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Options determine ULV's growth

Heather Baxter
Assistant Sports Editor

As student enrollment throughout the nation continues to steadily climb, and is expected to continue for the next 10-15 years, officials at the University of La Verne, concerned with ensuring the continuity of the school, presented a list of potential growth options at the Board of Trustees meeting on Nov. 4.

Four options were presented, dealing with the University's intentions toward the Master's program, the CAPA program and the undergraduate program.

Executive Vice President Philip Hawkey crafted these proposals, after some discussion, initiated by President Stephen Morgan, from officials at the University who were concerned with the future of the University. Senior management and direct staff were all involved in the discussions. The options have also been slightly redrafted since they were presented to the Board.

"What we tried to present are at least three options that are legitimate options," said Hawkey.

The first option concerns the graduate program and whether it is to be moved off campus. It involves the development of a Graduate Center in downtown Ontario, between C and D streets. The completion of the project is expected to take five to six years.

If this option was deemed the most viable for the University, the short-term plan would be to construct a 20,000 to 30,000 square foot building on the corner of Lemon and East D streets. This would take about two to three years.

Option two proposed that all programs stay on the main campus. Due to space restrictions, this option would require the University to schedule classes all day, from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., with all classrooms being occupied at all times. Also, this requires that class sizes increase, and programs not been making money for the University may no longer be offered.

"The expectation, were we to stay on the main campus, would be at least 10 students per class," said Hawkey. "We have too many classes that have less than 10 students. For us to be financially viable we need 10 students in a class."

"We have a very small campus here," said Hawkey. "There's a lot to squeeze in here if we plan to grow we need more space."

> 'If we wanted to, we could accomplish our goals staying on this campus, on the 31 acres. It would be hard, and there would be some tough decisions, because we can't do everything that we do now, and stay on these 31 acres.'
>
> *—Philip Hawkey, executive vice president*

The third option, which concerns property located south of Arrow Highway in La Verne, has the University utilizing the 20 acres of land to build one of the following: a graduate center, a housing complex, parking facilities, or athletic fields. It has not been decided which would be appropriate at this time.

"I would always say it will always be best for us (athletics) to be on campus if possible. And that's our first choice," said Jim Paschal, athletics director.

The final option involves the development of a whole new campus in Ontario. This option could take in excess of 20 years to complete.

Another consequence found in these options includes no longer allowing undergraduate students to take night classes, as only graduate program classes would be offered at night.

"If we have a graduate campus in Ontario, one of the requirements would be, it would have to be safe," he said "It would be well-designed, convenient parking, well planned."

The four options discussed at

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Hollywood in action, films movie in La Verne



Natalie Fowle

Scenes for "Bubble Boy," a Disney movie, were filmed at the United Methodist Church on D Street. The comedy, to be released in June, follows other films made at the church, including "The Graduate" and "Wayne's World 2."

Food deliveries help students study during finals

Tom Chambers
Staff Writer

For students bogged down by finals, The Spot will be delivering pizza and Red Bull on campus during finals week.

"The idea has a good buzz around it. I think students are excited," said Keith Friend, director of dining services.

There will be two specials during finals week. The first is a free two-liter bottle of soda with a delivery order. The second is a pizza at half price. Both specials require coupons. On campus residents can pick them up from their resident assistant. Commuters can pick up them up in their students mailboxes.

By design this is the first advertising blitz that The Spot has done this year. Friend wanted to hold off until he felt the staff was completely ready to handle the promotion professionally.

Last year Davenport accommodated students during finals week by expanding its hours, offering coffee and snacks. The idea was not profitable and Aramark lost money.

This year a new approach is being tested. The popular drink will be delivered by electric cart to campus residents. Red Bull is a new energy drink from Austria. It is said to "sharpen body and mind," a slogan The Spot is counting on to up sales in weary college students studying for finals.

Aramark received a good deal from Red Bull because they bought in bulk. The Spot already sells Red Bull and left over product will just be sold as it already is. The cost is $2 per can and has a varied effect on students.

"The first time I tried Red Bull it was really strong. I felt a big rush of adrenaline," said junior Nate Michael.

The Spot has its own pizza line to take orders, helping efficiency. The extension is 4663, an acronym for "good." The prices for a large Leo's pizza are $13.99 for a specialty, $10.99 for a pepperoni and veggie, and $9.99 for a cheese. Delivery will be available Monday-Thursday, 5-8:30 p.m.and Friday 5-8 p.m.

Friend insists this is the first of many promotions he will be running for the students. Internal promotions have already run this year through school resident assistants and specific departments, ordering pizza and other foods.

Friend said he tries to change things up to keep students happy with the service and atmosphere. He acknowledges that food services get a lot of attention on campus, but welcomes the press.

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Grace Ramirez named new adviser

Julia Carachure
Assistant Managing Editor

Sitting at the Students Accounts desk, she takes in the final paperwork needed to complete the registration process. She files tuition bills and greets students with a smile on her face. Her name is Grace Ramirez and she is the new adviser for Sigma Kappa sorority.

Grace, who has been working in Student Accounts for three years, is taking the place of former Sigma Kappa adviser Carol Fetty, who died this summer, which left the sorority without an adviser.

After being told the sorority would not be recognized as an organization if it did not find an on-campus adviser, the search for a new adviser began. Sophomore Sara Negrete decided to nominate Grace.

Grace was then approached by senior Gloria Ramirez, scholarship chair for Sigma Kappa, to see if she would like to be their adviser. Ramirez said that she first met Grace when an email from a friend was accidentally sent to her instead of Ramirez.

"They called me at home," said Grace. "Gloria's brother and my son go to the same school together and they needed an adviser and I was the first one they came up with at such a short notice."

"Earlier this year," said Ramirez. "I was just like, 'Grace, come on. Your son, my brother, they play football together, come on,' kind of like getting her to do it and she was like, she wanted to know more about what her responsibilities would be as an adviser and I tried to explain them to her to the best that I could and she decided she'd do it. We're really happy and excited that she went for it."

The adviser serves as someone on campus who is a contact person for emergencies and provides guidance to the organizations members. The adviser also may attend events that are put on by Sigma Kappa throughout the course of the year.

Ramirez says that Grace has several qualities that make her a good adviser for their sorority.

"She is a really great listener and she's really nice. She's very friendly and easy to talk to, like you could just come up to her. And I guess you could say that she is a very amiable person and she's very responsible," said Ramirez.

> 'I am pleased and I am happy that they asked me. I felt honored, I do. I love the students here at ULV.
> —*Grace Ramirez*

Grace said that she hopes to bring "mostly respect, respecting each other, respecting the campus. I have always worked in youth groups.

"I have been a Girl Scout leader, a Cub Scout leader, done a lot of volunteer work for the youth and I'm hoping others can reflect and maybe when they hit my age, they can do that," she said.

Other than working in Student Accounts and being Sigma Kappa adviser, Grace has three children, ranging from the ages of 14 to 18 years of age. She also takes classes at the University of La Verne. She is currently taking Culture and Gender Issues in Management.

Nevertheless, Grace is looking forward to working with Sigma Kappa.

"I am pleased and I am happy that they asked me. I felt honored, I do. I felt honored because I love the students here at ULV. I like this campus and the students, I think we have a good class of students."



Jen Newman

Grace Ramirez, student account assistant, brings experience from being a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader to Sigma Kappa as its new adviser. Ramirez is filling the spot left vacant from the death of Carol Fetty, the former Sigma Kappa adviser.

Web site promises to lower costs of textbooks

Deanna Reyes
Staff Writer

College students know the cost of the university in which they are applying. They realize the cost of food they will need. They can estimate how much money in loans they will need in order to live on campus. All of these expenses are a given when students apply to college. But what comes as a shock to college students is the cost of the required textbooks. A new web site may help curb these costs.

UsedBookBroker.com is a new online site for textbook sales. It differs from many other book web sites like **www.Amazon.com** because the buying and selling takes place directly between students. This system eliminates the middleman, who often reaps a profit from the reselling of textbooks. Most online bookstores only deal with new books. According to the UsedBookBroker website, although the buyer is still receiving a discounted price, the cost is still 90 percent or more of its original price.

The site enables sellers to receive more money back for their textbooks than if they sold them back through their college bookstore. Most campus bookstores will purchase textbooks back for only a fraction of the original cost of the book, which leaves the seller receiving about 10-30 percent of their original expense. Campus bookstores then resell the bought-back books at 75 percent of the new price of the book. **UsedBookBroker.com** requires a set price on all textbooks sold and bought at 65 percent of the retail price. Therefore students who are selling their books will receive a greater amount of money back, and purchasers will still be buying their books at a discount price.

Payment of the textbooks is handled through **UsedBookBroker.com** itself, so buyers and sellers do not need to worry about cash transactions.

According to the site, books should arrive within five days after purchase. A book can also be returned for any reason within three days. A complete refund is issued back to the buyer.

After a comparison between **UsedBookBroker.com**, the University of La Verne Bookstore and **Amazon.com**, UsedBookBroker offered the lowest price for a College Algebra book. Amazon had the highest price of $87.30. The ULV Bookstore with $66.25 for a used copy and $88.25 for a new copy. UsedBookBroker offered the book at $53.27 and had a copy readily available for purchase.

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In the News

CORE Classes

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Study in Mexico

Those interested in taking an Interterm trip to Cuernavaca and Mexico and have had Span 100 or equivalent, a meeting will be held Dec. 5 at 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in Davenport Dining Hall.

—*Jazmine Ponce*

Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

Theater

•The ULV Theatre Arts Department presents a short play by Davis Mamet. "Oleanna," an adult drama, will show in Dailey Theatre at 7:30 p.m. today, tomorrow, and Dec. 7-9. The play is about a professor who tries to help a female student, but things get out of hand, in more way than one. It's a "shocking battle of the sexes" and is rated R for strong language.

•Tony-nominated song and dance in "Swing" will be at the Ahmanson Theatre in downtown Los Angeles Tuesdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., this Sunday and Dec. 17, 31 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 7, 21, Jan. 4, 11, at 2 p.m. The musical spectacular ends on Jan. 14. Tickets ranging from $35-$70, and information are available at (213) 628-2772.

For the Holidays

•A holiday celebration at Descanso Gardens for nine days will feature musical entertainment, miniature railroad rides through the Camellia Forrest, and visits from Santa Claus. Decorated trees and wreaths will top off the brunch with Santa on opening day. The Gardens are located at 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada. For information call (818) 952-4401.

