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Red Roof residents offered options

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Construction of the new pod addition to the Oaks continues at the University of La Verne.

According to Julie Thurman Francisco, director of housing and residential life, the construction of the pods is going smoothly. If the weather cooperates and does not send conflicting winter storms and if there are no unexpected problems, the pod should be ready for students to move into at the end of January.

The new pod holds 68 spots for students, however there are more than 68 students staying at the Red Roof Inn in San Dimas. Housing has plans for the extra students, as well as for students already on campus, to bring all of the students at Red Roof back on campus.

"We always anticipate that people will leave at the semester, that people will study abroad. We think that those numbers will even out," said Thurman Francisco of the population of resident students.

A letter was sent out to students in the residential life program to see who will return and who is planning on moving off campus for spring semester. According to Thurman Francisco there is a 7 to 9 percent increase in the number of students who move off campus for spring semester compared to the 6 to 7 percent that move off campus in for fall semester.

Students at Red Roof Inn will be offered an incentive program. This program gives students the option to move off campus and be able to keep their financial aid package, as well as receive their $100 deposit for on campus housing.

Another option for students is the Off-Campus Notebook, which can be located in B bottom at the Oaks. The Off-Campus Notebook contains a number of locations for students to move to. There are houses and apartments for sale or rent as well as rooms for rent in homes of families with room to spare or people looking for a roommate. The housing staff is willing to help students find a compromised location to move off campus that will not conflict with their comfort zones.

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> *—Julie Thurman Francisco, housing and residential life director*

"We can help advise, but we don't ever make the contract," said Thurman Francisco of the Off-Campus Notebook.

Once students move into the new pod, ULV will no longer use the Red Roof Inn.

"We can't afford to have students at the Red Roof Inn for spring semester," said Thurman Francisco.

The cost to transfer students with the shuttles is too high, especially since so many will be moved back on campus. Students who are left over and do not move to an off campus location will be placed in a vacant spot in one of the other dorms. There are open spots in the Oaks, Brandt and Stu-Han. Students who have been staying at the Red Roof Inn the longest will have first priority in choosing where they will be placed.



Natalie Fowle

The framing for the pod's third-floor ceiling is being worked on by A.C. Cain and Kevin Strikland. Rick Colburn, construction superintendent, said, "This is one of the safer buildings on campus. It is taking forever because there is so much steel and concrete in it. It will never fall down. In case of an earthquake that will be the safest building to be in."

La Verne's tuition rate increases 6.26 percent

•Cost will move to $18,000

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With the University of La Verne moving into the 21st century, tuition is one aspect of how the school will enable itself to become more competitive with other institutions.

Tuition increases, although not favored among students, are essential in order for ULV or any institution to adapt and contend through technological advances that will abet students in the real world.

At its Nov. 4 meeting, the University's Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition 6.26 percent for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Executive Vice President Phil Hawkey said that the increase in tuition is not a gigantic difference.

The actual tuition will increase from $16,940 to $18,000 next year.

"It is the increased cost associated with the improvements we are putting into a number of buildings," said Hawkey. "It has to do with salary adjustments we made throughout the organization, including faculty. It has to do with the massive investments we started to make in technological advances."

ULV's cost compares favorably to that of other private institutions. Tuition presently for Whittier College is $20,000, the University of Southern California is $25,000 and Chapman University at $22,000 without yearly tuition increases.

Hawkey does admit that the increase in tuition is slightly higher than what all other institutions are employing.

"The average among private institutions is about 5.2 percent," he said.

The proposed increase was drafted by President Stephen Morgan; Bob Neher, acting vice president of academic affairs; John Gingrich, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; vice president of enrollment management Pat Coleman and

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Commuter Carnival draws crowd



Kati Kelly

At the Commuter Carnival celebration, football coach Mark Potocki takes one for the team as one of his players, Mark Vasquez, creams him with a pie. When asked what year Vasquez was, his coach jokingly replied that he was only a junior and would pay for this next year.



Kati Kelly

Darlene Dona Douthit from Quick Draw Caricatures turned many ULV students into characters for free at the Commuter Carnival celebration on Tuesday.

Audrey Griffith
Staff Writer

In honor of all the commuters on campus, the University of La Verne presented games, food, and prizes on Tuesday.

The Commuter Carnival, put on by the Commuter Advisory Board (CAB) and the Commuter Activities Programmers (CAP), was held especially for the commuter students.

Shellie Etheridge, president of CAP, said, "The purpose of this event was to reach out to commuters and educate them on what ULV has to offer. We want commuter students to become more involved on campus. They often feel left out. CAP programs events, such as the Commuter Carnival, to keep the students involved."

Lead representative of CAB Kaylyn Ince said, "Our job is a little different than the job of CAP. We work to confront the issues directly facing commuter students. Parking is an ongoing issue we often have to deal with."

The ULV quad was filled with booths set up by various clubs and organizations offered on campus. Davenport catered the event where all students were able to feast on hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta and potato salad.

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ASF sponsored a caricature booth where students were able to get free drawings of themselves.

Darlene Dona Douthit, a Quick Draw Caricatures artist, said, "This is great. It's so wonderful to see students get together like this."

One of the organizations present was Sigma Kappa. The purpose of its lollipop game was to increase awareness of their Alzheimer's disease philanthropy. Phi Delta Theta, another Greek organization, had a booth to win candy. The International Student Organization had Japanese and Chinese body painting, the Latino Student Forum was there, and Chi Delta Omicron had an arm-wrestling booth.

ASF's candy apple booth was a bunch of laughs, literally. To win a candy apple, a student had to make the ASF member laugh. Adrian Bean, senior, made an ASF member laugh with a Catholic schoolgirl joke.

CAB and CAP gave students the opportunity to play three-legged twister to win a parking space in front of Miller Hall for three days.

The Dance Club was also out there with its Dance Club Shake Down. The winner won a CD of their choice.

Sara Kirk, president of the Dance Club, said, "We wanted our booth to promote the dance club and get more people to join. We have three classes offered that meet throughout the week. We hope that our jazz class can get together to form a dance team next year. So we need everyone's participation to make it work."

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>
> *—Andi Nunez, freshman*

KULV broadcasted outside and gave away free CDs. *La Vernacula* gave away free nachos and the Society of Physical and Life Science organization held a raffle to win various prizes.

Freshman Andi Nunez said, "Even though I'm a resident student, it was great to meet some of the commuter students that I usually don't see."

Tuition rate...

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Dean of Admissions Lisa Meyer. It was presented to the Board of Trustees on Nov. 4.

Meyer said that in regard to the tuition the, "increase will continue."

"It is a balancing act between upping tuition and upping family need," said Coleman.

Hawkey wants students to recognize that one part of the tuition only applies to traditional undergraduate students.

For all the other programs of higher education on or off the central campus, their tuition will also be augmented, but it will be done in varying amounts. The programs will perform an assessment before those decisions are made.

"We are very much aware of the cost for higher education," Hawkey said.

The University is conscious of what other colleges and universities are doing, he said, and although ULV's tuition will increase at a rate comparatively higher than other institutions, it is still lower in price compared to those same institutions.

ASF Minutes

The University of La Verne's Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum met at 9:32 a.m. in the West Dining Room.

The Forum discussed the success of the Commuter Carnival and preparations for the Winter Extravaganza. The Forum also allocated funds.

Resolutions

•The debate team will be discussing the Electoral College on Nov. 30 at Davenport Dining Hall.

•The amount of $483 was allocated for the purchase of shirts for intramurals.

•Applications for freshman representative, public relations, three commissioners and one senator are now available at the Student Center.

•Tickets for the Winter Extravaganza will be sold by ASF at the Seal from Nov. 28-Dec. 1.

•Tickets by mail for the Winter Extravaganza has been extended to Nov. 21.

•The Forum also allocated money to pay for lunch for commuters on Nov. 30.

•Elections will be held at the ASF meeting on Nov. 29.

—Julia Caraciure

Rodriguez speaks on life, book

Alisha Rosas
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Growing up in Los Angeles and joining a gang at age 11, Luis Rodriguez entered his manhood only through violence, drug abuse and prison time.

Now a changed man, Rodriguez said he has found his purpose through writing. As an author, poet and journalist, he said his goal is to "empower disaffective populations."

On Thursday, the Latino Student Forum (LSF) and the Associate Student Federation (ASF) Forum invited Rodriguez to speak in Founder's Hall regarding creativity, imagination and the importance of networking communities. His topic (also the title of his upcoming book) "Hearts and Hands: Imagining Peace in a Violent Time," revolved around supporting the youth of America.

"If we're going to have kids not get involved in gangs, not get into drugs or do criminal acts or anything they shouldn't be doing, we need to establish a community that does not let them fall through the cracks," said Rodriguez.

Using a conversational method of speaking, Rodriguez began. "I want us to talk," he said as he discussed his plans to construct a bookstore in Los Angeles, in an area he claimed Barnes and Noble officials said they "did not go into." He noted that problems began when news of his plans emerged. "It started forming [opposition]. I don't mind it; I actually like it sometimes. People were upset that a number of Chicanos and Latinos were coming together.

"We can't do anything without someone going and holding us down," he said, "and sometimes, it's by our own people."

Rodriguez, who promoted the importance of every person voting, shared his opinion of the 2000 presidential election. "Everyone else it talking about it, I'll talk about it," he said. "I don't think [George W.] Bush or [Al] Gore are going to make any fundamental differences right now. Can they use the advanced resources of this country to the very deep and important needs of being imaginative and creative?"

Rodriguez, who works vigorously with at-risk youth all over the country, said that treating the youth is a matter that has nothing to do with political parties. "I work with the kid who has no where to turn," he said. "... What matters is what you do to evaluate and see the beauty in the younger people, and if they feel they have something to give, they will contribute. If the Republicans can do it, more power to them. If the Democrats can do it, more power to them. If they can't do it, someone else has to do it."

Discussing many problems and few solutions, Rodriguez, whose discussion branched out many times within his hour of speaking, said that he feels that it unrealistic to not depend on the government. "Do I have a position that says we need to depend on the government? Yes I do. I say that because the government has to work for us. We need to do everything we can to make sure the basic needs of our community are met."

Rodriguez stressed the importance of creativity and imagination. "Every child has a value," he said. "Every child can learn and given the right environment, then every child can succeed. Is that too crazy? Is that too out of the norm? Fine, I'd rather be out of the norm."

He then used himself as an example. "I survived seven years of drug addiction, 20 years of drinking, fighting, hurting people and not being a good father to my children. I was doing all the horrible things many people do. I was able to emerge, as someone who can write ... become a father again, and why? Because I tied into my own creativity," he said. "We need to go back to the inexhaustible power of creativity and imagination."

Rodriguez also used the example of networking communities as a way to better support today's youth. Prison, he said, was not the solution. "We do need more prisons than universities in the state of California," he said.

Rodriguez is author of six nationally published books. His award-winning memoir, "Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.," recounts his life as a gang member growing up and how it was the setbacks in his life that drove him to succeed. The book won numerous awards, including the Carl Sandburg Literary Award, a *Chicago-Sun Times* Award and was chosen as the *New York Times* Notable Book for 1993.

In The News

Witnesses

Gross, Gross & Simon law firm is looking for witnesses who saw an accident that occurred Oct. 1. A maroon-colored van ran over a child on rollerblades at the intersection of D and 3rd streets. The child was injured and airlifted to a hospital. Anyone who has information should call (310) 475-0808 and ask for Marc or Carol.

Interfaith Service

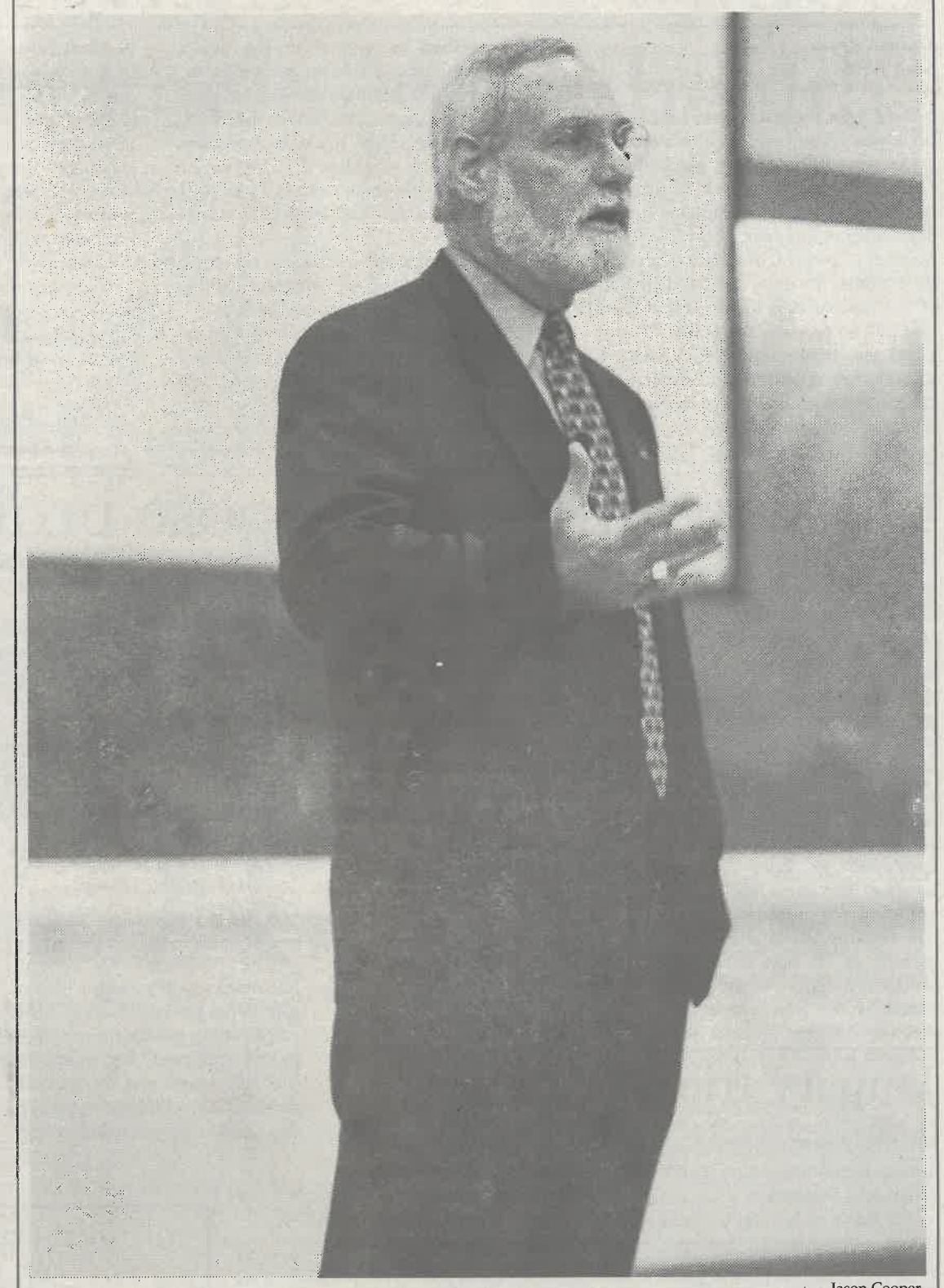
Campus Ministry is sponsoring an Interfaith service of Thanksgiving. They will be reading music and prayer. It will be held in the Chapel on Nov. 21 at 12:15 p.m.

Housing reminder

A reminder to all students living on campus, for the Thanksgiving holiday housing will be closed from Nov. 22-26. Residents in Stu-Han, Brandt, and the Oaks must move out by 7 p.m. on Nov. 21. Students will be able to move back on Sunday, Nov. 26 at noon.

—Jazmine Ponce

Parmet discusses conflicts in Jerusalem



Jason Cooper

Conflict in Jerusalem has caused widespread discussion and debate. With its effects as far reaching as La Verne, speaker Howard Parmet lead a discussion on prevailing issues in the Middle East. Parmet from American Red Magen David for Israel (ARMDI) tells of his own experiences while in Jerusalem.

Trips explore exotic places

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> 'What they get is an understanding and exposure to another culture.'
> *—Kenneth Scambray, professor of English*

The month of January for University of La Verne students is a time for reposing and being able to focus on their classes, being that a student takes a maximum of five units. January is the time to start easing them back into school and a once-in-a lifetime opportunity to explore worlds not always known to them. January Interterm 2001 this year is offering trips to Italy, Cuba, Mexico and France. The trips are offered through the various departments, which are geared to all of the university.

