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Bush Or Gore? Only Florida knows

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With the results of Tuesday's election still in doubt, many Leopards are wondering who the next President of the United States will be. Both the states of Florida and Oregon have vote counts that are too close to call .

Yesterday's recount of Florida's votes has revealed that Bush still leads Gore by 362 votes in 64 counties out of 67. However, the Florida recount has yet to reveal the winner of Florida's pivotal 25 electoral votes. There are several elections deciding scenarios that remain possible until the 43rd president is inaugurated on Jan. 20 in Washington, D.C.

Absentee ballots mailed in from overseas are due to arrive in Florida within the next eight days. Most of these ballots are from military personnel station on overseas bases and ships. The remaining portion of the incoming ballots are from American citizens living overseas. The majority of these expatriates currently live in Israel. No reliable figures are available to indicate how many ballots were sent on time or toward which candidate they might favor.

Both the Democratic Party and private citizens might file lawsuits within days to contest various voter irregularities. Approximately 19,000 votes in South Palm Beach County, Florida were disqualified when they were found to have two holes punched out for the presidential ballot choice. Thousands of Florida residents are complaining that the "unique and illegal" layout of the ballot led them to accidentally vote for Reform Party candidate Patrick Buchanan instead of Democratic candidate Al Gore. An emergency hearing will soon be held in the Florida State Court to decide whether to call for a reelection in that single county. If the margin of popular votes in Florida remains close, a reelection in South Palm Beach could decide the national election.

Other alleged voter irregularities have surfaced in Florida. A locked election box was discovered in a church day care center in Palm Beach but had no ballots inside. Statistical irregularities have been reported in another Florida county where Socialist Worker's Party candidate James Harris received half of his national vote (9,100 votes).

If George W. Bush is certified as the winner of Florida's electoral votes, that does not mean he will necessarily receive them when the Electoral College convenes on Dec. 18. The majority of states, including Florida, do not require the electors to vote how their state directs them.

With Gore winning the national popular vote (at press time) with 48,993,390 votes to 48,806,041, some electors might decide to cross party lines and vote for the Democratic candidate.

The new House of Representatives may have no choice but to declare one of the candidates as "acting president" until any foreseeable court cases are decided. If the Florida judges declare the election results invalid, then the acting president may have to cede the White House to the other candidate. This is regarded as the nightmare scenario and could likely result in a "Constitutional crisis."

While it is not certain whether the next administration will be decided in days, or in the next five weeks, it is more certain that there will be a renewed call for an end to the current Electoral College system.

Campus Comment

Election 2000: What do you think?



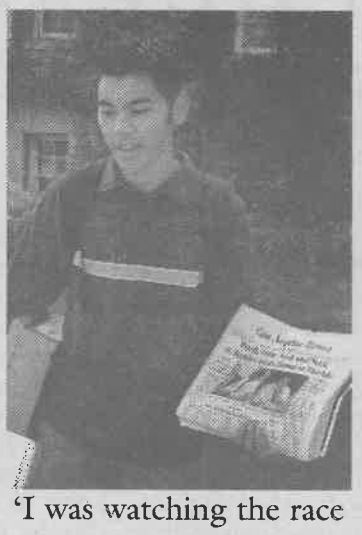
'It's interesting to see how my children are being affected by this. They're very into it; they were all watching the election. I think the proposition that passed about treating inmates with rehabilitation for drugs instead of putting them in jail is great.'

—Alicia Atkinson, senior psychology major



'I can't believe that it came down to one state. I can't believe that Florida has that much power right now. Finding out this morning that there's a recount gives me some hope that some kind of change will result. The whole thing has been nuts, like with them not letting Nader, or anyone else for that matter, participate in the presidential debate. It's just been totally nuts and I can't wait until it's over. I voted Nader because I voted on principle and I don't have any regrets in the way I voted.'

—Jennifer Contreras, sophomore journalism major



'I was watching the race from 7 until midnight trying to figure out who was going to win and the discrepancy in Florida was a really big mistake for them saying Gore won first, then taking it back to do a recount. I think the biggest mistake on the part of the networks was calling the polls early just to get a story. I think Gore's going to win.'

—Frank Tolentino, junior television broadcast major



'I feel the closeness of the election is great because it will stimulate people to go out and vote. When people say "My vote doesn't count, my vote doesn't matter," if this doesn't tell you that it does then something's wrong with you. One vote does count. Right now 2,000 votes is all that's separating them. 2,000 votes for the next four years– that's a big deal.'

—James Breitling, junior political science major



'This is my first year voting and I think it's really exciting how it's so close. I voted for Gore and I'm hoping that some of Hillary's ideas rubbed off on him because I really liked her viewpoints on education. I was really against the school vouchers because my mom works for a school and I know how much money it will take away from the schools. Private schools don't have to accept anybody, they accept who they want.'

—Isaura Alarcon, senior sociology major

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Search for academic VP continues

Tom Galaraga
Staff Writer

With Bill Cook stepping down from the position of academic vice president this past July, the University of La Verne is left searching for a replacement.

Cook, who is now part of the English and literature department, returned to the classroom and is currently on sabattical.

"Last year, Bill decided to return to the faculty after a number of years and significant accomplishments as vice president for academic affairs," Jean Bjerke, vice president of University Relations said. "It is not all unusual for a dean or vice president to serve a number of years in an administrative position, and then decided to return to faculty."

Acting as temporary provost is Robert Neher, who will step down as provost as soon as the selection committee has selected a suitable replacement. Neher is a professor of biology.

The selection committee, which was selected from various faculty members, was chosen by President Stephen Morgan in order to best represent the interests of the University.

"There is one large committee, about 27 administrators and faculty that are in charge of the process," said Ray Garubo, professor of public administration, "These people represent all segments of the University and is chaired by President Morgan himself."

Morgan has also employed the executive firm Morgan Samuels Company to aid in the search for the new provost.

The job of this outside firm is to screen applicants from a national level for the specific criteria and qualifications that the University requires. The firm has also placed advertisements in publications such as the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and other publications, which according to Garubo, feature minority professionals.

Alberto M. Pimentel of Morgan Samuels Company will serve as the outside consultant that will represent the firm and its efforts to find a replacement.

After screening applicants, resumes will be sent to the selection committee for further review.

After narrowing the applicants down, interviews are to be conducted and ultimately a new provost is to be chosen.

However, according to Philip Hawkey, executive vice president, the final decision is left up to Morgan.

The new academic vice president and provost will serve as the chief academic officer of the University, and will be equal in rank to the executive vice president.

"For our students this is a very important job," said Garubo. "The provost hears all student appeals on matters pertaining to academic issues that come from the respective deans of the schools."

The future provost and academic vice president will also have the responsibility of working with the deans of the University in order to develop a consolidated academic budget that will reflect the priorities and strategic plans of the University.

Further responsibilities will also include the planning and implementation of academic programs, and also to serve as adviser to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

"The provost and myself work with the president and two other vice presidents; vice president of University Relations which is development, fundraising and relationships with supporters of the University, and the vice president of enrollment management," said Hawkey.

Garubo reported that Pimentel believes that the committee will be ready to begin interviews after Jan. 1, and will have the position filled by the end of the academic year.

In order to meet the education criteria for the position, applicants must have earned a doctorate from an accredited institution, and must also be eligible to receive the rank of full professor at the University.

Further criteria include an understanding of the legal environment of higher education, and also require experience with human resource management. A strong commitment to the mission of the University is also part of the criteria.

Hawkey anticipates that there will be no problems or conflicts during the transition from temporary provost and academic vice president to that of a full-time faculty member.

With Neher currently filling the position, Hawkey believes that it is Neher's "integrity and willing[ness] to make decisions," that will allow for the transition process to proceed without any problems.

"The student body will not notice any cosmetic effects but will certainly appreciate the person for whom all academic matters are decided," said Garubo.

With Neher temporarily filling the position of provost and academic vice president, Hawkey anticipates that students will not experience negative effects as a result of the transition period.

Meeting focuses on ULV's strengths

Jazmine Ponce
Managing Editor

On Wednesday the first Town meeting of the school year was held. President Stephen Morgan delivered his state of the university address where the main focus of the meeting was on the accomplishments and individuality of the University.

President Morgan began his speech by declaring that "we have a great deal at La Verne to be proud of." Morgan explained some of the high points of the University including that on June 30 the university ended its 14 year of operating in the black, last year there were record fundraisers which resulted for the first time in history crossing 10 million dollar mark and there has been record enrollment.

There were two major pieces of information that were considered good news. The first findings were done by John Husing, a well known economist of the Inland Empire who did a report for ULV. The university asked him to do a report on the city of Ontario in terms of whether it is a wise idea for the University to move more programs like the Law school to Ontario. Morgan said "He has his finger on the pulse, he really knows what's happening in terms of demographics, economics, business development and education."

George Orr, interim dean of school of business and global studies, delivered an executive summary of John Husing's presentation to the board of trustee last Sat.. The report says that the Inland Empire has grown rapidly and will continue to grow rapidly for the next 20 years. In the next 20 years it is estimated it will grow between 1.8 million or 2 million people making it one of the fastest growing areas in the United States.

The other good news was the results of Jean Bjerke campaign to show that the university is no longer a well kept secret. A summary of her presentation to the Board of Trustees was also given. Part of the campaign was for the University to engage the Rose Institute, a research organization at the Claremont McKenna college to do a study asking "What do people out there really think of the University of La Verne?". The public opinion survey resulted in asking people several questions about La Verne and having it be compared to other universities. They put together nine universities in random order and asked them to point out which school they were familiar with.

The results had ULV right under Cal Poly Pomona and University of California Riverside where nearly 60 percent were familiar with ULV. Those familiar with the universities were then asked on a scale of low to very high what was their impression of the schools academic quality. ULV had 67 percent that register it has either high or very high in accordance to academic prestige. ULV was only behind the Claremont graduate school and Cal Poly Pomona.

Morgan commented on the need for space for La Verne to move forward.

"All of these things have come together to bring us to a cross roads and I think what really precipitated that crossroads the most is that we have maxed out in terms of space on this campus. In La Verne the question comes to us should we continue to grow as an institution? We are now over 8,000 students, in the late 1960s we had fewer than a 1,000 students so in those 30 years we seen a lot growth at the University of La Verne," said Morgan.

Morgan went on to discuss the possibility of expanding the campus of La Verne. He said the university is looking at several possible locations in La Verne. One location that has been in talks with is the Brown property, 20 acres of undeveloped land south of Arrow Highway where the negotiations are going well. They are also working with the Metropolitan Water District where there are over 80 acres of undeveloped land south of Arrow Highway near the Brown property. Morgan also said if the water district does not need the land for development it is possible that they might make it available to the University of La Verne. The other option is the city of Ontario.

Morgan ended the meeting by commenting on the variety of opportunities and options that come to the University.