Concert

•The Spork Festival is tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. at Grace Church in Glendora. Bands will include Flight 180, Pax 2-17, Off the Record, Broken Cedars, SeveTen, and many more. Tickets available at the Grace Church office, at Lighthouse Christian Bookstores, or online at **www.promiselandproductions.com.**

—Melinda Sanchez

Film frenzy floods theaters

by Jazmine Ponce

Filling various tastes

Along with the rush of shopping for gifts and decorating, this holiday season also brings the prime time for movie makers to sell and market their movies.

Anyone for dangling from a mountain? Or how about a duel with a mystical dragon? Well for those who crave action or similar situations the movies opening Dec 8 will promise that.

"Vertical Limit" stars Chris O'Donnell as a mountaineer who must go on a suicide mission to save his sister (Robin Turney) and her team, when she tries to climb the world's second highest mountain, K2. and is trapped.

The role playing game finally hits theaters in "Dungeons and Dragons: The Movie." The story in a typical fantasy fashion revolves around two thieves who must protect a young princess and her kingdom from an evil sorcerer.

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In "Proof of Life" Meg Ryan plays a wife whose husband is kidnapped in South America. Russell Crowe stars as a hostage negotiator, who while trying to save him, falls in love with Ryan along the way.

Nicolas Cage takes stars in the drama "Family Man," which is best described as "It's a wonderful life" in reverse. Cage, a wealthy investment banker, is shown the life he would have had if he married his sweetheart, and settled down.

The Disney animated film "The Emperor's New Groove" revolves around a spoiled emperor, Kuzko who is turned into a llama and must try to get back this throne, his only help is a kind peasant. David Spade, John Goodman and Eartha Kitt provide the voices.

Academy Award winner Hillary Swank stars in the thriller "The Gift," where Cate Blanchett plays a woman who has a paranormal "gift" that allows her to reveal secrets about her neighbors.

Have women ever imagined if men could ever understand what they are thinking? In "What Women Want" Mel Gibson in his first romantic comedy stars as a chauvinistic man who accidentally gets electrocuted in his bathtub and can hear the thoughts of every woman.

A plethora of big name stars, directors and movies flood the theaters Dec 22 when audiences will have a choice of seeing Sandra Bullock as a FBI agent, Tom Hanks as a "survivor" or George Clooney as a convict.

In "Miss Congeniality," Bullock shows her physical comedy as a tom-boy agent who must go undercover as a beauty pageant contestant to stop a bomb threat.

In one of the most anticipated movies of the year, "Castaway" Hanks stars as Chuck Noland, who's plane goes down in the South Pacific and struggles on a deserted island as the 21st century's Robinson Crusoe.

The Coen brothers new comedy set in the 1930s Clooney plays one of three convicts who escape jail and go on a wild adventure to find money one of them had buried before.

Director Steven Soderbergh follows up one of the year's hits, "Erin Brokovich" with "Traffic." The movie deals with the inner working of international drug trading. Dennis Quaid, Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta Jones star in this gritty drama based on a 1990's British miniseries.

On Christmas day, the western drama based on Corman McCarthy's best selling novel, "All the Pretty Horses" opens. Billy Bob Thorton directs. Set in the 1940's Matt Damon stars as John Grady, a cowboy and horse trainer who falls hard for the boss' daughter played by Penelope Cruz.

On Dec. 29, "Shadow of a Vampire," starring John Malkovich. The movie revolves around a make believe premise that the star of the classic 1922 silent film "Nosferatu" was a real vampire. "The Pledge," written and directed by Sean Penn reteams with Jack Nicholson who plays a retired detective who pledges to solve the unsolved murder of a girl.

No matter what ones taste is there will be plenty of films for each member of the family to unwrap this holiday.

Movie Review

'Grinch' serves stale green eggs 'n' ham

Tom Galaraga
Staff Writer

Dr Seuss' loveable creation, the Grinch, comes to life in Ron Howard's modern day rendition of the timeless classic, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

Although covered by three hours of make-up and green fur, Jim Carrey's personality is ever-present throughout the entirety of the film, and at times it seems to be a little too much.

Combined with Ron Howard's creative intuition and Carrey's over the top humor, the movie finds its appeal on a level that most children would be able to enjoy, however falls short of satisfying an older generation that is more familiar with the classic tale. Something seems to have been lost in the translation.

The Grinch's drab sarcasm is further drowned out by Carrey's own unique sense of humor, while the dark, eerie qualities that once possessed the Grinch, are lost in Howard's bright lights and fancy set designs. Definitely not the Grinch most children grew up with. Although the movie as a whole provides enough visually, it seems to lack thematically.

Perhaps a more cynical rendition of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" would be more effective in dealing with the thematic importance that Dr. Seuss had intended. Maybe the right person for the job would have been Tim Burton of previous "Nightmare Before Christmas," and "Edward Scissorhands" fame.

> 'For the parent, a child's smile will be well worth the price of admission. However, for the busy college student, worry about finals.'

Dr. Seuss' commentary about a commercially driven and ultimately hollow holiday seems to have been replaced with a story more fitting of an after-school special. Themes detailing Christmas as an event that goes beyond the giving and receiving of presents are replaced with special effects and elaborate explosions. Fault falling on Howard, the director.

Carrey's portrayal of the Grinch seems to be a little too energetic to satisfy the lonely, depressed and alienated attributes that the Grinch calls for. Although backed by witty humor, Carrey fails to reinvent himself as the Grinch, and ultimately reinvents the Grinch as one of his many impressions. A typical Carrey performance.

People not interested in seeing the typical Carrey film will find themselves bored from the humor that is to be expected from him, while people wanting to see the next Carrey masterpiece, will also be disappointed with his performance.

Perhaps the Carrey/Howard combination didn't click as well as it could have. After all, a toned down and sedated version of Jim Carrey isn't what is to be expected from one of Hollywood's most famous comedians.

Overall, children should beg their parents to take them to see this movie immediately. For parents, a child's smile will be well worth the price of admission. However, for the busy college student, worry about finals.

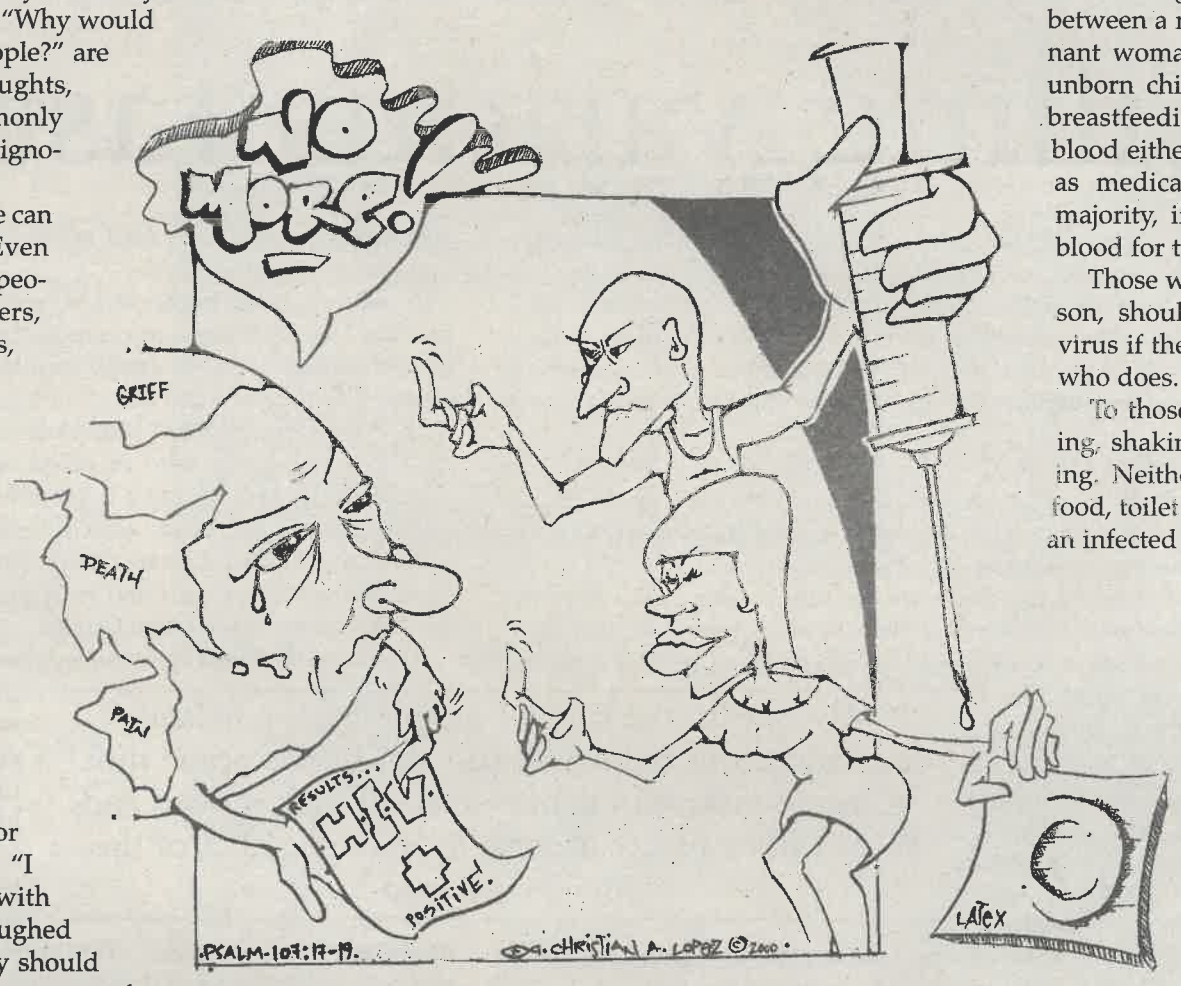
"Maybe Christmas," said the Grinch who stole Christmas, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps, is about a little bit more."

AIDS Day promotes awareness

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, better known as AIDS, is the awful disease that only drug addicts, homosexuals and sex-crazed disturbed individuals contract, right?

"I don't have to worry," Nobody I know will get it" and "Why would I care about those people?" are the ignorant thoughts, which can be commonly associated with the ignorant.