Dr. Kenneth Scambray, professor of English, will take 20 students to Italy. The trip to Italy will fulfill English 409 and core 310, and will run under $1,800. The cost of trip includes airfare, lodging and dining.

In Italy, students will visit Rome and Florence. Other possible sites include Venice, Pisa, Sienda, Lucca, Assisi, Flesole and Pisoia will be to the student's discretion.

The trip will commence Jan. 9 where they will land in Rome and spend 3 1/2 days. That Saturday, they will take a train to Florence where they will stay the remainder of the 12 days.

Scambray decided that Florence was the perfect city to stay the remainder of the time, because of the concentration of art and that it is a city centrally located to all other major cities. Florence, Scambray said, is not a city tourist can see in one day.

"What they [students] get is an understanding and exposure to another culture. And we get it in a special kind of way because we only go to two cities and stay in Florence for as long as we do. We really have an opportunity to observe the Italian culture in greater depth than the average tourist who is moving every two to three days," said Scambray.

Before the students leave on their journey they will have had to turn in their itinerary, a short essay on the book "Daisy Miller" and take an exam on art history. Upon their return, they are to turn in the diary of their excursion.

Now, if one is looking for a trip that is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, than there is Media and Politics in Cuba. The instructors for the class are Richard Gelm, George Keeler and Donald Pollock.

The class will leave Jan. 6 and return Jan. 20. In Cuba, the students will partake in activities visiting media outlets and cultural sites—the University of Habana journalism department, a radio station, CMQ television station, film, a colonial town (Trinidad), the beach (Cabana del sol), newspapers, museums and cultural institutions.

The class will make students realize the impact of Cuban/American relations on a global basis: economics, technology, strategic implication and

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ULV awaits video yearbook arrival

Deanna Reyes
Staff Writer

Last year the traditional *Lambda* yearbook was revamped into a modern video style remembrance for students. The *Lambda* Video Log, which is what it is being called, was not completed until late September of this year. According to Ruby Montaño-Cordova, associate dean of student affairs, the delay for the distribution of the yearbooks is the arrival of the CD that will accompany the video.

As returning students may recall, last year Lordsburg Communications was in charge of the production of the video. Bill Neill, a videographer for the company, came to the University to film students who wished to appear in the video. Montaño-Cordova said the reason for the change in the traditional written yearbook was due to production problems with last year's staff. If a video yearbook idea was not introduced, ULV would have been without any type of yearbook remembrance for the 1999-2000 school year.

"We had the opportunity to try something different so we grabbed at that opportunity," said Montaño-Cordova.

The *Lambda* Video Log, which features a representation of the year, its events and the 2000 Commencement Ceremony, will be available to students shortly after the arrival of the CD, which will also feature the same footage as the video. According to Montaño-Cordova, they are currently in the process of "tracking the CD's down."

After the packaging process is complete, the first videos will be mailed to the graduated seniors from last year. The video will then be offered to the current seniors, juniors and sophomores. Freshmen will not receive a video since it does not apply to them.

The plans for this year's yearbook will however, resort back to the traditional form. Montaño-Cordova said she feels people would prefer to have that instead of the video form.

"There's a lot of pull of the ULV heartstrings for tradition," she said.

Montaño-Cordova said last year's staff lacked commitment, accountability and the ability to follow through. This year there is a small staff of students working on the production of the yearbook, led by Sue Lindley. Montaño-Cordova said this year's staff is committed to producing a good yearbook and is accompanied by strong leadership. She said internal differences compared to last year's staff are prevalent.

"They have commitment and enthusiasm to produce a yearbook that is timely and represents as many students as possible," said Montaño-Cordova.

There will be approximately 800 video yearbooks available. Students wishing to receive a copy should contact Montaño-Cordova at ext. 4858.

Outside lunches may pose problem for Davenport

Akilah Nyerere
Staff Writer

In the past, University of La Verne's clubs and organizations have been able to put together programs outside and feed the people that participate with food catered by Davenport.

Recently, however, it has become more difficult for clubs and organizations to be approved to hold outdoor lunches. The main reason that approval for outdoor lunches has become more difficult is because of the new criteria for outdoor lunches being established by the new senior food services director Keith Friend and his staff.

In the past, when clubs and organizations wanted to hold lunch outside, Davenport would not only prepare the food, but they would also manage the budget. Now, the group must budget for the number of people they are expecting, which would have to include the entire ULV community.

Although Friend has expressed that he is willing to hold lunches outside of Davenport, his main concern is the regular students that rely on Davenport's services on a daily basis.

"I'm not going to affect my regular guests and subject them to less service and less quality because a group wants to go outside," said Friend.

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> —*Keith Friend, food services director*

The Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum is one group that has been having difficulty getting outdoor lunch programs approved. For example, the ASF sponsored version of Singled Out, which was a part of this year's Homecoming weeklong calendar of events, was denied Davenport's services. ASF President Mario Guerrero said that because Davenport did not contribute, participation in the event was low. However, Guerrero understands Friend's decision to determine which clubs and organizations get to hold outdoor lunches. "When he moves food outside," said Guerrero, "students get less of a variety."

"I'm not going to do a substandard job," said Friend. "It's got to be at least what I do in Davenport every day."

There are several factors that Friend said he considers in determining which programs Davenport will cater outdoors. Friend believes that all outside lunches should be open to all students, faculty and staff. "We will do literally anything in dining to make sure we're a part of the campus community," said Friend.

He also feels that the students that regularly rely on Davenport for meals are not inconvenienced. "It is not an option to put out my regular guests."

Friend is more than willing to hold lunches outside if the organization or club that is sponsoring the event is prepared to pay for the expense. As an alternative to taking the food outside, Friend suggests that clubs and organizations hold more events inside Davenport.

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human rights, according to the syllabus of the class.

"Cuba is a hot topic place with polarization between ideas. We are still technically in a Cold War situation with Cuba. We don't want any kind of relations with them and economic trading is forbidden," said Keeler.

The trip is limited to the size of the bus, there will be approximately 30 students going on the trip. The workload will not be the same for all students, all depending on what classes students will utilize the trip for.

"We go to places where journalists go to cover stories," said Keeler. "We are going to Cuba because we see relations thawing between the two countries; and we want to be there as reporters and journalist to make stories about it," he said.

As far as students or parents are concerned about safety, Keeler has been told that "they will never be safer in their life because there is a policeman on every corner." Going to Cuba is really monumentous because Keeler has been aware that students will be seen as diplomats who can change a culture "by what we say or how we act."

Another country students will be able to visit is France, lead by Al Clark and Dr. Iraj Parchamazad. Students will will study the possibilities of alternative energy and visit energy related places such as power plants as well as historical sites and museums. Though the plans are not finalized people interested can contact Clark at ext. 4240 or Parchamazad at ext. 4608.

Mexico has a rich and long history. Debbie Roberts and Kim Martin will take students to explore the wonders of the country this interterm.

"Many students have roots in Mexico but have not been there, or have been there only briefly. The trip has traditionally been important for those who have connections but who have little or no experience with those connections. It is also an important place because of its geographical closeness to the U.S. and our nation's history in Mexican reality," she said.

"We hope students will bring back a new awareness of the social, political and historical reality of Mexico, and the U.S. involvement in reality. It's also an opportunity for students to walk in someone else's shoes, to get out of our own comfort level and see how another culture lives," said Roberts.

The trip will consist of 10 days where students will immerse themselves into the Mexican culture. The students will fly into Chiapas rather than take bus as they did last year. As for the problems that students encompassed last year, Roberts can only say that "one can never be absolutely sure there won't be any problems taking an international trip. Much of the success is determined by the students' commitment to making the trip a success."

In Mexico they will be visiting government officials, families, indigenous communities, archeological sites, museums, social service agencies, and hearing lectures on the state of Mexico historically and today.

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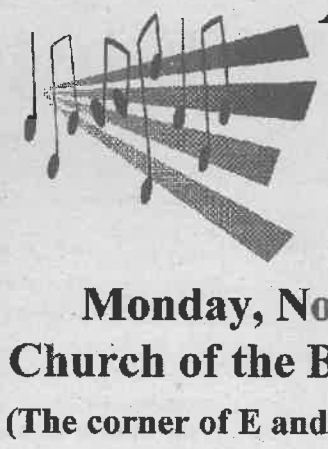

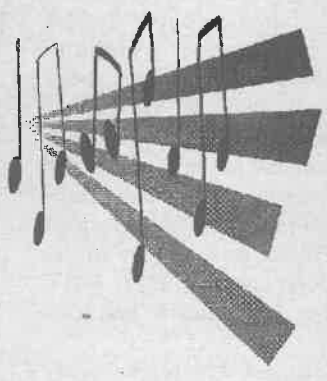

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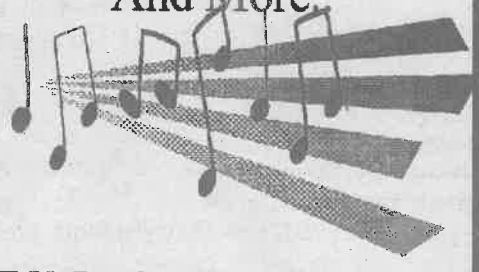

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Opinions

Prevention the key to good health

For people affected with medical problems including diabetes, Parkinson's and strokes, throughout the country, the question of why they are struck with the disease is foremost in the minds of the afflicted. Recent scientific studies may be closer to answering these questions, but the answer is not going to be popular: people are causing their own diseases and have no one to blame but themselves.

In the Nov. 6 edition of the *Los Angeles Times*, an article was written describing the link between Parkinson's disease and toxins in the environment. The study, which dealt with exposing rats to a widely used pesticide, links commonly used environmental toxins to the disease, which is the most common neurological disorder after Alzheimer's.

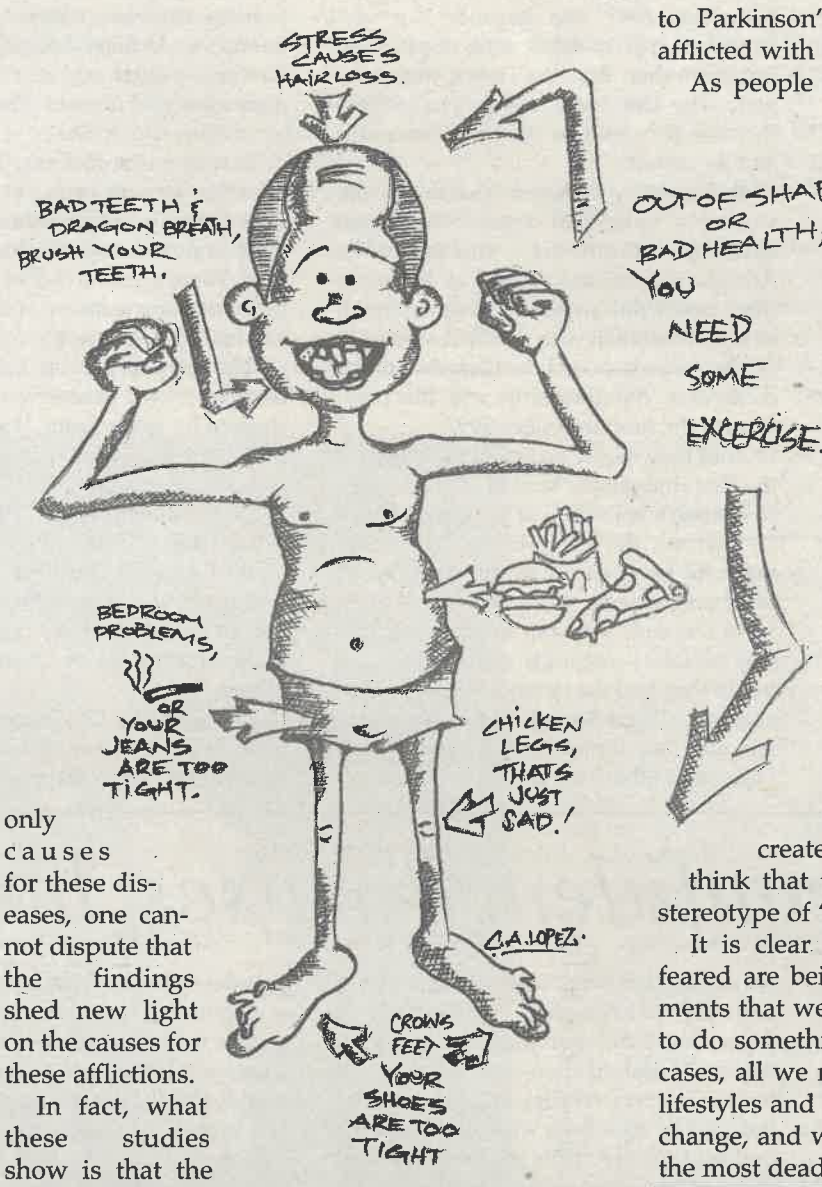
Parkinson's afflicts more than 1 million Americans a year and causes the loss of muscle control as brain cells produce less of a hormone that is necessary to normal nerve functions. Currently, there is no cure for Parkinson's.

In the same issue of the *Times*, another study, compared diabetic Mexican-Americans in Texas to Mexican citizens. In the study, it became apparent that the "American lifestyle" can result in a significantly higher diabetes risk.

Mexican-Americans, who ate fatty food more often than their Mexican counterparts and did significantly less strenuous work, suffered from a higher rate of diabetes.

More recently, a study has linked over-the-counter drugs with strokes in young women. Many cold medicines and diet pills, including Dexatrim and Triaminic, contain the ingredient phenylpanolamine, or PPA. This ingredient, which is soon to be banned by the Food and Drug Administration, has been found to be a contributing factor in hemorrhagic strokes, especially in young women.

Although none of these studies provide concrete evidence that the aforementioned factors are the only causes for these diseases, one cannot dispute that the findings shed new light on the causes for these afflictions.



In fact, what these studies show is that the American people are simply reaping what they have sown in the past few decades.

As people have introduced the pesticide linked to Parkinson's, they have become more widely afflicted with the disease.

As people have gained weight over the years, while reducing their exercise and leading a more leisurely lifestyle, the diabetes affliction rate has gone up.

As young women have become more body conscious, they have increased their use of over-the-counter diet drugs. A result of this use is the increase in strokes in the young women using these pills.

There are many other diseases that directly result from factors that we have made a part of our lives voluntarily. We sink millions of dollars into disease research. Perhaps we should use some of this money to look into alternate pesticides that are not a risk to our health. Maybe we should educate our children early, teaching them that an unhealthy lifestyle can result in diabetes. Or, we should not create an atmosphere that makes women think that they must take diet drugs to fit the stereotype of "beautiful" that Americans hold.

It is clear that many of the diseases that are feared are being caused, at least partially, by elements that we have control over. If we really want to do something to decrease the number of these cases, all we need to do is examine ourselves, our lifestyles and our environment. Then, all it takes is change, and we may be able to stomp out some of the most deadly health risks that exist today.

ULV can share in progress

When one thinks of La Verne, they usually associate the city with the University of La Verne.

Were it not for the University, the city of La Verne would probably be unheard of. It is because of the students who attend this University that businesses are still alive in this city. We provide tax dollars as well.

While La Verne City Councilman Robert Rodriguez has claimed that the decisions that are made between the University and the city of La Verne are completed through the efforts of both parties, many situations in the past have contradicted his statement.

There are several examples that can be used to illustrate that the University and the city are in separate worlds.

First off, because of the complaints made by local citizens, the La Verne City Council assigned 15 parking spaces along B Street and declared them preferential parking. So the University lost parking spaces to a city that should have remembered that the student population is increasing and that those spaces are needed.

Residents complained that students were constantly ruining their privacy by parking in front of their homes. Later on, the Council decided that students could not park on Third Street between A and B streets.

Then last spring, city officials decided to paint parking spaces in the Wilson parking lot orange, making them open to the public. Too many spaces were taken and more tension between the city and ULV arose.

At the beginning of the school year, the La Verne Police Department exercised poor timing by using a heavy presence. While one person from LVPD claimed that the University knew the police would be present on the first day of school, director of Campus Safety and Transportation John Lentz said that he was not aware of the situation.