"I don't believe I have ever seen so much opportunity for the University of La Verne, I don't believe I have ever seen a time when we could look at those opportunities with as much strength as we have now. I can't think of a brighter time in the history of the university then we have right now and I think we have an opportunity to open doors for the future development of this institution for 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years. I think it is a unique opportunity that doesn't come very often and we are taking it very seriously," said Morgan.

Extravaganza to be held at Sheraton Suites

Julia Carachure
Assistant Managing Editor

The Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum will be holding its annual Winter Extravaganza formal on Dec. 2 from 6:30 p.m to 1 a.m. at the Sheraton Suites Fairplex in Pomona.

In the past, the formal has been held on campus. Last year, it was held at the Sheraton and it will be held there again this year. Another thing is that ASF also has a close relationship with the Sheraton and it is because of that close relationship that ASF has managed to lower the ticket prices for students, faculty and staff. Tickets for the Winter Extravaganza last year were $15 for students, $20 for faculty and staff. This year, tickets are $10 for students and faculty.

Along with the new ticket price, there are also three methods of buying tickets this year. The first way to purchase tickets is through the mail by check or money order. Checks need to be made out to University of La Verne-ASF.

Students can also purchase them for $10 from any ASF member until tickets last or until Nov. 22. Finally, students may purchase them at the ASF table located at the Seal between Nov. 13-17 for $15. "It's an easier attempt to sell the tickets, people in ASF, we all have conflicting times so we can't really sit at the table for the whole day and sell tickets that way plus students are always in class and the only time that we get them are during passing and people don't really don't have time to do that so we figured it would be the less time consuming and most beneficial that way students when they get home, they can fill it out the form, send in check or money order to the ASF box and we can just send them their tickets two weeks in advance," Frank Tolentino, Winter Extravaganza chairman, said.

As for the event itself, the doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. and it will last for an hour and a half. Seating is on a first come first serve basis. At about 8:00 p.m, Tolentino will welcome everyone. Then ASF president Mario Guerrero and President Steve Morgan will also speak that evening. The dance will take place from 9:00 p.m. from 1 a.m. Tickets will not be sold at the door and their names will be on the guest list.

The dinner will feature the following for their menu: prime rib, turkey, six different salads, a choice of either potatoes or rice, rolls, different kinds cakes, fresh fruit and more. An open bar will also be set up. Students that are underage that are caught drinking will be escorted out automatically. A photographer will also be at the Winter Extravaganza.

For more information, contact ASF at ext.4677.

ASF Minutes

The University of La Verne's Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum met at 9:05 a.m. in the West Dining Room. The Forum discuseed plans for the Commuter Carnival and preparations of Winter Extravaganza.

Resolutions

- The Forum chose to allocate $6,500 for the purchase of coin machines.
- The amount of $150 was allocated to purchase tickets for the volleyball playoffs today to give out to students for free.
- The Forum voted out member Justin Assael for missing four meetings.
- Deborah Burris-Kitchen was chosen as the new ASF adviser, replacing Christina Ayala-Alcantar, who left the Forum last semester.
- Elections will be held on the Nov. 29 meeting for the following positions: freshman representative, two commissioners, two senators, public relations and freshmen representative. Applications will need to be turned in by Nov. 21.

—Julia Carachure

La Verne welcomes new director

Audrey Griffith
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne welcomes a fresh face to the campus. Alexis Scott, the new Director of Cross Cultural Affairs, works to address and promote diversity among students, faculty and staff.

Scott is originally from Oakland. She studied at San Jose State University and received her degree in English in 1994. Scott went on to graduate school at Clark Atlanta University. There she worked as a residence director for three years. Scott was given a residence director job at UC Riverside, which she held for one year.

"My mom had a stroke and it forced me to resign as residence director. I moved back to Oakland to be with her," said Scott.

Scott went back to San Jose State University and received her second master's degree in Higher Education. She received a part-time job at Santa Clara University as program manager at the Multicultural Center. Both Santa Clara University and the University of La Verne were awarded grants by the Irvine Foundation. At that time ULV was looking for a full-time director of Cross Cultural Affairs.

"I was looking for a full time job. Both schools were awarded these grants. La Verne seemed to be the right path to follow," said Scott.

"At ULV, I am in charge of the cultural programs to promote diversity. Our main focus is to reach out toward the students, and then branch out to faculty and the local community," said Scott. Scott also plans to receive her doctorate in education at ULV next year.

The purpose of the Multicultural Center is to promote the First Generation program, the Brothers' Forum, and the Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) program.

"A student who is the first to go to college in their family has the opportunity here at ULV to apply for first generation scholarships. Those who did not receive a scholarship are still encouraged to come to the first generation events and programs," said Scott.

The Brothers' Forum is a support group on campus.

"It is a mentor program especially for the young black men on campus. The student and their mentor, who is either a faculty or staff member at ULV, meet two times a month to discuss problems that are common to only black men," said Scott. These men also plan events on their own outside of campus. The AVID program is geared toward middle and high school students, public and private, to prepare them for college.

Scott said, "Our focus is on students who are not high achievers. We want to push them to excel."

Aside from her job at the Multicultural Center, Alexis Scott is also the campus advisor for Delta Sigma Theta, an organization currently in search for its own chapter at ULV.

"There are only three girls and we need 12 to be recognized," said Scott. Delta Sigma Theta is a historically black sorority. "It is pretty ironic. I was part of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority in college. Our rival was Delta Sigma Theta. Now I am their advisor," said Scott.

Scott now resides in West Covina. "I want to work with students. I'd rather work one on one with the students instead of being a top administrator or a president. I cannot see myself not working with kids," said Scott.

Schiller resigns, takes position at CSUF

Audrey Griffith
Staff Writer

With pre-registration underway, one could not only help but notice that the familiar face of Barbara Schiller is no longer seen. As of Oct. 23, Schiller resigned her position as director of academic advising.

After two years with the University of La Verne, Schiller decided to take a position in enrollment at Cal State Fullerton.

At ULV, Schiller was in charge of coordinating all advising assignments.

Adeline Cardeñas-Clague, dean of academic support and retention services, stated, "Barbara just received her doctorate in educational leadership. Her new position at Cal State Fullerton is a better opportunity for her. She will be more interested in her new job."

Cardeñas-Clague, along with Melissa Behr, Ruth Lindhorst and the rest of the Academic Support and Retention Services staff, will work together to cover all pending projects; University 100 presentations, academic advising workshops and pre-registration advising.

"We won't be looking for a temporary replacement. All of us will just pitch in and divide up the work until a new director of academic advising is hired. All of us will just have to put in extra hours," said Cardeñas-Clague.

"We will be open for hiring later this month. Right now it's just really hectic, with pre-registration, to be looking for a replacement," said Cardeñas-Clague.

In The News

Science Seminar

For the Science Seminar series, Dr. Clem Hamilton, director of Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens, will make a presentation entitled "Conserving California's Rare and Endangered Flora—So Many Species, So Little Time and Money." The program will be held Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. in La Fetra Auditorium and is open to all. Refreshments will be served at 3:45 p.m.

Major Nights

For all students who have not declared a major yet, major nights continues. Different departments are hosting information night from now until Nov. 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 13 Sports and Movement Science will meet in the West Dining Hall and Languages will meet in Miller Hall's faculty lounge. Nov. 14 Business will meet in the President's Dining Room and Religion and Philosophy will meet in Miller Hall's faculty lounge. For more information call ext. 4054.

Informational Meeting

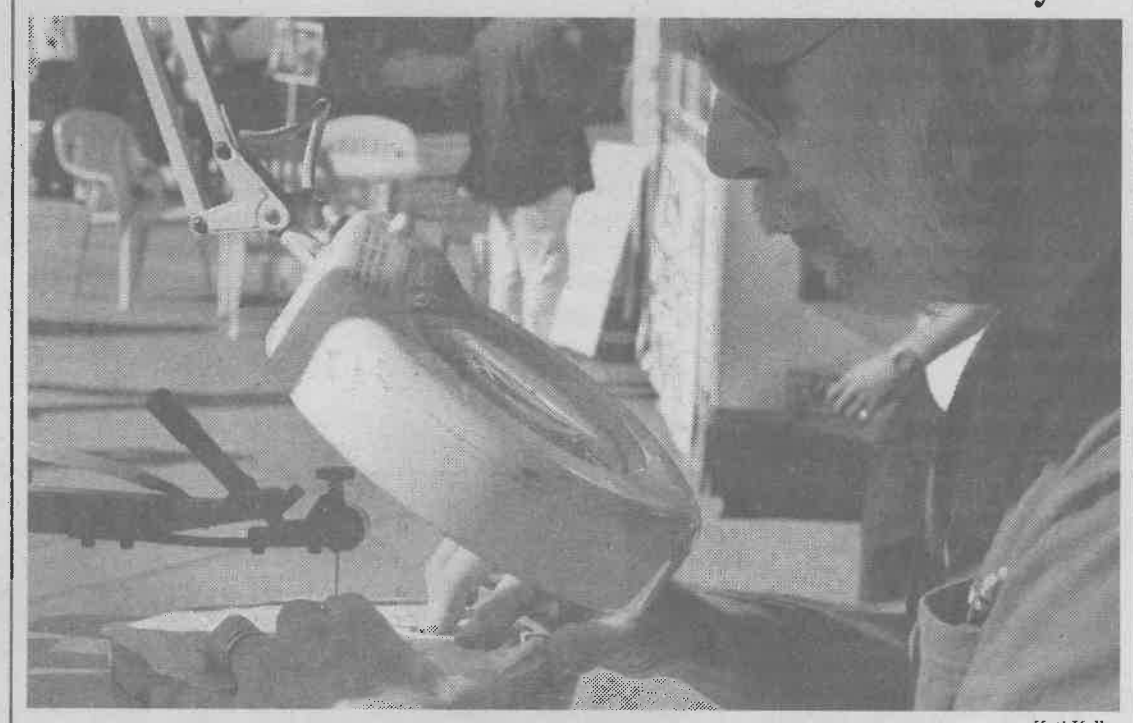
The Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity presents an informational meeting on historically black fraternities and sororities. The event is Nov. 15 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m in Founders Auditorium.

Free tickets

ASF will be giving away free tickets to tonight's women's volleyball playoff game. The first 50 students with ID who go to the student desk at noon today will win tickets.

—*Jazmine Ponce*

Harvest Festival offers wide variety



Kati Kelly

John Collari of Collari Originals in Glendora carves wood pieces and signs for a living. He set up his workshop at the La Verne Harvest Festival, last Saturday.

"It's Not About Religion, It's About Relationships."

A Gospel concert To benefit the needy.

Monday, Nov 20,
Church of the Brethren
(The corner of E and Bonita)
6:30pm

Admission:
Free with
2 canned foods
(this automatically enters you to win raffle prizes.)