The truth is, anyone can contract AIDS. Even everyday "normal" people such as mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, friends and children. It is a pity that people afflicted with this disease are often cast aside like modern day lepers. Once someone finds out another person has AIDS, they either do one of two things. They will either reach out and give a lending hand or shun them and think, "I shared my soda with them," or "They coughed on me." After all, why should people care about those types of people? Because thousands of people die from it everyday.



Today is the 13th World AIDS day, a day set aside for everyone in the world to wake up and take notice to the consequences of such a disease. It is designed to educate, bring compassion and hope for those infected with the disease. World AIDS Day was brought about in 1988 as a way to open the channels of communication and information as well as to provide social tolerance. On this special day, people all around the world are organizing and participating in events that will help battle the war against AIDS.

Though there is no cure for AIDS and no vaccine for HIV yet, this day provides a time when the world has to sit down, pay attention and be aware of a disease that affects many people. According to statistics estimated by UNAIDS, 16,000 people are infected daily and 8,000 die everyday worldwide. At the end of 1999, there was an estimated 34.3 million adult and children living with HIV/AIDS in the world according to UNAIDS statistics.

Education is one of the main keys and weapons in the fight against AIDS. Another is to help donate to the cause to fund research for a cure, as well providing care for those that are ill and have no one to turn to for help.

Many people are ignorant and intolerant of people with AIDS or HIV. They refuse to pay attention to the need for the prevention of AIDS and the need for research. Then there are those who are afraid to even talk about it or act hastily and believe in fallacies that, for whatever reason, they will never have to worry about contracting the disease.

In this day and age it is important to inform young people, especially high school and college-age adults, about the options they have for prevention as well as some of the leading misconceptions. For one thing, there are four main ways one can contract HIV. One is by having unprotected sexual intercourse. Those who have unprotected sex present a high risk of contracting the disease. People must remember that the safest alternative is abstinence in helping to prevent the spread of an AIDS epidemic.

The second is when people share needles or other drug injecting equipment. The third is between a mother and baby, which is when a pregnant woman who is infected, passes it on to her unborn child during pregnancy, birth or through breastfeeding. The fourth is receiving infected blood either by donated organs, blood products or as medical treatment, such as transfusions. A majority, if not all, hospitals screen and test the blood for the virus.

Those who only see the disease and not the person, should learn that they cannot contract the virus if they have everyday contact with someone who does.

To those unaware one cannot get HIV by kissing, shaking hands, touching, coughing or sneezing. Neither can someone contract it by sharing food, toilet seats or being in a swimming pool with an infected person.

Though World AIDS day is only one day out of the year, the creed it promotes is something that every one should know about and live by everyday. It is never too late to educate, help and become aware of one of the most important causes in the world.

For those who want information about HIV/AIDS and testing services, call the AIDS Hotline: (800) 992-2437. The hotline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They can answer questions and offer free educational materials to the public.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to thank you for your coverage of the Liberal Studies Program throughout the semester. There have been a lot of changes for students majoring in Liberal Studies and your newspaper has helped provide valuable information on these changes. I am writing this letter in response to last week's feature story your reporter wrote on me as the new Director of Liberal Studies ["Lisa Porter guides future teachers," Nov. 17]. I would like to say that I was extremely honored to be a part of last week's edition. However, I was hoping that you could help clarify a couple of segments found within the article that could be misleading to your readers. First of all, Liberal Studies is a program found within the Education Department; it is not a department in and of itself. The unique aspect of being a Liberal Studies Major is to take courses offered from a variety of departments on campus. The second clarification I was hoping you could make relates to the topic of the name change from Diversified to Liberal Studies. Although making this change was a top priority of mine when beginning the position, the idea of changing the name had been discussed amongst the faculty and staff of ULV for a long time. The article printed last week implied that the decision was made solely by me. Although I supported and advocated this change, the decision was made by various bodies on campus beginning with the approval of the Liberal Studies Committee, then the UGAP committee, Faculty Senate, and finally Faculty Assembly. So, as you can see, this name change was a university decision made primarily by the faculty. I point this out simply to show that it is not university policy for a decision such as this to be decided by one individual. Understanding university policy is important for all members of the university.

If your readers saw your cover story on the name change back in September, they would have known the steps towards reaching the approval of the name change that I mentioned above. If not, last week's article could be misleading. Thank you for understanding my concern. I know that hiring a director, placing Liberal Studies in the Education Department, and changing the name of the program are a lot of changes at once. However, I believe these changes are beneficial to the students. As your reporter quoted, I really enjoy working with future teachers and hope to create stability and assistance for them in my position as director.

Lisa Porter
Assistant Professor of Education

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From the Editor...

Parents should be spectators



Brice Nixon

Most kids in youth sports would say they appreciate when their parents come to support them. It is important that parents take an interest in their children's activities.

Some parents, however, take it too far. For some parents, it seems it is more than a game when their children play sports.

Recently, the actions of parents at youth sporting events has gained national attention because of their shocking nature and surprising frequency.

The most gruesome incident is probably the case of two fathers in Massachusetts. The father of one of the hockey players Michael Costin was coaching, Thomas Junta, allegedly beat him unconscious. Costin died two days later.

Costin, a father of four, is dead because another father was upset about rough play. Why is that? I mean, how did we get to the point where a disagreement about something that should be so insignificant as a youth sporting event results in death?

When something like this happens it is easier to see why some argue that there is too much competition in our society and we teach our children to be too concerned about winning and losing, instead of what should really be important.

Especially at a really young age, the focus should not be on winning. One solution is not to keep score at all. Maybe that is the only solution. I do not necessarily think that children should have no concept of winning or losing. It is OK if they realize that one team scored more points. There are valuable lessons that can be learned from that, if taken in the right context.

However, the focus should be on the other aspects of participating in athletics. If it is a team sport, teamwork is one idea that comes into play often later in life. Team and individual sports can teach children about the principles of perseverance and dedication.

If a child wants to become exceptional at something, they will most likely have to dedicate much of their time to improvement, and there will be much frustration to deal with on the way to achieving that goal.

Most children, however, will learn that athletics are nothing more than an opportunity to exercise their mind and body in a different way.

All that is fine. When the child is deciding the road their athletic career takes, it does not matter what they choose. But when parents get involved, that is when things get ugly.

Most parents do a good job of supporting their children. There is a group of parents, though who does more than that. They take that support to the extreme.

There are parents who push their children more than they should. They assume too much control over the athletic exploits of their children.

In some cases it may be that they are, in a sense, living through their child's accomplishments.

This usually stems from a concept that is based on caring: The parent believes the child has the ability to be great and wants to see the child excel. But when this is taken too far, the parent forces the child to compete, and pushes the child to do more than he or she wants to. Even when the child has no desire to continue participating in athletics, they are forced, or at least feel forced to. Even if these expectations are not voiced by the parent, the child may feel pressure to make the parent proud and not want to feel like he or she is letting his or her parent down.

Then there are parents who simply become too involved in their child's athletic life.

In a high school baseball game in Florida, a coach broke the jaw of an umpire over a call he made. Locally, the parent of a football player at South High in Torrance, John Martinez, and his brother pleaded no contest to battery charges after assaulting the coach over lack of playing time for Martinez's son.

I have seen plenty of parents who get out of control when watching their children play sports. They verbally and physically abuse officials, coaches, players and other parents. It has become obvious that some parents need to look at the type of example they are setting for their children. They should worry more about the type of person their child becomes than the type of athlete they become.

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Life's elements will fall into place



Danny Craig

There were many different ideas and motivations that filled my head when it came time to create a column idea for this issue.

Being that this is my last column for the *Campus Times* before I return to life as as a reader and not a staffer next semester, there is a compelling desire to leave on a momentous note. I considered the standard finale approach where I creatively gave a list of shout outs to my fraternity brothers, the *CT* staff and all of the friends and faculty who have been influential. However, that shoe did not seem to fit.

I wanted to avoid my other great literary ploys that include criticizing the Office of Housing or quoting the thoughtful insight of my father for the sake of evading redundancy.

So it seems that I'm limited to my random thoughts to fill a column. They are ideas that have formed, some over four years, some over the last five minutes.

The first of which is from the four years of living on the University of La Verne campus. I realize that anyone can be caught in a moment of weakness, but as a general rule of thumb I have found that it is pointless to carry yourself with an attitude on this campus. When you decide that your personal problems grant you the right to take your stresses out on others, you will burn more bridges than you realize. This is a small campus, and, in one day, it is almost a given that you will encounter everyone you know and care about. Personally, I do not see how you can afford to be in bad humor because the negative vibe spreads too quickly.

The second thought came with the arrival of my grandfather's 90th birthday on Wednesday. Although my part in this occasion was limited to a phone call, the day brought some reflection. My father's parents are a constant reminder that life should be lived to the fullest whether you are 21 years old or living life as an enthusiastic octogenarian. My grandmother once shared at the dinner table that she feels that young people are under the impression, that when you grow old, there is a fear that every day might be your last. Grammy was quick to state that in reality, when you reach that age, tomorrow will bring what it may, but the life you have lived brings you nothing but contentment, regardless of tomorrow.

My grandparents seem to make the idea of being young a state of mind rather than a physical attribute.

I have no idea where the third thought came from but it surrounds my high school graduation. I remember Dr. Seuss' book "Oh the Places You'll Go" being given as a gift almost as frequently as the standard set of Cross pens. As one of the recipients of this work, I have to say I enjoyed Dr. Seuss' outlook on life. At one point, the Doctor informs his readers that there will be a point in everyone's life when uncertainty and insecurity will pose a great problem. You will, in essence, be your biggest obstacle. Dr. Seuss ends his book by letting you know that this period is just a stage in your life that is a part of the many peaks and valleys that have yet to come.

Perhaps it is nice to be given a sense of normalcy about the the calamity and confusion that is your senior year, but Dr. Seuss seems to know what we are dealing with. Similar to writing a column that has no real sense of direction, your senior year seems to fill your head with more ideas and thoughts than you can count.

Dr. Seuss reassures us that no matter what ideas or influences we encounter in college, that as time passes, as it has with my grandparents, that the elements of our life fall into place. Heading into the second semester, that is a reassuring thought.

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Holidays bring out sheer terror



Melinda Sanchez

"Oh, it's the hap...happiest season of all...." I'm sure that the approaching holiday season has little kids making their wish lists, and parents stressing out like crazy, and that makes me wonder, "Is it really the happiest season of the year?"

