, "The process is rigorous and can take over a year, but it is all worthwhile."

Some of the qualifications NASPAA looks for are the number of full time faculty in relation to students, the qualifications of faculty members, admission of students, support services and facilities, off-campus programs and the impact of the school on the local community.

At this time, an Annual Roster of Accredited Programs is published. Currently, 134 schools are accredited for seven years.

"There will be a public recognition for the program's achievement on October 27," said Meek. This recognition will be held at 1:15 p.m. in La Fetra Auditorium that day.

This is the University's first national accreditation, as well as the departments. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges regionally accredited ULV.

The University of La Verne is working hard on achieving high standards of education and meeting accreditation among all the departments. Meek said, "It is not what happens inside the class. It is what the students do with their education outside of the classroom."

ULV honors Cardeña's accomplishments at dinner

Rene Luna
Staff Writer

A small intimate gathering of faculty and staff honored Elena Cardeña and celebrated her accomplishments as Catholic campus minister of the University of La Verne.

Tuesday's event held in the President's Dining Room almost brought tears to Cardeña's eyes as she gave her final goodbyes.

"You never know when God's road will lead you back," she said. "Once a Leo, always a Leo."

Mary Prieto-Bayard, the hostess of the event, considered Cardeña's leaving as a "shifting relationship."

Bayard went on to say that Cardeña brought "zazz and sparkle" to the campus and will be greatly missed.

Richard Rose, associate professor of Religion and Philosophy admired Cardeña's "spirituality and moral values" and invited Cardeña back to share her gifts as she works at Our Lady of the Valley Church, located in Canoga Park.

Nancy Mendez, a sophomore, attended Tuesday's event and said she was really sad to see Cardeña leave.

"She has to spread her knowledge that has affected us here. It would be selfish to keep her in one place," Mendez said.

Junior David Rojas said "Elena has made an impact at this school as a mother, as a friend, and as a woman working in the battlefield for the better good."

Cardeña received farewell gifts from some of the faculty. One of the gifts included a giant stuffed Leopard, affectionally called "Jaime", from the Institute of Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity.

"She's gonna let her roots sprout," Rojas said. "Others have to experience Elena."

ASF Minutes

The University of La Verne's Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum met Wednesday in the West Dining Room at 9:33 a.m.

The Forum attended to the preparations for Homecoming Week, which will take place on Oct. 9-14. The Forum also allocated funds and elections for Vice President of Activities took place.

Resolutions

•ASF allocated $1,100 to *La Vernacula* to help pay for photo expenses.

•ASF held elections and voted Crystal Apilado for Vice President of Activities.

•The Forum also allocated $500 to provide for shuttle service during Homecoming Weekend.

•The amount of $17,000 was allocated to reserve a facility for Winter Extravaganza.

—Julia Carachure

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Opinions

Drug, alcohol use inappropriate

On the way to class, a student speaks openly to his walking companion, "Hey, can we get high tonight?"

Does two college students on a university campus discussing the illegal things they do to pass their leisure time sound out of place? What is it about drugs that intrigues and captivates the ambitious and growing minds of these young adults?

It seems that too commonly students at the University of La Verne feel the need to occupy themselves with things that completely do the opposite of what they are trying to accomplish here.

Not only does the use of drugs hinder learning capabilities, but it has also been shown to cause an increase in violence and threats of violence and sexual violence.

According to a survey on alcohol and other drug use on American campuses, conducted by the Core Institute, the percentage of students (30.6) who had encountered an argument or fight sober, nearly doubled to 54.4 percent when drugs or alcohol was involved. The percentage of actual physical violence that was 5.1, skyrocketed to 43.6 percent, and the percent of unwanted sexual intercourse (3.7) increased almost 15 times that amount to 52.3 percent.

It seems that the use of drugs and alcohol have more of a negative influence than most college students would like to admit. But why do students not realize this? The Core Institute researched exactly what students thought drugs and alcohol did for them.

The statistics showed that 74 percent of students believe that drugs and alcohol help to break the ice, 72.8 percent said it enhances social activity, 69.3 percent said it gives people something to do, and 51.6 percent said it facilitated sexual opportunities. As for being a more sexually appealing person, only 14 percent of students believed that drugs and alcohol made him or herself sexier.

Through the use of drugs and/or alcohol can a student say that he or she has had a "good" experience, or in another case, been able to even remember the so called "experience?"

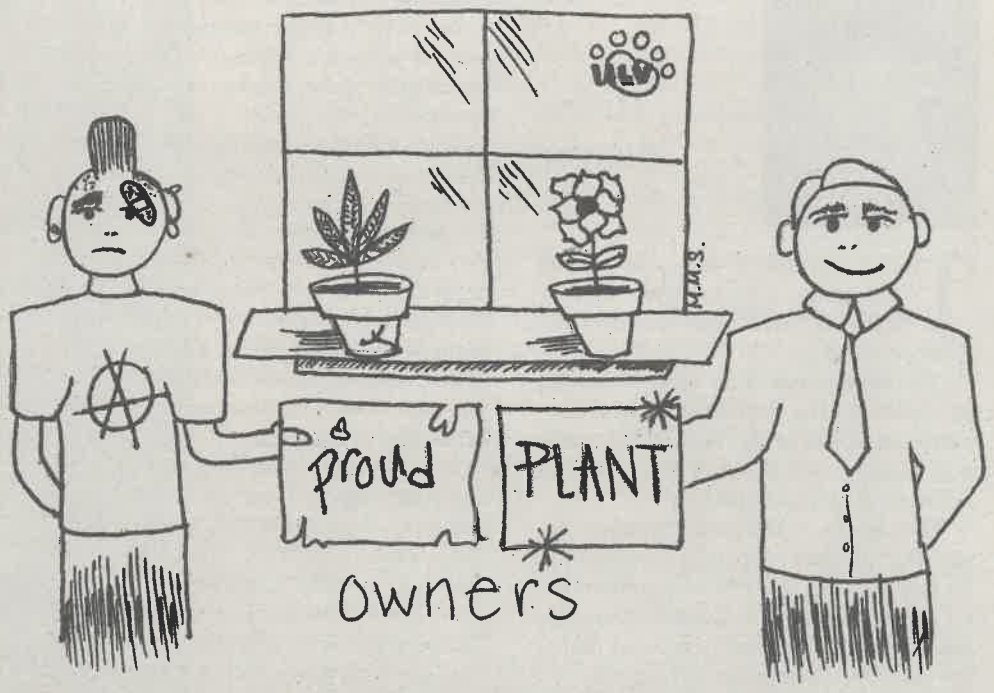
If a student wants to go out with friends and have a good time, then why is it necessary to be high or drunk? If the student wants to be able to remember the occasion then they should know that the use of drugs or alcohol would only make that more difficult.

After all, who likes to wake up the next morning and have to ask themselves if they had fun the night before, what they did, or not even know where they are?

Even though most students may claim they are not addicted or just do it every now and then, it is important to remember that using drugs can lead to serious problems.

Students who do use drugs on campus or own drug paraphernalia should also remember that the University has a drug and alcohol policy stating that "the University prohibits the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages and full or empty alcoholic beverage containers (even as momentos or decorations) anywhere in or around the Residence Halls, as well as on the University campus." The University also states that "the use, possession, distribution, or sale of illegal drugs and marijuana is not permitted on campus."

The University's stance against drugs and alcohol is clearly to enhance the proper learning environment that each student deserves. The University is also in compliance with state and federal laws, and in asking students to yield to that higher authority. They are only following the laws given to them by the nation in which they abide.



Ignorance breeds intolerance

In a classroom, swastikas and anti-Semitic messages are sprawled on walls and Jewish textbooks. Shattered glass from windows flood the floor while tables and chairs are overturned. A community disturbed by the incident pleads, "Not again."

On Sept. 24, two teenage boys vandalized the West Valley Hebrew Academy in Woodland Hills. West Valley is an Orthodox elementary and middle school. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, the teenagers allegedly "sprayed classrooms with fire extinguishers, broke windows, smashed computers and scrawled religious slurs, swastikas and pentagrams, causing an estimated $50,000 to $100,000 in damage."

Though the West Valley Hebrew Academy vandalism incident is not the first hate crime to be geared toward the Jewish people. It is the latest in a long line of crimes caused by prejudice, bigotry and intolerance of the Jewish faith.

It causes one to ask, in a country so diverse and culturally rich as the United States, where has the strive for racial and social tolerance gone? And how do we regain it?

To some, the simple scrawling of a swastika symbol can mean nothing. But to others, it brings forth the horrible facts of a time in history when Jewish people were persecuted during the Holocaust. A time when Germany was powered by Adolf Hitler and Jewish rights were taken away. Their homes were ransacked, vandalized, and some burned. Six million Jews were killed, often shot or gassed in concentration camps.

The teenagers who vandalized the school were ages 14 and 15. They came from a sober living environment and are not affiliated with any hate group. But according to the *Los Angeles Times* article, "Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, said that though the suspects are not affiliated with a hate group, such incidents could be the result of a pervasive, if limited, culture of bigotry."

The disturbing factor of the incident is the suspects' young age and that vandalism mirrors the history of intolerance. Sadly, this results in damage done to many Jewish homes and synagogues.

If the leaders of the future can casually draw swastikas on blackboards and vandalize Jewish schools, what does it say about the future of racial tolerance in our society?

If more is not done to educate and make people understand the consequences of such hate crimes, will ignorance force history to repeat itself?

Letters to the Editor

The *Campus Times* encourages readers to submit letters to the editors regarding topics covered in the paper. Letters should be no more than 400 words in length and are due by Tuesday at 3 p.m. The *Campus Times* reserves the right to edit letters for clarity, space and libel.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to write and say I think the article you did on Laura was outstanding!! ["Venturini appointed interim director of CDC," Sept. 20] I appreciated how you stuck to the facts and captured Laura's creativity and vision as she takes over as Interim Director.

I'd like to ask you to support the Career Development Center's programs by asking the staff to write articles on the programs (especially prior to the event), because in my heart I know the programs are great and could benefit all students.

Choosing to leave La Verne to accept the Cerritos position was hard because every one there is wonderful, but I believe in professional development and advancement. By me accepting the Assistant Dean position here at Cerritos not only was in line with my career goals, but opened up the opportunity for Laura to advance in her career. Thank you for featuring Laura in an great article!

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From the Editor...

Communications deserves respect



Brice Nixon

This is my fourth semester on the staff of the *Campus Times*. During that time, I have seen countless talents come and go.

This newspaper is an award-winning publication. The Communications Department is one of the best on this campus, hands down. So what does it take to get some respect around here?

First off, we suffer from the same disease that plagues every other department on this campus, and that is an unregulated growth spurt. The *Campus Times*, for one thing, operates out of a room that is too small. It is that plain and simple.

It appears we are finally (at least I am keeping my fingers crossed) going to get rid of our ancient computers. Sure, every department and employee on this campus probably has the same complaint, and it is a valid one. But I may be slightly biased in this case, and we have to produce a newspaper every week. The process requires hours of hard work, much of it spent staring at a computer screen.

So now that we are all packed into this deathtrap we call the *Campus Times* office, working with our faster computers, the temperature becomes absolutely unbearable. It is either swelteringly hot or numbingly cold. There is no in-between. It is hard enough to work in a cramped space, but it is impossible when it feels like it is 90 degrees and you can feel the person sitting next to you, yet you can do absolutely nothing to escape it.