Special Guests:
Angie Fisher, Damon,
Voices of Praise Choir
And More

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Children, R-rating become issue

Deanna Reyes
Staff Writer

Every day hundreds of underage children are being exposed to scenes of violence, sex and inappropriate language. Children watch as their heroes kill a room full of people with guns, rob stores and disrespect others by using foul language. These children are not witnessing these types of situations in their neighborhood or home, but someplace else, the movie theater.

As the growing concern for school violence and juvenile delinquents increases, parents have become more aware of letting their children be exposed to violent movies or types of music they feel may negatively influence their child. After the infamous Columbine High School shooting, America has sat up and taken notice of things it feels may be sending messages of violence to youth.

The ratings on movies have always been there to serve a purpose: to restrict who can see certain movies at certain ages. Movies with PG-13 or R ratings often have scenes of explicit violence, sex, harsh language or inappropriate subject matter for younger audiences. However, despite these regulated ratings, underage children somehow manage to view these movies.

According to Clayton Carson, assistant manager at the Edwards Theater in La Verne, the movie theater has taken measures to prevent underage children from getting into the R-rated movies. There currently is a sign outside of the movie theater that states people under 17 years of age buying tickets for R-rated movies must be prepared to show identification. Carson said having this sign speeds up the line so students can have their IDs ready ahead of time and that they know right away that they will need to show their ID in order to get in.

"Kids still try to get in to R-rated movies," he said. "But when we catch them and make them leave, all we have to do is show them the sign."

Carson also added that for big movie showings that are R rated, ushers will stand at the entrance of the movie theater to check tickets and IDs of anyone they suspect is underage.

For all the precautions the movie theater is taking to prevent underage children from attending R-rated movies, there are still parents who will buy the tickets for them or bring their children to these movies. Carson said most parents who bring their children with them are not aware of the content of the movie. He said even if parents buy tickets for their children they will still not be admitted without a guardian.

Manuel Bueno, a father of four children ranging in age from 8 to 23 years old, said he has different views of certain movies now compared to the past.

"With our first three children, we allowed them to go to R-rated movies because they weren't as violent as they are now," said Bueno. "Now I don't want my youngest to be exposed to such harsh and vulgar scenes in movies."

Community partakes in chili cook-off at festival



Kati Kelly

Among the youngest entrants of Saturday's chili cook-off in downtown La Verne, brothers Jimmy Ramos, 13, and John Ramos, 10, and friend John Driver, 9, are cutting venison from a deer hunted by Driver and his father earlier this year. The young cooks were under the supervision of Mina Tribble as they created their chili in hopes of winning the cook-off.

Athletic training seeks accreditation

• New program to improve curriculum

Heather Baxter
Assistant Sports Editor

The University of La Verne's Athletic Training program is seeking accreditation from the Commission for the Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, and director Marilyn Oliver is confident that the move will improve the existing curriculum and benefit the students.

The move comes after a ruling by the Commission that students desiring to work in Athletic Training professions must graduate from an accredited program. Before this, the University offered what Oliver terms an "internship route," wherein students must complete the required courses, perform 1500 hours of practical experience under the supervision of a certified Athletic Trainer, obtain a First Aid certificate and get sponsorship from a certified athletic trainer. Only then were the students allowed to pay around $400 to take the National Athletic Trainers Associate Board of Certification exam.

"The Commission decided that there appeared to be a disparity between programs," said Oliver, who explained that beside the internship route there was a curriculum route that those uncertified schools offered their students for certification.

"After the student had fulfilled all of the requirements, they could pay between $350 and $400 to take the exam and get their certification," said Oliver.

The Commission's decision goes into effect in January 2004, and will require that any person sitting for the ATC exam must have graduated from an accredited college.

The decision comes as no surprise to Oliver.

"We've been looking into getting accreditation for the past two to three years," she said. "It wasn't until last year, when money came into the program that we were able to pursue it further."

When the extra funds came available, it made it possible for the Athletic Training program to hire new staff members and faculty. With the extra bodies in the department, Oliver was granted release time to pursue the accreditation, with the University's permission.

The process that the department is currently going through begins with an application for candidacy, which must meet seven major criteria, Oliver said she completed over the summer. The more than 200-page notebook, which included goals of the department, requirements and syllabi from all courses in the major, was submitted to the Joint Review Committee for Athletic Training (JRCAT).

The JRCAT then reviews the notebook and then does one of three things. It approves the application, returns it with instructions on what needs to be altered or denies the candidacy. As the candidacy lasts for two years , if an application is rejected, a program must wait another two years to reapply.

The Athletic Training program here is not expected to hear anything from the JRCAT until December. When the answer comes, it will determine how the department at La Verne will continue in the next few years.

"If we are not granted candidacy, and in turn, granted accreditation, we will continue to offer the courses, but our students will not be able to become nationally certified," said Oliver.

Oliver also believes that were the University not to be granted accreditation, it would suffer in the long run. Not only would classes need to be downsized, but the program would lose faculty members. She believes that La Verne would not be able to draw students interested in athletic training to the University.

She said she feels that the cost to the University for accreditation is small compared to the monetary loss it would suffer were the athletic training majors not allowed to be nationally accredited. Oliver said she believes that the University had no alternative but to actively seek the approval for accreditation.

Regardless of whether or not the program is granted candidacy, Oliver stresses that she is proud of all of the work that students and staff have committed to the department. The department will receive notification of candidacy in December.

Board takes on future

Kelly Serrano
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 4 the University of La Verne Board of Trustees held its fall meeting at the Ontario Civic Center.

The day's agenda held many important debates. Among the most important was the motion to raise tuition 6.26 percent for the 2001-2002 academic school year. This will increase tuition to $18,000 per year. The motion was unanimously approved after Pat Coleman, vice president of enrollment management, argued the case.

Also discussed at the meeting were options to expand the campus to meet continuously growing enrollment. President Stephen Morgan brought up the fact that parking has been an increasing problem this semester.

"We are oversubscribed on our 31 acres in La Verne for parking," Morgan said.

Election highlights peoples' choice

America, the land of choice, voice and Democracy. Immigrants flock here by the millions each year in awe of the rights and the power the people possess.

Tuesday, Nov. 7 presented American voters with the opportunity to choose the 43rd president of the United States.

It is unfortunate that Election 2000 proved to decide not who the best candidate is to rule the 'Free World,' but rather that neither candidate (nor any of the third party candidates) possess the qualities that Americans require in their President.

Voter turnout this year was impressive, however, a negative aura filled voting booths as Americans clothespinned their votes to avoid the lesser of two evils. Instead of supporting the best man for the job, Americans were settling for the least worst.

Republicans and Democrats complain that third party candidates are a wasted vote and that a vote for one of them could result in the victory of the wrong candidate.

None of the third party candidates prevailed, but the fact that they exist makes America the democratic nation that it is. Nader did not steal valuable votes from the two majority parties, the Republican and Democratic candidates simply failed to convince Nader's supporters that they were better candidates for the presidency.

Every vote counts. The election is so close that the overseas ballots may decide the election. But unfortunately for residents of Palm Beach, Fla., their votes may not be counted. It is currently being disputed by voters, candidates and the country that unclear ballots resulted in over 19,000 mistaken votes.



Paper ballots not only resulted in unforgiving votes for the wrong candidate, that in this election could have been the deciding votes, but also presented America with an undecided winner for the presidency.

Because of the miniscule margin of victory between candidates, Florida state law mandates the state recount. The paper ballots along with the postmarked absentee ballots are the cause for the 10-day recount delay.

Al Gore is the projected victor of the popular vote and George W. Bush is the projected victor of the electoral college, so what does this mean to the people, and who will be our president?

Well, unfortunately, the people could be defeated and overlooked. The presidential electors meet on Dec. 18 to actually elect the new president.

The Constitution in 1787 maintained the idea of the electoral college in article two, section one. It was justified by the idea that many voters lacked the education and knowledge of candidates to choose the president wisely.

Today, even 18-year-old voters enthusiastically view Internet sites, attend political speeches and rallies and read the newspaper to prepare for the responsibility their country has bestowed upon them.

Maybe the 18th century electoral college system should be reevaluated.

The electors who the people chose to represent them may decide to honor the will of the people and elect he who received or receives the greater of the popular vote.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In response to the article "Broken machine brings Spot woes" [Oct. 27] I would like to say that some ULV students do not understand that Aramark Food Corporation is a business and should not be responsible for managing the finances of ULV students.

I understand that the meal-card swiping machine should be functioning in The Spot so that students know how much cash they have left on their cash cards. This is a valid complaint and Aramark is in the process of getting the machine fixed. My point is that each student knows how much money he or she is allotted on the cash card based on the designated meal plan that student chose before school began. For instance, I have the 12-meal plan so I know I have $75 at the Spot per semester. I understand that I only have $75 and therefore cannot go around and buy lunch and dinner for all of my friends at the Spot. Many students do not view the meal card as real money because, for the majority of students here, their mommies and daddies or financial aid plans pick up the bill for their room and board. Yet the fact remains that every time the card is swiped the balance decreases. This should not be a new idea to college students since most manage their own checking accounts. I am not suggesting that each student balance their cash card, but I do think each should estimate how much he or she has to spend and know that no one student can buy meals for friends all the time.

As to the ludicrous idea that Aramark should pick up the tab for cash card overflow, I say that students need to take responsibility for their own spending and eating habits. All students know how much money they have at the beginning and therefore can keep track of their cash card balance. Wouldn't it be nice if every time a person wrote a check that bounced, the bank picked up the tab? Of course it would, but that is not realistic. If Aramark picked up the tab for overflow, everyone would have an unlimited amount of money to spend there and everything would be free.

Another issue I would like to address is that The Spot is a retail store and as such needs to make money. As everyone knows, prices rise over time. This is not a new idea, everyone has heard his or her parents say, "I remember when a candy bar was 5 cents." Hence, the price of the products that Aramark buys for The Spot goes up. Furthermore, Aramark chooses to stock The Spot with good products, such as a variety of juices, candies and cookies. These items are expensive for Aramark to purchase; therefore, as a result, the price is high to the students who eat at The Spot. If the prices at The Spot were extremely low one of two things would happen—one, Aramark would go out of business; or two, Aramark would have to stock The Spot with cheaper, low-quality products in order to lower its prices. Students at ULV want lower prices and quality products; this is impossible to do. In other words you cannot have your cake and eat it too.

I agree that the amount on the cash card is not enough to cover the prices at The Spot, but it is not Aramark's fault that prices raise and therefore ULV student must pay more. ULV determines the amount of money on the cash card, not Aramark. So whoever wrote this ingenious article attacking Aramark should be attacking the ULV cash card instead. ULV should realize that prices rise, and as a result The Spot must charge more. To fix the problem of high prices and not enough money on the cash card, ULV should raise the amount of money on the cash card to accommodate the rise in the prices based on the economy.