The holidays, always seem to put people into that so-called "holiday spirit" and everyone is supposed to be happy and joyful, right? Well, then why is it that for anyone who works in a store that caters to Christmas in any way, they always seem to dread the havoc brought on by this "season of giving?"

True, it may only be the first of December, but it has already begun. As an employee at a retail store that is based on seasonal sales, I come face-to-face with the "other side"of the holiday season almost everyday. That side of Christmas has customers complaining, asking stupid questions and being downright annoying. Now, anyone who knows what it is like to work in retail, knows what I am talking about.

As employees, we have standards; we are supposed to be polite, and cater to the customer's every need, but what if the customers are downright rude? I would never do anything to get myself fired, but many times I have felt the need to tell customers not to throw their money at me, that I'm sorry, I don't make the store policy, and that inflation is what causes prices to rise, not my paycheck.

We get customers who come in weekly, some come in almost daily and others annually.

This one old lady usually comes once each year, or so it seems, and she always comes when my store has its "open house." That's the day we have all our holiday specials and people come in the purchase our collectable Christmas ornaments. She buys about $1,000 worth of ornaments each year, and believe me, when we see her coming, it's like watching an oncoming train about to smack your car sitting in the middle of the tracks. When it comes time to ring her up, nothing but negativity pours from her venomous mouth, slandering Hallmark, its employees, our product, and anything she can get her vile tongue to petrify.

Once she leaves, its like a load of bricks has been removed from my chest and I can breath again.

Recently, I was in the stock room talking with my manager and another sales leader, and we all seemed to notice how customers seem to think that we are stupid. I always seem to get those customers who say, "Well can't you ask someone who might know?" And in my mind I'm thinking, "Hello? Can you read the name tag? I'm a sales leader...I would be the one to ask."

We came to the conclusion that to satisfy the customers' intuition, we should all just wear name tags that state, "I'm stupid." It was really quite funny at the moment, but I guess it was a "had to be there" situation. In any case, it is important to remember that employees go through training to know what they are doing, so not all employees are stupid.

I have worked at Hallmark for about two and a half years, and I like it. It is a comfortable job that is flexible to my always changing college schedule. There have been times when I thought about quitting, but those times have mostly been around Christmas. That is when the customers are not the most pleasant and cooperative people in the world. But I figure, why let them get the best of me?

So, when out Christmas shopping and pursuing the stores, remember to be nice to those who serve customers, because it can be a very tedious job.

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Country man finds peace at La Verne

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A sensitive, carefree attitude is exhibited throughout all of his works and activities, with his belief that by having fun, individuals are at liberty to freely express their creativity. Steve Kinzie, instructor of English and peace studies, said he is a believer of this philosophy when pursuing any venture.

Kinzie was born in February 1940 in Indiana then moved to Washington. He comes from a family of three brothers.

He is married to Debbie Roberts, Protestant campus minister and director of peace studies. Together they have two children; Emily ,16, and Seth, 13.

He attended the University of La Verne his freshman and sophomore years, 1958-1960. Kinzie then went on to finish his degree at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon.

"It was a great two years of adventure and discovery," said Kinzie.

There he received a bachelor's degree in philosophy and English. Kinzie later received his master's degree in Latin and Greek Classic Literature.

In the 1980s he taught Latin in Seattle at the Northwest School for eight years. In 1988, Kinzie and Roberts moved to Manchester, Ind.

At Manchester College, he directed a project entitled Education for Conflict Resolution, which was provided through a grant from the Lily Foundation.

As director, he initiated and developed the conflict management and conflict reduction programs in elementary schools.

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Natalie Fowle

Steve Kinzie, a ULV instructor of English and peace studies began playing the banjo as an undergraduate at La Verne College. A member of the folk group Kindling, he has written some songs that are on the group's CD "Kindling Live."

Craft ideas use creativity to avoid holiday waste

Alisha Rosas
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Each year, Americans double their amount of household waste during the gift-giving season. Much of this waste consists of cardboard boxes, shopping bags, gift wrap and "used" Christmas trees. However, with helpful ideas and handy tips, everyone can participate in giving their local landfill the gift of less waste over this year's holiday season.

Every year, dozens of Christmas cards make their way into homes from friends and family and, by the end of December, find their way into the trash. To extend the life of a Christmas card, consider creating ornaments, bookmarks or gift tags with them.

The easiest ornament to make consists of simply cutting off the front-side of the card, punching a hole at the top and stringing a thread to hang it on the tree. To embellish the card, add glitter or a ribbon. Children can also participate by making bookmarks for their friends using any type of card. By cutting the card vertically, a bookmark is created. To personalize the gift, write a personal message on the back of the card. To eliminate waste this season, cut up cards and use them as gift tags on presents.

According to the California Waste Management Board (CWMB), an estimation of 1 million tons of waste is generated each week nationwide during the holidays. Instead of purchasing gifts that need to be boxed and wrapped, this year eliminate waste by substituting a store-bought gift with a homemade gift, such as cookies or pies. If not, buy friends and family gifts that offer no waste, such as tickets to a concert or gift certificates.

Recycling Christmas trees is also important during the holidays. After the tree is dry, turn it into mulch by taking it to a local recycling facility. If an evergreen tree is too much upkeep this year, use a smaller plant or a live or plastic tree instead.

In terms of gift wrapping, imagine, for a moment, how many miles of ribbon it would take to tie a festive bow around the earth. According to CWMB, Americans could have already done it, as they throw 38,000 miles worth of ribbon out each year during the holidays. To avoid such waste, wrap a gift in a gift. For example, if you give someone kitchenware, wrap the gift in a tablecloth or put new tools in a new toolbox.

If wrapping the gift is of preference, an imagination is all one needs. Some things to include can be any kind of paper bags, old publications, comics, calendars or maps. Using a potato chip bag as a gift bag is an example. This idea, from "Trash to Treasure—The Recycler's Guide to Creative Gifts," notes how many of the bags are made of cellophane or another type of non-recyclable material. Instead of throwing the bag away, turn it inside out, rinse it off and place the gift inside. Afterward, tie a colorful ribbon to close the bag. The result is a shiny gift bag for the person.

Throughout the season and into the new year, another reuse tip would be to help the less fortunate. If new household items are gifts this year, consider giving away old appliances, toys and clothing by donating them to a local charity or thrift store.

The web sites **www.craftsforkids.about.com, www.sciswa.org, www.makestuff.com** and **www.kidsdomain.com** all provide information on craft ideas that do not promote excess waste going to the landfills.

Samoa represented at MUN by ULV

Melinda Sanchez
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Each year, the Model United Nations (MUN) Club at the University of La Verne meets with several other colleges and universities across the world to act as representatives for each country at the Model United Nations conference.

This year, the club will attend the conference during spring break on April 10 to 14.

According to Kat Przybylska, co-chair of MUN, who attended the event last year, it meets more than once a year. She said, "MUN goes on all the time, all over the place. It's in San Francisco, Boston, and New York, where we plan on going this year."

The MUN is open to all students who have an interest in how the United Nations works. Stefan Chacon, MUN chair, said, "In the real UN there are experts of every kind and even though some are very political, that just shows how any major can apply."

He said that it is still open and students can still participate. Students who have gone in the past do not necessarily have seniority, but they have shown dedication and seriousness in their loyalty.

Members are expected to research and be informed about the country in which they are assigned in order to create aid packages for them and to pass resolutions in favor of their county's best interests.

Last year, ULV was assigned to Angola, a county in Africa. Przybylska said, "It is difficult to remember that you are acting as a delegate for that country. You have to stay in character and play your role. It's important to put aside any biases or opinions that you may have and stay in that mind set."

La Verne has been assigned to pose as Samoa this year, which will require them to learn about the country's economic system and its politics but more importantly, "to have a firm understanding of what your country's role and interests are in the United Nations," said Chacon.

Organizations help less fortunate

•Donations, volunteers sought

Tom Galaraga
Staff Writer

The holiday season is in full swing, people are often reminded of the generosity and kindness often taken for granted.

While families retreat to houses filled with the warmth and joy of the love shared between friends and family members, there are those who are less fortunate and those who will not be able to feel any such warmth during this cold winter.

The generosity that is so commonly associated with the holiday season need not stop at one's own intimate circle of friends, but should extend to those who need it the most, complete strangers.

Christmas in April is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to helping the community by offering repairs and restorations to houses owned by people whom would otherwise not be able to repair the houses alone. This includes people who either financially cannot afford, or due to a physical limitation, are unable to maintain the upkeep of the house.

Christmas in April officials plan extensively for several months, and then on National Rebuilding Day, which is usually the last Saturday in April, it begins work restoring a select house.

Through donations and volunteer work provided by various corporations, individuals, labor organizations, civic organizations and religious organizations, Christmas in April is able to provide generosity to those who need it. There are currently 245 Christmas in April affiliates.

For more information, contact Christmas in April Pomona, at (909) 629-9737, or visit the official website at **www.christmasinapril.org**. Christmas in April is always looking for volunteers to assist in their goals.

The House of Ruth is a shelter for women and children who are victims of spousal abuse or domestic violence. Their commitment to assisting victims of domestic violence have resulted in the production of various services including: shelter for women and children, providing food, clothing, and other personal items, counseling on and a 24-hour crisis line.

The services offered by are free, and are provided by members of the community whom, like The House of Ruth, are dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence.

My Sister's House is an affiliate program that offers a transitional living shelter that provides a means to break the cycles of violence and poverty that would otherwise face victims of domestic violence.

The House of Ruth and its affiliates are always seeking volunteers. Duties of volunteers includes: offering transportation, counseling, yard work and maintenance, and on call as a translator. To become involved, contact House of Ruth Pomona, at (909) 623-4364, or visit **www.houseofruth.org**. For counseling, contact the crisis hotline at (909) 998-5559, 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

The Ronald McDonald House Charity (RMHC) is an affiliate of the McDonald's cooperation, who through interaction with local communities and schools provides several community enhancing programs.

"Our promise [is] to continue seeking solutions for the problems facing children and families today—to provide comfort and care to those who need us most," Ken Barum, President and CEO Ronald McDonald House Charities, said in a recent press release.

The RMHC originally offered medical treatment to children whose families could not afford it. Twenty-five years later, RMHC has expanded its services to offer: scholarship programs, mobile health care to children in "underserved communities," and youth suicide prevention.