It seems the University plans to move our residency to the Art Building, also known as the Lemon House, next to the Oaks Residence Hall. The size of the building would undoubtedly give us more space. And not just for journalism. The television and radio departments also need more space and better equipment.

One thing is for sure. The Communications Department does not deserve to be the red-headed stepchild of this University. Some of the best and brightest students at this school are part of or alumni of this department. The world-renowned Rob Fukasaki of KABC-TV is an alumnus. That alone speaks volumes.

This Lemon House just does not seem like the place for such an integral part of this University. The *Campus Times* is consistently one of the best newspapers in the state, oftentimes in the nation. Our writers have received national recognition for their work.

A much better place to call home would be fitting. And that is what many of us call it, at least our second home.

But enough complaining about our cozy work space.

There are other issues and areas of misunderstanding or miscommunication. This newspaper is just that, a newspaper, which in many ways is just like any other publication you might read. Therefore, we know we have certain obligations and duties to uphold. We are not sensationalists. We pursue the truth and strive to report it accurately and fairly.

At the same time, newspaper production is a class, and as such it is a constant learning experience. It is a given that mistakes will be made. All we can do is apologize and learn from them. That is the main goal of the *Campus Times*, to teach the art of journalism.

As with any new skill, there is a learning curve. With experience comes knowledge. Although we strive for perfection none of us are beyond error. But those who stick with it usually come out skilled in the ways of the reporter.

It also seems that some hold the misconception that the *Campus Times* is some muckraking bunch of college students who want to take shots at people they dislike. Some members of this community are quite obliging when we come to them, others less so. One thing is for certain: This newspaper has no vendettas, personal or otherwise, toward any person or group on this campus. Period.

We do, however, seek to fulfill our role as watchdogs. As the fourth estate it is our obligation to give a voice to the voiceless and report to the fullest any injustices.

One thing some may not realize is that each person on staff has to have their byline next to their story each week. What this amounts to is a willingness to put their homework on display for all to judge and critique. Not everyone is willing to do that.

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Domestic violence victimizes both sexes



Julia Carachure

Whenever we think about domestic abuse, the first thing that comes to mind is that we see an image of a man beating his wife or girlfriend. Not to mention the fact that it is this kind of abuse that always winds up in the newspapers. But what about when the aggressor happens to be the woman? What do we do about that? How do we deal with that kind of situation?

Unfortunately, we do not do a single thing about it. But it is not like it never happens, it does. Many think that it is a rarity, that it only happens in self defense. It is not, it just gets swept beneath the rug and we pretend it never happens.

Let me tell you about Melissa and Hank. She has been with him for nine years, married to him for the past three. They would be sitting on the couch, watching television when all of a sudden, she would accuse him of flirting with other women. She would insult him, throw things and then beat him up. Immediately after the abuse, whether it is a man or woman being the aggressor, comes the usual apologies, promises and lies to explain how, in this case, Hank got his bruises.

The worst part of it is everyone that knew them had an idea that Hank was being abused by Melissa. Despite that, nobody went forward to say that this was happening to him. The only explanation that is offered is that they did not want to add public humiliation to what Hank was going through. After all, he was being abused by a woman. Our society frowns on a man being weak and not doing anything about it. That is enough to get some people to become skeptical of the fact that a guy is being beaten up by a woman.

If it had happened in a movie, many of us would laugh. After all, everyone was laughing when Renee Zellweger kicked Jim Carrey over the fence in "Me, Myself, and Irene." When we saw Janice Soprano from "The Sopranos" kill her abusive boyfriend, we were sympathetic. When we saw Louise grab a gun (in self defense) to stop a rapist from raping her friend Thelma in "Thelma and Louise," we cheered. In reality, this kind of thing is no laughing matter.

We certainly did not laugh when model Naomi Campbell hit her boyfriend and he told her that if she did not get help to control her temper, he would leave her. Or when Tonya Harding wound up in court for hitting her boyfriend with a hubcap. We were very upset when comedian Phil Hartman's wife Brynn shot her husband, all thanks to her violent temper.

Why is it that we do not do anything about it until it is too late? We do not because if we pay attention to female aggressors, the whole campaign against male aggressors will go down the drain and would only focus on women abusers.

I am angry that society ignores this issue and lets it sit there. We, as women, have tempers, we get angry and we lose our patience just like everyone else. Society does not excuse a man for hitting a woman, yet we excuse a woman for hitting a man because many argue it was in self defense. That is not always the case.

We have to stop doing that. It is time for society to wake up and realize that both men and women need to be treated as equals, because with every situation that arises, there are two views to consider.

There will always be a time when a traditional situation such as domestic abuse, stops being just that, a traditional situation in which the man is the abuser and the woman is the victim. After all, we are only human and both sexes have the same emotions and the same problems. We express differently, but they are the same.

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Quality of life not governmental decision



Heather Baxter

A new trend has begun in the world, where parents' rights are being superceded in favor of a courtroom decision that is said to be in the best interest of dependent children.

In an age where children can divorce their parents, where a mother can be incarcerated and made to receive prenatal care even though it is against her religious beliefs, courts are interceding on the behalf of children more and more. But, the question of whether the court has the right to make such a decision must be asked.

In England, a case was brought to a panel of three judges, which was set to decide whether or not a set of conjoined twins should be separated. It was brought to court due to the parents' refusal to choose between their daughters.

You see, the girls are attached at the base of the spine and share an aorta and a bladder. If they are separated, one will instantly die. The other will need massive reconstructive surgery, but doctors are certain that she would survive.

Doctors are also sure that if the twins were allowed to remain attached, they both would die. Baby B, who would be the twin to die if they were to be separated, has already suffered heart and lung failure and is functioning with only a primitive brain. In fact, if it were not for her twin, she would already have died.

The parents of the twins have adamantly refused to consider separating the babies. They say that the decision of whether the babies live or die should be left in God's hands.

The deeper question concerns the right of the government to make a decision without the parents' consent.

This case is an argument for both the quality and quantity of life. Despite doctors' assurances that Baby A will survive if separated from her sister, there are no guarantees that something will not go wrong during the operation, or that complications during reconstructive surgery will not occur.

There are no guarantees, also, that the twins could not survive if they remain connected. There are many cases of conjoined twins throughout the world where the twins have defied medical opinion, surviving years past their life expectancy.

So, there are simply no guarantees that there would be any benefit in separating the sisters. There are those who argue that the quality of the sisters' lives will be better were they allowed to remain joined.

But, the question that needs to be addressed above all others is simply the right of a court to remove the decision from the twins' parents and make the decision itself.

Regardless of the right of the court to make that decision, it has, and the verdict is to separate the sisters. Baby B has in fact been sentenced to die, while her sister has been granted a reprieve, a chance to live without having to physically support the life of her sister.

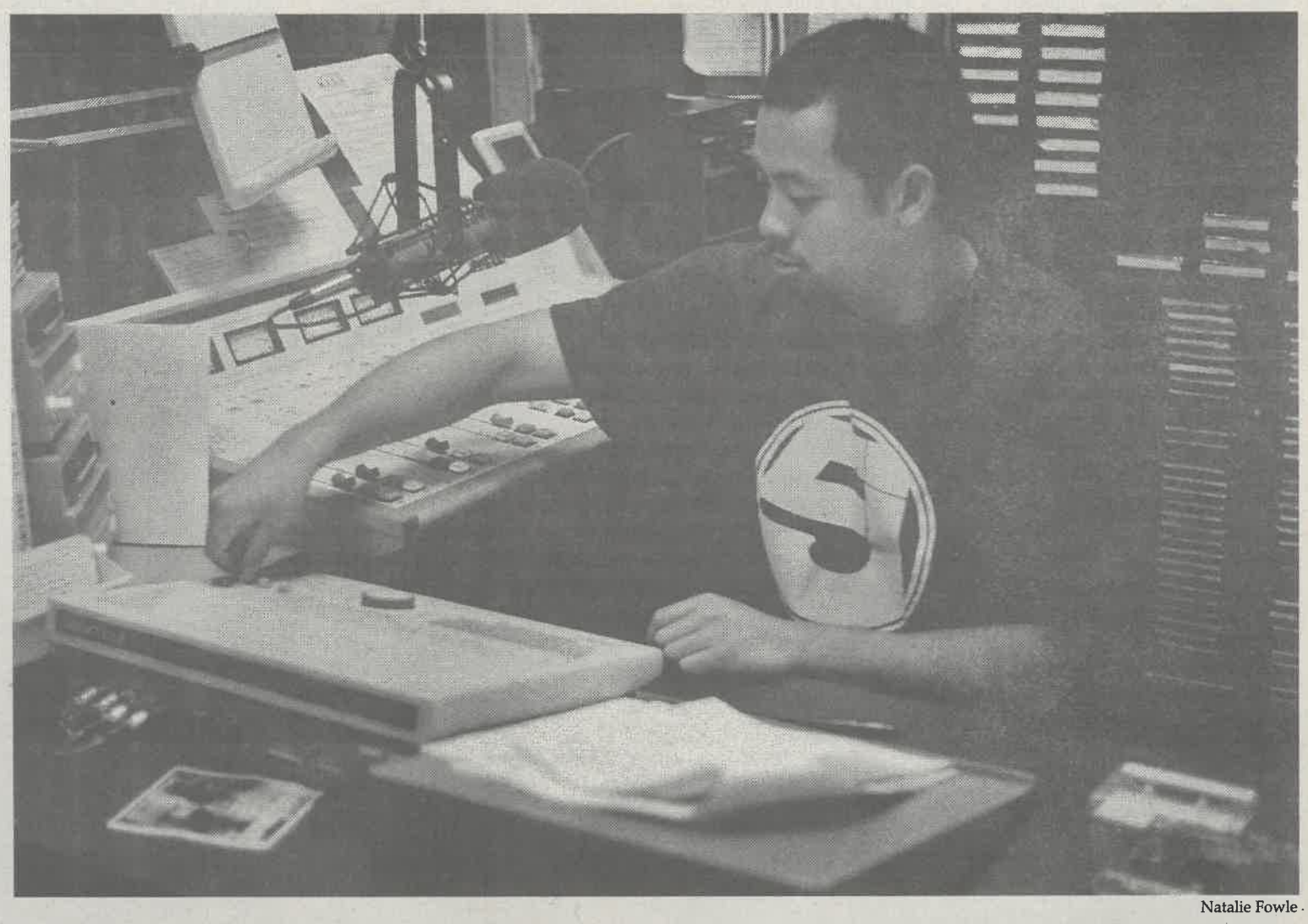
How can the government justify taking the decision from the parents? What right does a court have to make such a monumental decision that will forever change the lives of the twins and the parents? Who meant for the judicial system to become so powerful and omnipotent to make this life and death decision about someone who never committed a crime?

The bottom line is this: the court has no ties to these girls. The parents have obvious ties. Should they be vilified for having strong religious convictions? The court was not involved in the creation of the twins, nor was it involved in bringing the girls into this world. So why is it being allowed to decide how they will permanently leave it?

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KULV reserves alternative format

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Staff Writer



Natalie Fowle

When listeners phone in to KULV, their conversations are usually recorded and edited to fit the music format or time frame allotted to the disc jockey. KULV's Production Director Dan Le can now use the new Short Cut 360 editing system as a faster way to broadcast callers. Students that are in pursuit of a career in radio can gain more experience by using this device.