Money is a serious matter, and students need to understand its importance and take money seriously, even if it is only on a cash card for The Spot. Aramark is a multi-million dollar corporation that handles food services for Dodger Stadium, the Staples Center as well as countless college campuses across the nation, and people need to understand that it must have good business sense in order to stay in business. It does not need to be ridiculed for having business sense. Tile only thing that would happen if Aramark "picked up the tab for the cash card balance overflow" is that it would go out of business and we, as ULV students would not benefit from all that Aramark Corporation and Keith Friend have done for the food services on this campus.

Julia L. Marr,
Aramark Marketing Intern

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From the Editor...

XFL offers NFL little competition



Brice Nixon

Competition is a good thing. But the XFL, the football league to begin play in February 2001, is far from competition for the NFL. It is something more along the lines of a twisted spin-off.

I will give the league a chance before I pass final judgment, but my initial impression of the World Wrestling Federation-sponsored league is that it is not something that can be taken seriously. The image it seems to portray suggests that it resembles professional wrestling more than an actual sport.

These are the proposed rules of the XFL, according to **xflfootball.com**, a fan-produced web site:

- No fair catches on punts.
- Making punts live balls (although it has not been decided yet how long the ball will have to travel first).
- Only one foot required in bounds on pass receptions.
- A 35-second play clock. (In the NFL, "time between plays will be 40 seconds from the end of a given play until the snap of the ball for the next play, or a 25-second interval after certain administrative stoppages and game delays.")
- A halftime of 10 minutes. (In the NFL, "halftime is 12 minutes, unless otherwise specified.")
- Cameras to be placed in locker rooms, sidelines and in helmets of selected players.
- Players, coaches locker rooms and huddles will be miked.
- Players will be paid salaries but also will receive bonuses each week if their team wins.

I will make this prediction right now: there is going to be a death on the field during one of these games. Either that or the whole thing will have to be staged, just like wrestling.

The integrity of the game is brought into question by this league. Who is going to act as they normally would, knowing that there are cameras everywhere? It will make for some interesting television to hear a coach reaming his team at halftime. But really, it is just a continuance of this American obsession with having cameras and microphones everywhere possible. I just think that the novelty of that will wear off pretty quickly.

More than that, though, the way it is being marketed and the whole idea behind the league is what really bothers me. One example is two cartoons posted on **xfl.football.com**.

The first one depicts a mangled kicker with the words, "Not only is roughin' the kicker allowed, it's encouraged!" The second one features the statement "If the ref doesn't see it, it didn't happen." While the referee makes small talk with one player, a second player bashes another over the head with a chair, a common stunt in wrestling matches.

Of course these are only cartoons, which (hopefully) exaggerate the truth. But it more accurately reflects the mentality of the people targeted as the fan base for the league.

The XFL is partially owned by NBC. Obviously NBC is attempting to compensate for the loss of NFL games and attract at least some of that same audience. NBC is scheduled to show XFL football during prime time on Saturday nights. There is also a deal for the Paramount Network (UPN) to provide coverage on Sundays.

The team names are another example of the mindset of the league's creators, such as WWF's Vince McMahon. Names like the NY/NJ Hitmen, the Orlando Rage and Memphis Maniax portray the wrong kind of image, in my mind.

The league has the potential to challenge the NFL, despite not actually being in competition. Maybe the XFL will provide a relief for the uptight NFL. Maybe it will give fans exactly what they want. After all, professional wrestling has a huge fan base. The XFL may just provide an exciting alternative for football fans who desire to see football all year.

One thing is for sure: it cannot be worse than Arena League football. I have no doubt the XFL will draw the public's attention, at least initially. And I will be among those intrigued by the idea of something resembling the video game NFL Blitz. But I cannot see it as a legitimate sport. I will admit, though, I am biased. I hate wrestling. The WWF's affiliation with the league tarnishes its image in my mind. In the end, I doubt it will last.

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College friendships leave lasting impressions



Jazmine Ponce

In life, sometimes, there are friends or acquaintances you are destined to meet. Some change your life for the better and maybe one or two of them change your life for the worse. It seems there is a synchronicity in life where the people around you are destined to be there to influence, educate and enrich your life in some way.

Unlike high school, where a majority of people are wearing masks and trying to be something they are not to impress a social clique, in college, people are genuinely real and all the facades are thrown out. In college, nobody cares if you were homecoming king, editor in chief of the yearbook or a cheerleader. When it comes to acquaintances and friendships in college, the people you meet like you for you and as the person you express in conversation, class and everyday activity.

Aside from being able to study a major I really enjoy, I feel it is the people I have met that have made my college experience so memorable and fun. I feel that some of the people I am friends with and see everyday if I went to high school with them I probably would have never really got to know them the way I do now because of the stupid little cliquey like attitudes we possess in high school. That is why I love the culture you gain from college. You are able to meet people from all over who have interesting, different and amazing views on life and the world.

I feel that the people I have met here at ULV have somehow shaped or enriched my life in some way and continue to do so. I cherish the close friendships I have gained with one of the first friends I made at ULV, Georgina. We have been friends for more than three years. Even though we do not have class together anymore, we see each other almost everyday. She is one of the people I feel I can just talk to about anything. Another friend is Jennifer, who was my roommate for two years aside from our ironic similarities (being the only child and born on the exact date and year), we had a lot of similar tastes. From her I learned a lot about theatre (her passion), and we were able to be each other's rock during that abnormally weird period of going from living at home as an only child to having a roommate and living at school. Through her I met Jessica who is also a member of theatre. I admire Jessica for her acting ability, openness and ability to just have fun. From them I feel I have learned a lot about the different aspects of life I never thought of.

One part my life where I have been able to meet and associate with a variety of people has been from being a part of the *Campus Times*. Each semester I meet new and interesting people that either change my views and perceptions or just fascinate me by their will and talent. I love that *CT* is like a little family, we can tease each other, laugh, annoy each other and just have fun.

First there is Alisha, I feel she is one of my good friends I have gained through *CT*; I admire her strength, and I enjoy our little talks. Danny has to be one of the funny, crazy and most sincere person I have met here. I admire his ability to be goofy and caring at the same time. Then there is Brice who has a wry sardonic wit and brother-like quality where there always seems to be a banter of teasing, which is a good thing. Then there is practically everybody else who I have met through *CT*. A majority of them I admire for their individuality and humor.

My experiences with these people have made me grow to become more of the person I want to be. There is a saying that friends you meet in college will last a lifetime, and I truly hope they do.

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Discrimination should not be a preference



Natalie Fowle

Gay, straight, bisexual, transsexual, whatever, we all still have the right to be treated the same. At what point in our lives did we stop enjoying people for simply being people and begin to judge them? For the most part there is a common consensus that people are allowed to express their individuality but sometimes that effects the norm.

When I look at the gay population, I see people who are willing to be truly honest to themselves and society, yet many are rejected for upholding the value of truth. It takes a brave person to break the norm and be the subject of persecution for being who they are. Life is hard enough without the struggle of denying who you are just to fit into the concise restricted boxes of society.

I do not understand why people get so caught up with what sex a person prefers and how that is more important than their job performance, place in the family, or delegates how much respect they deserve as a person. At the end of the day God loves us all the same and the last time I checked, none of us have the right to cast a stone.

I can see why people have conflicts with the lifestyle of a gay person but at the same time I can see the same conflicts with heterosexual relationships. Either way, you are not being forced into a relationship that you do not want to be in, so why do that to others?

A person can be gay and still have values, go to church, be a great parent and feel all the same emotions that a heterosexual experiences. Being gay is still being human. We all get mad when someone cuts us off on the road or lies to us—and our sexuality is just one aspect of our lives.

Looking at the big picture, we are all in this together, and why waste precious time separating what was once united? A child could care less whom you choose as a mate but they do know who makes them laugh or can give them the affection that they need.

Drawing a line between right and wrong in personal relationships does not matter, but who you are as a person means everything. Being opened minded never hurt anyone and what do we have to lose but a chance to miss out on meeting some remarkable people?

We all have our personal hang-ups but there comes a point when we have to realize that they are just that, hang-ups. God did not give us hearts to turn cold and away from others. We are so lucky to be alive and breathing, so why not use the gifts that are God given and learn how to live?

There are only 24 hours in a day, and I know that I have wasted many of them by judging without cause, mindless gossiping and harboring negative feelings for situations that have long past, and for what? Because maybe I can go to bed feeling better than someone else or more of a person because I can judge people? I do not want to die being bitter or never really living because I was too scared to go out of my comfort zone and meet someone different or put people into boxes that are not even mine in the first place.

It is questionably hard to share these sentiments if you have not explored the outer rims of your own group. However, it is much easier to judge a group that you do not belong to. All I am asking is that you give people a chance. They might surprise you and you might surprise yourself. Taking a chance is admirable but never trying is inexcusable and regrettable. All we have is time, and let's use it to our advantage and not let it wither away because once it is gone we can never get it back.

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Scholarships fund educational hopes

Crystal Apilado
Staff Writer

Tuition at the University of La Verne is $8,400 per semester. Room and board can range from $2,625-$2,850 a semester depending on the meal plan chosen. For additional money, students can turn toward the aid of scholarships.

The ULV Financial Aid Office helps students by preparing packets for students with different programs available. This process starts when students turn in their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms to the Financial Aid Office. Once the FAFSA is received, Financial Aid can start working on the student's package.

"We try to give as much as we can," said Ryan Harrison, a financial aid adviser.

According to Harrison, a student's package is determined on the number of units, the grade point average and the timeliness in which the FAFSA is turned in.

"We use the information from registrar," said Harrison.

There are different scholarships the ULV Financial Aid Office works with. Some of the scholarships available to entering students are the International Student Scholastic Award, California Scholarship Federation Scholarship and the Honors Program Scholarship.

Scholarships available to returning juniors and seniors are the Dean's Scholarship and the President's Scholarship. These are awarded based on a student's GPA.

The Named Scholarship program has scholarships available to traditional age undergraduate students. However, these scholarships are awarded to students depending on the worksheet being used each semester. The worksheet depends on the budget for that year. This year returning juniors and seniors with a 3.3 GPA were eligible for Named Scholarships.

To see the list of scholarships and other financial aid programs, one can refer to the ULV catalog in the financial aid section.

Since the scholarships are only distributed by the Financial Aid Office and given to selected students, there are other outside scholarship resources. Student's can look on line at scholarship web sites like **www.fastweb.-com**.

Students can also look for corporate scholarships like the Coca-Cola Scholarship and the Wal-Mart Scholarship. Private scholarships are also available and can usually be found online or in newspapers.

Music student discovers passion in composing

Tom Chambers
Staff Writer

John Joines, a senior music major at the University of La Verne, said he simply loves music.

Music has surrounded Joines since he was in the third grade when his parents bought him his first saxophone. He has been playing ever since.

"Music has been in my life for as long as I can remember," said Joines.