However, there is one area that both the University and the city share. That area is First Street, between D and E streets, also known as the home of the Oaks Residence Halls, the AAIC Building and the Barkley Building.

On one corner are homes. The residents there have started complaining that students walking back and forth to class are disturbing. Another problem deals with the area not being well lit. The alley needs to have its fate determined, either by converting it into a sidewalk for pedestrians or making it safer to drive through.

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From the Editor...

ULV rises to supporting its own



Brice Nixon

Last weekend, an amazing thing happened on the campus of the University of La Verne.

No, a parking structure was not built, although many students would say that one is sorely needed.

Nor was the addition to the Oaks Residence Hall completed, although the progress on it has been remarkably efficient, considering this is the University of La Verne, after all.

There was, however, a miraculous showing of spirit from the ULV community. Of course, there are always those loyal supporters who root on the Leopards in all their athletic endeavors (including struggling teams such as the men's soccer team, which is grateful to all the dedicated fans who showed their support).

But in my experience at this University, this was something special. La Verne's women's volleyball team hosted the West Region of the NCAA Division III playoffs on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. And the turnout for the Leopards two matches was impressive. But more than that, the crowd was energetic. The fans were into it. The players themselves would be the first to admit it had an impact.

It has been a dream season for the women's volleyball team. They beat Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference rival Cal Lutheran three times this season. The same group of underclassmen who finished second in SCIAC last season led the Leopards to the conference championship and the playoffs for the first time since 1997.

And they nearly achieved their goal of the first undefeated season in the history of women's volleyball at La Verne. With a 26-2 record, the team still set the benchmark for excellence with the best record in school history.

In the end, they ran into a team that was probably just a bit better. I have no doubt they had the ability to beat the University of Puget Sound. But as team captain and lone senior Amy Brummel said, "I just don't think we played to our level."

The Supertents were something to behold on Friday. Six hundred and eleven people filled the stands at the Russell J. Frantz Athletic Court. The Rowdy Rooters were there. Members of many of La Verne's other athletic teams were also present at the match. The ASF Forum gave away 150 tickets.

It was not something I have seen at other La Verne sporting events. The support given by other athletic teams is a good sign because it is not always present. There seems to be an air of jealousy in some cases; jealousy of the success that one team has enjoyed.

The atmosphere on Friday was electric. The crowd reacted to every play and cheered for every point. It was great to see that there was genuine interest in the outcome of the match.

As a student at this University who is involved in athletics and enjoys cheering on the Leopards, the position I was in was a difficult one. It was extremely difficult not to get caught up in the moment, because the urge to cheer was hard to ignore.

It is a shame ULV's men's water polo team will not have the opportunity to receive the same support from the La Verne community.

This weekend it plays in the Western Water Polo Association Championships in Hawaii. At stake is a berth in the NCAA Championships, which includes teams from all divisions.

Seeing as they are the *ULV* men's water polo team, the sad fact is they are probably used to receiving little support from the rest of the La Verne community. Considering their achievements in this, their third season of play, the team should be especially disappointed.

It is also a shame that it took an event like the playoffs to awaken the campus and garner the support of students, faculty, staff, friends and family.

Athletics are not the priority at this University. But they are one of the many aspects of which graduates, students and other members of the community can be proud.

"I will remember this team for a long time," said women's volleyball head coach Don Flora. So will everyone who saw them play, and hopefully all of the ULV community.

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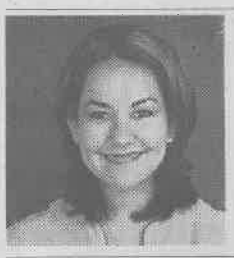
Sister's confidence raises hopes for future



Alisha Rosas

"I just don't feel like it today." My 8-year-old sister said these words after a friend invited her to play after school. Later, when I asked her why she turned down the offer, she said, "Because I want to be with you at the college."

Rachel is a different child. She never went through the "terrible 2s," and she never was the child screaming in a restaurant. She is a self-conscious student in the second grade, hates to fail and is harder on herself than she should be when she does. Her passion for life is much like my own, and though she is young, I relate to her more than anyone in the world.

When my grandmother died, there was no one left to take care of Rachel since both my parents work. Immediately I knew that I did not want her going to daycare. I figured she would be better off with me. Now everyday at 2 p.m., I stand outside her classroom with all the parents and wait for my "little girl" to get out of class. After discussing the important lessons of the day she has learned, such as where bananas come from or how the pilgrims arrived, she always asks, "So, how was your day?" or "Did you meet your deadline?"

Every Wednesday and Thursday, Rachel spends her afternoon hours in the newsroom of the *Campus Times* as well as sitting through the two hours of *La Verne Magazine* production.

I watch how comfortable she is in a college environment. She logs on to the computers and checks her email. She has created for herself an identity in a college newsroom. She is no longer "Alisha's little sister who is missing her front teeth," but instead, an individual. She converses at levels that amaze me, and sometimes I wonder who my friends look forward to seeing more, her or me.

She may not realize it now, but she is preparing herself for college. I think it is wonderful that at her age, she does not see higher education as a questionable option. It is simply part of life. What I admire most about her is her self-confidence to feel comfortable in college. It took me three years to achieve that, while she has gained it in two months.

Graduating from a high school that has a ratio of one in three students pursuing higher education, I believe that children should experience college life when their minds are still malleable and hungry for influence, motivation and standards.

When I voted two weeks ago, Rachel watched me punch my ballot. I explained to her what it was about. In the three minutes it took me to do so, I can guarantee, it provided her with enough motivation to look forward to voting. That is what needs to be done for our children because they grow faster than we can influence.

Sometimes, I wish that my "miniature adult" sister would be more immature or just get dirty once in awhile. After all, I did. I still do. I am thankful for the times that she is around other children because the child in her surfaces. I am equally thankful, however, when I hear her telling our father that the nation's next president cannot be determined "until the last vote is counted, Dad."

I can only hope that she lives out her potential in the future. I envision her as a successful woman in whatever she does. I hope my influence helps her get wherever she decides to go. Until then, I will be thankful for the time I have with her in her youth and enjoy the time left in her life when she will depend on me to feed her and pick her up from school. Someday, she will not need me to do that. However, I believe in the quotation that, "There are but two gifts we can give our children, one is roots, the other is wings" ... my Rachel will definitely fly.

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No excuse for not donating to less fortunate



Stacey Mleczko

The holidays are around the corner and there are boxes scattered around the Student Center to collect canned foods for those individuals who are less fortunate.

Homeless shelters have long lists of volunteers willing to dish out holiday dinners.

Malls are decorated and packed prematurely with gift-giving shoppers.

Where do we fit into this picture? Many of us students will use the excuse of living in the dorms to avoid the guilt of not donating canned goods.

We will plead that our only opportunity to go home and see our families is during the holidays so we cannot participate at shelters.

And everyone knows college students are dirt poor, living from paycheck to paycheck on peanut butter and crackers and jellybeans and popcorn so we certainly will not be roaming the malls in search of the perfect gift for the adopt-a-child program.

But, truth being told and excuses put aside, there are other opportunities for college students to get involved in to help aide the less fortunate.

We can donate money to causes, volunteer our time or contribute used items for those persons who live in the absence of them.

Sometimes we lack enthusiasm to help, but by donating items we no longer cherish, we can do a lot more than we think.

Many of us have drawers and closets full of clothing that has gone out of style or that we think we might fit into again someday. In taking the time to clean out your closet, these items could go to families who do not have this reality.

Children who are happy just to have a warm dinner on Thanksgiving can put to good use the items that we stash away until they are so old that they are new again.

During the gift-giving season, my family has upheld a tradition that we like to think benefits more than the gift giver and receiver.

Having a rather large family, we decided that instead of everyone buying for everyone, that it would be a better idea if each person drew the name of another's each year.

On Christmas Day, we all join together for a Christmas dinner and exchange gifts.

Instead of unwrapping material items, each gift reveals the name of a charity in which money was donated in the relative's name.

It is a truly rewarding way of celebrating a spiritual holiday that really represents more than the collection of wanted items, but instead emphasizes the strength of helping humanity.

Holidays bring out the good in many, but poverty stricken individuals crave attention and help during the off season too.

Projects like Habitat for Humanity present opportunities to volunteer time and talent for the better good of a family.

Hospitals encourage citizens to spend time with their sick and elderly patients and make greeting cards and get well cards.

Elementary schools welcome teacher's aides to assist in one of the most important causes in the world, the education of our youth.

There are endless occasions to help others. Many of them are right within reach. You need not be rich, have a lot of time or be directly involved, but humanity is a very valuable resource and people can influence the resulting livelihood of strangers and neighbors alike.

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Lisa Porter guides future teachers

•Director leads liberal studies

Crystal Apilado
Staff Writer

There is a new face to accompany the new name in the Liberal Studies Department. Lisa Porter is the new director of liberal studies at the University of La Verne.

Porter has brought and already helped create new ideas and approaches to the liberal studies program.

One of the first actions she took as director was to change the name from diversified to liberal studies.

"A lot of other schools call it a liberal studies major," said Porter about her decision to change the name.

Another change that she brought to the department was a liberal studies handbook.

Porter and a committee worked on the handbook, which contains a three-part system for liberal studies majors to follow and refer to as they work on completing their degree. The handbook is a timeline, an introduction to the major and a reference book to guide students in liberal studies.

"Now these students have something to follow as a guideline," said Porter about the handbook.

This was the first handbook to be developed and introduced to the liberal studies program at ULV.

According to Porter, the handbook is still in the developing process and will be constantly revised as the years go on and the committee gets a chance to see what works and what does not.

"I think that student interaction is very important," said Porter about her role at ULV.

professor in a Core 340 course during the spring semester.

She said she enjoys working with students inside the classroom.

She is also helping out by staying in contact with off-campus sites and helping in the liberal studies programs associated with them.

"My goal is to create a stability for the students," said Porter.

Porter is really enjoying the ULV community. She has been getting involved and is trying to reach out and meet students.

She said she was impressed with the talent that she has observed in students at ULV.

She has attended a showing of the production "Tom Paine" and she hopes to get involved in more school-wide events.

Porter said she would also be willing to help out organizations and groups to get more involved at ULV.

"It's been a very warm experience," Porter said of ULV.

In the past, she was a government and economics teacher at Channel Islands High School in Oxnard, Calif. before she came to ULV.

She got her bachelor's of arts degree at the University of Wyoming and her master's degree at California Lutheran University.

She plans on working towards her doctorate at either ULV or at the Claremont Graduate School.

'I think that student interaction is very important.'
—Lisa Porter, liberal studies director

As director of the liberal studies program, Porter encourages students with a liberal studies major to not to be afraid to come ask for help or guidance in their field of interest.

Students can call and schedule an advising appointment or come and ask her questions at her office, located in the Barkley Building.

'I really want to work with future teachers and help prepare them,' she said. 'My goal is to create a stability for the students.'
–Lisa Porter,

According to Porter, the major can be hard to follow since it branches off into so many other areas such as art and science.

"I really want to work with future teachers and help prepare them," said Porter.

Aside from being director, Porter has also been helping out inside the classroom with her hands-on experience.

She was an assistant in freshman University 100 classes this semester and will be an assisting



Jen Newman

Assistant Professor of Education Lisa Porter shows her concern for ULV students by participating in University 100 as a facilitator and advising numerous students during registration. Porter also helped develop a new handbook for liberal studies majors.

Student-led intramurals kick into season

Tom Chambers
Staff Writer

University of La Verne Intramurals have kicked off the year with co-ed volleyball. Senior Dan Miyashiro and junior Joey Gill of the Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum are in charge this year and have plans to make intramural sports something special.

"I feel like I'm doing something for the school. I've been here four years and I felt like it was time to give back to the school," said Miyashiro.

"The student response has been really positive," said Gill.

Both are experiencing their first semester on ASF and admit that they have taken on responsibilities that they did not have before. Gill says the work is tough but rewarding. They go to Michael Houdyshell, coordinator of campus activities and commuter services, for advice on matters that they are unsure of, but said Houdyshell gives them a lot of space with which to work.

"Intramurals are great. I think it really helps the school community, and Joey and Dan are doing a fine job with it," said Houdyshell.

There are three sports locked in for the year: volleyball, basketball and indoor soccer. Miyashiro and Gill are trying to keep their ears open to new ideas. They encourage students to suggest ideas for new sports and say that they will consider them seriously. Flag football, softball, and water polo are a few sports they are thinking of adding. Although certain sports present certain problems. Miyashiro and Gill think softball would be difficult due to lack of participation. Football could also be a problem. Both want to avoid injuries and insist that safety is a key issue in deciding what sports are played.

'I feel like I'm doing something for the school. I've been here four years and I felt like it was time to give back to the school.'
—Dan Miyashiro senior organizer

"Volleyball has been going great, I even almost spiked once. But I would really like to see flag football this year," said junior Rob Philpot.

This year T-shirts will be handed out to the winners in each sport. ASF paid $300 for the shirts and also have allotted additional funds for trophies for the winners of the basketball intramural.

Each student wishing to participate in intramurals must sign a waiver to play. This protects the school from lawsuits against students who are injured during intramural activities. By rule, students are required to have health insurance when they enroll in school, so coverage is not an issue. Students who want to recommend ideas for intramural sports can reach Miyashiro or Gill at the ASF office, ext. 4677.

Intramural volleyball takes place on Thursday nights starting at 10 p.m and go to about 11:30 p.m. in the gym. Miyashiro and Gill are making plans to reschedule the volleyball finals after Thanksgiving.

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Tradition reestablished in Delta Sigma Theta

Stacey Mleczko
Features Editor

Diversity and tradition are two characteristics recorded in the University of La Verne Mission Statement. They are also two key elements of the incorporated sorority of Delta Sigma Theta.

In 1913, 22 women of higher education stature founded Delta Sigma Theta. They united to form a sisterhood that would promote the better good for humanity.

A chapter of Delta Sigma Theta was originally formed at ULV in 1979 and continued to flourish until its last member graduated in 1994. Spring semester of 1999 produced a replenished chapter that is currently an active sorority.

Michael Houdyshell, coordinator of campus activities and commuter services, said, "They are recognized as an official ULV organization. They are building toward becoming a stronger student group on campus."

Acting president of the ULV Delta Sigma Theta Chapter Ayana Brown said after reading the University's Mission Statement, she was surprised and questioned why similar groups were not active here, and decided to help bring the chapter back to life.

Brown, a senior computer science major, emphasized the difference between Delta Sigma Theta and the other sororities offered at ULV. "Delta Sigma Theta is different; we're not local or national, we're incorporated. We have different traditions and rules, we never recruit. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to even become a Delta."

> 'I never wanted to be anything else, I knew Delta Sigma Theta was for me. You have to want it to become a member.'
>
> *—Ayana Brown, senior, acting chapter president*

There is a standard requirement that pledges must be of sophomore status, have a 2.5 grade point average and have 25 hours of community service. Traditionally, the sorority has resulted from a collective effort of black collegiate women but all nationalities are welcome and others have joined and are valued members.

Brown said she became familiar with Delta Sigma Theta through her family members who were members. "I never wanted to be anything else, I knew Delta Sigma Theta was for me. You have to want it to become a member."

She supported her decision to join by saying that the current members of the sorority inspired her but also by the prominent figures that have been part of the sorority.

The sorority is hugely based on community service and public projects. Last semester, it participated in Club Fair with a voter registration drive. This semester the group prepared a Halloween program for the Hillview Acres Children's Home in Ontario and is focusing on connecting with a home to mentor through The David and Margaret Home in La Verne.

Brown said there is a long-term benefit to joining the Deltas. "The basic sisterhood is a life-long commitment, it's like a marriage," she said. "Greek love is a whole different life, a secret sorority."

Anyone interested in information on the Delta Sigma Theta sorority can contact Brown through email at **browna@ulv.edu.**

Keeler's sabbatical survives as a struggling success

• Journalism chair finds rebirth

Kelly Serrano
Staff Writer

George Keeler's profession is journalism, and journalists are story tellers. He saw his sabbatical in the spring of 2000 as a chance to tell stories as well as a chance to gather information to be able to tell stories in the future.

Although his sabbatical did not begin as he had planned, Keeler returned to the University of La Verne with an abundance of information and great stories to tell.