The RMHC is completely funded by the McDonald's corporation, but still relies heavily upon volunteers, and donations to achieve its goals. Currently there are approximately 25,000 volunteers in 219 Ronald McDonald Houses in 19 different countries.

To volunteer at a Ronald McDonald House, or simply to place a donation, contact Ronald McDonald House of Orange County at (714) 639-3600, or visit **www.rmhc.com**.

During the holiday season, words such as "love," "joy" and "caring" often present themselves in daily conversation. This winter, define these words by allowing for their true meaning to extend to those who are less fortunate. Through kindness and generosity, society as a whole can be defined as being humane.

Without thought, people offer themselves to the loved ones whom they care about most, and in the process, often turn a blind cheek to those who deserve it, and are worthy of being treated as humans.

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–Ken Barum, President and CEO Ronald McDonald House Charities

Growth...

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the University Retreat, which was held Wednesday. Every University employee was invited to discuss the options.

"If we wanted to, we could accomplish our goals staying on this campus, on the 31 acres," he said. "It would be hard, and there would be some tough decisions, because we can't do everything that we do now, and stay on these 31 acres.

"But, if we wanted that option, we could make it work."

Hawkey said that it is very important for these problems to be addressed soon in order to decide what needs to be done for the University's continuing success.

"If we plan to grow, we need more space," said Hawkey.

Hawkey cites the University's success, with the programs, and the reputation of those programs, growing as the catalyst for these options. He said that the question now is whether the University has too many students or too few facilities. With most people believing the latter, University officials believe that the implementation of one of these options will alleviate the problems.

At the retreat, it was announced that the University had purchased the Brown property. With the acquisition of the property, the University will begin planning the implementation of option three. And, although this option is being put into action immediately, there are still plans to review the other options and implement them as the need arises.

Kinzie...

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Kinzie spent two years as the director of this program.

They moved to Eugene, Ore., in 1990. In January of 1996, he and Roberts moved to La Verne after Roberts accepted the position as campus minister and he later, as an instructor.

As an instructor, "I like to have a lot of fun," said Kinzie. "For me friendliness is a medium for learning, trying to create a sense of community in the classroom. Having a relaxed atmosphere is important to me."

"I keep thinking that any day or year now I am going to learn how to teach. For me it's a process of discovery about how students learn and a self-discovery of whether what I am doing is working or not," said Kinzie. This process of discovery he said is an "organic process."

Looking back at ULV when he attended and ULV now, he sees a lot more diversity. While Kinzie attended ULV, the school was small, not so diversified, and the Brethren influence made up a lot of the school. "Diversity has brought so much richness to ULV," he said.

Kinzie believes having diversity opens up doors not known to us. By sharing one's culture and tradition as individuals we have the opportunity to gain knowledge, tolerance, appreciation and an understanding of the world around us. He believes that our diversity should "model how we would like the world to be," he said.

As a past time, Kinzie enjoys playing the guitar and a five-string banjo. He and Shawn Kirchner, assistant professor of music and director of choral programs, are in a band called Kindling and part of a folk music group at the La Verne Church of the Brethren.

This band consists of Kinzie, Kirchner, Peg Lehman and Lee Krahenbuhl, members who live in the Midwest.

Kinzie and Kirchner met in 1988 through the activities of the Church of the Brethren. The two met the other members at a conference in Cincinnati in 1997. Then, the band got together and two years later, recorded its album, "Kindling Live," released in 1999. Because of distance, the group meets annually where it generates music and performs.

Last year Kinzie and Kirchner gave a performance at ULV that was recorded and will soon be released.

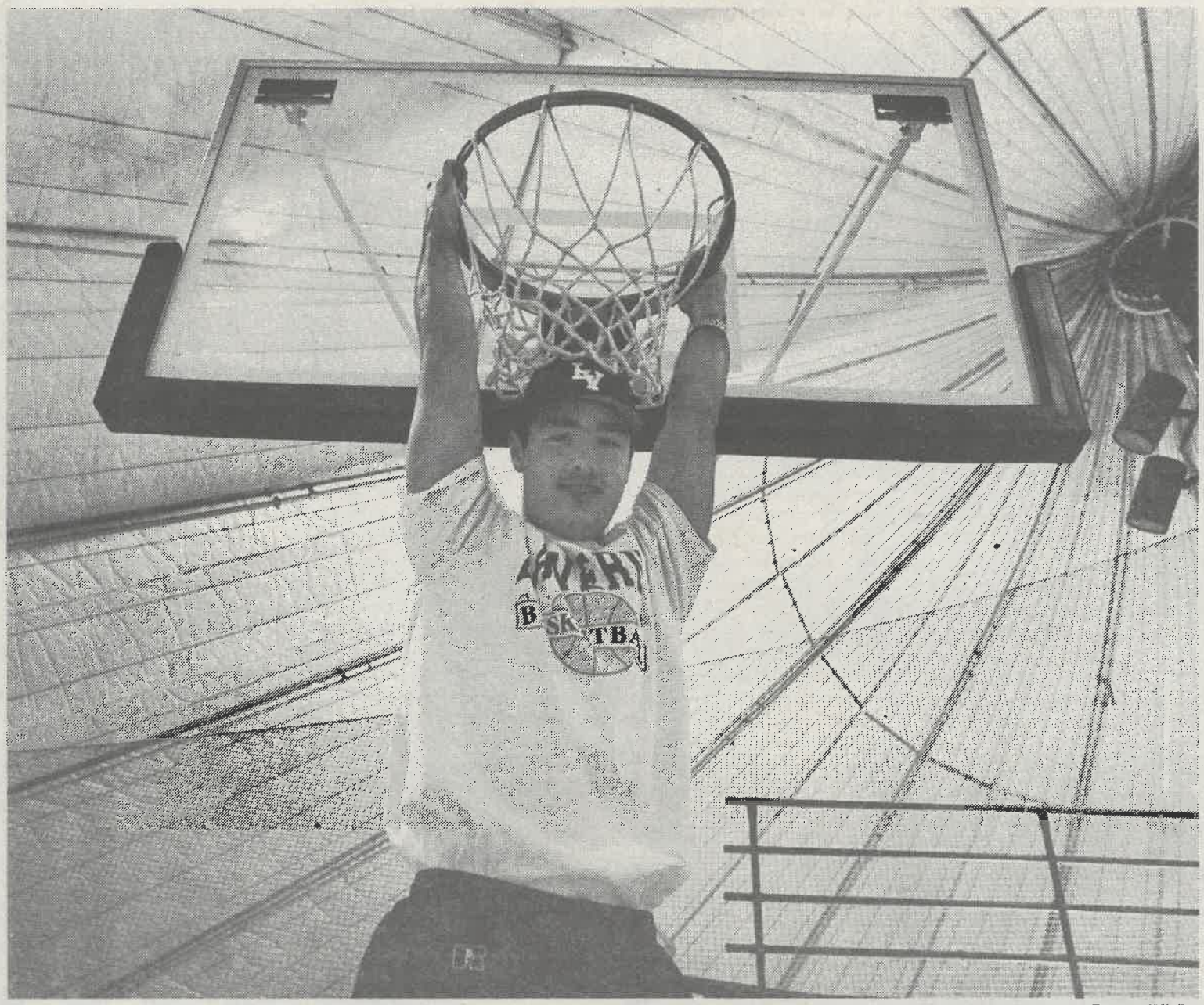
Music, writing songs, playing with other people and walking in the woods are heaven to Kinzie. He admits to being country at heart; growing up in Apple Country he owned an orchard of red and golden delicious apples. One day he would love to go back.



Natalie Fowle

Steve Kinzie is a professor of English as well as an instructor of peace studies on the University of La Verne campus. His wife, Debbie Roberts, is the Protestant campus minister and the director of peace studies. Chickens have been among the Kinzie-Roberts family pets for the last three years. Betty, an Aracana chicken, lays greenish egg that the family cooks for breakfast in the mornings. "Both Debbie and I have lived in the country and raised chickens. We like the country and that is why we have them," said Kinzie.

Duran spearheads men's program



Denisse Villalba

After two years as the assistant coach under Dan Mulville, Gabe Duran begins his first year as head men's basketball coach at the University of La Verne. Duran transferred to ULV his junior year from Mendocino College in Northern California, and graduated in 1998 with a degree in movement and sports sciences.

Rene Luna
Staff Writer

He came to become part of the team, and now he leads the team.

Gabe Duran, a 1998 alumnus, once played for the Leopards basketball team, and now after being a volunteer coach, then a graduate assistant, now finds himself head coach.

"The passion just took me over, and I knew that's what I wanted to do," Duran. said. "The game just couldn't get rid of me that easy."

Preparing himself for coaching, Duran said he has talked to a lot of coaches. "I've made it a point to ask every coach, before we play them, some advice for a first-year coach," he said. "I'm just going to take bits and pieces of advice from all these coaches ... and just put it all together to form my own coaching philosophy," said Duran.

Duran describes this year's basketball team "as a really good group of guys, great students, and good people in general. I have much respect for them, and I think they do for me as well."

Duran said he and the players have a good relationship. He is not afraid to push them to get them to be the best basketball players and people they can be.

"I'm not afraid to challenge them and I think they appreciate that," he said.

As far as challenges, the coach said there is one every day. "You have to motivate the players to play at a high level every single day ... and it should be a challenge," he said. "When it's not a challenge, then I think it's time for me to move on and find something else to do because it's really important every day that, not only in games, but also in practices to get the players together and work as a cohesive unit toward a common goal."

Right now, the coach's goals are to win the conference championship and to see all the players lead successful lives.

"It's one thing to be a good basketball player, but it's a whole other challenge to be a good person and contributing member to society," the coach said.

Coach Duran hopes to impact the lives of his players.

"I want to do the best job I can possibly do," he said. "When I'm done coaching, I want people to say 'Coach Duran really cared about his kids and was a good role model for them. That would be the biggest win you can possibly achieve.' "

Men cagers look for explosive season

Christian A. Lopez
Staff Writer

Shake to the left. Crossover right. Then make way because the Leopards are about to blow up the rim like DYN-O-MITE!

Exploding into the courts this year is the University of La Verne men's basketball team that has a fresh look and charismatic attitude, which includes first-year head coach Gabe Duran and a squad that is introducing seven new freshmen to a higher level of competition.

"This is their first college basketball experience and the game is a lot faster and guys are a lot stronger and more athletic," said Duran.