Amongst the intolerable levels of white noise being blasted through speakers that lack the wattage to compensate for the Student Center's poor acoustics, KULV broadcasts its signal to a diversified student body.

However, the students seem to have little, if any effect on KULV's programming.

While an entire sub-culture and independent music scene's survival relies heavily upon the support it receives from college radio stations, the University of La Verne's KULV radio station opts for a more mainstream and corporate rock-oriented format.

The independent music scene has always contained various genres including emo/indie rock, punk/hardcore, hip-hop/R&B and electronica.

Granted, airplay from college radio stations such as the Claremont College's KSPC and the University of California at Irvine's KUCI, allowed for the independent and underground music scene to thrive. Many radio stations including KSPC and KUCI offer a variety of show formats in a block schedule to cater to the diversity of the college.

For years, many college radio stations have not only served as a catalyst to expose people to various cultures and lifestyles, but also served as a means to demonstrate the diversity of the respective college.

ULV, who prides itself on the diversity of the campus, does little to offer diverse radio programming for the students.

"The format is definitely unfair. Due to the fact that this is a diverse school, music should be diverse as well," Jelani Kimble, senior communications major and KULV DJ said. "They should change the format to top 40 of everything. More than one genre of music."

With the single modern/alternative rock format, station manager Michael Laponis says that the broadcast department is better preparing students for a career in radio. Very seldom are stations found that offer a block schedule.

"Format has nothing to do with getting jobs, it's the fact we operate the station on a professional level," said Laponis.

While Laponis says the main purpose of KULV is to serve as a lab to offer broadcast majors experience in the fundamentals of how a radio station works, students such as Kimble believe the station should still provide enough programming diversity for the entire campus population.

This includes offering radio airplay for unsigned and independent artists.

"The independent music scene has always offered new and original sounding bands and performers," sophomore Jon Falabrino said. "It offers more intelligent music."

Independent music as it is, entails not only the musical aspects behind the performers, but also brings strong communal ties to the radio stations and the artists they promote.

Performers including emo/indie rock band Sunny Day Real Estate and hip hop artists such as Jurassic Five, built up their strong followings with the support and attention college radio stations offered.With KULV's current format, these artists would not be granted any airplay.

"Independent artists already have a hard enough time getting radio airplay from bigger radio stations, college radio should be a way for them to get exposure," Kimble said.

By offering a variety of radio shows, students are able to hear a wider range of music on a single station and experience new styles of music, said Falabrino.

According to Program Director Michelle Bocanegra, KULV's play lists are a direct reflection of weekly retail sales, Radio and Records magazine, College Media Journal, and other radio stations play lists.

While Laponis said he believes college radio should serve the student body, he also believes that offering a variety of shows or block scheduling would inhibit the broadcasting department's ability to prepare students for careers outside of college.

"We have a radio and broadcast curriculum, [the] reason is for people to use this as a lab for experience," Laponis said.

Although ULV's current format offers little diversity in genres of music, it does however offer a variety of shows including local news, sports, and public affairs shows.

While the broadcast department and KULV offer a strong curriculum that prepares students for future careers in radio, it does however lack the diversity that the University mission statement takes so much pride in.

With limited bandwidth, KULV The Rock, broadcasts its static signal to a Student Center filled with people too diverse to be pleased with a single format.

Meningitis awareness necessary for residents

Kelly Serrano
Staff Writer

Living in college dorm rooms can be the most exciting experience of a young adult's life. Roommates, parties, sororities, fraternities and meningitis?

Yes, meningitis has become an all-too-common part of college dorm life, and should be a common concern amongst all of those living in a dorm.

Meningitis is a viral or bacterial infection that causes swelling of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord.

Of the two, viral meningitis is more common and usually less severe than bacterial.

Bacterial meningitis, also known as meningococcal meningitis, is rare, but can be life threatening. The disease has a higher risk of brain damage, severe amputations and problems with the nervous system. In 10 percent of meningitis cases death can occur within 24 to 48 hours.

Symptoms of meningitis are difficult to recognize because they are similar to the common cold. They include vomiting, nausea, a stiff neck, low fever, fatigue and sensitivity to light.

Everyone is at risk for either type of meningitis, but according to the American Medical Association, those most at risk are those with immune deficiency, people with damaged or removed spleens, children under the age of five, elderly people and young adults between the ages of 15 to 24.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the number of meningitis cases has almost doubled among young adults ages 15 to 24 from 1991 to 1996.

Bacterial meningitis is highly contagious and can be spread through direct contact of oral secretions such as kissing, sneezing, coughing or sharing eating utensils. College students are at greater risk for bacterial meningitis because of the close contact they have in classes, and those that live in the dorms are at even greater risk because of their close living arrangements.

The American College Health Association (ACHA) recognizes that college students are at a greater risk and recommends that students consider a meningitis vaccination to protect themselves from the disease.

According to Maureen Pray at the University of La Verne Health Center, there has never been an outbreak of meningitis on campus. While there is no formal education program on meningitis for incoming students and residents, Julie Thurman Francisco, director of housing and residential life believes there is "an awareness" amongst students.

James Hicks, junior and resident of The Oaks resident hall was not aware of the seriousness of meningitis and believes that "anything can be easily transmitted in such tight quarters."

Senior Oaks resident Maria Muñoz, does not believe that any of her friends really know what meningitis is.

Isabel Nguyen, senior program assistant in Stu-Han Residential halls had never even heard of the word meningitis before. She asked many students sitting at tables in the Spot if they knew what meningitis is, until one told her the incorrect answer.

"Maybe I should put on a program about this disease in the dorms," she said. "It sounds very scary, and I think students should be informed about it."

While meningitis can be life threatening, if it is caught early it can be curable in most cases. Meningitis vaccines can potentially prevent this disease from spreading. Vaccines usually cost from $60 to $65 and can be administered by a physician.

Students can visit the Health Center located on the corner of E and Second streets for meningitis disease and vaccination information or call ext. 4254.

Debate team positive on new year

Nathan Baca
Staff Writer

With a stern and solemn face, senior Stefan Chacón approaches the podium from where he is to deliver his argument. He and debate teammate senior Sean Krispinsky, have prepared their speaking points for the past 15 minutes, but Chacón still feels somewhat apprehensive at getting up to speak, delaying for a few precious moments to discuss some last minute additions to his speech.

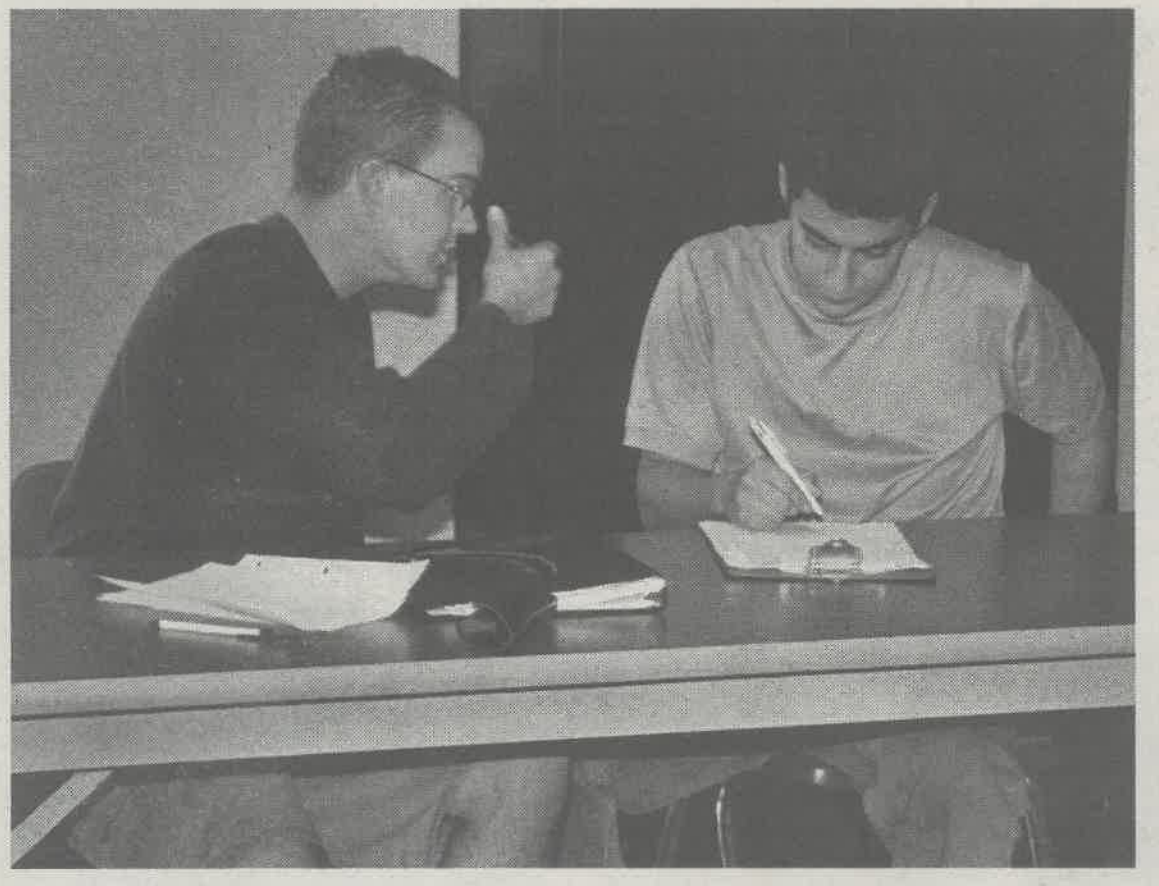
As Chacón rises from his seat, he has every reason to be confident of success. The University of La Verne debate team, fresh from its showing at last year's World Debate Championship in Sydney, Australia, has survived to the last round of Friday's Claremont Invitational Round Robin Tournament.

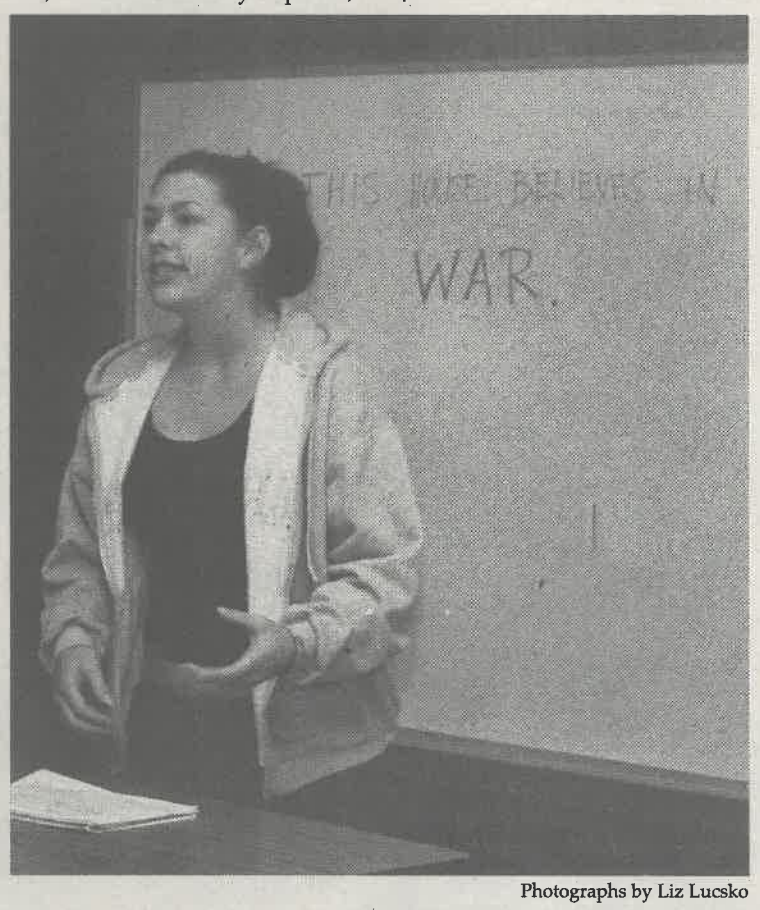
Yet Chacón also has every reason to be worried of defeat. La Verne is facing off against some of the best debate teams from the Western states and in a debating style that ULV is not used to. This time, La Verne is debating against the University of Wyoming, a team that has gone undefeated throughout the day.