The first half of his sabbatical was spent on campus. Last spring the Communications Department was petitioning for more space on campus and as head of the department, Keeler worked through March trying to tie up loose ends.

From the end of March through May, Keeler was in bed with double pneumonia. The illness was not responding to any of the antibiotics his doctor prescribed, and eventually he was making daily trips to his doctors' office for a shot and a chest X-ray. He said he has never been that sick before and said that it was a drag.

"It wasn't too fun of a sabbatical in that way, " said Keeler. "It makes me think twice about another sabbatical."

Once Keeler overcame his illness, he knew that he had to do something of interest in order to come back and tell all of his students. His first goal was to write a history book of the American Armenian International College.

The building which students now know as the AAIC classrooms on Second and D street once housed a separate institution under the umbrella of ULV. For 19 years the AAIC was a valid college and Keeler found it important to document its history.

"For nearly 20 years there were people who were tied to the University of La Verne who wouldn't have been here if it weren't for the American Armenian International College," said Keeler. "It was responsible for bringing a whole group of people to the La Verne community who are Armenian. They settled in La Verne because they went to school in La Verne. So it changed the population of the city."



Denisse Villalba

George Keeler, chair of the Communications Department and professor of journalism, has been the La Verne Magazine adviser for the past 18 years. He graduated from ULV in 1977 with degrees in music and journalism. Keeler took a sabbatical in spring and he took some time to write a history of the American Armenian International College (AAIC).

Faculty Taboo

A series designed to reveal questions and answers students may never ask or get answered by professors and staff.

- **Biggest Pet Peeve:** People who don't tell the truth. For example students that say "My printer broke!"
- **Perception of self in college:** Involved in everything.
- **Favorite sport:** Bike races.
- **Biggest fashion mistake:** Wearing a leisure suit in my ULV *Campus Times* editor portrait.
- **SAT Scores:** Around 1,200, and I think I scored higher in Math.
- **Strangest job held:** I was the movie projectionist at Canyon Theater in San Dimas.
- **Highest achievement:** Becoming a dad.

Keeler did finish piecing together the history of the AAIC and is now gathering photography for the book. Once it is finally complete, the alumni of the AAIC would like to have the book to sell and Keeler also said he thinks that ULV could make good use out of a piece of this history.

Although his sabbatical was theoretically over, Keeler set out on a second adventure in July. After being convinced by his wife, Jeanette to have fun, he used his frequent flier miles to take a trip to Germany for three weeks.

In Germany, Keeler took his camera equipment and his bicycle and set out to document the city of Schwarzenau, which is where the Church of the Brethren began.

The Church of the Brethren established ULV in 1891, and since has not had any professional documentation of its birth city. The purpose of Keeler's trip was to document Schwarzenau through pictures and to write stories about his experiences to put on the Church of the Brethren's web site. Keeler expects the web site to be complete by February.

After photographing Schwarzenau, Keeler went with friends on a bicycle ride through Germany to Holland. The trip took him down the Rhine River and the Mosel River from Frankfurt to Amsterdam, totalling about 800 miles.

"You can't keep me in the bed too long," Keeler said. "I saw that as my recovery. I decided to bicycle to get strong again."

Once finally at home at the end of summer, Keeler began planning the Cuba trip ULV students will go on during the January interterm.

This was the second sabbatical for Keeler after 21 years at ULV. In his first sabbatical in 1984, he finished his doctorate at the University of Southern California. Keeler is an alumni of ULV, class of 1977, and comes from a long line of ULV graduates.

He is active at ULV as well as in the community. In addition to being chair of the Communications Department, he is an adviser to numerous students and a teacher of news reporting, internship, magazine and senior seminar. While on sabbatical, he missed the opportunity to host the California Intercollegiate Press Association (CIPA) which is a conference for student journalists. He had done most of the initial set up for the conference to be held at ULV, but was too sick to attend.

"I missed being with the students for CIPA and I missed being on campus," he said.

On the contrary, Keeler said that during his sabbatical he realized how petty some of the squabbles are within office politics. He says that he did not miss the politics involved with the ULV Space Committee and the University Council, both of which he is a member.

Keeler takes home the same dedication that he possesses on campus. He is an avid kayaker and bicyclist. At home Keeler is known as dad to his 2-year-old son Nathan.

"I have a great responsibility to be with my son," he said.

Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

Musical offerings

•The Chamber Music Faculty Recital is tomorrow. The University of La Verne will host this fund raiser for a new Steinway Concert Grand Piano in Founders Auditorium at 8 p.m. The recital will include Timothy Durkovic on piano, Leticia Oaks-Strong and Richard O'Neill on viola, Timothy Lanauer on cello and Phillip Levy on violin. Tickets are available at the door for $10, or $5 for students. For more information call ext. 4917 or visit www.ulv.edu/music.

Movie openings

•Ben Affleck and Gwyneth Paltrow star in Don Roos' new film "Bounce." Opening today, this romantic comedy shows the life of an advertising man (Affleck) who gives up his seat on a doomed plane to pursue a fling. After the plane crashes, he searches to find the widow (Paltrow) of the man he gave his seat to.

•Jim Carrey stars in "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas." See the spirit of Christmas (or lack thereof) on the big screen, opening in general release today in theaters everywhere.

•The long awaited Disney movie "102 Dalmatians," starring Glenn Close, opens Thanksgiving Day. This sequel to "101 Dalmatians" is expected to be just as good, if not better than the first. The antagonist, rightly named Cruella De Vil, is after the dalmatian family, especially the one spotless puppie.

•"Unbreakable" with Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson, pulls people in by the previews that are so vauge. It opens on Thanksgiving Day also.

—Melinda Sanchez

TV shows try to recreate College student life

by Ryan Mac Donald

Ben loves Felicity. Felicity loves Ben. Felicity cheats on Ben. Ben sees the "cheating" picture of Felicity on the Internet. Ben gets really upset. Sean, Ben's roommate, has testicular cancer. Megan, Sean's girlfriend, is wicked. Elena, Felicity's best friend, is in love with her boyfriend, Tracie, but he will not sleep with her because he loves God too much.

Is college life always so interesting?

Like the above show "Felicity," the portrayal of college life has become a familiar subject-matter to many television networks, and with this recent emergence, collegiate students are beginning to develop intimate relationships to these televised dramas and their characters.

> '"Felicity" is the closest thing to a college setting. This show is like real life. They encounter real situations and that is why so many students are connecting to the show. The situations and the emotions are so similar to our lives.'
>
> *—Cambria Smith, junior*

"'Felicity' is the closet thing to a college setting," said junior Cambria Smith, a diversified major. "This show is like real life. They encounter real situations and that is why so many students are connecting to the show. The situations and the emotions are so similar to our lives."

Shows like "Felicity," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," and "Beverly Hills 90210," all follow a similar theme in following the central characters into college, and with endless parallels to reality, actual college students have connected to these shows on personal levels, regardless of the amount of realistic aspects.

"The issues they deal with from drug abuse to rape to family problems are very realistic," said junior movement and sports science major Katie Aimone.

The images of plush dormitories, intellectual conversations, raging parties, and drunken mistakes, are portrayed through a mediated reality to convey a realistic atmosphere, but when compared to those conditions of actual college life, the circumstances and outcomes would probably be resolved in entirely different fashions.

"Some of the places they live and work at are a bit unrealistic, but that part does not really affect the direction of the show," said Emily Tollefson a sophomore.

The characters would probably have a tremendous amount of difficulty coping with real dormitories, relationships, expenses and life. However, Tollefson noted that these shows are "a realistic portrayal of college life through everything. With relationships to school to work, these shows mirror our existence in college."

Ranging from attending the University of New York to California University, these students also somehow manage to attend the same collegiate institution as all of their hometown friends.

"It ['90210'] was family bonding time, and we all watched as they [the characters] went off to college," said Aimone. "I just didn't think that it was realistic because when you leave high school you need to break off from your friends and go to college and meet new people and learn from them."

Like many shows like before it, "Felicity" is a coming of age story that follows a young woman who goes off to college. But in this college, the students are attractive, and their lives are always melodramatic and interesting.

"If they were ugly, I would not watch," said Tollefson. "If Ben was a dog who would want to watch? There is obviously some bit of fakeness in having so many people be so attractive, but if everyone wasn't good looking, it would be difficult to watch."

Improv leaves 'em laughing for Mohr

Jazmine Ponce
Managing Editor

Uproarious laughter filled the 50 plus person crowd Monday night at the Brea Improv where comedian Jay Mohr performed a special show.

Mohr is best known to many as an actor. He has had great supporting roles in such films as "Go," "Jerry Maguire" and currently "Pay It Forward" with Kevin Spacey. He was also seen in the critically acclaimed short-lived television series "Action," which was cancelled. But to those who remember Mohr from his early days on the club circuit and appearances on "Saturday Night Live" he is a stand up comedian at heart, which was apparent Monday night where he had the audience laughing hysterical at the strangest and oddest things.

Monday was the last day Mohr was headlining the Brea Improv where he was originally scheduled for Nov. 9-12 but had to postpone it due to the filming of his new movie "Fair Hope USA" in Canada. Though the Monday night show was small and quaint, Mohr gave it his all and kept the crowd pumped.

Those who remember Mohr from his 1993-1995 stint on "SNL" know he does a dead on impressions of Christopher Walken. He also does fairly good impressions of Joe Pesci and Harvey Keitel.

Mohr's comedy is a blend of everyday life observations, drugs, sex, different cultures, ethnicities and almost anything. Some may think the subject matter of his comedy is too crass (maybe even vulgar and racy) but somehow no matter how one feels, the jokes are hilarious, and the laughter will just flow. He will have people thinking, "I cannot believe I am laughing at this?"

Some may say it is politically incorrect, but it is darn entertaining, the point of comedy is to make one laugh and have fun and that is exactly what Mohr does. A majority of Mohr's material is unprintable but the material that is kosher is just plan funny and wildly amusing.

"Nyquil's incredible, you ever take Nyquil? You go to bed and wake up with a beard, a chalk outline around your body you're laying on the kitchen floor, you can't make a fist, the doorbell's ringing you can't do anything about it, 'I'm comming' you look like uncle Jesse from 'Dukes of Hazzard'," said Mohr.

Mohr's comedy is laced with quick witted references and obscure realities of life. In one instance he rants about abundance of languages on ATM machines including the oddest one, Braille.

"There's a Braille button at the ATM machines, how does a blind guy find an ATM? Did he drive there in his new Lincoln? Did he map it out the night before with his family, 1,010, 1,011, 1,012, steps from the mailbox put that in the log. We'll come back tomorrow after we find my wallet. Like the bank manager doesn't see the blind guy coming, 'here comes the blind guy put the ones in the bottom you moron, no I stole $500 last night I'm going to make it up here right now," said Mohr.

Though it may offend some, one of the most side-splitting bits was about midgets who sell real estate on informercials. When it comes to Mohr it's best to leave all preconceptions at the door.

"Either I was really high or I saw this, a midget was selling real estate on TV, did anyone see this? A midget selling real estate, a little person I'm just sitting there like either that's a midget or I have glaucoma, I know I'm high but that guy doesn't look right. He's just selling real estate walking around but I don't know if he's a midget or not really cause there's no one else on the TV to compare him to, Whoa slow down with the numbers little man I'm trying to figure you out! You think they make an announcement, like 'with the 5 percent, yes I'm a midget.' All right good we figured it out, then he goes 'Now let's bring out my twin brother Sal.' He's a midget too, identical twin midget brothers, I didn't even know you can make those, hey I want em...you gotta buy the house just for the story," said Mohr.

For those who missed Mohr, they should definitely see him when he comes back. Or they will surely regret it.

Mohr will be performing at the Irvine Improv, Dec. 28-31. for more information, call (949) 854-5455 or check the website **www.irvineimprov.com**.

Sports

Playoff Preview

Polo emerges as SCIAC champions

•Team heads off to Hawaii

Ryan Mac Donald
Staff Writer

It was the championship game where both teams came prepared to battle through four painful, dirty quarters. It was the first ranked team playing against the second ranked team, and both teams came to win.

These teams met twice before, each team winning one game, and in each game the score was separated by no more than two goals.

But this game meant something a little more.

"We were pretty serious and very focused [entering this game]," said head coach Tim Hugar.

To be victorious on this occasion meant winning the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) water polo championship title and earning the No. 1 ranking in Division III schools.

"We really wanted to come out winners, and we knew we had to play hard to do that," said team captain Fred Sicard.

Playing on Sunday in their last conference match of the season, the Leopards faced the University of Redlands Bulldogs, and after four laborious quarters, the Leopards were crowned SCIAC champions in a narrow 6-5 victory.

In only its third year of existence, the Leopards water polo team captured its first conference championship.

"Since 1982 only two teams [University of Redlands and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps] have won it, so there haven't been a whole lot of teams out there winning our conference," said Hugar. "It feels good; we're pretty excited. These other schools have had programs since the early 1950s and to consider that we only started three and a half years ago is quite an accomplishment."

Entering this tournament, the Leopards, who are 16-6 in seasonal play and 5-1 in conference action, were ranked second behind the Bulldogs. In their first two matches, the Leopards easily defeated both Caltech and Whittier College. With these two victories, the Leopards set up their championship game.

"We wanted to prove that we are the better team," said junior driver Stephen Smith. "We knew this game was going to be more intense, and that they were giving everything they could because they were the SCIAC champions the year before."

Opening the first quarter of the championship game, the Bulldogs took control of the with a 3-1 lead, allowing the Leopards only one goal in the first seven minutes. The Bulldogs' Kevin Rosa led the team's offense with two goals.

"It had to do with our game plan," said Sicard about the team's start. "The last time we played them, we allowed Rosa to score five times, so we went in knowing we had to guard him. We had to change our pace."

Firing up the intensity into the second quarter, the Leopards took control off the first possession, and driver Kenny Clements scored off a pass inside from Smith, bringing the score to 3-2.

With 3:02 left in the first half, Clements drew an ejection off the Bulldogs Jake Locke, and with tight defense he stole the ball and broke away from the field. Clements passed across to senior Ian Gratz who scored the Leopards' third goal of the game.

By the end of the first half, the Leopards had battled back offensively to tie the score at three, and they proceeded to strain the Bulldogs' offense with strong defensive tactics.

"Our biggest concern was to play defense. We knew once we got ahead by one or two goals, it would be our game if we could just hold them on the defense," said Sicard.

Hugar added, "We changed our defense from the last time we played them. We dropped completely back and took away their whole play. We just stayed calm and kept attacking."

Late in the third quarter, the Bulldogs' Rosa provided the first offensive opening of the second half with two back-to-back breakaways from the Leopards' defense. On his second attempt, he scored against Leopard goalie John Steilfing, putting the Bulldogs ahead, 4-3.

Responding with 3.13 left in the third quarter, the Leopards' Alan Shumway passed inside to Sean Smith who tied the game at four. Then on the following possession, Shumway gave his team its first lead of the game, after he scored over goalie Tyler Newgren, placing the Leopards ahead, 5-4.

Nearly clinching the conference title at 2:52 in the fourth quarter, Kocher recovered a shot off the goal post and then passed to Gratz, who scored and put the Leopards up 6-4.

"We felt we had them contained, and we felt comfortable," said Smith. "But we didn't relax at all."

In a final effort with 2:20 in the fourth quarter, senior Tim McNaney scored the last Bulldog goal from 5 meters out, bringing the final score to 6-5.

"Our defense was pretty great for the last three quarters," said Hugar. "It was a good accomplishment to allow Redlands to score only two goals in three quarters."