Joines started composing works of his own under the direction of Reed Gratz, professor of music at ULV. Joines took four years of music classes at Bonita High School, but had not learned about composition until taking classes at ULV. He credits Gratz for his switch from playing to composing.

"The switch was difficult, I had some great teachers along the way: Dr. Gratz, Dr. Kathleen Lamkin, [professor of music at ULV] and Mark Capalbo [music teacher at Bonita High School]," said Joines.

Joines has just recently completed a jazz piece which he worked on for more than a year, called "Piano Lesson Blues." The piece contains five saxophones, five trumpets, four trombones and a full rhythm section.



Denisse Villalba

John Joines started playing the saxophone in the third grade and was part of the school band throughout his years at Bonita High School. Joines composed "Piano Lesson Blues" for the Bonita High jazz band since he has been at ULV.

Joines says it is his best work and is excited about Bonita High School playing the piece in a concert. He still has many more pieces that he is currently developing. A few of them are traditional pieces, while others closely model Bible versus. He hopes to have many of them published.

After Joines graduates he plans to earn his master's degree in music from either UC Riverside or Cal State Fullerton. He would like to be a college music teacher.

"Hopefully, one day I can come back to La Verne and teach music, maybe even have Dr. Gratz's job one day," said Joines.

Joines gets his inspiration from jazz musician John Coltrane and classical composer Mozart, but it is his family that has kept him in the music world. He credits his mother for sticking it out with him throughout the years.

As a child he had two older brothers who played sports, which made his mother skeptical about buying a saxophone. But she never left his side through the years.

His approach to his music is personal and romantic. He says it has helped him in many areas of his life, including academically.

"Music helps you in school. Music covers a lot of history. It has changed with the times and helped shape the times. Music shapes and changes with cultures," said Joines.

Blood drive, concert and hot rod show produces big event

Rene Luna
Staff Writer

With a love of hot rods, custom cars, and rock and roll, three men came together and envisioned an idea that they hope will be the first of a yearly Halloween tradition.

Blood Drive 2000 was conceived from that idea. The large turnout at Irvine's Hidden Valley Ranch on Oct. 31, proves this was not the first or last event.

"We knew that we wanted to do something different. Not just a concert, or a car show, but an event. We wanted a place where people could get together and enjoy the things they liked. With months of planning and many hours of work it has all come together," according to an article in *Live Magazine*.

Blood Drive 2000 was put together to support the American Red Cross and the West Memphis Three Legal Defense Fund.

According to Burk Sauls, in *Live Magazine*, the West Memphis Three are three teenage boys who were arrested and charged with the 1993 murders and mutilation of three 8- year-old boys in the Robin Hood Hills of an Arkansas town. The local police believed teenager Damien Echols was a member of a devil worshipping cult that performed human sacrifices.

The police said because he had a fondness for Metallica, Megadeath, black concert T-shirts, and Stephen King novels, he was capable of killing. Police had a "so-called confession" that they coerced out of a mentally handicapped, 17-year-old Jessie Misskelley, who managed to implicate himself and another teenager, Jason Baldwin. Seven years later, the teenagers are still in prison, Echols is awaiting lethal injection. "All three were convicted, despite the fact that nothing aside from Jessie's disjointed, inconsistent and recanted statements tied them to the crimes."

Car clubs like the Barons, Beatniks, Bad Influence, Choppers, Lucky Devils, Deacons and Mishifts were present displaying their hot rods and older model cars and trucks.

The bands on the bill included the Amazing Crowns, Zeke, Speedbuggy, Blazing Haley, Zen Guerrilla, Throw Rag, Hellbound Hayride, the Bleeders, the Supersuckers, the Misfits, the Damned and X.

The majority of the crowd consisted of both young and old Misfit fans, as was seen by the sea of black Misfits T-shirts.

The Misfits are an old-school punk band formed in 1976 in New Jersey by former front man Glen Danzig, who left the band in 1983. The Misfits took a 13-year hiatus, eventually reforming in 1996 with new singer Michael Graves and drummer Dr. Chud.

After a five-hour wait, the Misfits took the stage before a sea of energy-driven fans.

After the performance, The Damned, took the stage. With a mix of Goth and punk themes, it is one of the most influential bands in the country.

Blood Drive 2000 ended with the mystery guest band X taking the stage. After 25 years, X continues to draw huge crowds. The reunited original members produced a magical chemistry that resulted in an intense performance.

Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

LVTV

La Verne Community television invites local residents to gather at Veteran's Hall on Bonita Avenue and Wheeler Avenue on Monday, Nov. 13, between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. to share what they are thankful for. The program will be videotaped and aired on Thanksgiving evening. All are encouraged to bring canned foods for donation to charity. For more information, call LVTV at (909) 392-2731.

Theater

Director Steven Kent presents an adaptation of Paul Foster's "Tom Paine" in Dailey Theatre. The play starred last night, but still has upcoming shows tonight, Saturday night, and Nov. 16-18 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. The play is described as a "funny, bawdy, rowdy, outrageous musical spectacle about the man who wrote 'Common Sense.' "

Dailey Theatre will also present "Oleanna" on Nov. 30, and Dec. 1, 2, and 7-9, at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call (909) 593-3511, ext. 4386.

Concerts

The Spork Festival has changed its headlining band from Dogwood to Pax 2-17. Other bands include L.A. Symphony, Flight 180, Off The Record, Broken Cedars, SevenTen and more. The concert is on Dec. 2, starting at 4 p.m. It will be broadcast live by Planet Rock Radio, KFSG 96.3 FM. Special appearances by Exodus Skate Shop, Active Ride Shop and Trinity Clothing Company. Tickets are available for $10 presale, at local Lighthouse Christian Bookstores, the Grace Church office, or online at **www.promiselandproductions.com**. Tickets at the door will be $12.

—Melinda Sanchez

'Tom Paine' musical Displays revolutionary acts

by Melinda Sanchez
photography by Natalie Fowle



The Termite Queen, played by Jennifer Holindrake is held by Chris Folden, Amber Salmeron, Chastity Archer, Belinda Ortegon, Casey Kendel, Hugo Valencia and Jessica Wotherspoon in a scene from "Tom Paine" by Paul Foster. The play is in Dailey Theatre Nov. 10-11, 16-18 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 19 at 2 p.m.

The Dailey Theatre at the University of La Verne has been the host of many theatrical productions, but now presents more than just a play.

"Tom Paine," directed by Steve Kent, Professor of Theater Arts, is the most recently completed play by the ULV Theater Arts Department, opened last night, and focuses on more than just theater. "Tom Paine" is a production that is relevant today because it is an election year, and the play's subject is revolution.

On the advertisements for the play, one reads, "Without Tom Paine, there might have never been an American revolution."

"Now, especially during an election period, this outrageous, funny, bawdy, scary, confrontational musical play reminds us to reflect on what it means to be an American and what we want our country to be," Kent said in his director's notes.

Kent also said that the play is not controversial, but it is mature. "Any thinking adult wouldn't be offended," he said. "It brings up issues like, 'What is freedom in America?' "

Tom Moose, a ULV alumnus who took the leading role as Tom Paine, said that the play is an ensemble play, meaning that each actor or actress plays several characters that interact. Moose, who is passionate about the play's subject matter, said that he was thrilled to be cast for the part by Kent, whom he had the opportunity to work with in a few workshops and classes previously.

> 'Everybody is pulling the show. There is not one character that is unimportant. We're a real unified cast, and the results of that will be exciting.'
> *—Tom Moose, ULV alumnus*

Moose said "it seems that things always fall together in the last couple of weeks, or even the last couple of days.

"Everybody is pulling the show. There is not one character that is unimportant. We're a real unified cast, and the results of that will be exciting."

Ken Britton, a freshman, plays King George as well as King Dodger. "It will be a rip-roaring time. If we're having a good time on stage, then the audience will also have a good time," Britton said.

According to Britton, the cast did an extensive two week reading on "Tom Paine," and tried to understand the play. After everyone understood what the play was about, they then tried to determine characters by choosing parts, "and whoever was the best for each part, got it," Britton said.

Many of the cast members for the play put in extra time to work on the set. "We're all supposed to help building sets, and a lot of people come in and give their time," said Britton.

Sophomore Chris Folden said "the play gives an important outlook on the history of America. It's important to learn about things that have so drastically changed our country in the past, so that we know how to in the present, and in the future."

Kent takes role as new professor

• Instructor replaces Dibbell

Melinda Sanchez
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Steven Kent, adjunct professor of theater arts, is more than just a professor at the University of La Verne. He is accredited as being a director, workshop leader and activist.

The University's Department of Theatre Arts has teamed up with Kent in the Institute for Conscious Acting. The institute focuses on theater as an act of community.

The program for the institute includes basic techniques including embodiment, integration, interdiscipline, empowerment and professional interconnection.

Through his program and curriculum at ULV, Kent said he wishes to do "nothing less than create the best undergraduate acting program in the country."

Serving also as a replacement for Jane Dibbell, former professor of acting, Kent said he feels that he has big shoes to fill.

"Jane is a remarkable human being and colleague," Kent said.

Dibbell and Kent worked together previously on several theater productions. Kent also guest directed performances under Dibbell's production.

Kent said that to change the theater program he would like to make it more coherent and progressive, and "to hook students into a national professional ensemble that makes them more socially conscious."

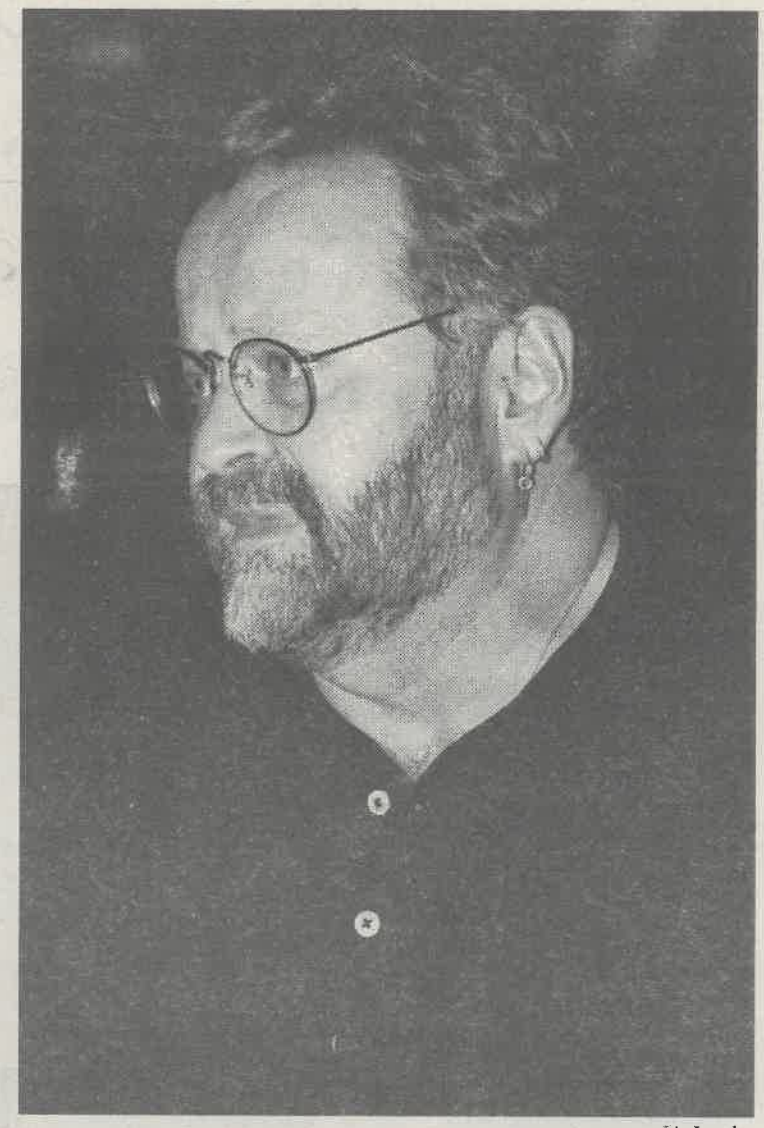
Kent said he would like to impact students in a way that would "help them to see things in a broader scope...as more than just 'show biz' and more as a cooperative art."