Looking to lead the way to what will be a learning experience for a lot of the new members on the team is senior guard Kevin Gustafson.

"Our coach gives us certain roles that we have to do and one of mine is to be a leading scorer, to be a good defender, and a leading rebounder, and if I don't do that then I'm not leading our team," said Gustafson.

Gustafson, the only senior on the team and a first-team all-conference returner, averaged 21.5 points per game last year and has led the Leopards in scoring the past two years.

"He's our senior leader, He's just our go-to guy. Probably, arguably, the best player in the league," said Duran.

Another player the coaches expect to make an impact is sophomore guard Robbie Leark who returns with experience as a starter from last year's team in which he averaged 11.4 points per game.

The Leopard's main focus for this year is to win the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title.

"Our one and only team goal right now is to win a conference championship," said Duran. "We've been right there the last four years and that's what will get us over the hump."

Last season, the team finished third in SCIAC with an overall record of 9-5 in conference and 15-10 overall.

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As far as strategy, Duran says they will continue to play their traditional up-tempo, fast-paced offense and press-up defense. Being well conditioned will also play a big role in the Leopard's game plan.

Last weekend, conditioning was the key factor in their season-opening victories over Swarthmore College and Haverford College, according to Duran. The team traveled to Pennsylvania where they participated in the Equinox classic.

In last Friday's match the Leopards defeated Swarthmore in dominating fashion with a score of 87-70. In the first half La Verne jumped out to a quick 10-0 lead and expanded it to an 18-point advantage as the team ended the half up 53-35. The Leopards took their momentum into the second half as they extended their lead to 29 points, which would be the teams biggest lead in the game. Sophomore forward Joe Bolander led all scorers with 20 points, 14 of which came in the first half. He also contributed with six rebounds, two assists, and two steals. Gustafson had 19 points in the victory.

"They were able to do some good things against an opponent we were supposed to beat," said Duran, on the win over Swarthmore.

The Leopards win on Saturday against Haverford was reminiscent of David's victory over Goliath, as they defeated the Fords' colossal squad 87-70.

"They were a much bigger team than we were; they had guys that were 6-9, 6-7,and 6-7, and our biggest guy is 6-6," said Duran.

Haverford ended the first half with a one-point lead over La Verne, but were overwhelmed in the second half as the Leopards outscored them, 45-24. Gustafson had 28 points, four rebounds, and four assists in the game.

"I was very pleased with our performance against them," said Duran.

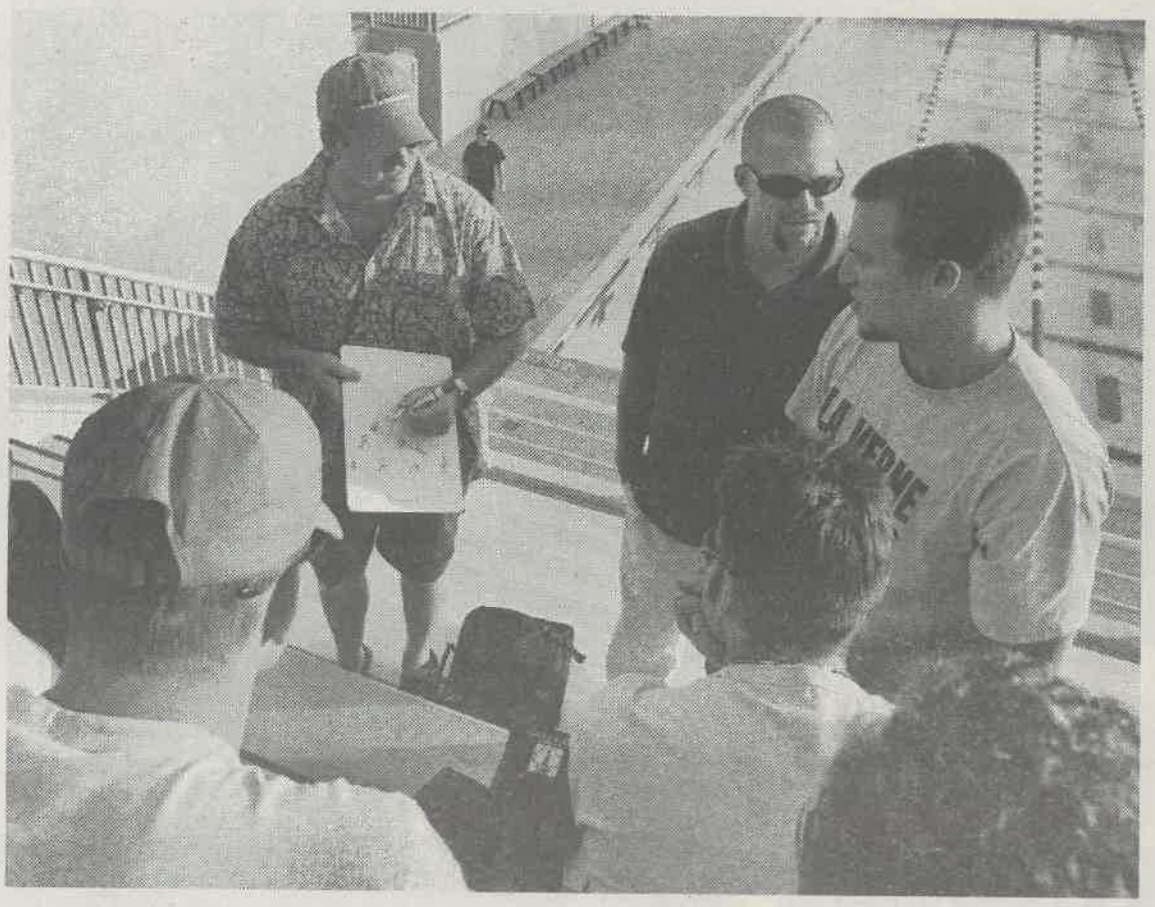
La Verne will see if they can continue to please there coach by adding another "W" to their 2-0 record tomorrow as they face Division II opponent Cal Poly Pomona, the game will be at Cal Poly at 7 p.m.

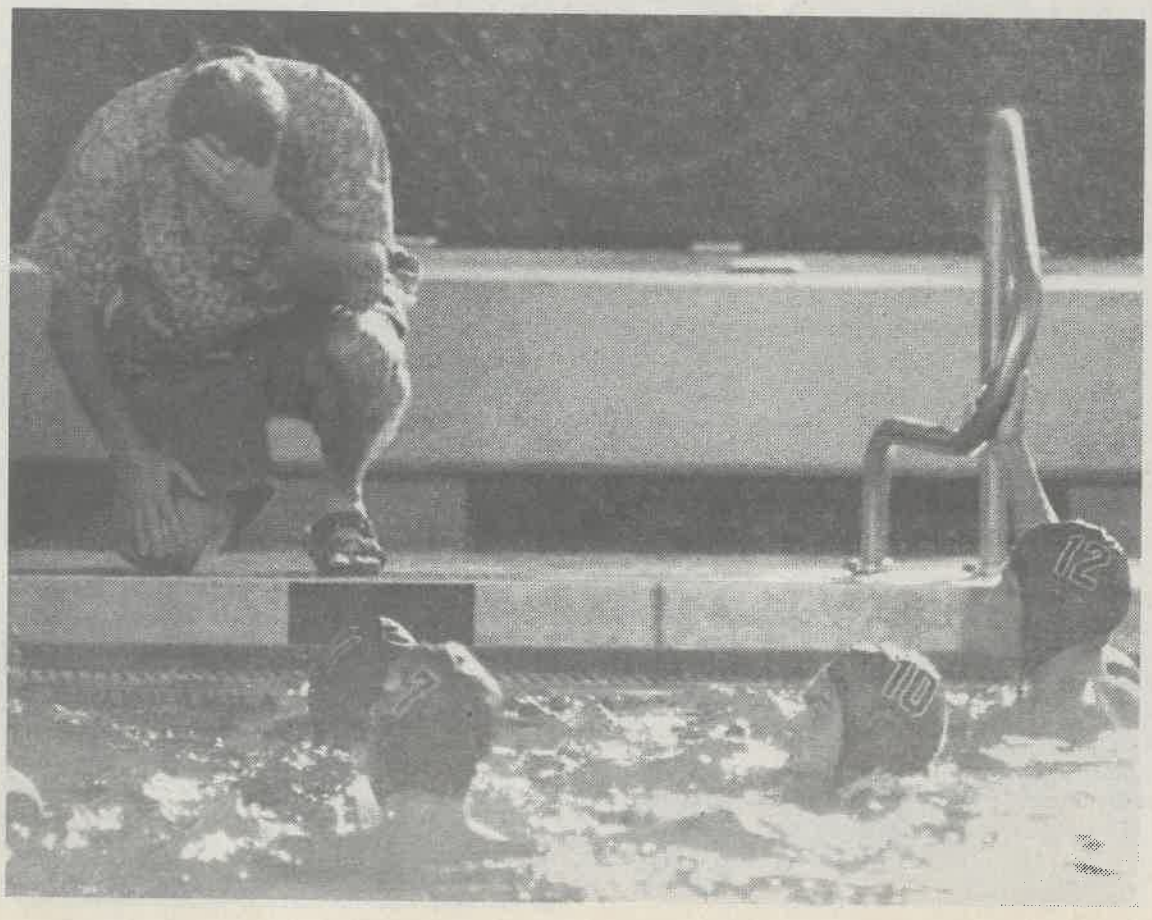
All-Region Volleyball

Senior outside hitter Amy Brummel and junior setter Ryan Winn were named to the All West Region Volleyball Team. It was both players first time named to the all region team.

Water polo plays for top spot in Hawaii







by Ryan Mac Donald
photographs by Liz Lucsko

On Nov. 16, 2000, it was just another day in paradise in Honolulu, Hawaii. The skies were partly cloudy with scattered showers, and the temperature remained consistently in the mid-80s.

At 6:31 p.m. at Hawaii International Airport, United Airlines Flight 55 arriving from Los Angeles landed into this tropical kingdom, and emerging from gate six were the 14 members of the University of La Verne men's water polo team.

This vacation, however, presented different objectives than most would expect.

They were not here to work on their tans, or to sightsee, or to sip umbrella cocktails on the beaches of Waikiki like most visitors of the Hawaiian Islands. They were here to compete and, hopefully, to be victorious in the Western Water Polo Association (WWPA) tournament.