Anchored firmly at the podium, Chacón finally speaks, beginning his argument for the government side of the debate with the motion, "This house resolves to let oil prices rise."

With that said, Chacón lays down the points for his argument. While he proposes a 10 percent cut in OPEC oil produc-

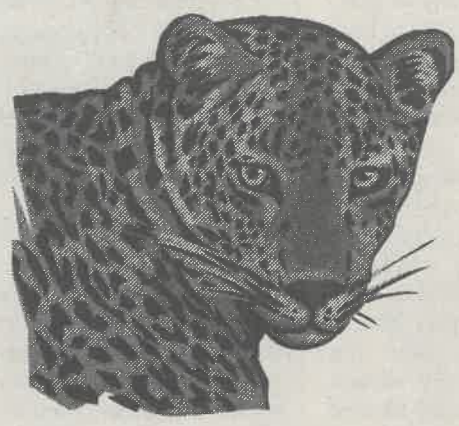
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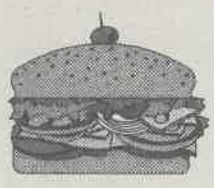


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In a debate team scrimmage, seniors Sean Krispinsky and Stefan Chacón plan a strategy against the opposition. Junior Chastity Archer, a member of the University of La Verne debate team, argues on the resolution "This house believes in war." This practice parliamentary debate held Oct. 3 will prepare the team for its upcoming tournaments. Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. in the AAIC room 101A.



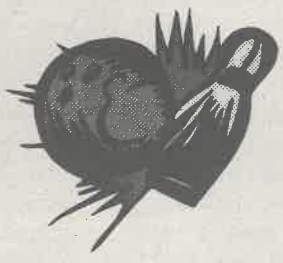
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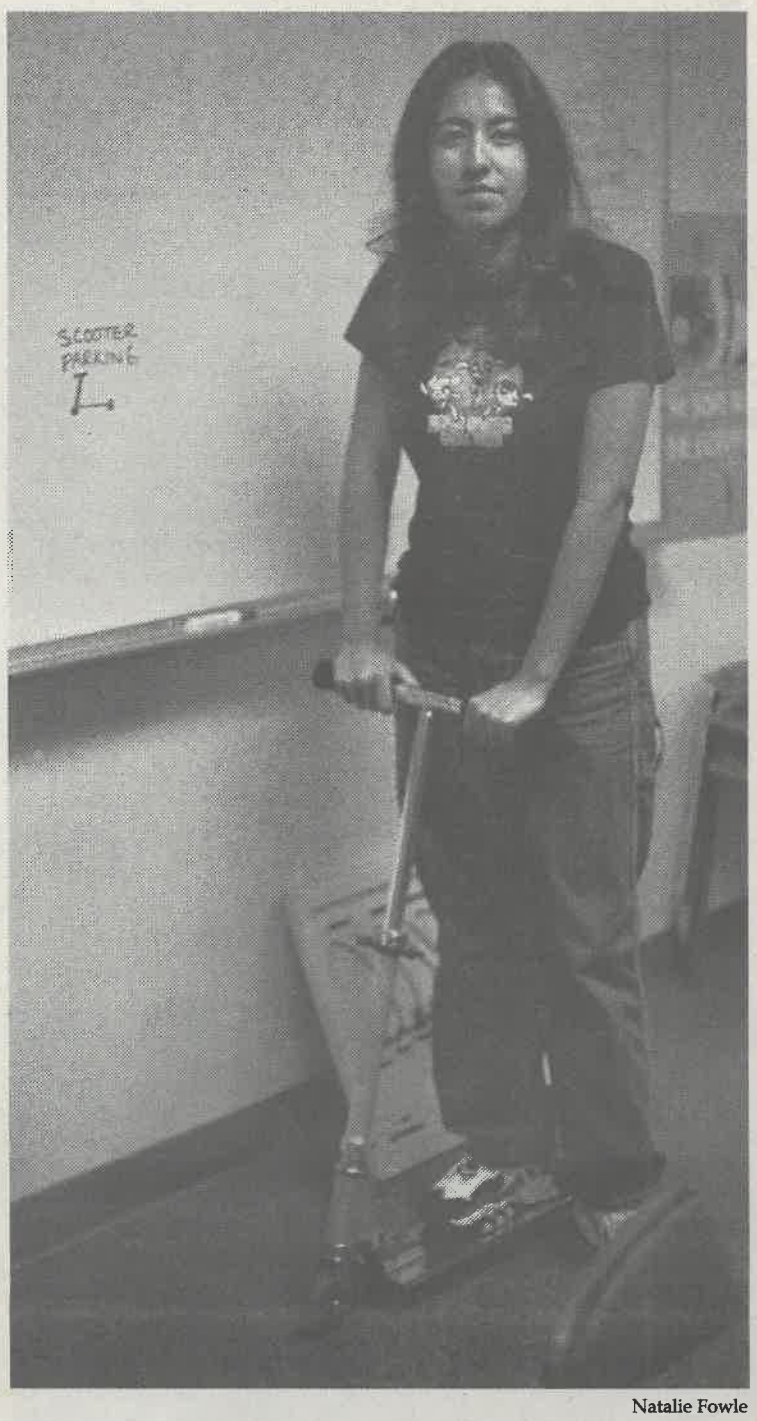
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Scooters become campus transport



Natalie Fowle

Scooters are now the new trend of transportation and can run from $49 to $119. Senior Michelle Bocanegra, who utilizes her scooter to get around campus, was able to purchase her scooter for $35.

Akilah Nyerere
Staff Writer

The skateboard has been replaced by an updated version of a classic. Until recently, children made their own scooters by adding a handle to their skateboards.

But now, manufacturers are using technology to make them one of the largest selling products on the market today. The popularity of the scooter has increased, making it one of the most widely used forms of transportation. Kids of all ages are now using scooters to get around.

Scooters have become widely used by college students. College students are using scooters for recreation as well as transportation. Many use scooters to shuttle to and from their classes. Others use them just for fun.

"I'm not good at riding skateboards, so I think a scooter is safer for me," said senior Michelle Bocanegra.

A diverse group of people are now turning to scooters for their convenience, the University of La Verne students being a part of that group that is continually growing across the nation.

Sophomore Steven Lau bought a scooter "because everyone owns one." Lau was also convinced to buy a scooter because of the convenience having a scooter on campus brought. "You get to class quicker and you don't have to walk," Lau said.

More ULV students are now taking advantage of the handiness of scooters to get around the campus. Students also opt for scooters instead of cars because they are friendly to both the environment and the wallet. Many students have found scooters to be more cost efficient than other modes of transportation.

> 'I'm not good at riding skateboards, so I think a scooter is safer for me.'
> *—Michelle Bocanegra, senior*

Scooters also make parking easier to deal with.

"If I had to park far," continued Bocanegra, "it's not so bad because I have my scooter."

Since there has been an increase in on-campus use of scooters, John Lentz, director of public safety and transportation, is urging those who use them to be careful.

"We urge the students to use caution around congested areas and sidewalks," he said.

The department will soon be drafting a proposal to restrict the use of scooters, emphasizing the importance of not using them in hallways.

Because of its increasing popularity, many companies have begun to market scooters on television and on the Internet. One internet site, **www.1st RazorScooter.com**, claims to sell only authentic Razor scooters at a fair price. On the web site, the company claims that its goal is to "identify and distribute practical and consumer friendly mobility vehicles." Authentic Razor scooters vary in price, starting at about $99. There are other brands of scooters that can be found for less money, but it is said that they are of lesser quality.

Other popular sites to find Razor scooters, as well as Zappy, Citybug, Just Go, and Vapor Brand scooters and accessories are **www.Scooterline.com, www.Kickscooters.com and www.ScooterBiz.com.**

Debate team...

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tion to spur clean energy research, the pens of the opposition team write at a furious pace to form the points that will become the spearhead of Wyoming's counterattack.

After Chacón sits down after his seven minute argument, UW opposition leader James Worthen rises with the same solemn look, thinking of his arguments so quickly that his spoken words will have a difficult time catching up.

The cycle of point and counterpoint continues for a half-hour until a judge is satisfied that a winner can be decided.

This is the world of collegiate debating; a world filled with the same quick decisions, discipline, practice and innate ability as required by athletes. These athletes of the mind train and compete for the high goal of confronting the world's best debaters at the annual "World's" championships amongst teams from over 30 countries.

Director of Forensics Ian Lising is aware of the challenges he faces.

"The pressure's really on us this year to get to World's again," said Lising.

Like last year, Lising and his team possess proven talent to reach December's World Tournament is Glasgow, Scotland. Despite the graduation of former teammate Justin Jones Rodriguez, Sydney veteran Krispinsky has begun to form a winning debating partnership with current teammate Chacón.

"To have a good team, you need to know how your partner works. If you do, then just like in a physical game, you can get 'in the zone.' When you're in the zone, it's pure fluidity," said Krispinsky.

That fluidity is expressed in the close friendships that these debaters have in the debate House and in the houses of others.

If one would ask the debate team members of what the key to their success is, they would point to Lising. When Lising was asked, he shook it off and with a smile said, "They told you all lies. They're the ones that took this debate team where it is now."

Both students and coach quickly agree that it was the efforts of ULV professor Robert Rivera that taught the small school how to "play with the big boys."

Lising states that his goal in coaching speech forensics is "not to make a great debater, but to make a great person. Debate teaches them to look at their world and become an agent of

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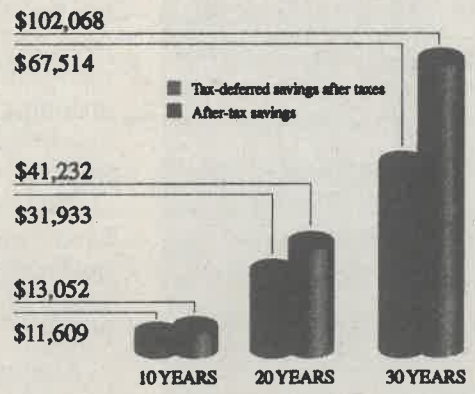
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Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

Performing Arts

•David Flaten will be directing "Oleanna," staring Obren Milanovic and Yolanda Galaz-Rodriguez. They will be performing in the Daily Theatre Cabaret on Oct. 12-14. Curtain opens at 7:30 p.m.