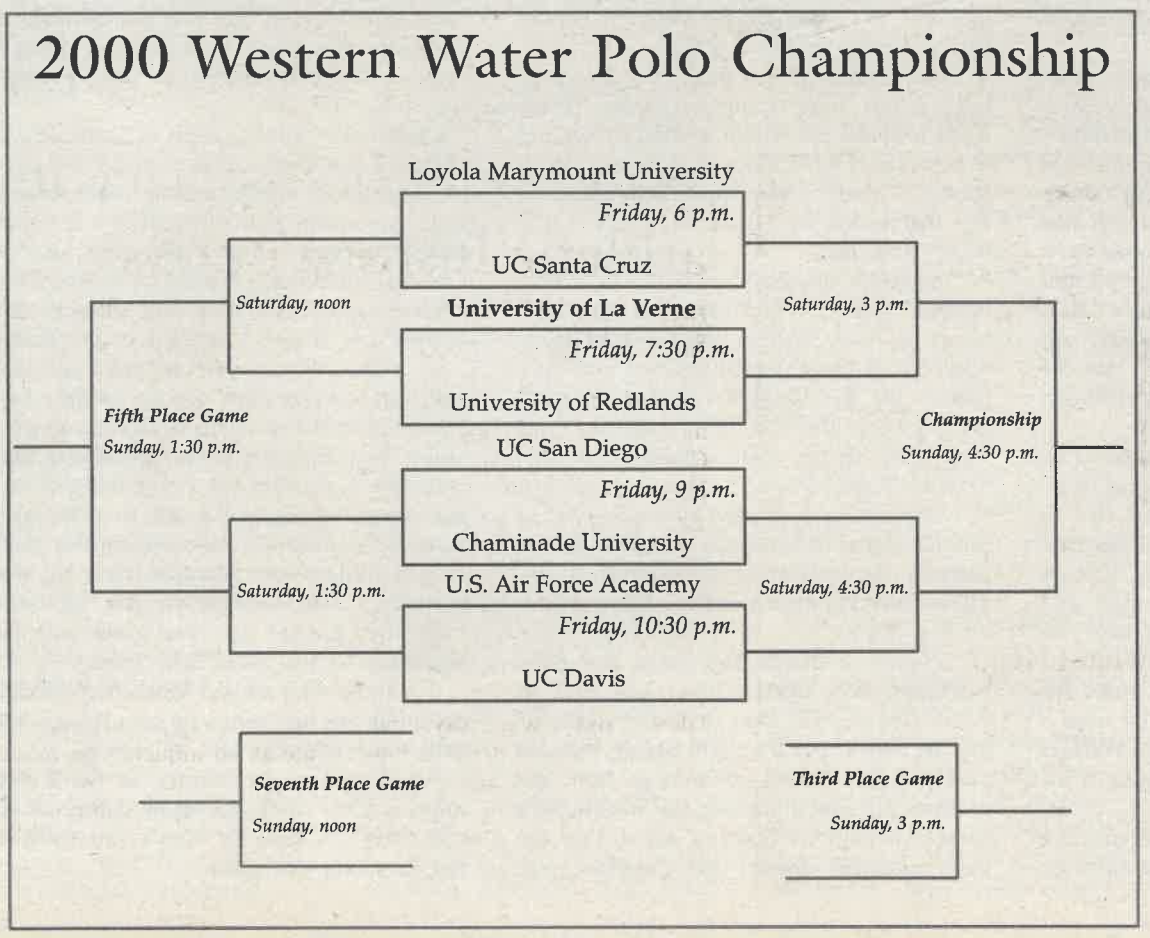
In the final 30 seconds, the Leopards controlled the ball and let the clock run down to zero, clinching the SCIAC Championship title.

"It is the first water polo title this school has won, and it's nice to be apart of that," said Smith



Denisse Villalba

Ian Gratz (#9) tries to block Tim McNaney's (#5) shot. The Leopards faced the University of Redlands Bulldogs for the SCIAC championship on Sunday. The Leopards defeated the Bulldogs 6-5, and are playing in Hawaii for the Western Water Polo Association Championships. La Verne opens the tournament against Redlands today.



Water polo log

Date	Opponent	Location	Outcome
Sept. 3	UC Santa Barbara	La Verne	L 8-12
Sept. 9	Pomona	San Diego Tourney	W 16-4
Sept. 9	Air Force Academy	San Diego Tourney	L 8-10
Sept. 10	Redlands	San Diego Tourney	W 8-6
Sept. 10	Santa Clara	San Diego Tourney	W 10-7
Sept. 15	UC Davis	La Verne	W 9-6
Sept. 15	Navy	La Verne	W 9-6
Sept. 16	Princeton	La Verne	L 5-6
Oct 1	Air Force	La Verne	W 11-9
Oct 11	Loyola Marymount	Los Angeles	L 6-8
Oct 13	Brown	Claremont	W 7-4
Oct 13	St. Francis	Claremont	L 8-9
Oct 14	Iona	Pomona	W 10-9 OT
Oct 14	Chaminade	Pomona	W 14-7
Oct 18	Redlands University	La Verne	L 8-9
Oct 21	Pomona-Pitzer	La Verne	W 13-7
Oct 21	Chapman	La Verne	W 9-1
Oct 25	Occidental College	La Verne	W 17-4
Oct 28	Whittier College	La Verne	W 14-7
Nov 1	Claremont-M-S	Claremont	W 15-5
Nov 3	UC Santa Clara	La Verne	W 9-6
Nov 3	Caltech	Pasadena	W 17-7
Nov 11	*Caltech	La Verne	W 17-4
Nov 12	*Whittier	La Verne	W 8-2
Nov 13	*Redlands	La Verne	W 6-5
Nov 17	WWPA Championships	Hawaii	
Nov 18	WWPA Championships	Hawaii	
Nov 19	WWPA Championships	Hawaii	
Dec 2	NCAA Championships	Pepperdine	
Dec 3	NCAA Championships	Pepperdine	

*SCIAC Championships

Playoff Preview

Honolulu host for polo challenge

Ryan Mac Donald
Staff Writer

Isn't it ironic? Don't ya think? It's like playing the team you just beat again.

The University of La Verne men's water polo team will travel to Hawaii this weekend to compete in the eighteenth annual Western Water Polo Association (WWPA) tournament, and their first opponent will be the University of Redlands.

The Leopards defeated the Bulldogs last Sunday for the conference championship, and head coach Tim Hugar believes this next game will also prove to be very competitive.

> 'I think we should make it to the finals, and we could even upset San Diego and win.'
> —*Stephen Smith, ULV water polo team member*

Hugar said, "It won't be the same emotions [in the game] as it was five days ago. But I'm sure both teams will be fired up. It's a little different playing in a first round tournament than playing in a conference championship game."

Teams from all across the western region will gather at the host school of Chaminade University to compete for the title. The schools include the No. 1 ranked University of California at San Diego, No. 2 ranked Loyola Marymount University, No. 6 ranked United States Air Force Academy, No. 5 ranked University of California at Davis, No. 6 ranked University of Redlands and No. 8 ranked Chaminade University at Honolulu.

The winner of this tournament will earn a berth to compete an the NCAA Final Four water polo championships in early December at host Pepperdine University.

The Leopards, who are ranked third entering into the tournament, earned this post-season berth by ranking in the top ten teams of Division III schools throughout its regular season, and by also defeating several Division I nationally ranked squads.

"We should do pretty good," said junior Stephen Smith. "We've played all of the teams except UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz and beaten everyone but Loyola Marymount University. I think we should make it to the finals, and we could even upset San Diego and win."

In regular seasonal play, the Leopards have faced the Air Force twice before and were defeated 10-8 in the first meeting; however, the team rebounded when they played them for the second time, winning 11-9.

In the match against Loyola-Marymount University (LMU), the Leopards were defeated 8-6, but in this game, the team played without one of their leading scorers.

"LMU was the only team we lost to and that was without Kenny [Clements]," said Smith. "Being full strength, we should pose a threat."

Playing against Chaminade University at the Claremont Convergence tournament, the Leopards easily defeated the Silverswords in their only meeting in the season, 14-7.

Early in the season, the Leopards played UC Davis, and after four quarters, the Leopards defeated the Aggies, 9-6. This victory was especially crucial for the La Verne squad because the Leopards demonstrated an impressive ability to compete and win over a nationally ranked team.

The Leopards have faced the Bulldogs three times in the regular season, and on two occasions, the Leopards have been victorious. However, each game has been extremely tight, with each possession crucially important.

> 'The season is on the line [in this next game against Redlands]. They are fired up, and they are not happy with us. They will be tough because they watched us celebrate in our pool, and they don't want to lose.'
> —*Stephen Smith, junior*

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Olympics dub polo as aged game

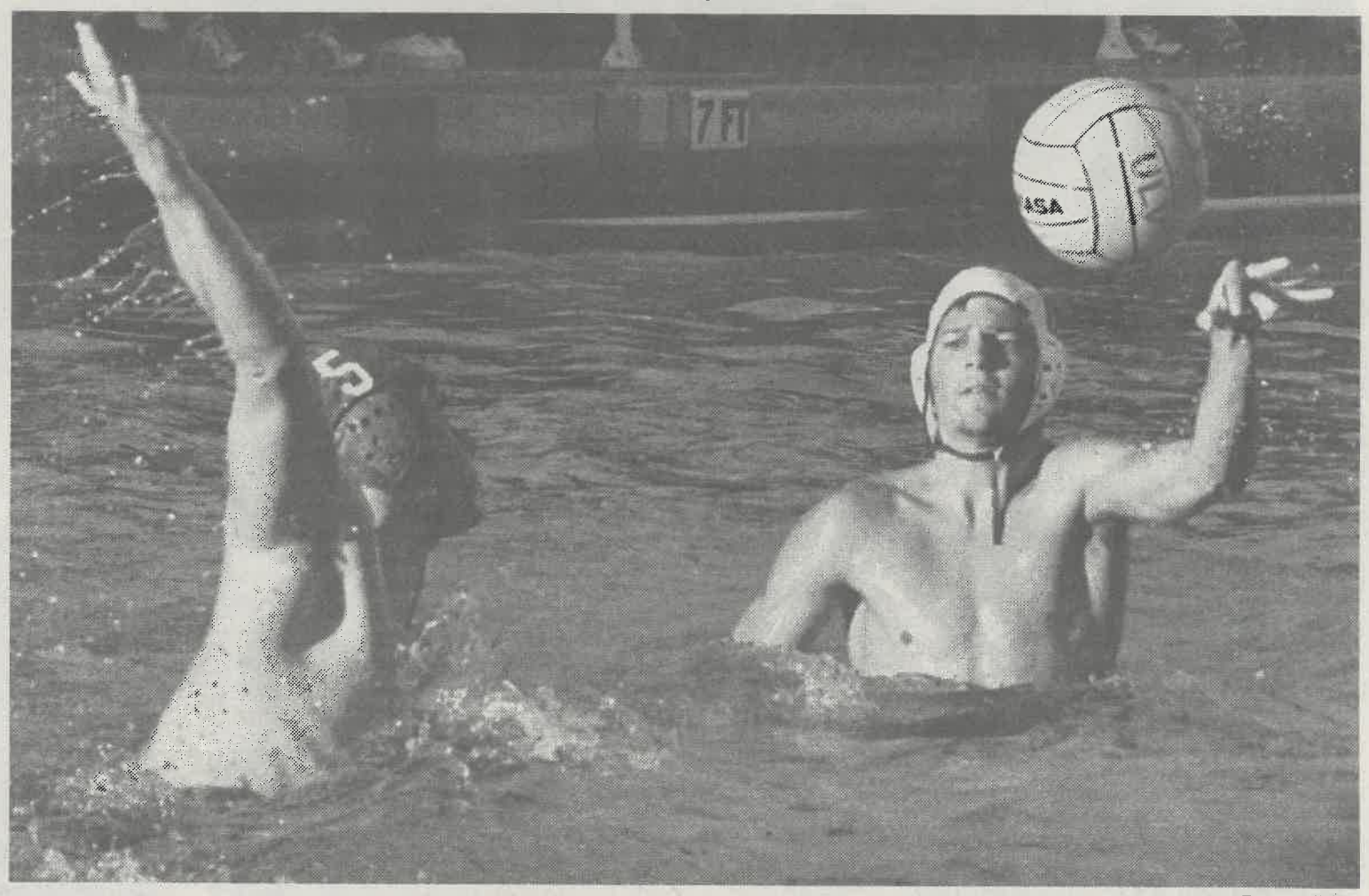
Danny Craig
Sports Editor

Although now a common site to fans of the summer games, the game of water polo slowly created its niche amongst the ancient events of the Olympics.

According to an informational release created by the Western Water Polo Association, the sport made its first appearance at the games in Paris during the summer of 1900. Although during its debut, water polo was only an exhibition sport, it was the first competition to incorporate team athleticism.

The United States has claimed five medals in the event since its existence, including the gold medal from the games held in St. Louis in 1904.

The most recent victor of the event is Spain who won the gold in Atlanta during the 1996 games.



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Junior Stephan Smith passes the ball over the attempted block by Tim McNaney of Redlands. The men's water polo team is now ranked No. 1 in the Men's Division III National Collegiate Polling.

ULV Water Polo Roster

1	John Steifeling	Goal	Jr	Hacienda Heights
1A	Gage Fisher	Goal	Sr	Hacienda Heights
3	Tom Merryman	UT	Jr	Rancho Cucamonga
4	Matt Ganey	DR	Fr	San Dimas
5	Sean Smith	UT	Jr	Rowland Heights
6	Alan Shumway	DR	Jr	Mira Loma
7	Kenny Clements	DR	Fr	Rowland Heights
8	Brady Kocher	DR	So	Riverside
9	Ian Gratz	UT	So	La Verne
10	Fred Sicard	2M	Sr	Hacienda Heights
11	Stephen Smith	DR	Jr	Rowland Heights
12	Jason Shumway	UT	Jr	Mira Loma
13	Ryan Penrod	DR	Sr	Whittier
14	Rey Lopez	DR	Jr	Rancho Cucamonga
15	Jason Walters	DR	Fr	Tacoma WA

Coach: Tim Hugar

Water polo holds place in athletic history books

Danny Craig
Sports Editor

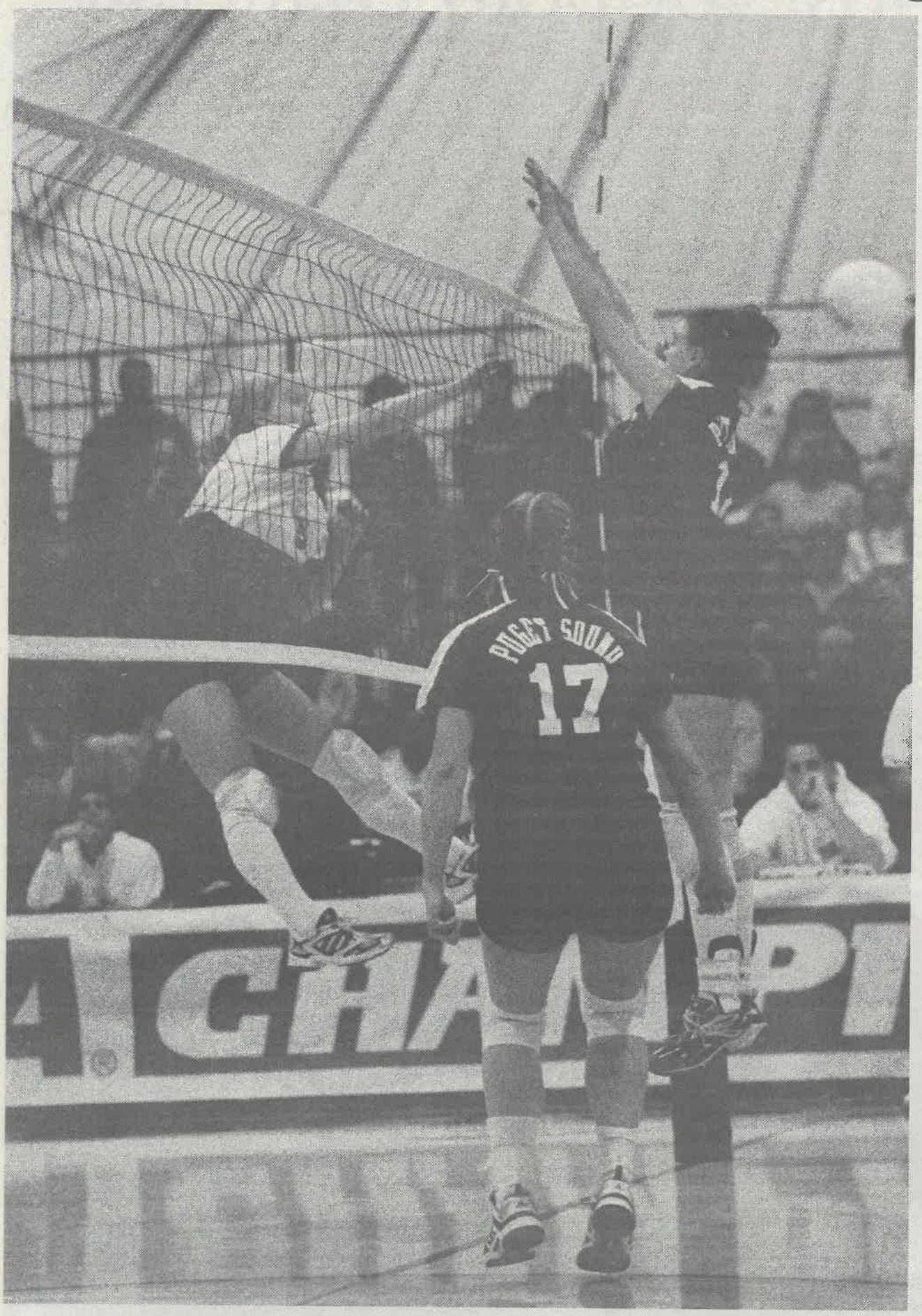
Leading into this weekend's national championships at Chaminade University in Honolulu, it is difficult to fathom water polo as a sport that's history is long and storied. However, with origins dating back as far as the 1800's, that is clearly the case.