Alumnus Tom Moose said that in his previous work done with Kent, he sees him as one who "brings different personalities together that are passionate about theater, and tries to make students into the best actors they can be."

Ken Britton, a freshman, said he was a theater major, with an emphasis on the technical side, but through "positive affirmation" from Kent he switched to an acting emphasis.

Kent said the most rewarding thing for him, as a professor, is "to see the students light up, and be motivated."

Kent's first production as a full-time professor at ULV is the musical "Tom Paine," which opened last night and is expected to show the successive results from Kent's and the students hard work and discipline.



Liz Lucsko

As director of "Tom Paine," Steven Kent opens rehearsal with a group discussion of each actor's day, the cast sits side by side on the stage. Tickets have been made available to students, faculty and staff at the Student Center desk. The play will run from Nov. 9-19.

Movie Review

'Bagger Vance' not swinging

Stacey Mleczko
Features Editor

The previews tend to bring out the best lines in this movie. As always, they are the lines that drag you into a theater, but leave you wanting more witty lines. Needless to say, after watching "The Legend of Bagger Vance," I left the theater a little unsatisfied.

The film itself was well made, it had a good flow, good lesson, good plot and great cast but it was not spectacular. Something about it, and its lack of excitement, sat uneasy with me.

"The Legend of Bagger Vance" presents itself on many levels. Audiences may see it for its focus on the game of golf or for its romance. But viewers who watch this movie more in depth may see a hint of spirituality.

Will Smith plays the character of Bagger Vance, who pops up presenting himself as the future golf caddy of Rannulph Junuh, played by Matt Damon.

Vance's caddy career stems from a guardian angel position as he distantly revitalizes not only the golf technique of the long lost Junuh, but his livelihood as well.

I found myself watching a game of golf and anticipating the next shot. The game was compared to the way we play our lives. We have high points and low points and often loose focus, but with a little effort and some "authentic swing," we can get back on track.

Junuh is a realistic character who met the high life early by becoming Savannah, Ga.'s most promising golfer. He fell in love with the beautiful daughter of the wealthiest man in Georgia, Adele Invergordon (Charlize Theron).

With a little persuasion from Vance, Adele and a young but inspired Hardy Greaves, played by J. Michael Moncrief, Junuh enters a $10,000 golf tournament against two of the greatest golfers in the world.a

Robert Redford directs a good cast, which accurately blurs the lines between spirituality, success and the mistakes made in life. Greaves is ashamed of his father for lowering his standards during the depression and taking work as a street sweeper to feed his family.

The morals of the story are strong and thought provoking within one's own life, but the conclusion of the tale leaves one questioning the genuine article and whether Bagger Vance is a delusional dream, spiritual body or some inspiring wanderer. Something is absent and I am not convinced that Redford could put his finger on it either.

Rage loses leader but still rallies

Rene Luna
Staff Writer

The Rage has died out.

Early in October, Zack De la Rocha, frontman for the intense, politically charged, hard rock band Rage Against the Machine, stepped down.

According to *Rolling Stone Magazine*, De la Rocha blamed his resignation on a communication breakdown.

"The band's decision-making process has completely failed. It is no longer meeting the aspirations of all four of us collectively as a band and from my perspective, has undermined our artistic and political ideal. I am extremely proud of our work, both as activists and musicians, as well as indebted and grateful to every person who has expressed solidarity and shared this incredible experience with us," he said.

One of the other potential reasons explored in De la Rocha's leaving include bassist Tim Commerford's arrest on Sept. 7 at the MTV Video Music Awards when, in an intoxicated state, he climbed the stage and had to be removed by security from Radio City Music Hall. Angered, De la Rocha who walked out on the venue, as well as his working relationship with the band.

Rage Against the Machine had also returned to self-management, after firing their management team of six months, G.A.S. Entertainment.

It is unclear whether the band can officially keep the name Rage Against the Machine, since De la Rocha owns the name, as it came from a song from his previous band, Inside Out.

Nevertheless, the band does not consider itself "done."

"We're proud of our history and what we've accomplished musically and politically over the last nine years," band members, Tim Commerford, Tom Morello and Brad Wilk, said on the band's official website, **www.ratm.com**. "We are committed to continuing with our efforts to effect change in the social and political arena and look forward to creating more ground breaking music for our fans.

"In other words, we'll keep it loud, keep it funky and most definitely rock on." The band did not specify what form its future endeavors will take.

Currently, De la Rocha is working on a solo project, which he reportedly has been working on for some time now with hip-hop artists such as DJ Shadow, Company Flow and Amir from Roots. De la Rocha has also rapped on renowned drum and bass producer Roni Size's album, "In the Mode," on the drum and bass song, "Centre of the Storm."

De la Rocha's departure should not impact the band's next album, which consists of 29 tracks of live material and studio cover versions, including the songs of Bob Dylan, Devo, Cypress Hill, and Minor Threat, slated to be released in early December.

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Playoff Preview

Volleyball starts playoff venture

Brice Nixon
Editor in Chief

The NCAA Division III women's volleyball championships come to La Verne this year as the No. 9 Leopards were chosen to host the West Region playoffs, which started yesterday.

La Verne earned a bye in the first-round by virtue of its No. 2 seeding in the region, arguably the toughest of the eight groups.

"It was a very nice surprise," said La Verne head coach Don Flora. He noted, however, that there was sufficient reason to believe the Leopards might be shipped to the University of Puget Sound, the region's top seed. The Loggers are undefeated and ranked No. 5 in the nation.

But Flora expects his team to benefit greatly from the home-court advantage.

"We feel like we have a good fan base," he said. "We've had great fan support all year. Our student fan support has been outstanding."

Junior middle blocker Adriana Contreras said the team appreciates the home crowd.

"It just pumps us up a lot more," she said. "But then again, whenever we play good teams, we just crank it up."

Flora said he views the fan support as a positive, rather than added pressure on his team. He said it aids in maintaining a rhythm and provided positive energy. One of the groups that has contributed to that is the "Rowdy Rooters," a vocal, energetic group including members of the ULV men's water polo and volleyball teams.

"I think they're a great group of fans," said Flora. "As long as they're focused on supporting our team. They have a lot of fun, they're loud, they're into into it, everybody else gets into it. I love when they do push-ups for every point that we score."

Flora also made a point to say that he thinks it "needs to be directed positively to our team and to the sense of good sportsmanship."

Despite all the fan support the Leopards are guaranteed to receive, they do not have an easy road to the quarterfinals, for which they have also put in a bid to host.

Including La Verne (24-1, 13-1), five of the top 20 teams in the nation are in the West Region.

"We have the toughest regional matchups of anybody in the country," said Flora.

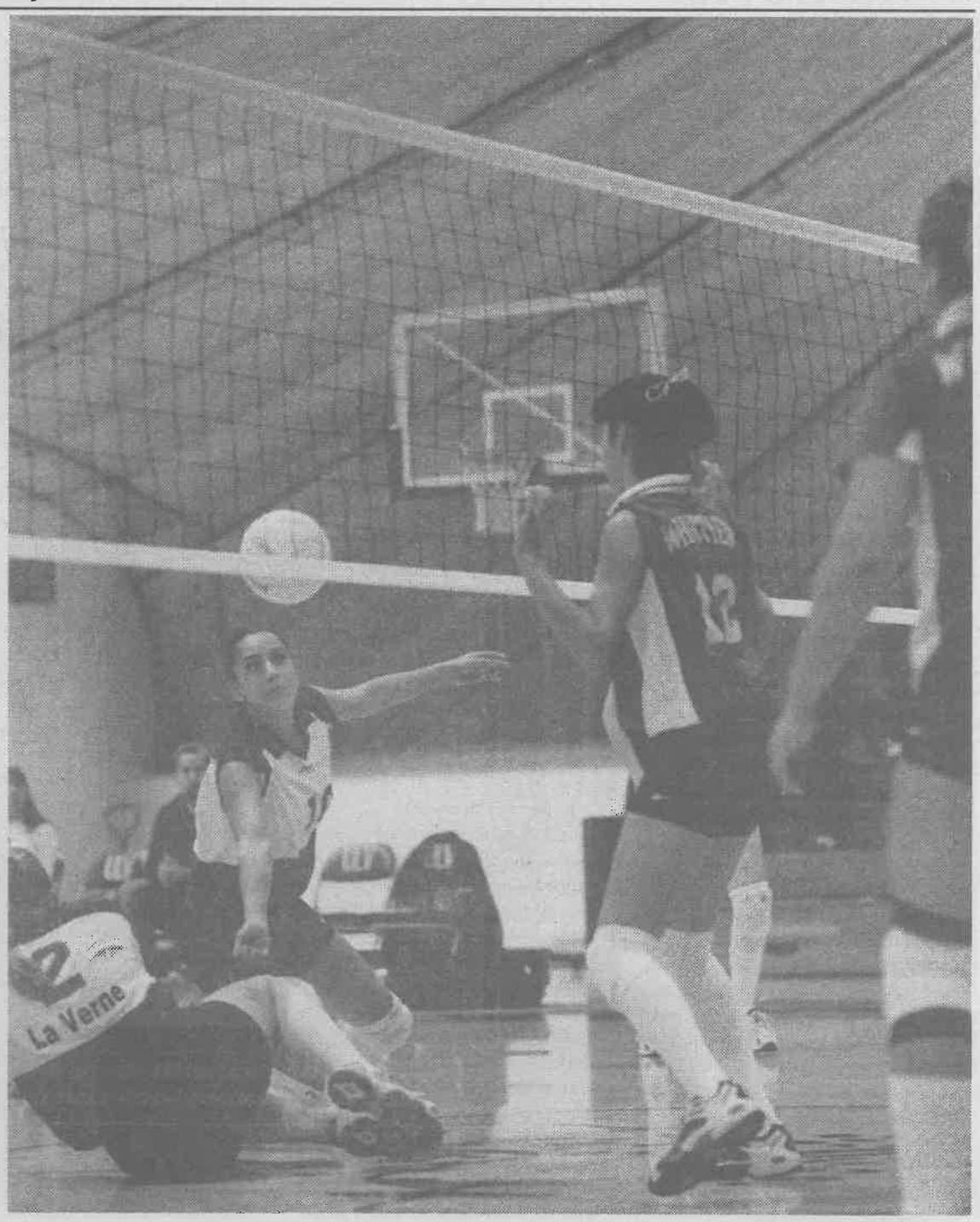
Contreras said the competition will make ULV a better team and "it says a lot about ... how good La Verne volleyball is" that it is competing with these teams.