•Third Planet Media Recording artists Big Brother and the Blues Busters will be showcasing their unique style of music. They will be in Santa Ana on Sunday, Oct. 15. They will also perform in Pomona on Saturday, Nov. 4, with a reappearance on Saturday, Dec. 2.

•Foot 'N Fiddle Square Dance Club will be offering beginning square dancing on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The lessons will cost $3 per person each week. For more information, contact Scott Forsyth, club president at (909) 624-8202.

In theaters today

•Ben Stiller stars as a young suitor who tries to impress his girl friend's father, played by Robert DeNiro, and runs into disaster along the way, in "Meet the Parents."

•Director Spike Lee comes off his last popular movie "The Original Kings of Comedy" to bring "Bamboozled," a satire of the television industry. It stars Damon Waynes, Jada Pinkett-Smith, Tommy Davidson and dancer Savion Glover.

Concerts

•Tickets are now on sale for Limp Bizkit with Fred Durst, Eminem, Papa Roach and X Zibit. The concert will be Nov. 21 at the Arrowhead Pond in Anaheim.

—Akilah Nyerere

Face to Face shows one Way to meet music

by Brice Nixon
photography by Jason Cooper

The Glass House in Pomona picked up where it left off after last Monday's performance by Bad Religion when another punk band, Face to Face, packed the cozy venue last Thursday.

Sum 41, a Canadian punk band from Ajax, Ontario, opened for Face to Face, which completed the scheduled dates for its Reactionary U.S. 2000 Tour, with the show at the Glass House being the second to last. Sum 41 played to a half-full venue, although the crowd that was there was energized by the time the band finished its set. Sum 41 played several songs off its just-released album, "Half Hour of Power."

Florida-based band New Found Glory was next. They had played a show at the Glass House a week before and their popularity had spread to the West Coast, as many in the crowd sang along with lead vocalist Jordan Pundik.

By the time Saves the Day came on, the crowd was packed in and was pressed against the barriers in front of the stage. Saves the Day, from New Jersey, played a less hardcore style than the rest of the bands, but provided a fitting completion to the warm-up for headliners Face to Face.

Once lead vocalist and guitarist Trevor Keith and the rest of the band appeared, the energy level in the crowd rose instantly and remained for the hour and a half set. Face to Face opened with many of its older songs, including several off its 1992 debut album, "Don't Turn Away."

"They're a really good band," said Lizzie Perez, 18, a freshman at UC Irvine. "They totally know what the crowd wants."

After getting heads bobbing and the crowd surfing with songs like "You've Done Nothing," the band broke into its most well-known piece, "Disconnected."

Once they did, the crowd's energy level reached its peak. "Disconnected" is a staple in the rotation of KROQ and it has appeared on two of the band's albums.

But the band was touring in support of its recently released album, "Reactionary." "Reactionary" is the band's seventh album.

Face to Face used the internet in choosing the tracks for its latest album. The band put 15 songs on its website for fans to listen to. Fans then voted for their favorite songs and the top 12 were put on "Reactionary."

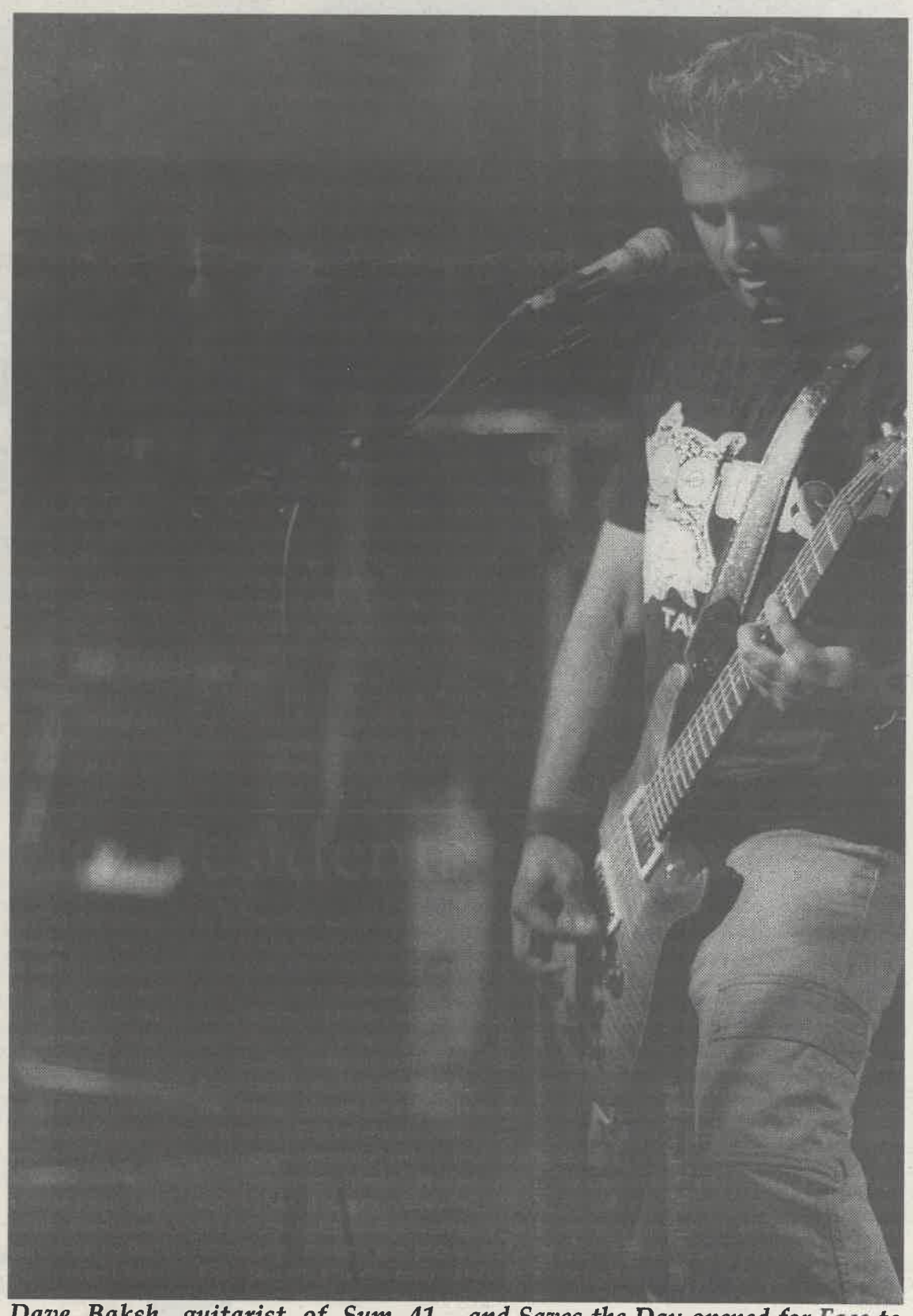
Near the end of its set, Face to Face played the first single off the album, "Disappointment." The song has been played often on KROQ and held the top spot in the radio station's "Furious Five at Nine," the five top-requested songs each day.

"It's one of the best shows I've ever been to," said Perez. "They played their old school stuff. The crowd was tight."

Perez and her two friends proclaimed themselves as huge Face to Face fans.

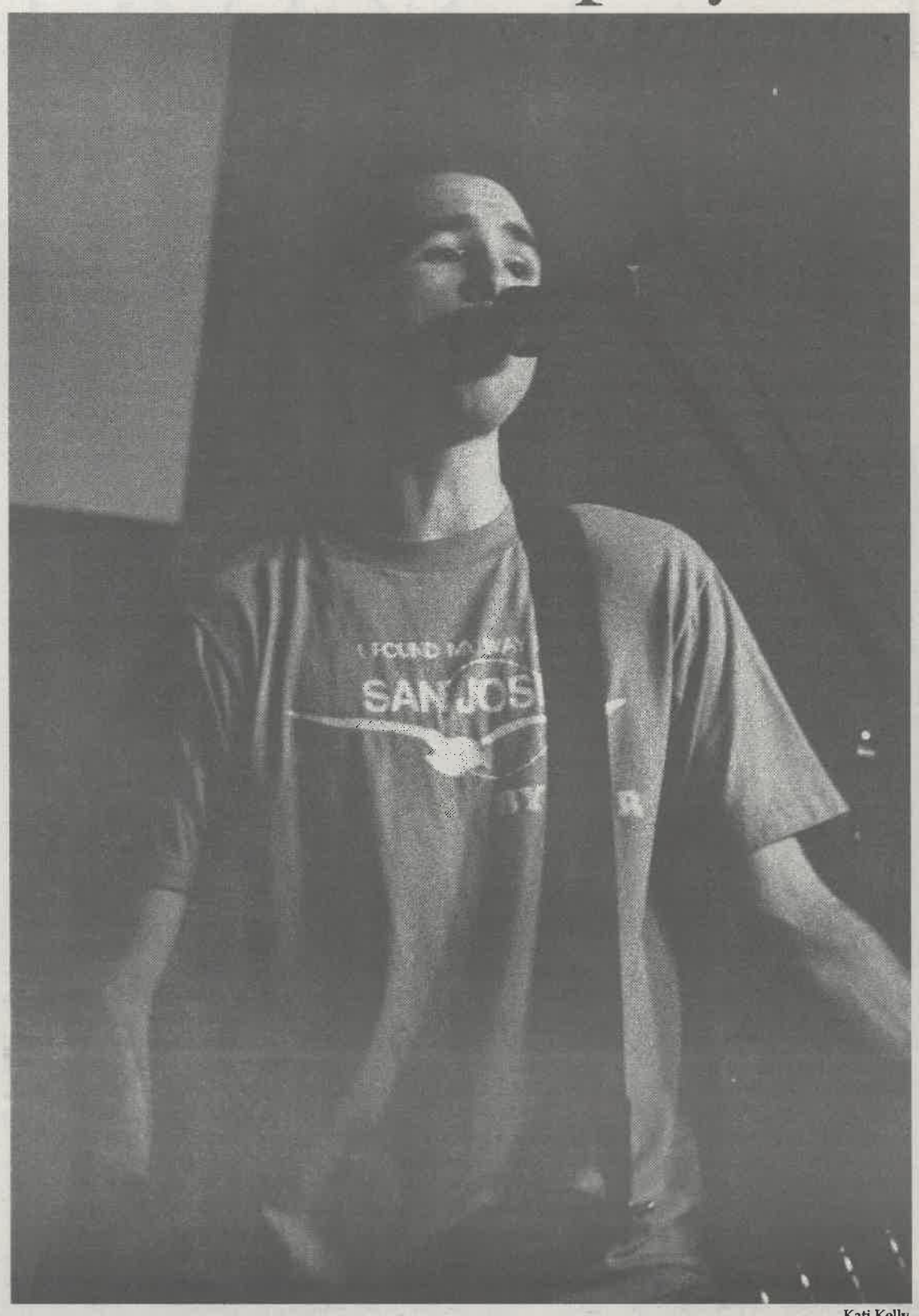
"We saw them at the House of Blues three nights in a row because we totally dig them," said Celest Siordia, 18, a freshman at Whittier College.