This weekend would test their ability to play water polo against the best teams in the western region, and the winner would earn a place to compete in the NCAA Championships this weekend.

Representing eight universities from three states, the WWPA tournament included teams from top-seeded UC San Diego, No. 2 Loyola Marymount University, No. 4 United States Air Force Academy, No. 5 UC Davis, No. 6 University of Redlands, No. 7 UC Santa Cruz and No. 8 Chaminade University (host).

Beginning the tournament with first-round action against the University of Redlands, the Leopards were victorious, as they easily defeated the Bulldogs 8-6.

With oppressive defensive efforts throughout each quarter, the Leopards were able to stop all of the Bulldogs' offensive threats and by taking advantage of numerous man-up opportunities, they never lost the lead.

"We were able to shut down their game plan," said Kenny Clements, a senior driver. "We played solid with more steals, blocks and shots [on goal]."

Head coach Tim Hugar added, "our defense was strong. We had a couple of breakdowns, near the end, but it was fairly strong."

This victory marked an 11-game winning streak for the Leopards and a third win over the Bulldogs this season in four matches.

Junior Alan Shumway, Clements and Senior Ian Gratz opened up a 3-0 lead in the first three minutes of the first quarter with a series of strong offensive surges. Twenty seconds into the game, Shumway had a breakaway and lobbed the ball into the cage to score the first goal of the game. Clements scored one minute later off a pass from Stephen Smith. Gratz finished off the offensive run, when he easily scored over a weak defense.

"We came out strong and got our momentum up," said Shumway.

Redlands' Kevin Rosa responded by scoring the first of the Bulldogs' goals. With 45 seconds left in the first quarter, Clements was called on a four-meter penalty, giving Rosa a free shot on goal. With three seconds left, driver Tim McNaney scored over Shumway to bring the Bulldogs within one goal at the end of the first quarter.

Redlands' Justin Ball was first to score in the second quarter after both teams did not allow any offensive breakaways. With 2:42 left in

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***Top left:** La Verne's water polo team boarded a Jumbo 767 early afternoon on Thursday, Nov. 16 and six hours later, United's flight #55 landed at Honolulu International Airport. It landed hoping to be a team destined to win. John Steifling, Fred Sicard, Mike Miles and Tim Hugar lead the pack in search of baggage claim and rental vans.*
***Middle left:** With no available locker rooms, athletes were forced to change poolside while coaches relay strategic plans in the stands. Ian Gratz questions and asks for further detail on plays from Head Coach Tim Hugar and Assistant Coach Mike Miles before their 5:30 p.m. rendezvous with Redlands.*
***Left:** La Verne calls a timeout before the conclusion of the third quarter after a three-goal roll in a span of two minutes.*
***Above:** Junior Sean Smith had support from his family as he maneuvered the ball to set up for a shot to count, La Verne's fourth goal, with 1:21 left in the half, bringing the score to 4-3 against SCIAC rival Redlands.*

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the quarter, Ball recovered his own shot off the goal post to score, tying the game at 3.

Tom Merryman countered with strong defense to steal the ball. He then passed to Sean Smith, who lobbed the ball over the goalie to give the Leopards a one-goal advantage with 1:21 left in the first half.

"We had strong counter attacks," said team captain Fred Sicard, "and we fought through them [Redlands]."

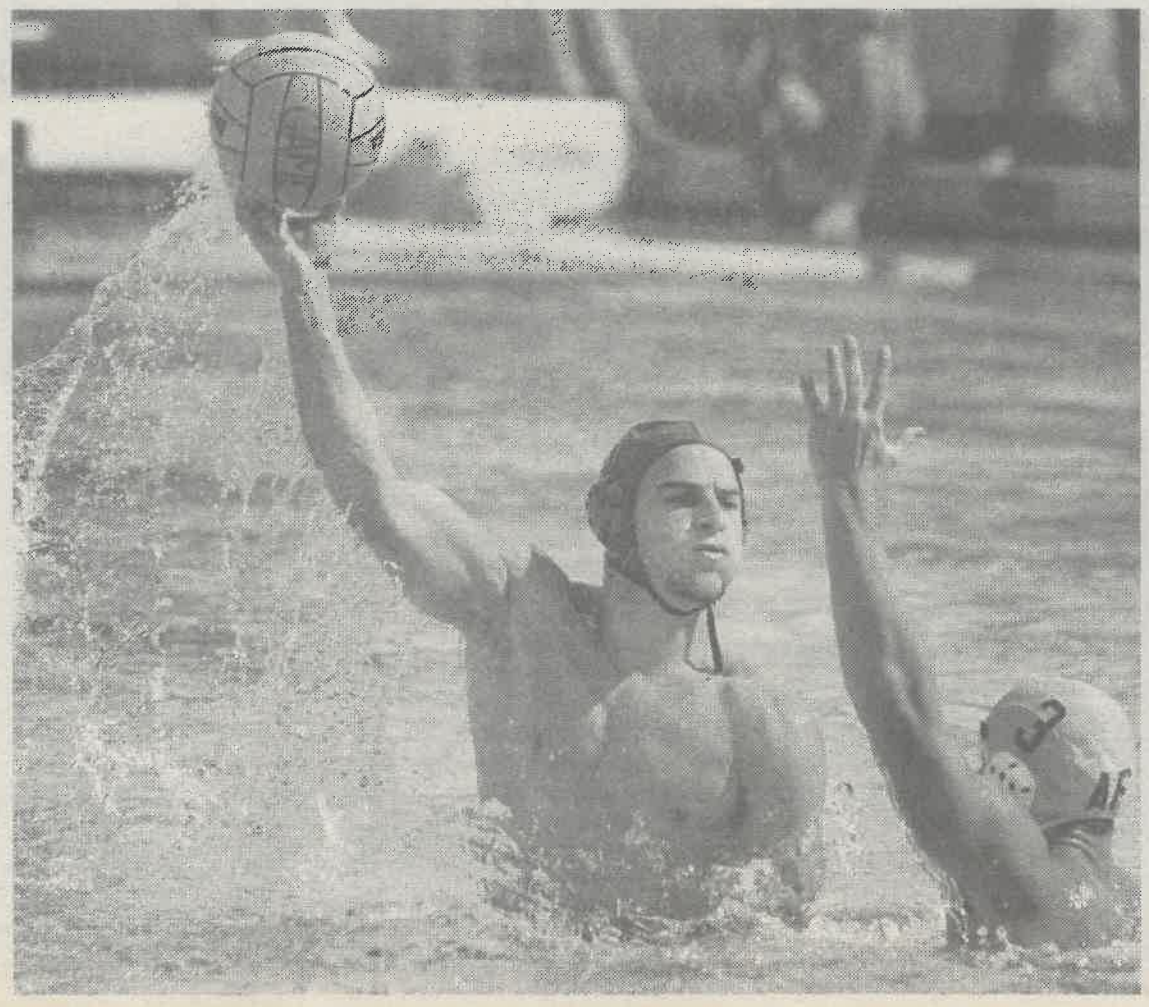
After halftime, the Leopards fired up their intensity in the third quarter, outscoring their opponent 3-1.

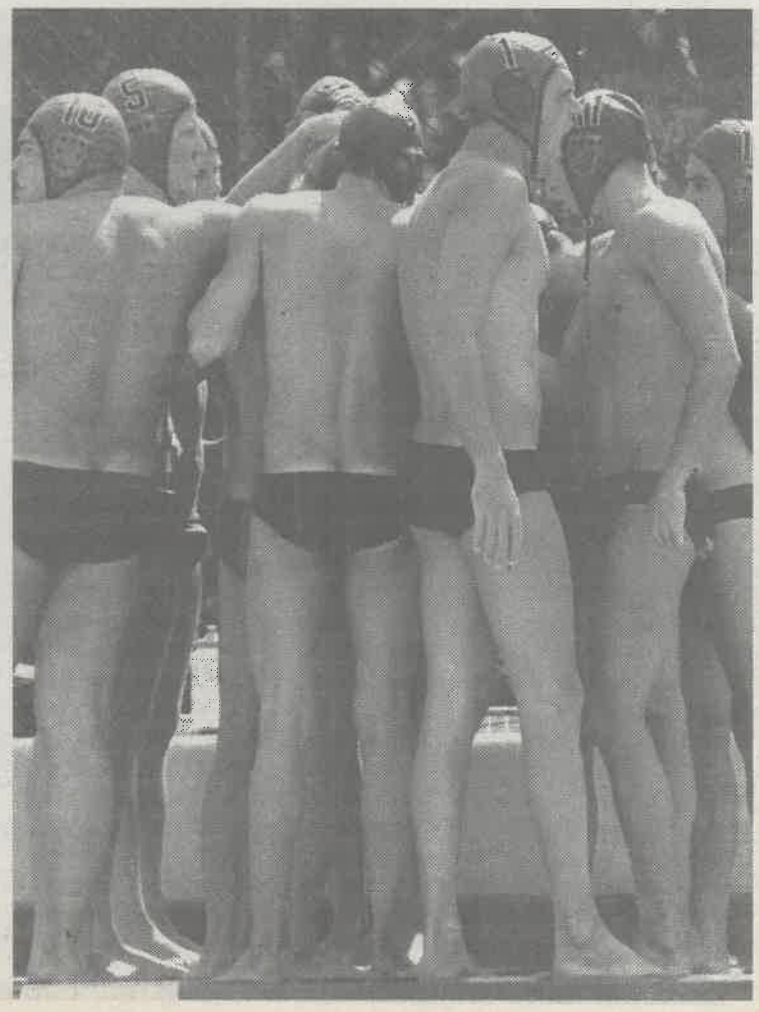
Immediately converting the first man up opportunity of the quarter, Gratz scored his second goal of the game off a pass from Smith, putting the Leopards up 5-3. On the next possession, Clements battled from underwater to score past two defenders, extending the lead to 6-3.