One of the Leopards potential second-round opponents is Cal State Hayward, ranked 13th in the nation with a 23-6 record. They played No. 6 seed Austin (22-11) late Thursday night. Austin is from the South Region but was shipped to the West.

In the other first-round match Thursday, fourth-seeded Colorado College, No. 20 nationally, played fifth-seeded Trinity University. Trinity (28-6), also from the South Region, is ranked 11th in the nation. There is added interest in this match because Colorado beat Trinity in five games earlier this year.

Looming in the distance as a possible region championship opponent for the Leopards is Puget Sound. The Loggers (23-0) are fifth in the nation and the No. 1 seed in the region. They are led by Karen Elmgren, who

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Jen Newman

A 3-1 victory over Whittier on Oct. 27 continued an undefeated season for La Verne women's volleyball. After a hit by Sue Whitcher, a sophomore, Adrianna Contreras, a junior, dives to keep the ball in play. Whittier Yesenia Ocampo prepares to block.

Spikers' season log

Sept. 8	George Fox (Ore.)	W 3-2	(1-0)
Sept. 9	Willamette (Ore.)	W 3-0	(2-0)
Sept. 9	Lewis & Clark (Ore.)	W 3-0	(3-0)
Sept. 15	Whittier Tournament	WON	(4-0)
Sept. 15	Whittier Tournament	WON	(5-0)
Sept. 16	Whittier Tournament	WON	(6-0)
Sept. 20	Chapman University	W 3-0	(7-0)
Sept. 26	Caltech	W 3-0	(8-0)
Sept. 29	Pomona-Pitzer	W 3-0	(9-0)
Oct. 3	Cal Lutheran	W 3-1	(10-0)
Oct. 6	Redlands University	W 3-1	(11-0)
Oct. 7	Penn State Behrend	W 3-1	(12-0)
Oct. 9	Whittier College	W 3-0	(13-0)
Oct. 10	Occidental College	W 3-1	(14-0)
Oct. 13	Claremont McKenna Scripps	W 3-0	(15-0)
Oct. 14	Chapman University	W 3-0	(16-0)
Oct. 15	UC Santa Cruz	W 3-0	(17-0)
Oct. 17	Caltech	W 3-0	(18-0)
Oct. 20	Pomona-Pitzer	W 3-1	(19-0)
Oct. 21	Cal Lutheran	W 3-0	(20-0)
Oct. 24	Redlands University	W 3-0	(21-0)
Oct. 27	Whittier	W 3-1	(22-0)
Oct. 31	Occidental College	L 0-3	(22-1)
Nov. 2	Claremont McKenna Scripps	W 3-0	(23-1)
Nov. 10	NCAA West Region		
Nov. 11	NCAA West Region		
Nov. 18	NCAA Quarter Finals	TBA	
Dec. 1	NCAA Final Four	TBA	
Dec. 2	NCAA Final Four	TBA	

University of La Verne

No.	Pos.	Player	Year
1	S	Ryan Winn	Jr.
2	OPP	Sue Whitcher	So.
3	DS/S	Paige Hanawalt	Fr.
4	OH	Amy Brummel	Sr.
5	OH	Amy Smith	Fr.
6	SW/DS	Jane Saikali	Fr.
7	DS	Casey Oliver	Fr.
8	S	Meridith Zembal	So.
9	OH/OPP	Kelsey Kennedy	So.
10	MB	Adriana Contreras	Jr.
11	OH	Lisa Mila	Fr.
12	SW/DS	Adrian Pearson	Fr.
13	MB	Sarah Anderson	Fr.
14	MB	Stacy Lupu	So.
15	SW	Lynette Smith	Fr.

Head Coach: Don Flora
Assistant: Randi Smart

Cal State Hayward

No.	Pos.	Player	Year
1	S	Bree Owczarski	Jr.
3	MH	Vernice Martin	Sr.
4	OH/DS	Shannon Rosenkranz	Jr.
5	OH	Sasha Stevens	Sr.
6	MH/OP	Meagan Rachac	Jr.
7	OH	Kimberly May	Jr.
8	DS	Heather Schlenker	Sr.
9	MH	Jessica Woy	Jr.
11	OP	Meegan Simmons	Sr.
13	OH	Barbara Klews	Sr.
14	OH	Melissa Pealer	Jr.
15	MH	Liz Lowe	Sr.
18	OP	Nicole Martin	Jr.
23	S	Linda Joyce	Fr.
25	DS	Elle Hansen	Jr.

Head Coach: Jim Spagle

Austin College (Texas)

No.	Pos.	Player	Year
1	DS/S	Andrea Fryrear	Fr.
2	OH/MB	Christen Currie	Fr.
3	MB	Jennifer Jackson	Jr.
4	MB	Shannon Cornelison	Fr.
5	RS	Kate Marshall	So.
9	RS/DS	Catherine Webb	So.
11	OH	Sherry McDonald	So.
12	DS	Lindsay McFadden	Jr.
14	DS	Krissy Czekaj	Jr.
15	MB	Nikki Evans	So.
16	DS	Ryane Fraze	So.

Head Coach: Ed Garza

University of Puget Sound

No.	Pos.	Player	Year
1	D	Trisha Kawamoto	Jr.
2	S	Lindsi Weber	Sr.
3	O	Karen Thomas	Jr.
4	S	Katie Griffin	Fr.
5	S	Megan Apperson	Fr.
6	SW	Eileen Gamache	Sr.
7	SW	Tasha Wong	Jr.
8	M	Rachel Quisenberry	Jr.
9	SW	Anna Marsh	So.
10	M	Karen Elmgren	So.
11	SW	Anna Marsh	So.
12	O	Jessica Davis	So.
13	M	Wynne Scherf	Fr.
14	M	Jennifer Kalbfleisch	So.
15	D	Sarah Gross	Sr.
16	SW	Anela Iaca	Fr.
17	M	Angie Cashman	So.
18	SW	Peggy Togloka	

Head Coach: Mark Massey

Playoff Preview

ULV seals conference title with win

Brice Nixon
Editor in Chief

In its last chance to get back on track and regain the rhythm that produced 23 wins in as many games, the University of La Verne women's volleyball team swept Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 15-12, 17-15 and 15-3 on Nov. 2 in the Supertents.

With the win, the Leopards avoided sharing the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title with two-time champion Cal Lutheran.

"I was satisfied with the mental toughness to come back and beat a team 3-0," said head coach Don Flora. "I think that made us a little more mentally tough to have to do that. I was glad we had that match prior to the playoffs to sort of retool."

The Leopards' (24-1, 13-1) goal of an undefeated season was spoiled on Halloween when Occidental notched a three-game win.

"It shows us that we can't take anything for granted," said junior middle blocker Adriana Contreras. "I think we went into the game expecting to win."

Flora said there are some positives from the loss.

"A good athlete will learn something from it and they'll be a better athlete because of it," said Flora. "We had something we wanted taken away from us. What we wanted was an undefeated year. So I think that we have learned a little bit. It's not going to come ... easy. I think it's been easy for us in the reflection to say we are going to better because of this."

> 'What we wanted was an undefeated year. So I think that we have learned a little bit. It's not going to come ... easy.'
> *—Don Flora, ULV women's volleyball coach*

However, Flora recognized the opportunity the team had to make school history.

"I think this team deserved to have the opportunity to be the first undefeated women's volleyball team in the regular season ever," he said. "But we're still the best record ever."

Freshman outside hitter Amy Smith and senior outside hitter Amy Brummel led La Verne with 10 kills each. Junior middle blocker Stacey Lupu matched her kills and blocks at six.

"Our goal was to beat them in three," said Flora. "To finish our conference season like, We are the conference champions, here's a 15-3 shellacking, that was the type of feeling that we wanted to take away."

Flora said the only real change made after the Occidental loss was giving Smith more playing time, something he said they have been doing more of.

"She came in the second game and made a very big impact," said Flora. He added that Smith will see more of the court in the playoffs.

"I don't think we played to our potential. But ... we worked together and we as a team managed to just beat them."

Playoffs...

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has averaged 4.30 kills per game this season.

"They're all very competitive," Flora said of the region's other five teams. "They're all pretty athletic. We feel like they all have pretty solid traits. We feel like we match up pretty well with all of them. Each one of them do something fairly well that we'll have to focus on to stop."

The Leopards, however pose an equal threat to any potential opponent. Team's will also have to focus on stopping their offense, said Flora.

"We're peaking physically, right now," he said. "We're ready to crank it up. Our practices have shown that. Very intense, very focused.

"So all the factors that you're looking for, all the predictors toward success are there."

The Leopards last made the playoffs in 1997, when they advanced to the West Region finals. But only one player remains from that team. Senior outside hitter and 1999 SCIAC Player of the Year Amy Brummel has been a consistent contributor all season for La Verne.

Brummel, the lone senior on the team, leads the Leopards in three statistical categories. She has averaged 3.61 kills per game and also leads in both digs and service aces.

After Brummel, however, the Leopards have a fairly young team and lack experience in some areas, especially playoffs.

Junior transfer Ryan Winn joined Brummel on the First Team All-SCIAC, and junior Adriana Contreras was named to the second team. Winn, a setter, and Contreras, a middle blocker, have both been key contributors for the Leopards.

Three sophomores, however, have seen significant playing time: middle blocker Stacey Lupu and opposites Sue Whitcher and Kelsey Kennedy.

Additionally, Flora said that freshman outside hitter Amy Smith will continue to see increased playing time in the playoffs.

The inexperience has not been a concern all year, Flora said, because the players have played within the system.