A few songs into the performance, Keith spoke to the crowd. He said he was an Inland Valley guy, like many in the audience and Keith also said he was thrilled to be playing in front of a sell-out crowd not far from where he grew up. The band played to four straight sold-out shows in southern California, including three at the House of Blues.



Dave Baksh, guitarist of Sum 41, played as the crowd listened attentively and reacted ecstatically to the band's alternative punk rock stylings. Sum 41 along with New Found Glory and Saves the Day opened for Face to Face on Sept. 28 at the Glass House Theater in Pomona. Being the opening band is often the hardest spot to be in for a concert.

Local bands play for musical joy



Kati Kelly

Nick Maxwell, lead singer of Misc. X, vocalized his thoughts at the second annual Good Show, a Christian influenced punk show, held Saturday night at the Glendora FourSquare.

Maxwell and fellow band members, (not shown) Pete Newlobe and E Himberc sweat it out under an array of colored lights and the watchful eyes of dozens of teenagers.

Julia Carachure
Assistant Managing Editor

People of all ages gathered around to hear local bands playing at the Glendora Foursquare Church in Glendora. The four bands that played were Frank Scares Me, Miscellaneous X, Custom Deluxe and Seventen.

The first band to perform was Frank Scares Me, which consisted of lead singer Tim Villegas, drummer Eddie Mosqueda with Matt Hogan and Chris Nuccio on guitar. While they were energized, their music was extremely loud and there were times when one could not hear their lyrics unless they were really close to the stage. However, audience members were mesmerized by their music as lead singer Villegas played away at his guitar and sang at the same time.

> '[Our music] sends a message of love, peace and joy.'
> *—Nephro Trejo, Seventen vocalist*

Villegas feels that as a band, they cause people "to think about beliefs through our music, [we] give it a Christian perspective." Other places in which they have performed include Orange County, Pasadena and of course Glendora.

After Frank Scares Me performed, out came the group Miscellaneous X, which had Pete Newlobe on guitar, E Himberc on drums and Nick Maxwell on lead and guitar. It was evident that they were riled up for the audience as the lights dimmed and they began performing. Their music can be described as the heavy metal kind heard on rock stations like KROQ 106.7.

Audience members were constantly clapping as they performed and more people gathered to hear their songs. At one point, the band asked the audience to come closer to the stage. Some of the audience members even formed a mosh pit in the middle of the room, prompting everyone that was not involved in the mosh pit to lean against the wall. By the end of their performance, drummer Himberc tossed one of his drumsticks out to the audience.

"It rocks! All the bands are awesome!" audience member Samantha Muhlig said. Muhlig was the one that caught the drumstick tossed out by Himberc.

Lead singer Maxwell says that his band "stands for positive rock and to bring people joy." Some of the places that Miscellaneous X has performed include Rancho Cucamonga, Pasadena, San Pedro, La Verne and several other locations in Southern California.

The next band to come up to the stage was Custom Deluxe, which included Ryan White on guitar, John Blanchard on drums and Stephen Hampton on lead and guitar. One could definitely see that they were extremely energized moving all over the stage by jumping around. Their music was very fast paced and their music sounded similar to the band Foo Fighters.

Custom Deluxe has performed out of state in Washington and Oregon as well as California. The band, which comes from the desert, said that they sing about Jesus Christ through their songs.

Finally, the band Seventen came up on stage. Seventen consisted of nine members, which had Jerry Rivard, Jay Trejo and Peter "Moc" Mocabee on saxophone, Andrew Dilwicius on bass guitar, Karen Thompson on trombone, Kent Fletcher on drums, Matt Alder and Daniel Namahoe on guitar and Nephro Trejo on lead vocals and guitar.

Their music was a mixture of punk, salsa, ska, rock and swing, which made the audience get wild. Audience members were jumping up and down, others started to dance, also known as "skanking," to the beat of the music and a mosh pit was created once again in the middle of the room. Some people even pulled others to either dance with them or join the mosh pit.

At one point, they also started singing Spanish rock and when they finished, the audience begged them to sing just one more song before they left. Trejo said that their music sends a "message of peace, love and joy."

Other places that they have performed have ranged from the Glass House in Pomona to playing at skate demos. The band even has a website, which is **www.seventen.net**.

Several of the bands have formed what they call an "alliance," and try to help each other out.

"It's good," said Nick Psomos in regards to the evening's performances.

The Glendora Foursquare Church is located at 821 E. Alosta St. in Glendora.

History of the chill and thrill seeker

•Museum gives horror evolution

Kelly Serrano
Staff Writer

Since its invention in 1932 the television has sparked emotions of love, hate and anger through its powerful shows, series and specials. One of the emotions most commonly sought after through the television medium is that of fear.

The horror genre has been an important part of television for over five decades. Over the years, shows have played on audiences' anxieties and their greatest fears. These shows have the power to make viewers scream, send chills through their bodies, make them scared of the dark and give them nightmares at night.

In celebration of the horror genre, The Museum of Television and Radio presents "Monster in the Box: Horror on Television," a series that examines horror on television since it began.

The series is broken down into individual packages that will run through Dec. 10. Each package explores a different aspect of horror programming over the years. These packages are presented in John H. Mitchell Theater at the Museum of Television and Radio located at 465 N. Beverly Drive in Beverly Hills. The museum is open Wednesday to Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and Thursday evenings until 9 p.m. Admission is free and [the following packages screening times] start at 1 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

"Boris Karloff," Oct. 4-15, highlights the work of Karloff (born William Henry Pratt) through "Route 66," "Lizard's Leg and Owlet's Wing," and thriller, "The Incredible Doktor Markesan."

"Die Laughing," Oct. 18-29, illustrates how horror and humor have been cleverly mixed through the years. This is shown through episodes of series such as "The Munsters," "The Addams Family," "South Park," and "The Simpsons."

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"Teen Terror," Nov. 1-12, explores the recent popularity of occult subjects in youth-oriented entertainment with episodes from "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and the documentary film "Curse of the Blair Witch Project."

"Dark Fables," Nov. 15-26, looks into the tradition of campfire stories in which there is always an unexpected twist ending and peculiar irony. Specials such as Rod Serling's "Night Gallery:" "The Caterpillar;" Outer Limits: "William and Mary;" Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "Man From the South;" and The Twilight Zone: "The Hitch-Hiker;" help to portray this narrative tradition.

"Dangerous Investigations," from Nov. 29 to Dec. 10, concentrates on the dark side of human nature through episodes of "Kolchak: The Night Stalker" and "The X-Files."

The Museum of Television and Radio offers many interesting exhibits through out the year that may be especially fascinating to communication major students, or anyone with a love for entertainment.

Additional late night screenings will also be held. "KISS Meets the Phantom of the Park" on Oct. 28 at 9 p.m. and "The Night Stalker" on Dec. 8 at 10 p.m. More information can be found at **www.mtr.org**.

Leopards' streak increases NCAA rank

•Women's squad ousts SCIAC foes

Stacey Mleczko
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In a continued undefeated streak, the University of La Verne women's volleyball team defended its home territory Friday. The Leopards, No. 11 in Division III, barely broke a sweat in their 15-0, 15-1, 16-14 win over visiting Pitzer-Pitzer.

Both head coach Don Flora and junior middle blocker Adriana Contreras said the first two games were easier than an average practice.

"We smoked them the first two games," said Flora.

ULV gained six points before Pitzer resorted to calling its first time out. A second time out was called after the score reached 12-0.

Sophomore middle blocker Stacey Lupu and senior outside hitter Amy Brummel had key service games during the first game. Both players had a gain of six points each aiding in their team's victory.

Flora said, "I think we're starting to click in our offense. What I call our offensive rhythm is a lot better than the last few matches."

In Game 2, Pitzer called a time out to try and challenge the 7-0 score but the Leopards gained 11 points before the Sagehens answered with one to end the game 15-1.

Game 3 began slowly for La Verne. The Sagehens had deciphered ULV's strategy after an audience participation effort between games two and three. Flora said he thought the serving contest by the spectators had an effect on the women's performance.

"Volleyball is about team chemistry and when you bring in a different chemistry it takes time. When you are on a roll, you want to keep going," said Flora.

La Verne called its first time out and battled against the 9-0 deficit that Pitzer set. At 10-10, Flora was issued a yellow card after trying to dispute when he deemed a controversial call by the referee.

After numerous sideouts and points exchanged, Pitzer's coach received a yellow card right before the final kill of the match.

La Verne closed out the match with a 16-14 victory.

Tuesday night, the Leopards played the biggest match of the year against defending SCIAC champion Cal Lutheran. The Regals had previously tied an old SCIAC record set by ULV from 1987-90 of winning 26 consecutive conference matches.

Flora said he was preparing the women for a tough match.

"La Verne is looking to focus on ball control in serve receive and defense," he said.

Playing Cal Lu confirmed a higher level of play. The Regals swept the first game 15-11.

The Leopards retaliated with a close victory in game two, winning 15-13. Brummel, one of La Verne's outside hitters had a great game. She had a total of 20 kills, 36 total attempts, and 50 percent hitting accuracy with only two errors.

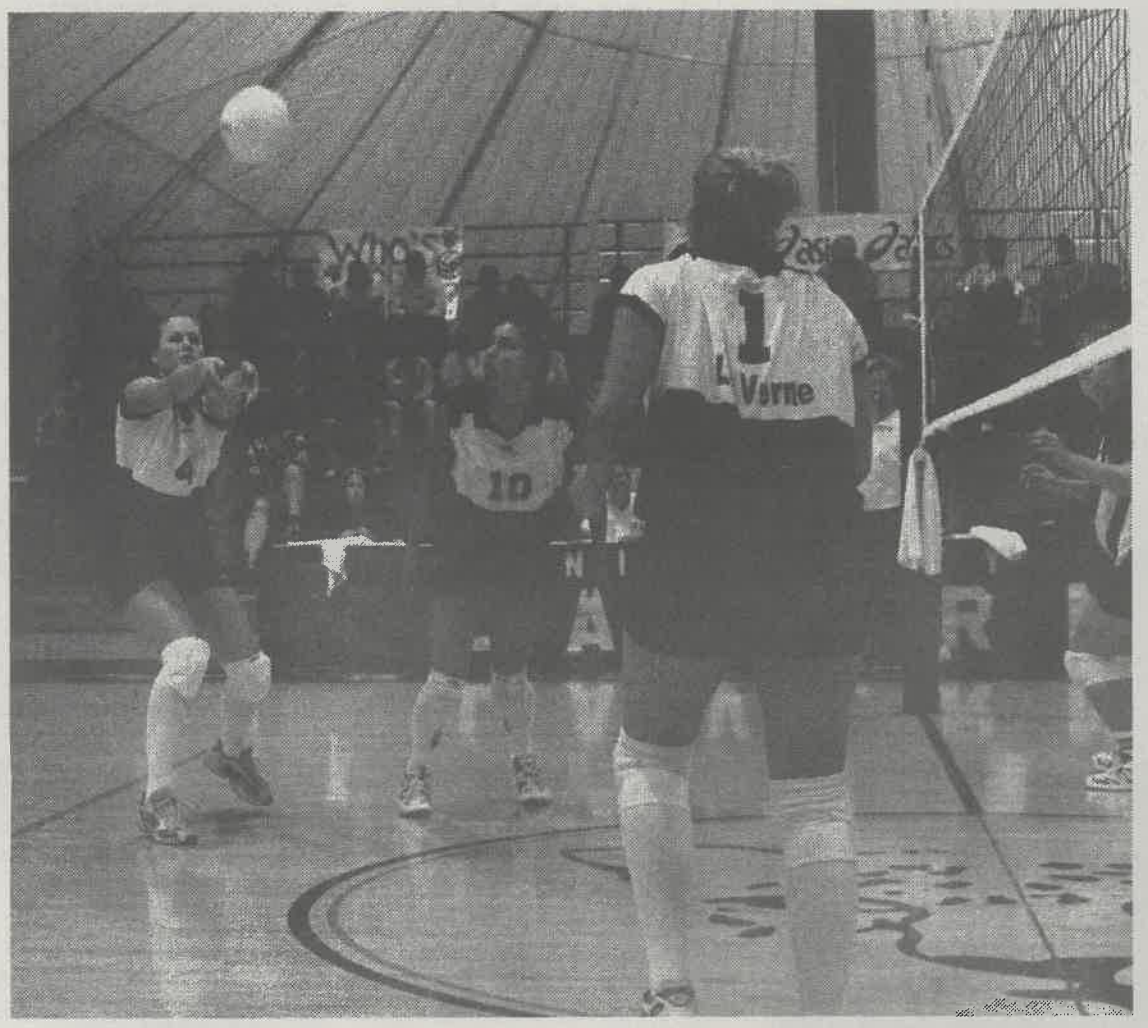
ULV continued its dominating play, winning the next two games 15-6 and 15-5. Completing the fourth game presented the ULV women with a victory.