To be exact, it was 1860 when the sport was first played in the lakes and waterways of England. Possessing similarities to rugby, animal intestines were used for balls and anchored boats served as goals on the shallow courts where the game was played. According to information distributed by the Western Water Polo Association, the early stages of the game were as crude as they were barbaric. With no set regulations to prohibit kicking, punching or dunking, players were often seriously if not fatally injured.

A Hungarian influence on the game created a rule disallowing players from letting the ball touch the water when passing. This aspect called for better ball handling which some attribute as an influence on modern play.

The implementation of pool as the playing ground evolved with polo's growing popularity.

Spikers advance to Regional final,



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Brice Nixon
Editor in Chief

It was déjà vu, only the tables were turned.

The University of Puget Sound seemed to have an answer for everything La Verne did in the championship game of the NCAA Division III women's volleyball West Region playoffs, in contrast to the previous day, when the Leopards had all the answers in a win over Cal State Hayward.

Despite being the region's No. 2 seed, the Leopards were chosen to host the regional playoffs. Puget Sound senior setter and captain Lindsi Weber said that was a motivating factor for her team. She added that they "like playing to crowds who may not necessarily support us."

The result was a three-game sweep for the top-seeded Loggers, who are in their second year in Division III. They moved on to tomorrow's national quarterfinals against the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, the No. 1 team in Division III. The No. 2 seeded Leopards (26-2) finished their season with the best record in school history.

"I didn't think we were as crisp in our ball control," said ULV head coach Don Flora, comparing the Puget Sound match to the previous night's match. "We didn't run a very good offense in our transition."

Puget Sound, now a perfect 25-0, won the first two games in the Supertents on Saturday by scores of 15-5 and 15-10. In Friday's regional semifinal, La Verne beat Hayward by identical scores. The Pioneers came back to take the third game before the Leopards won the fourth game to close out the match.

Similarly, La Verne took control in the third game against the Loggers, jumping out to a 9-2 lead. But Puget Sound came back and, after two controversial calls, pulled out the win, 15-13, to clinch the match.

"I'm at a loss for words," said ULV senior outside hitter Amy Brummel. "I felt like we played tough but I just don't think we played to our level."

Brummel, the team's captain and lone senior, had 10 kills and a match-high 13 digs. Junior middle blocker Adriana Contreras also had 10 kills. Sophomore swing hitter Adriane Ougendal led the Loggers with a match-high 14 kills.

The Leopards took a 5-3 lead to start the first game. But after a Puget Sound time out, the Loggers scored the next 12 points to win the first game.

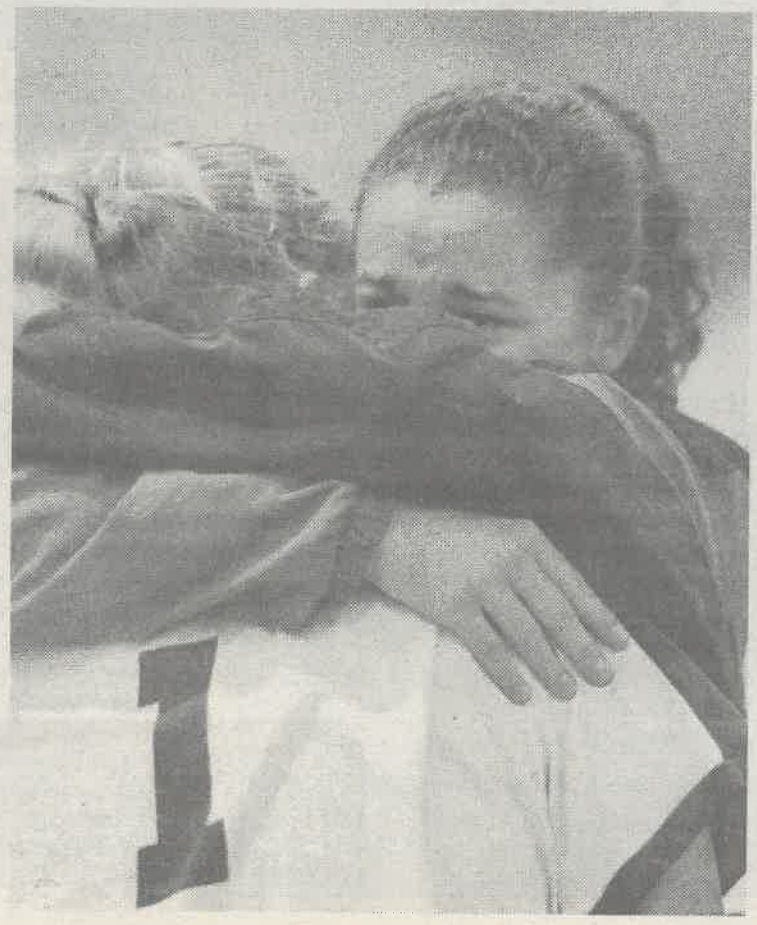
Puget Sound continued that streak at the start of





Kati Kelly

Clockwise from above: Amy Smith (#5) hits the ball over the outreached hands of the University of Puget Sound's Jessica Davis (#12). Davis' teammate Angie Cashman (#17) watches as Smith gets a violation for touching the net. Beating CSU Hayward in the first round of the NCAA West Regional Division III Championships on Friday, Nov. 10, the Leopards advanced to the second round against the University of Puget Sound. Amy Smith, a freshmen from Atascadero, Calif., saved the ball and a point. Meridith Zembal and Ryan Winn (#1) console each other after their second and final loss of the season against the University of Puget Sound. The women ended the season tearfully with a 25-2 record.



Kati Kelly

fall to PSU

the second game, outscoring the Leopards 6-1. But led by freshman outside hitter Amy Smith, La Verne rallied. Smith recorded three kills as the Leopards got to within two, at 6-4. That was the closest they got in the game.

La Verne reduced the deficit to two points several times. Every time the Leopards seemed to be on the verge of closing the gap, however, Puget Sound responded or the Leopards made critical errors.

"They just pursue balls with a real high intensity and a real passion," said Flora. "That was the difference, their defensive intensity."

Twice they got to within two when serving errors halted their comeback attempt. The Leopards had difficulty serving the entire match, with 10 service errors compared to four for the Loggers.

Puget Sound recorded the final three points to go up two games to none. Despite that, the second game marked an improvement in the Leopards' level of play, and it continued in the third game.

"The difference in the third game was we started being able to run things in the transition," said Flora.

Contreras recorded four kills and one block as they went up 9-2. The Loggers then reeled off seven straight points to tie the score. They went up 13-10 before La Verne again tied the score at 13. Puget Sound recorded the final two points, with an ace by senior setter and captain Lindsi Weber finishing off the match.

On Nov. 10, the Leopards opened the playoffs with a 15-5, 15-10, 12-15, 15-8 victory over No. 3 seed Cal State Hayward in front of 611 raucous fans in the Supertents.

"The crowd was awesome," said Brummel, who had 14 kills, a match-best, four service aces and 13 digs. "That's the best crowd I've ever seen here in my four years."

Smith had a match-high 17 kills to lead ULV.

"She's got a lot of room to

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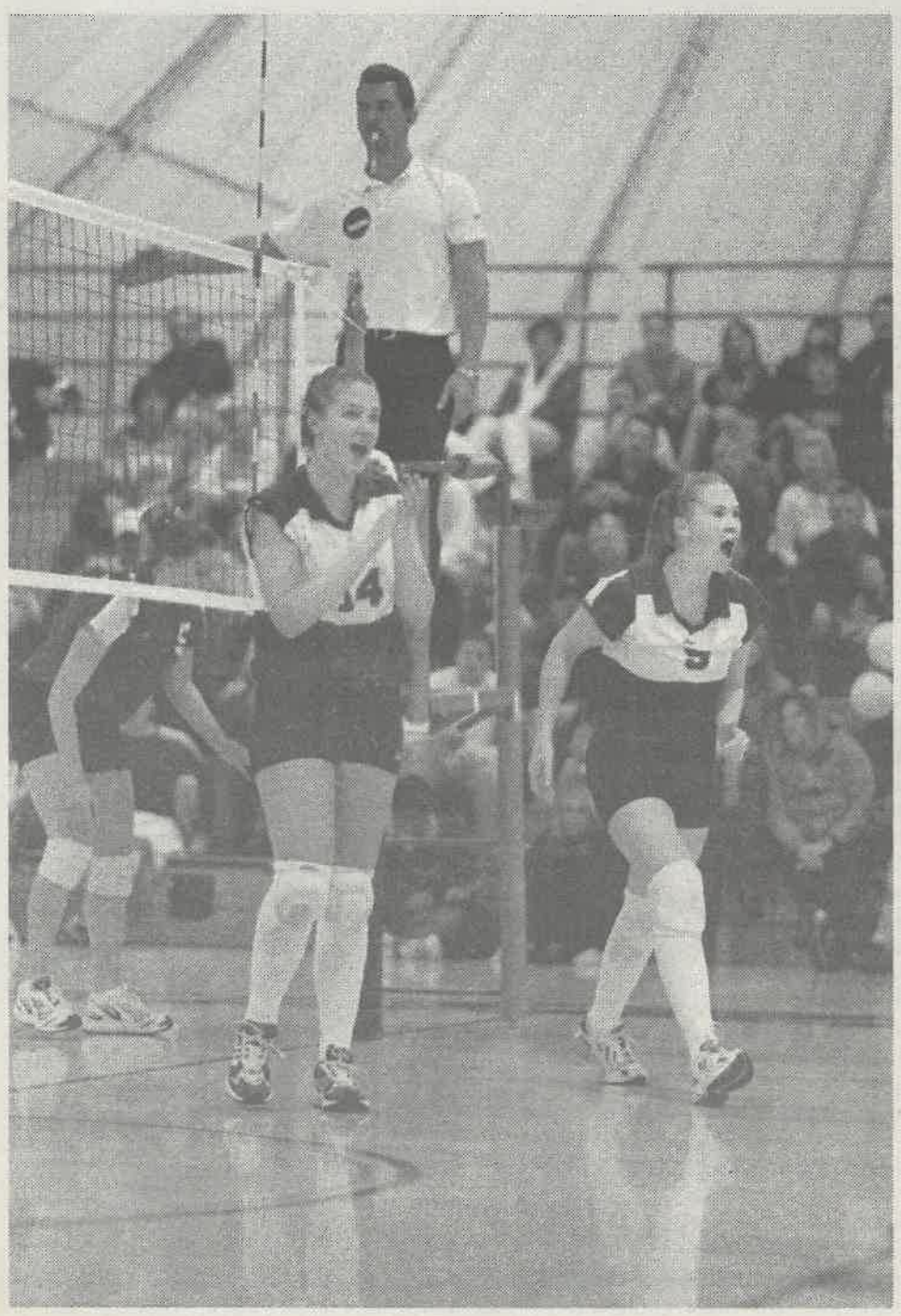
Clockwise from right: Ryan Winn, a junior, sets the ball for Stacey Lupu, a sophomore, in the match against the University of Puget Sound on Saturday night. UPS won the game in a 3-0 match, ending the La Verne women's volleyball team's season. Kelsey Kennedy and Stacey Lupu try to block a spike from Eileen Gamache of the University of Puget Sound. After winning the regional championships UPS advances to the national quarterfinals in Wisconsin where they face Wisconsin-Whitewater, ranked first in the nation for the NCAA Division III, tomorrow. In the last two points of the game against Puget Sound, teammates Stacey Lupu (#14) and Kelsey Kennedy (#9) encourage the team to keep up the good work following a block.



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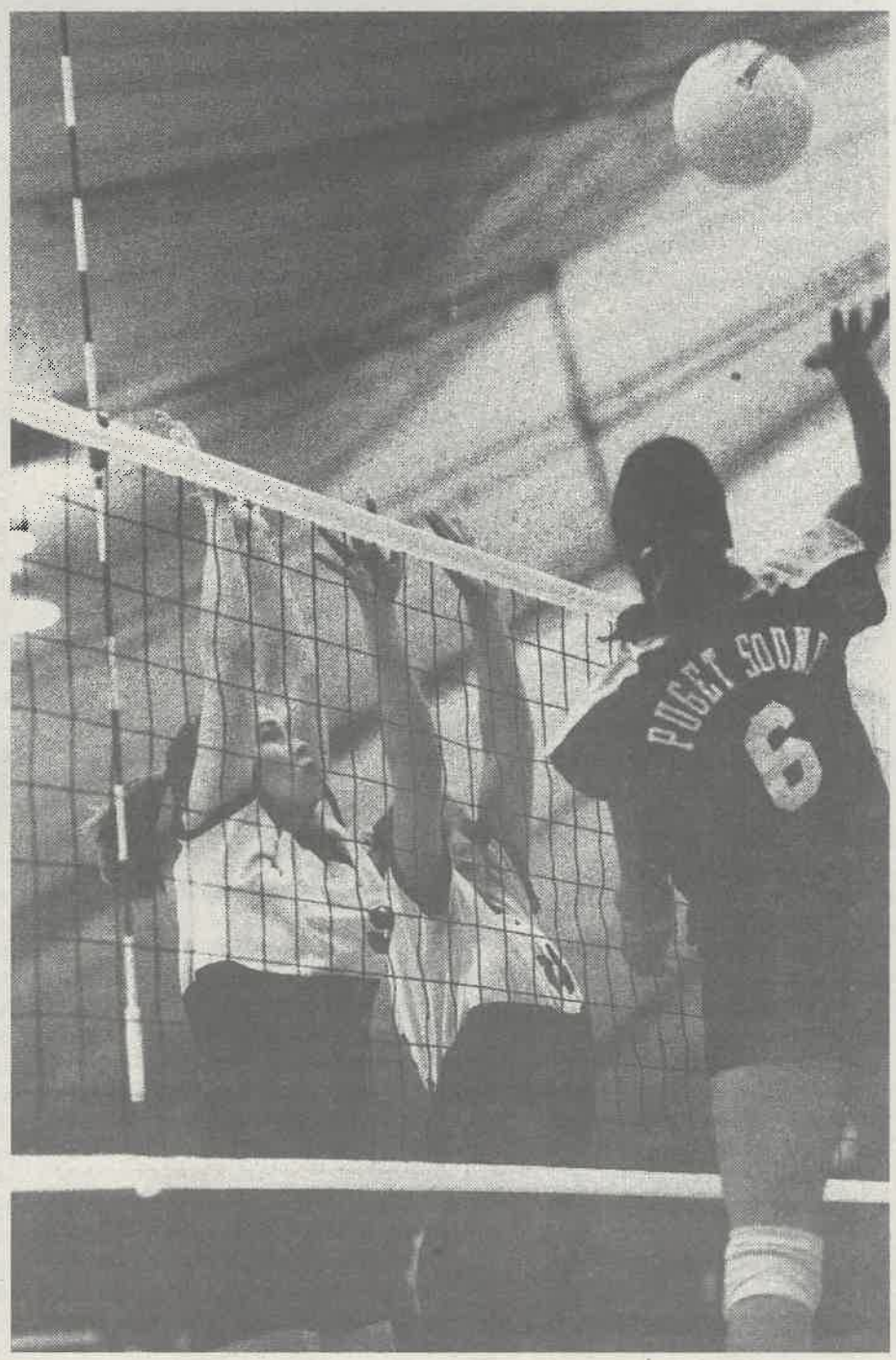

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Women's volleyball...