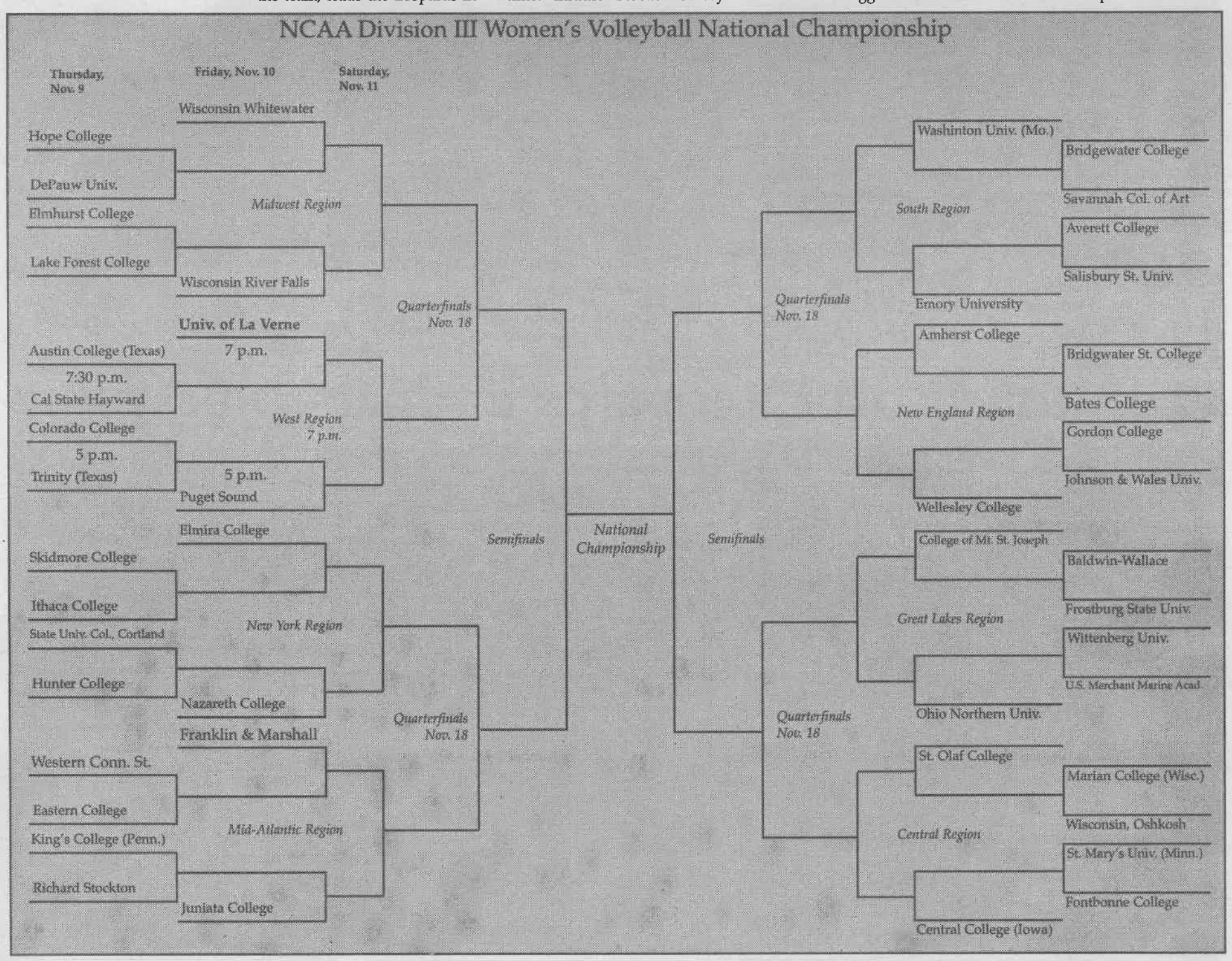
"I feel like they know what the expectations are," he said. "It's a factor, but it's not a major factor."

Flora, in his third year as head coach, said his biggest concern is ball control, and that trust is the biggest factor. He also said the team needs continued focus on communication and playing one point at a time.

"We've established ourselves as a good team," said Flora. "Now we have an opportunity to be a great team."

The Leopards' depth will help them achieve that goal. Although they are a young team, it was many of those freshman and sophomores who contributed to the Leopards' history-making season.

If La Verne advances past regionals, it could face a quarterfinal match against the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, the nation's top-ranked team.



Polo vies in SCIAC championships



Liz Lucsko

Senior Fred Sicard maneuvers around Santa Clara defender Jeff Kopacek (#2) in a dual match on Friday. Nov. 3. Santa Clara fell 10-7 to La Verne. The men's water polo team is ranked second to University of Redlands in the Men's Division III National Collegiate Polling.

Ryan Mac Donald
Staff Writer

With a seven-game winning streak, the University of La Verne men's water polo team hopes the rhythm it has will propel it victoriously through the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships.

"As long as we keep going with our heads up by playing our ball, we can take conference [championships]," said junior Rey Lopez.

Last Friday the team demonstrated its triumphant rhythm when it oppressed opponents with victories over Santa Clara University and Caltech.

In the first game, the Leopards battled the visiting Santa Clara Broncos, and though the game was held tight through three quarters, the Leopards closed out the game in the fourth, winning 10-7.

A strong offensive effort at the end of the third quarter allowed the Leopards to advance by several goals, and the Broncos were unable to come back from this three-point deficit.

"We could have put some goals into their goal, and stopped a few from going into our goal," said Santa Clara head coach Steve Hanson.

Breaking out to a 2-0 lead in the first quarter, the Leopards posted strong offensive efforts led by Brady Kocher and Alan Shumway. Defensively, goalie John Stefling contributed six saves, while Tom Merryman, Sean and Stephen Smith and Kenny Clements each had one steal.

> 'As long as we keep going with our heads up by playing our ball, we can take conference [championships].'
> —*Rey Lopez, junior ULV driver*

Early into the second quarter, Santa Clara's Jay Moorhead responded, scoring from a four-meter opportunity, and then senior Kenny Flanager tied the game at two when he battled past Clements to score on an open goal.

The Leopards reacted, however, when senior holeman Fred Sicard turned on his defender and scored with 3:05 remaining, bringing the score to 3-2. After the Broncos scored once more, Clements drew an ejection off Santa Clara's Matt Reily, and with three seconds left, Kocher scored his second goal of the game, putting the Leopards up 4-3 at the end of the first half.

"We weren't expecting anything from them," said Lopez. "We weren't into it [in the first half]. We were giving enough only to stay in the game."

Thirty seconds into the third quarter, Moorhead scored his second goal to tie the game at four.

To regain control of the game, the Leopards fronted a series of offensive efforts at the end of the third quarter. Goals from Shumway, Clements and Merryman put the Leopards up 7-4.

"They play well together," said Hanson. "They have good team chemistry, they work hard, and they are well coached."

The Leopards finished off the game in the fourth quarter, after scoring three more goals, and with the Broncos posing a minimal offensive threat, the Leopards were victorious 10-7.

"[With this game] our season is over," said Hanson.

Facing the Caltech Beavers in their second game of the day, the Leopards played with low intensity in the first quarter, but eventually began to play more aggressively in the last half, dictating the play and winning the game 16-8.

After the first quarter of play, the game was tied at four goals. But as the game progressed, they ignited and pushed ahead of the Beavers.

"We came out really slow and we weren't working together," said Lopez. "But as the game proceeded we began to play better as a team."

The Leopards demonstrated control of the game after the first half, and with closing strength, they finished the game with 16 goals.

"We wanted to play with more dignity and pride," said Lopez. "Our score was high, but we could have gone over 20."



Jason Cooper

#5 Sean Smith of La Verne rises above teammate #15 Jason Walters and #7 Erik Granstedt of Caltech for a shot on goal. La Verne would go on to win 16-8.

Oaks tower over Leopards in final home game

Danny Craig
Sports Editor

With a little over a minute left in the third quarter and a 46-16 point spread on the scoreboard Saturday, salt was rubbed on the wounds of the University of La Verne football team by a clearly dominant Menlo College during the Oaks' 56-21 victory.

Menlo quarterback Zamir Amin dropped back for a pass on the ULV 14-yard-line but was stopped by Leopards linebacker Chris Oliver who fully wrapped Amin's legs to begin a textbook sack.

However, before Amin's body hit the ground, No. 1 Division III quarterback saw receiver Russ Fukishima standing just 5 yards away. Amin tossed the ball to Fukishima who turned around and ran into the end zone to bring up 53-14 score as the game entered the fourth quarter.

In a game where such an act seemed typical for Menlo, the 13-yard toss was a minor contribution to Amin's 399 yards passing from an offense whose season has given them national accolades.

"I think we played as well as we could," said ULV football coach Don Morel. "I don't think our team quit at any time, we were just outmatched."

Despite the struggles and a field goal from the Oaks to make the score 56-14, the Leopards had the final highlight of the matchup with under a minute left in the game.

On a drive that started on their own 27-yard line, ULV quarterback Jeremy Mears completed a midfield pass to receiver Travis Lerma who brought the Leopards to the 5-yard line. Lerma carried the ball across the goal line on the following play for game's final score. After the extra point, it was 56-21 and Menlo ran out the remaining 40 seconds left on the clock.

Oaks head coach Doug Cosbie said he thought the Leopards had an admirable performance.

"It's not that La Verne's defense is bad, we threw for 700 yards against Cal Lu and over 500 yards against two Division I schools. I think every week it's kind of surprising that we can throw that much," said Cosbie.

After allowing Menlo to put 23 points on the board in the first half, the playing field for both squads was leveled in the second quarter when the Leopards produced an offensive surge. With a little over eight minutes in the half, Mears connected with Leopards wide receiver James Evans for a 73-yard touchdown pass. After a completed two-point conversion, the score was 23-8.

On their next possession with 2:37 left in the half, another Mears to Evans connection in the right side of the end zone capped a three-play, 72-yard scoring drive. After a failed two-point conversion attempt, the score was 23-14 going into the half.

"We really got a little fire under us," said Leopards team captain Manny Estrada of ULV's second quarter.

Although daunted by the five Menlo scores that followed in the second half, Estrada said he was pleased with the team's performance.

"We worked hard and we can only do certain things. We deal with what God gave us," he said.

Estrada's squad was limited in their capabilities with the Oaks offensive front. With 180 yards from rushing, in addition to Amin's performance in the air, Menlo's offense accumulated a total of 579 yards offensively to mismatch the Leopards total of 259.

With his squad carrying a 2-6 overall, 2-3 conference record, Morel said there will be a definite focus on tomorrow's game against Whittier College (3-5, 3-1). Going into the game, the Poets are coming off of a 40-34 defeat from last Saturday's bout against the University of Redlands.

"We have a good group of guys and I think we're going to get ready to try and win that football game," said Morel.

Noting that the Leopards two wins for the season came from their away games, Estrada feels confident going into tomorrow's matchup.

"Seriously, we're going to beat them. I guess there's something about the white jerseys that makes us play harder," he said jokingly.

Donning white jerseys, ULV begins play at Whittier tomorrow at 7 p.m.