"Beating Cal Lu opens the door for us at regionals and makes a statement," said Contreras.

Contreras enjoyed the win over Cal Lu, as it was an opportunity to face former La Verne player Pamela Hunnicutt.

In the latest NCAA West Regional rankings ULV is second leaving the Regals in the fourth position.

The Leopards travel to the University of Redlands Bulldogs tonight and will then play host to Penn State Behrend tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Supertents.



Denisse Villalba

Senior outside hitter Amy Brummel (#4) bumps the ball to senior setter Ryan Winn (#1) for a set to outside hitter Adrianna Contreras (#10) on Leopards' territory as ULV demolished Pomona-Pitzer last Friday, 15-0, 15-1 and 16-14.

'Volleyball is about team chemistry and when you bring in a different chemistry it takes time. When you are on a roll, you want to keep going.'
—Don Flora, head women's volleyball coach

Debate team...

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change by empowering them to do it."

Lising added, "It's [debate] just a venue for that change. It's not the end all be all."

One strength of the debate team is that it has drawn in students from every walk of campus life. "I wanted to be able to challenge myself in a public arena," said senior computer science major Nikkia Williams. She added, "In my major, a person has to know how to sell their skill; debate teaches me how to express myself."

Sophomore criminology major Andrew Kim began to attend debate team practice meetings this year. "What they [the debate team] do here is really exciting. They know what they're talking about and they know how to express it. I'm really getting into this."

That Friday night in Claremont, almost a half-hour after Chacón and Krispinsky had finished their debate, the ruling from the judge was passed along the corridors of Bauer Hall. The University of Wyoming team had defeated La Verne, ending the tournament for the Leopards.

Despite the whispered comments between the ULV team members that the judges were not used to the World Championships format and because of that, those judges think of the ULV team as brash when they compete in that style, Chacón and Krispinsky were still satisfied.

"We analyze more in loss. We learn 10 times more when we do lose a round," said Krispinsky.

Chacón remarked, "This was a good debate."

That said, Krispinsky added, "Let's give everyone a hug."

Chacón nodded his head in agreement and the two debaters completed rounds of their own, finding anybody they could and hugging them. They hugged their teammates in appreciation of the team effort displayed that night.

They hugged their coach in appreciation of the height of excellence he had brought them to by example. Lastly, they hugged passersby, because despite that night's outcome, they still had a lot of fun.

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—Sean Krispinsky, senior

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Cross country team excels at tourney

•Division I runners test Leopards

Angelique B. D'Silva
Staff Writer

With the University of La Verne's cross country team going into the Bronco Pre National Invitational only expecting to gain some practice on Saturday, runners, fans and Leopards coach Pat Widolff were content to leave with much more.

Rogelio Garcia and Sergio Rojas improved in their times. Garcia's time in the invitational was 35 minutes, 57 seconds, and Rojas' time was 36:58. These two individuals where competing against Division I schools and through their efforts and endurance have superseded tough competition.

For the cross country team, Widolff said he is saving his best runner, Lucas Neubauer for the conference meet on Oct. 28.

The women's team ranked 14th place overall in the competition. At the meet Widolff said junior Leti Arroyo was their best runner. Arroyo placed 65th with a time of 26:08 . Overall the women had an exceptional performance. Gianina Lomedico placed 72 nd with 26:47, Stephanie Pedrosa placed 78th with 27:03, Licet Lopez placed 92nd with 28:14 and Trisha Garcia placed 100th with 30:00.

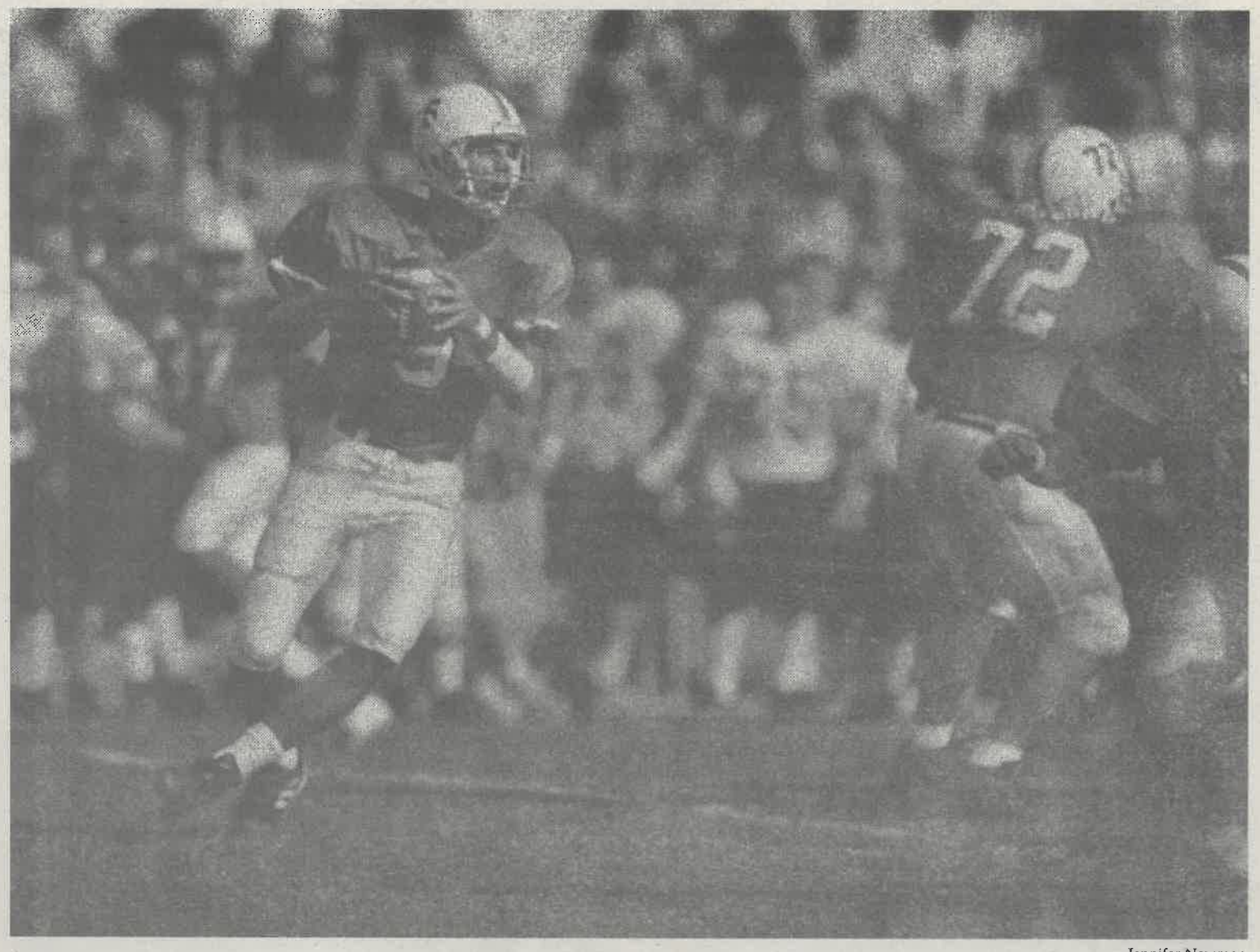
Arroyo said that "overall as a team we did a good job."

Widolff said that as of right now their competition will be Claremont and Occidental. There next meet will be on Oct. 7 in La Mirada.

Football sinks into Pitz of despair

•Leopards lose SCIAC bout

Editor in Chief
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Jennifer Newman

Saturday's football game ended a 10-year winning streak of the Leopards over the Occidental Tigers when Occidental won 21-10. The last time the Tigers defeated La Verne was in 1990 with a score of 38-27. Quarterback Jeremy Mears (#6) gets protected by Shaun Hannan (#72) and James Torrance (#9). The Leopards face Pomona-Pitzer in a nonconference game today.

A sub-par performance by the University of La Verne football team allowed Occidental College to upset the Leopards 21-10 Saturday at Ortmayer Stadium, a loss not taken lightly by La Verne head coach Don Morel.

"It's an embarrassment," said Morel. "In fact, this is the biggest embarrassment since I've been at La Verne. Since 1991 we've never had a loss like this, where we just stunk."

Clutching a three-point lead midway through the fourth quarter, ULV's offensive struggles came back to bite it as the Tigers scored two touchdowns to shock the favored Leopards, who lost for the second time in three games.

La Verne led 10-7 when junior Mario Franklin fumbled a punt return and the Tigers recovered at the Leopards 27 with just under nine minutes remaining. Occidental quarterback Jesus Zuniga hit wideout Rhone Rarick with a 25-yard pass to give the Tigers possession at the 1. Running back Kamron Jones then ran it in to give Occidental the lead, 14-10.

La Verne was forced to punt on its next possession, and punter Randy McGillivry pinned the Tigers at their 10-yard line. But his effort was wasted when Occidental running back Derrel Furutani broke free for 44 yards. After Zuniga found Mario Thompson for a 35-yard pass, Occidental had first down at the Leopards 18. Furutani ran it in for a 21-10 Occidental lead with 4:40 to play, leaving the Leopards with little chance.

La Verne junior quarterback Jeremy Mears was intercepted on La Verne's next possession, effectively eliminating any chance of a comeback. But the Leopards' defense gave them one more shot when they forced Occidental's offense to punt.

La Verne took over at their own 10 with 2:04 left in the game. An intentional grounding penalty left the Leopards at their own 1 and two incompletions followed. Occidental took over and ran out the clock.

Morel was not inclined to give the Tigers all the credit, instead pointing his team's shortcomings.

"It had nothing to do with Occidental at all," he said. "It just had to do with us. We were not ready to play. We didn't execute. If anybody could have made one play today we would've won the game. And we didn't. We just stunk. From beginning to end we stunk, and it's embarrassing.