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grow. She has established herself as a real offensive threat," said Flora. "She has a very bright future."

Junior setter Ryan Winn played a big role in the Leopards' victory. Along with controlling the offense and contributing defensively with 13 digs, Winn used timely dumps to add 10 kills to her totals.

nomenal," said Flora. "Both of our middles outplayed and outhit their best middle. She's an All-American caliber player, and we beat her."

After taking the first two games, the Leopards fell behind early in the third game.

"Their backs were against the wall," said Flora. "Their outsides just kept swinging and we kind of started thinking about

'I will remember this team for a long time. It's very special.'
—Don Flora, head women's volleyball coach

"I really like to let my hitters do the hitting and put on the show," said Winn. "But if I can help out that way, I'll help out."

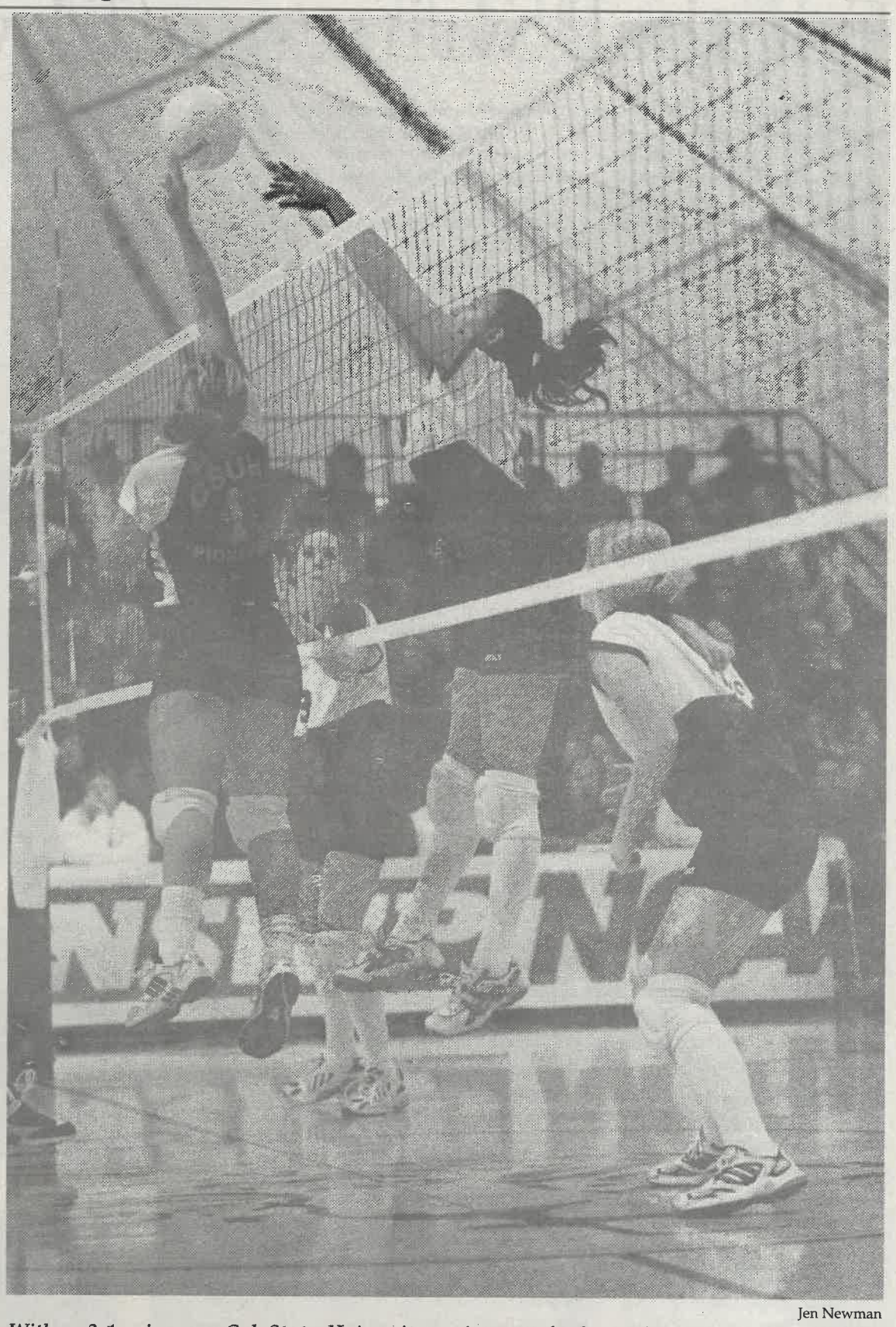
Both of La Verne's middle blockers had double-digit kills totals. Contreras contributed 13 kills, and sophomore Stacey Lupu had 11 kills and three blocks. Puget Sound sophomore middle blocker Karen Elmgren had seven kills and three blocks.

"Our middles played phe-

winning instead of just thinking about playing."

La Verne battled back to within one, at 12-11, but the Pioneers won the game. In the final game, La Verne won 11 straight points to take an 11-1 advantage. The Leopards then held off the Pioneers to secure the championship berth.

"I will remember this team for a long time," said Flora. "It's very special."



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With a 3-1 win over Cal State University Hayward last Friday, La Verne continued in the NCAA Division III Regional Championship and stopped CSUH of advancing any further. Adriana Contreras gets the ball over the net and over Bree Owczarski as Kelsey Kennedy and Amy Smith wait for the return.

Contreras leads team by example

Tom Galaraga
Staff Writer

With her hair tied up, flowing past her neck and falling just short of her shoulders, she dances gracefully on tiptoes as an awe stricken crowd watches her every move with anticipation.

Restricting clothing molds to her body, while allowing freedom of movement. While baring a perfect "10" on her back, she is more than certain she is going to score.

Enter Adriana Contreras, a junior computer science engineering major by day, and a Second Team All-Conference middle blocker for the University of La Verne women's volleyball team by night. With her she carries an endless amount of energy that is readily identifiable in everything she does, both on and off of the court.

"Her energy comes from her passion for volleyball," said Vicky Martinez, junior journalism major and roommate to Contreras.

While keeping an optimistic attitude toward volleyball and life in general, Contreras exemplifies the definition of "friend," as she demonstrates her ability to bring positive outlooks into every situation, both as a friend and teammate.

"She is never down," said Darla Franklin, senior liberal studies major and friend of Contreras. "We all have our moments, but Adriana never blames anybody else. She owns up to her own mistakes."

Although returning to the team as one of the key players, Contreras does not allow her previous volleyball experience to inhibit her ability to grow as a player.

"I wasn't expecting to earn Second All Conference middle blocker," said Contreras. "I didn't feel that I had performed up to my ability to earn that title."

Having also earned First Team All-Miramonte League honors as a player during her junior and senior years while attending Garey High School in Pomona, Calif., Contreras said that there is always room for improvement.

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Fans culminate playoff atmosphere



Danny Craig

Even if the results from last weekend's NCAA women's volleyball western regional playoffs were not in favor of the Leopards, one thing can be said for the event held in the Supertents—it was the quintessential collegiate sporting event. It is a site rarely seen by athletes or spectators.

For the members of the women's volleyball team, the home court was a little different for the weekend.

On the scoring table, the walls and all around the student center there were banners bearing the NCAA logo in promotion of the western regionals. With all of the propaganda, the Supertents did not have the same simplicity that is commonly noticed by those who frequent its amenities.

Beginning Friday, there were five other teams from all over the West Coast practicing by the television, the exercise area and on the Leopards gym floor. The Supertents did not seem like the home of the Leopards but rather the way station for something that was much larger than any team consisting mostly of underclassmen would be used to.

After Friday nights matchup, Cal State Hayward was determined as the opponent for ULV in the Leopards first game of the tournament. With all of the collegiate hoopla and unfamiliarites surrounding the weekend, ULV had reason to walk onto the court with some anxiety and angst.

However, because of an unparalleled support from 611 people who came to watch Saturday night's match, the Supertents were the set for a homecoming never before seen by the women's volleyball team.

Even Leopards head coach Don Flora had to notice the support.

"We haven't seen a crowd like that since '88 or '89," said Flora.

The screaming mass was of students, families, alumni, many of whom were from the men's and women's volleyball programs.

Even with this broad group, the most remarkable showing in the spectator population were the fellow ULV athletes. The Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) should hold the evening in a high regard as their goal to promote and unify University athletic teams seemed to emulate. Members of the football and baseball teams made their presence clearly known with their vocal support on every point and sideout earned by the Leopards. Still in their warmups from their meet against Cal State Northridge, a large showing of the ULV swimming and diving teams made their way into the competition where many had to find seating on the gym's floor. There was representation from nearly every team that night.

The result was one of the most exuberant victories for not just the volleyball team, but for ULV sports teams present.

Even though on the following night the crowd of 411 fans, (including the Roudy Rooters) could not prevent the Leopards from their defeat to the University of Puget Sound, the spirit of the crowd continued.

After the volleyball team lost the third game to conclude their season, a unanimous "U-L-V" chant erupted from the stands to console the sting of the Leopards defeat. A 26-2 record, the best ever for women's volleyball, was the showing for the end of their schedule.

Never before in my four years of watching Leopards athletics, have I seen such a showing of sportsmanship, competition and support, as I did during the Western Regional Playoffs.

For a university that is often marred by apathy, a lesson should be learned in watching the reciprocating benefits of cheering on your team when they need you most.

For Flora there is a sincere appreciation for such support.

"That little bit of time when you want to take that deep breath and think, 'Oh gosh, this is too hard,' you look around and know everyone is doing the same thing you're doing, working hard. It's the positive energy you need."

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Football written off by Poets, 20-17

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The fumble came on the Whittier 38-yard line. The University of La Verne football team had had a difficult time all night holding on to the ball. On the most pivotal play in the game, it set the Poets up for the 60-yard pass that gave them the lead and the win, 20-17, in the season-closing game the Leopards led from the beginning.

La Verne took a 7-0 lead five minutes into the second quarter. A Whittier interception led to a fumble, giving La Verne possession. The Leopards fought to the goal line, allowing Flynn Turner to complete a 26-yard field goal for a 10-0 La Verne lead.

The Poets, plagued with faulty ball control in the first half, fumbled on the kickoff and set up ULV for its next score.

After an offsides foul from the Poets, Becker hit tight end Cam Styles from the 1-yard line for the score. ULV led 17-0 with 10:00 left in the second.

This was the last time the Leopards put points on the board, as incomplete passes, fumbles, penalties and interceptions plagued them for the remainder of the game. The Poets jumped on the costly mistakes early and often.

The Poets put their first points on the board in the second quarter. Whittier quarterback Mark Mejia's ability to take advantage of the open field allowed the Poets to score their first touchdown.

The first half of play ended with the Leopards leading, 17-7.

The second half began with a La Verne fumble, recovered by Whittier on the La Verne 43. A personal foul against the Leopards allowed the Poets to gain more ground. But, an interception by Leopard defensive back Chris Perry gave possession back to La Verne.

Perry took the ball to Whittier territory, but an illegal block call against La Verne forced La Verne to their own 10-yard line. A bevy of incomplete passes forced the Leopards to punt the ball.

Despite Mejia being sacked, the Poets fought to the 33-yard line, setting themselves up for a 39-yard field goal.

Another field goal later in the quarter, this one from 23 yards, closed the gap. The score was 17-13 and the Leopards had not been able to get close enough to the goal line to score any points in over nine minutes.

A fumble on the next La Verne possession led to the final touchdown of the night. Mejia completed a 60-yard pass to wide receiver Kenny Bohman to put the Poets on top, 20-17.

Although La Verne tried to regain control of the game, their mishandling of the ball allowed for no more points.

A La Verne interception seemed to be all the momentum the Leopards needed to get back into the game, as La Verne was able to close in on the end zone. But Whittier took the ball back with an interception. A final play, where the Leopards failed to convert a fourth down on the Whittier 5-yard line, left La Verne out of luck.

"I think we played to the best of our ability," said junior defensive back DeAndre O'Neal. "Our team is young. We're going to come back next year strong."

"I wish that we had played a little bit better," said junior punter Randy McGillivry. "It seemed like we were plagued by bad luck. But, that's the way it goes."

2000 All-SCIAC Football

Offensive Player of the Year: Brandon Ford, Redlands, RB, SR
Defensive Player of the Year: D.J. Kolb, La Verne, DL, SR

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE				SECOND TEAM OFFENSE			
OL	R.C. Harlan	CMS	SR	OL	Mike McHorney	CMS	JR
OL	Clint Treadway	UR	SR	OL	Chad Karthauser	OXY	SR
OL	Sean Whipkey	UR	SR	OL	Chris Dunn	UR	SR
OL	Pete Salazar	WC	SR	OL	Jake Resch	UR	SR
OL	Jesus Hernandez	WC	JR	OL	Jure Gavran	WC	JR
WR	Brian Woodworth	CLU	JR	WR	Eugene Sullivan	CLU	JR
WR	Chad Hustead	UR	SR	WR	Mario Thompson	OXY	SR
WR	Kenny Bohman	WC	JR	TE	Sean Kelly	UR	JR
QB	Chris Czernek	CLU	JR	QB	Jesus Zuniga	OXY	SR
QB	Mark Mejia	WC	SO	RB	Josh Kogler	CMS	JR
RB	Dorian Stitt	CLU	SR	RB	Kamron Jones	OXY	JR
RB	Ryan Gocong	CMS	SO	K	Ryan Geisler	CLU	SR
K	Sean Lipscomb	UR	SO	P	Randy McGillivry	ULV	JR
P	Sean Lipscomb	UR	SO				
DEFENSE				DEFENSE			
DL	John Filson	CMS	SR	DL	Travis Nagurst	CMS	JR
DL	Kevin Watson	OXY	SO	DL	Pat Ferrell	OXY	JR
DL	David Seale	UR	SR	DL	Chris Jower	UR	SR
DL	Richard Sosa	WC	JR	DL	Harold Herndon	WC	JR
LB	Chris Oliver	ULV	JR	LB	David Oviedo	CLU	SO
LB	Josh Jansen	OXY	SR	LB	Ben Baumer	CMS	JR
LB	Javier Garcia	UR	JR	LB	Ryan Valentine	UR	SR
LB	Andres Navarro	WC	JR	LB	Pat Newland	WC	JR
DB	Jonathon Johnson	ULV	SR	DB	Sean McGaughey	CLU	SR
DB	Ben Ballard	UR	JR	DB	Doug Kidney	CMS	JR
DB	Wade Smith	UR	JR	DB	Mario Franklin	ULV	SR
DB	Ollie Lynch	WC	JR	DB	Chuck Ortega	OXY	JR
				DB	Tahir Allen	WC	JR

John Zinda Award: R.C. Harlan, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps

Contreras ...

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"She is always seeking criticism from people, both good and bad," said Martinez.

Contreras, who according to Franklin "needs a little push to encourage her," finds the support she needs from her friends and roommates, who have yet to miss a game.

"Before coming to her games, I didn't know anything about volleyball and I didn't really care," said Martinez. "But now I love it, we haven't missed one game."

here?' But after a good match, like against Hayward, I feel like 'Yes I do belong here.' "

With the belief that negativity can be very harmful to a team and individual, Contreras has been a source of positive energy for the team.

While avoiding negative connotations that can so often become associated with competitive sports, Contreras keeps an optimistic view for the team and its members on an intimate level. It is this positive energy that keeps the team on both a competitive and a personal level. Contreras' optimism echoes loudly through her life as a volleyball player and student.

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> *—Adriana Contreras, junior*

While seeking encouragement and criticism from friends and coaches, Contreras admits to having insecurities about her abilities.

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With volleyball being an essential part of Contreras' life, she attributes the bond between teammates to the emotional ties that the season has offered. For Contreras, the season has produced experiences and memories that she will carry with her throughout her lifetime.