"I don't think we can ever have a loss this bad again, in terms of playing a team that we're better [than]. We were better than Occidental and they beat us."

La Verne totaled only 97 yards of offense. Mears and junior Aaron Becker both attempted 15 passes. Mears was 3-of-15 for 3 yards with two interceptions. Becker's numbers were only slightly better. He was 8-of-15 for 62 yards and one touchdown. Morel said the coaching staff would look at the game tape and "start to make a determination" on who will be quarterback.

"We knew they wanted to throw the ball, and we were looking to defend the pass all game," said Occidental head coach Dave Widolff.

ULV's running game also had little success. The Leopards rushing attack gained 32 yards. Junior James Torrence ran nine times for 30 yards.

"If the receivers don't run the right routes, and the running backs don't run hard, and we bust assignments on defense, and we are bad on special teams, you're going to lose," said Morel. "And we did it all today. So that is the anatomy of an upset loss."

La Verne's defense turned in a solid effort, led by junior linebacker Ryan Gustafson. His game-high 10 tackles, including five for a loss, helped the Leopards hold Occidental to 64 yards rushing and only seven points through three and a half quarters. Zuniga completed 16 of 31 passes for 205 yards and was sacked three times.

"I just hope this loss doesn't tear up the team," said junior fullback Falone Serna. "I am embarrassed. I think the whole team is, but I hope it will make us stronger and we can bounce back. We have the potential to go [7-2]. We're way better than Oxy. We just played flat today and made mistakes that gave it to them."

The Leopards host Pomona-Pitzer at 1 p.m. tomorrow with "dramatic changes," said Morel after Saturday's game.

"It'll be interesting to see how do we rebound," said Morel. "That'll be the real test. We've got three really tough teams in a row, and if we play like today, we'll lose every week 72-0."

Morel said Becker will be the starting quarterback tomorrow.

However, offensive lineman Shawn Bettencourt, the third offensive lineman with a knee injury this year, is out for the season.

"We're facing a very good Pomona football team tomor-

'We need to come out excited to play football. Pomona is one of the better teams we're going to face. In the last four years they've lost four games. We were the only team to beat them last year.'

—Don Morel, head coach on Saturday's game against Pomona-Pitzer

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—Falone Serna, junior, on the loss to Occidental

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Women's soccer plucks Sagehens

Christian Lopez
Staff Writer

Coming back from an upsetting loss to Cal Lutheran, the University of La Verne women's soccer team played host Wednesday evening to a 2-1 victory over Pomona Pitzer.

The Leopards entered the game in a must-win situation in order to stay in the running for a Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title.

"We can't loose another game if we want to have a chance," said coach Wendy Zwissler.

Getting off to a slow start, the Leopards did not get on the scoreboard until the second half. Katie Zwissler had the first of the team's two scores with an assist from Adriana Ramirez. La Verne's 1-0 lead would not last as Pomona tied the game with a goal from Lauren Salvail.

The Sagehens attempt to keep up with La Verne proved to be brief, and Erica Borbon headed one into the net with the assist coming from a corner kick from Rachel Lieberman. La Verne's strong finish helped the team keep their hopes alive in their run for the conference title.

Playing reigning conference champs Cal Lutheran last Friday was perhaps the Leopards best chance to show opponents they had what it takes to be on top.

The Regals have held the SCIAC crown the last nine years in a row and look to do it again this year with a perfect 5-0 record in conference play.

"Our team set a goal to beat Cal Lutheran this year," said senior captain Katie Zwissler.

The Leopards were startled by Cal Lutheran 17 seconds into the game as Lauren Huckleberry dribbled by defenders to score the only goal of the game; it was enough to give the Regals the 1-0 victory over La Verne.

Although Cal Lutheran captured the win, the Leopards came out of the game with their heads up after a hard-fought effort. The team played tough, stingy defense to a Regal offense that has outscored their opponents 22-0 in the last four games. The Leopards also outshot the Regals 17-14.

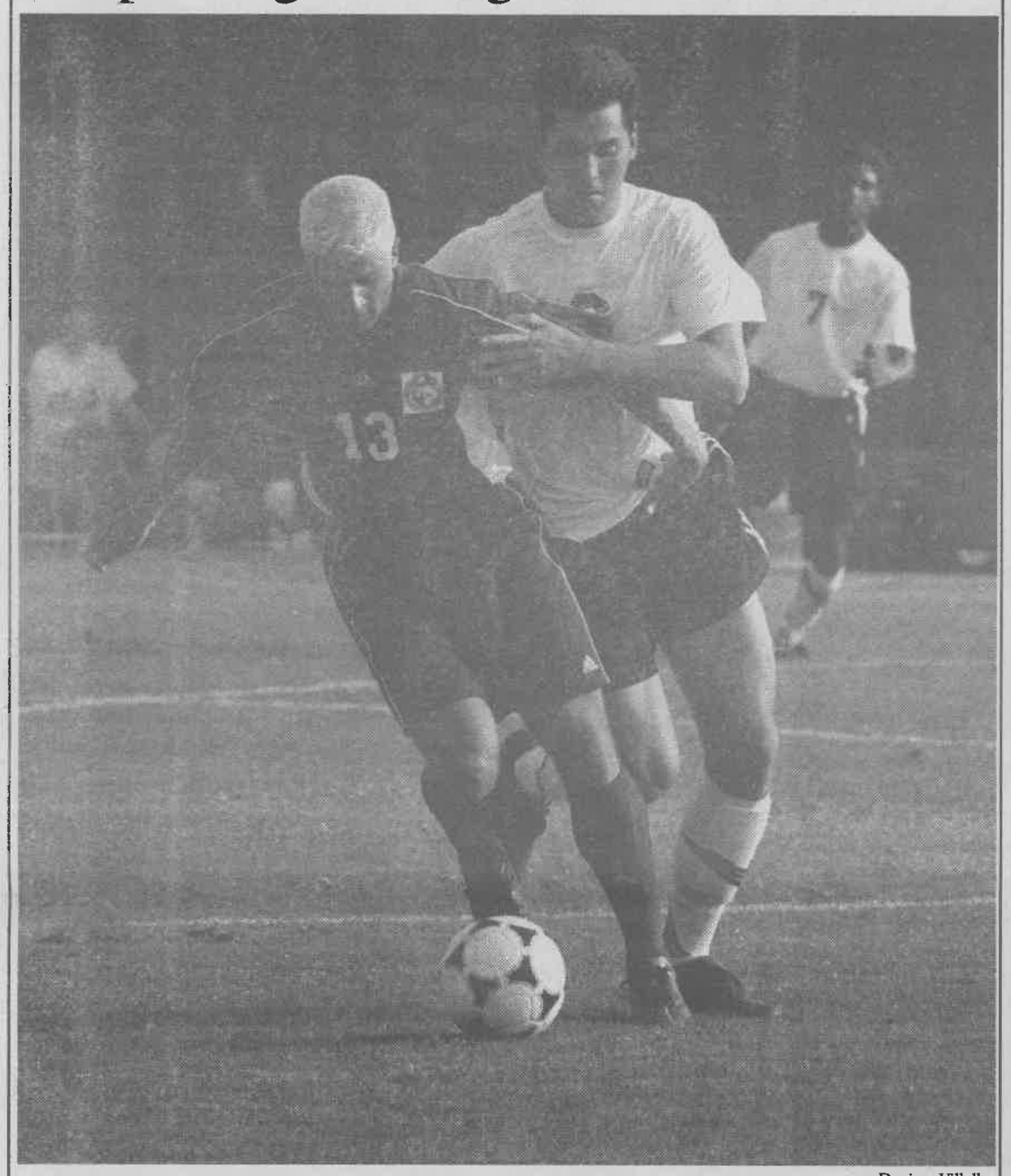
"Cal Lutheran was lucky," said Zwissler, "We had a hard time finishing our shots."

La Verne will have another opportunity to face Cal Lutheran when the two teams meet for a rematch on Oct. 24.

The team's next match will be tomorrow at Occidental College at 11 a.m.

'Cal Lutheran was lucky. "We had a hard time finishing our shots.'
—Katie Zwissler, senior captain

Leopards give Kingsmen close call



Denisse Villalba

Wednesday, Sept. 27, was Redlands day to shine on the soccer field as they defeated La Verne 10-0. Lance Pico fights to gain control of the ball from Todd Echan of Redlands as Adrian Gomez looks on. The Leopards went on to play Cal Lutheran University on Saturday. With the Kingsmen seated No. 1 in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, a 1-0 defeat was a clear improvement for ULV after the Redlands romp. The men's team then traveled to Pomona Pitzer College where the Leopards were defeated 3-0. With a 1-5 SCIAC record, the Leopards play host to Occidental College tomorrow at 11 a.m., as the team completes the first round of conference competition.

Marriott ...

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workers whose quality of work and attendance record were satisfactory. The bonus is expected to be around 50 cents on the hour. Marotta points out that all but one of the employees at La Verne will be receiving this bonus.

Marotta disputes the complaints made by employees about workload as well. He points out that workload is established using national benchmarks. The square footage requirements are then decided after examining each individual campus.

Another improvement made by Marriott is the change of the status of employees. A number of Marriott workers were seven hour employees. They have subsequently been made eight hour employees.

Marriott is also committed to continuing to pay time-and-a-half for any hours worked over an eight hour shift, as well as continuing the 3.5 percent pay increase annually.

"We will continue to monitor the issues of the employees," said Marotta. "We'll try to draw that out."

Even with the promises made by Marotta, the Coalition is still concerned with the treatment of the Marriott workers.

"We've spent time in a room with a lot of these women and we found them to be very credible women," said Prieto-Bayard. "It's difficult for those of us that were involved in these discussions to discount that credibility that we, that I , hear in their stories, their pain, their sense of exploitation."

Rojas remains committed to assisting the Marriott employees as much as he is able. He has asked that the Coalition for Diversity act as a support for those employees who wish to raise issues of treatment. He has said that he will not "let up" on this issue and remains dedicated to continuing his fight for the Marriott employees at La Verne.

Leopard Scoreboard

At the buzzer...

Volleyball

ULV	**11, 15, 15, 15**
Cal Lutheran	15, 13, 6, 5

Men's Soccer

ULV	**0**
Pomona-Pitzer	3

Women's Soccer

Pomona-Pitzer	1
ULV	**2**

Water polo

Air Force	9
ULV	**11**

Schedule

Today
Women's Volleyball @ Redlands, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Football vs. Pomona-Pitzer, 1 p.m.
Women's Volleyball @ Redlands, 7:30 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Occidental, 11 a.m.
Women's Soccer @ Occidental, 11 a.m.

Monday
Women's Volleyball vs. Penn State Behrend, 7 p.m.
Women's Soccer @ Chapman, 7 p.m.

Tuesday
Women's Volleyball @ Whittier, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Men's Soccer vs. Whittier, 4 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Whittier, 7 p.m.
Water Polo @ Loyola Marymount, 4 p.m.

Did You Know?

Kenny Clements earned honorable mention SCIAC athlete of the week, after scoring four goals in the win over the nationally-ranked Air Force water polo team.

Ryan Winn earned an honorable mention SCIAC athlete of the week for her performance in the volleyball victories over Caltech and Pomona-Pitzer.