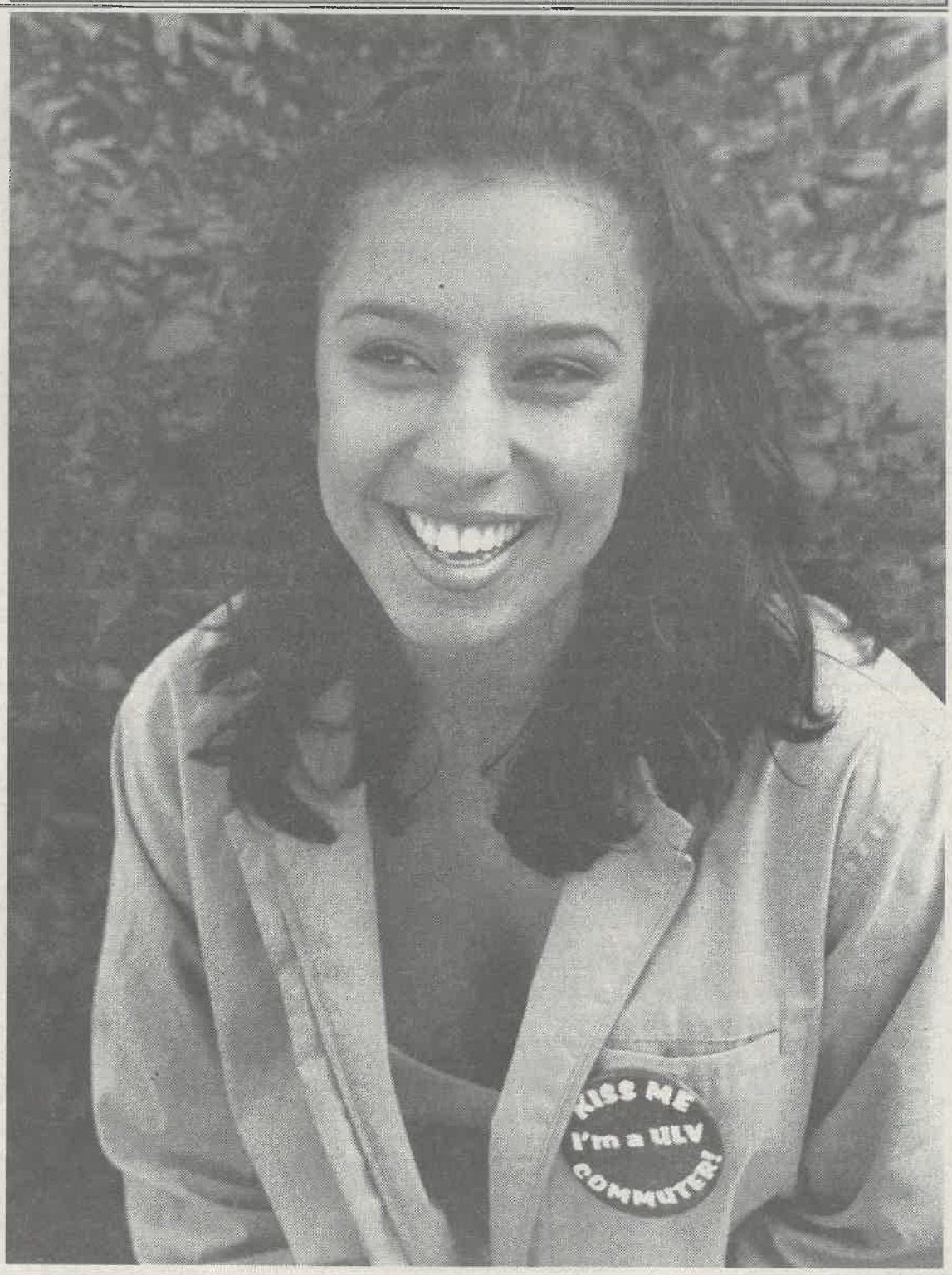
"It's been a [emotional] roller coaster, we are trying to break through these barriers," said Contreras. "We have expectations, and after I have a bad game I ask myself 'Do I belong

Although her team was defeated by the Loggers of the University of Puget Sound in the West Regional Championships, Contreras has high expectations for the next season.

Contreras will return next year for her fourth and final season as part of the University's volleyball team.

"Next year we are going to be awesome," she said.

The dance is almost over, and with it the end of a game draws near. With every leap and bound she helps to draw the team closer to victory. While wearing the number "10" jersey for the women's volleyball team, Contreras is certain of two things; the game of choice is volleyball, and the courts are her playground.



Kati Kelly

Adriana Contreras, a junior computer science engineering major at ULV, managed to keep her grades up, work for the Photography Department, volunteer at the Sunbridge Convalescent Home and devotedly practice for the women's volleyball team 1:30 to 4 p.m., five days a week. She was named second team all-conference during ULV's 26-2 season.

Invitational gives swimming depth

•Returners shine for ULV

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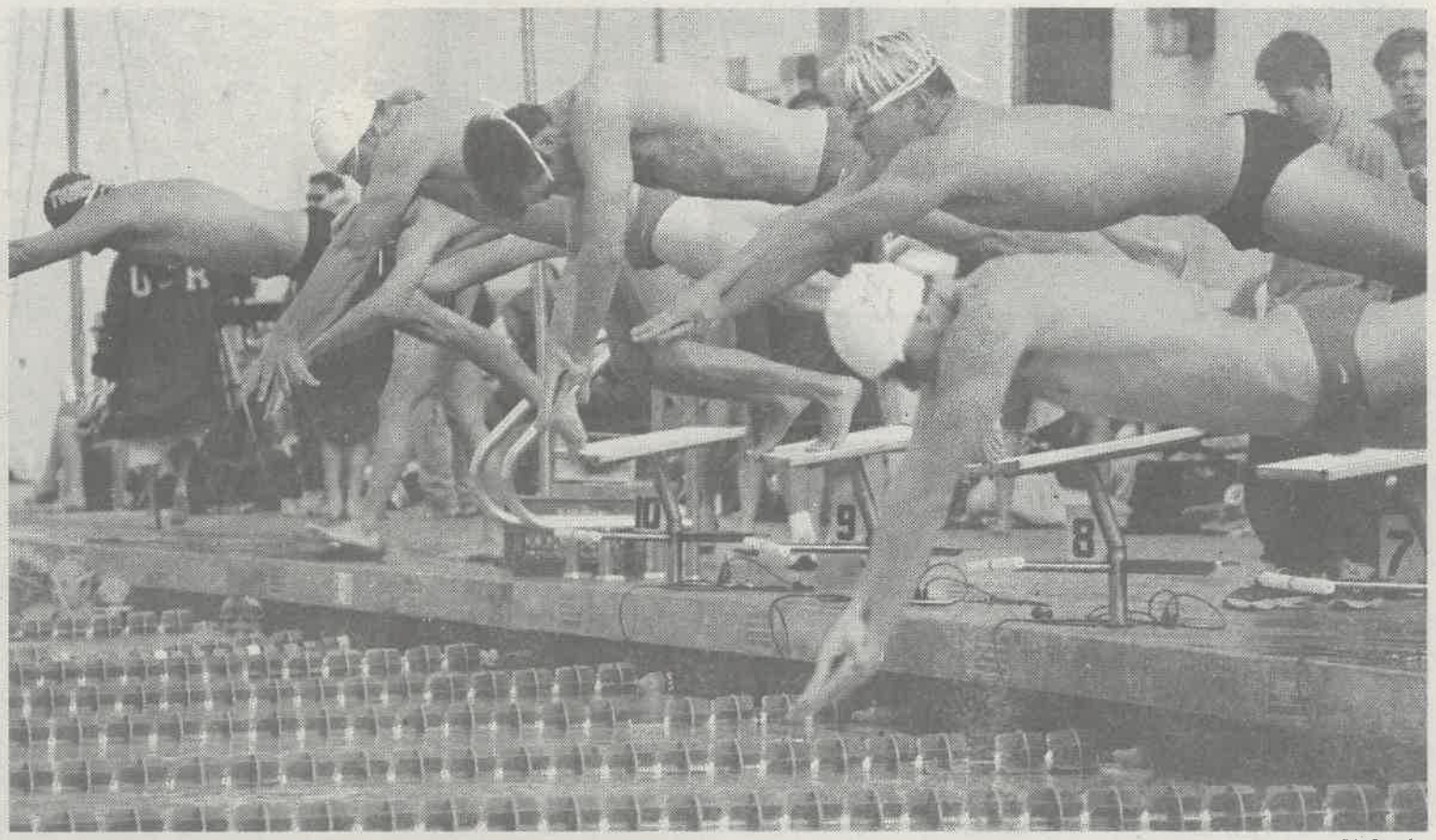


Liz Lucsko

Sophomore John Chon leaves the block to start the last heat of the men's 50-yard freestyle. Chon finished third against nine other collegiate athletes at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational last Saturday.

With back-to-back meets at Pepperdine University last Friday and the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational on Saturday, the University of La Verne's swimming and diving teams showed promise in early season competition.

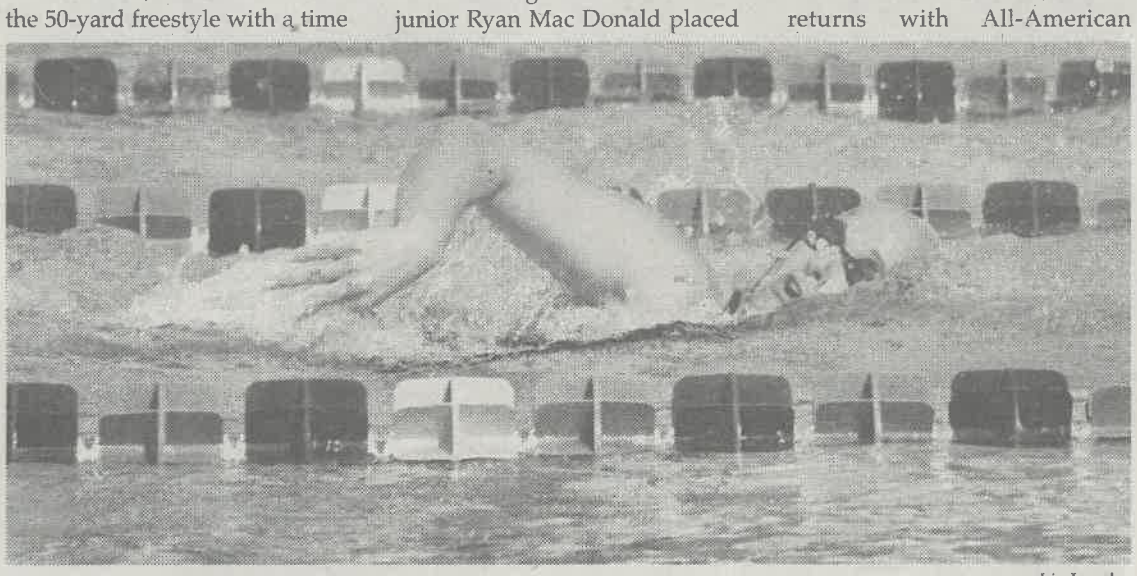
"Our team as a whole started off a little bit slow, but now I'm starting to see some people get some roots planted and start taking off," said head coach John Hallman on the team's progress.

In Saturday's invitational at Pomona college, the men's team finished in fourth place overall out of the eight teams with 45 points. Some schools that competed were host Pomona-Pitzer, Redlands, Occidental, Whittier, and first place finisher for both the men's and women's teams California Baptist University.

In men's competition, junior John Chon, who is coming off a broken hand, finished third in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.25 seconds and senior Tyler Morgan placed third with a 1:01.46 time in the 100 backstroke.

Returning all conference junior Ryan Mac Donald placed fourth in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:28.99 and fifth with a time of 1:56.79 in the 200 freestyle.

The women's team, which returns with All-American juniors Summer Hammons and Katie Aimone, finished ninth out of 10 teams with 28 points. Junior Allison Alastuey placed third in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:19.50 and finished fifth in the 500 freestyle with a 5:35.28 time.



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Freshman Carleen Sentak swims in the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational. The women's team placed ninth out of the ten competing teams that included Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, Pomona-Pitzer, Cal State Hayward and Cal Baptist.

In women's diving junior Debbie Lewis placed 11th in the 1-meter dive and took sixth place in the 3-meter dive.

On Friday the team traveled to the shores of Malibu where they faced Division I opponents Pepperdine University and California State University, Northridge.

The men's team, who only saw action from Northridge as Pepperdine does not have a men's team, fared well against the Matadors. Chon took second in the 50 freestyle with a 23.03 time and in the 100 freestyle with a time of 53.18. Mac Donald finished second in the 100 backstroke and the 200 breaststroke with times of 1:00.93 and 2:28.56 respectively.

For the women, freshman Carlen Sentak took third place in the 50 freestyle with a time of 26.26 and Hammons place fifth in in the 100 freestyle with a time of 58.53.

"Really what this team needs is patience and concentrating on the basics, and that comes practicing day in and day out," said Hallman on what the team needs to show progress.

Also helping the Leopards in building that patience and concentration is Toby Reclusado, who has joined La Verne as the new diving coach, replacing Justin Borba. Reclusado brings nine years of coaching experience under his belt, as well as the 2000 Coach of the Year award in the South Coast Conference.

The teams' next meet is today at 1:30 at Claremont, against Whittier and CMS.

Reclusado brings Division I experience to ULV

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With little margin for error, they stand on their toes at the edge the platform, ignoring the distance below them as they prepare to poetically fall from dangerous heights.

Paying no attention to the cold sting of the water, they enter gracefully into an Olympic sized pool, surfacing almost immediately to the sound of cheers from fellow team members and schoolmates.

Making a big splash at the University of La Verne is Toby Reclusado, the University's new head diving coach.

Reclusado replaces Justin Borba, who after a single season, resigned last year.

While attending the University of California, Santa Barbara and earning his bachelor's degree in cultural anthropology, Reclusado competed on the collegiate level and also participated as part of the United States Senior Team where he was a two-time semi-finalist in 1996 and '97. He is the current Big West Conference record holder and is also a four-time Big West Champion.

"He is a very accomplished diver in himself," said John Hallman, head aquatics coach.

Having attended UCSB from 92-93, Reclusado transferred to UCLA where he remained from 93-94. He transferred to Louisiana State to pursue diving after the NCAA passed the Title IV ruling that required gender equality amongst athletic programs. As a result, the UCLA men's swimming and diving team was cut.

Reclusado returned to UCSB in 1995 where he earned his bachelor's degree.

Upon graduating from UCSB, Reclusado began his coaching career at the Division I level, coaching the UCSB Gauchos. While coaching at UCSB, he earned two consecutive conference championships. He also produced four individual first place finishes.

After coaching for UCSB, Reclusado began coaching for M. San Antonio College, where he produced its first conference victory.

Reclusado continues to use the Mt. SAC swimming facilities to coach the Buzzard's Beak club diving team, where he coaches divers ranging in age 5 five to 20.

Coming to ULV as head diving coach, Reclusado carries nine years of coaching experience with him.

"Bottom line is he knows how to win," Hallman said. "He knows what it takes to win."

Hallman, recognizing the importance of a strong diving team, said Reclusado's presence has made an instant impact with the team and will affect the entire swim team's ability to compete at higher levels.

"It is a big priority to have a strong diving program because diving in the sense of trying to have a winning program is a key element," Hallman said.

With the resignation of Borba and the loss of several athletes, Reclusado comes into the position as a means of "grounding the team and starting over, moving in the right direction," said Hallman.

"It's a little bit shaky for me," said Reclusado. "I know that once someone has done something to tarnish the position; it's how stereotypes happen. I know I will be watched and people will expect negative things to happen, but people will be pleasantly surprised with the performances I offer, I hope."

Due to the reduced size of the dive team, Reclusado will have the responsibility of rebuilding and recruiting. According to Hallman, Reclusado is "definitely the right guy."

"Athletes need to be exposed to what they can do. Athletes at the Division III level don't expect that much out of themselves at times and it is important to open their eyes and expose them to a higher level of expectation for themselves," Reclusado said.

After meeting with the aquatics program, Reclusado immediately received positive remarks in anticipation for the upcoming season.

As an accomplished diver, Reclusado believes that his experience will provide the University with a stronger aquatics program, capable of higher levels of competition.

While training for the Olympic Trials, Reclusado suffered an injury to the shoulder that inhibited his ability to take part in the trials. He has been coaching since his injury and still enjoys diving on a recreational level.

"I think I'll be coaching for a while, I plan to go into business later on," said Reclusado. "I love to coach, it's what I like right now."

Reclusado is currently completing his MBA at La Verne.