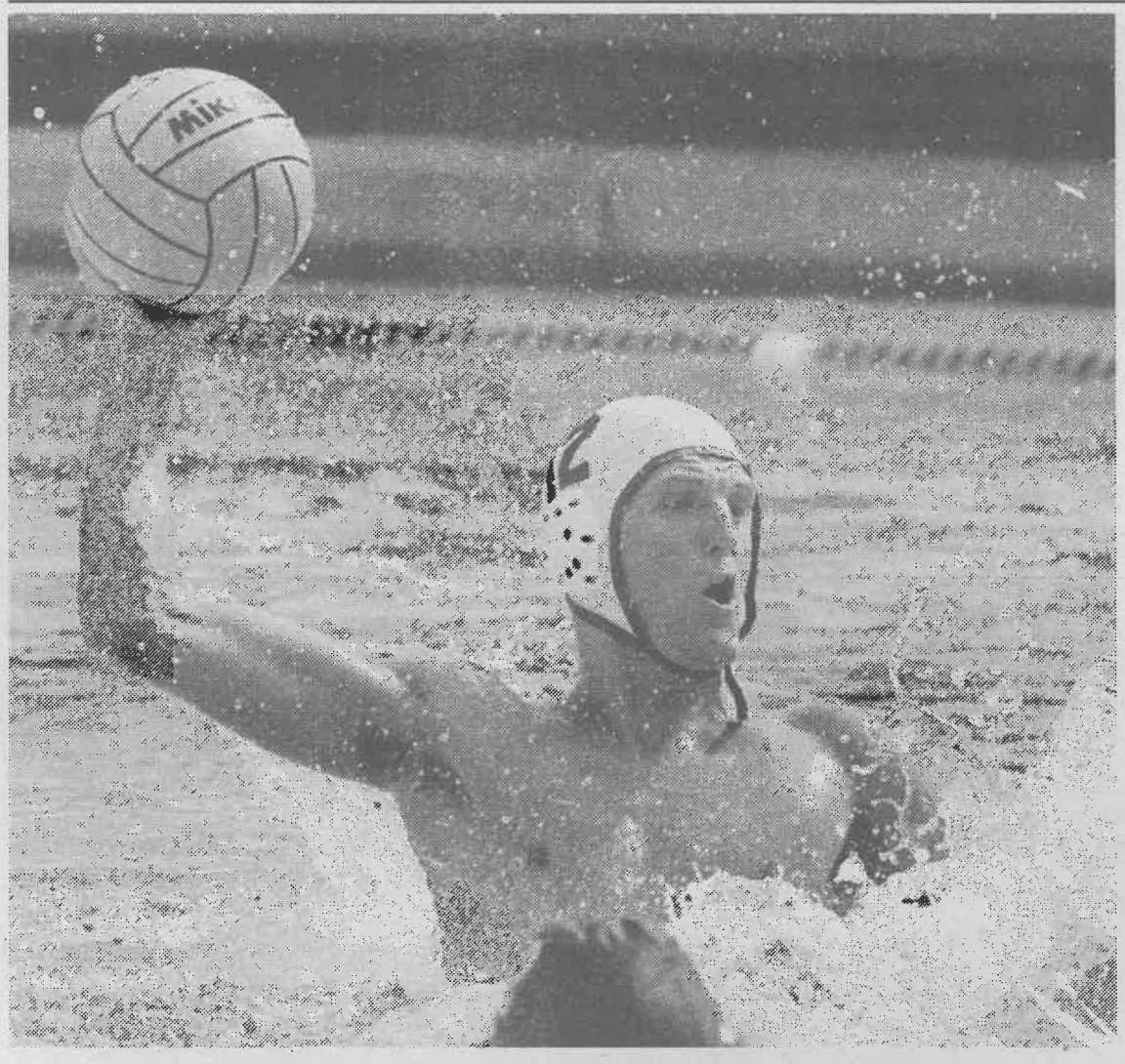
After a Bulldogs' time-out at 4:50 in the third quarter, the Leopards continued to dictate the pace of the game by converting on a second man-up opportunity. Shumway scored his second goal of the game, lengthening the lead to 7-3.

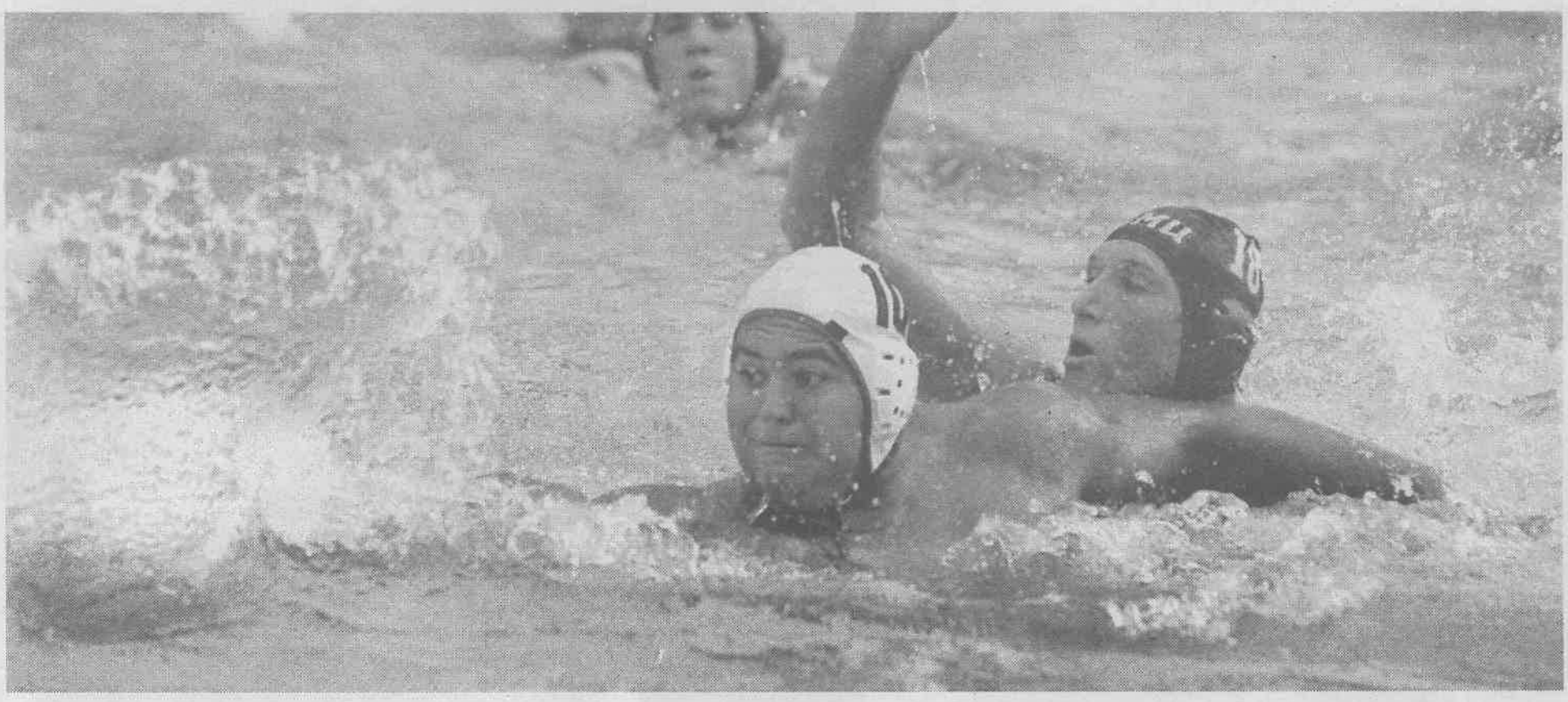


Right: La Verne battled the United States Air Force Academy at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19, both teams striving to capture third place, senior, Kenny Clements riffled the ball pass Chad Simendinger in a blink of an eye, but was deflected by goalie Charles Toth.
Below: Junior Ian Gratz overtowers Air Force defender David Breitenbach in the final minutes of the WWPA Tournament, bringing the water polo season to a close.
Bottom Right: Heading into the second quarter with a score of 3-0, the Leopards bare the possibility of loosing to the United States Air Force Academy and ranking fourth in the 2000 Western Water Polo Association Tournament.











"We wanted to be in that position of being up by several goals. It is better for us," he said.

On the Bulldogs next possession, Adam Foley scored off a bank shot, after the Leopards' Sean Smith was ejected. Foley scored the Bulldog's only goal in the third quarter.

The Leopards closed out the fourth quarter with one more goal, as the Bulldogs made a late effort, scoring two more goals. However, they fell short by two goals.

"Overall, in the end of the game, we weren't that intelligent," said Hugar. "We just forced things."

With a victory in the first round of the tournament, the Leopards moved into the championship semifinal match against the second seeded Loyola Marymount Lions.

One day later, the Leopards began their bout against the Lions, and in a battle that would determine who would play for the championship, the Leopards lost an extremely physical match, 8-4.

"It is always brutal when we play against Loyola," said Sicard.

The Lions ended the Leopards winning streak after the two teams were locked in a defensive struggle through three-quarters. They eventually edged out to a 5-3 lead and then never allowed the Leopards to catch up, winning the game 8-4.

Early in the first quarter, Clements attempted a shot but was blocked by goalie Colin Robinson. With a new 35 second shot clock, Shumway scored from five-meters out off a pass from Sean Smith, giving the Leopards an early 1-0 lead.

With strong team defense, the Leopards held the Lions with no goals through most of the first quarter, but after John Steifling saved

Left: After several foul attempts from LMU's driver Aaron Eisberg, junior Alan Shumway shoots and scores with 5:07 left in the first quarter against the No. 2 ranked team, Loyola Marymount University, on Saturday, Nov. 18.
Below: In the first quarter of the Championship Semi-Finals, La Verne vs. Loyola-Marymount, two meter man Fred Sicard reaches around to set up and post for a shot advantage against LMU's defender Sam Hyman.

Left: After a physical 8-4 loss to LMU, the Leopards shook hands in a display of good sportsmanship conduct with the Lions, followed by a congratulating and consoling hand grip by head coaches John Loughrand and Tim Hugar.

two back-to-back shots, Aaron Eisberg scored into the corner of the goal with 1:42 left in the quarter, tying the game at one.

The Lions took advantage of their first six-on-five opportunity after Gratz got ejected, and two-meter man Kyle Witt scored to go ahead by one. Brother Kevin Witt scored on an identical play, after Sean Smith was ejected. With 2:35 left in the second quarter, the Lions were up 3-1.

"We were a little bit slow, and we missed some opportunities that took our spirits away," said Hugar.

Closing out the first half with another goal, the Lions' Andrew Jensen scored when he recovered the ball after it bounced off the goal cage, putting the Lions up 4-1.

On their first possession of the third quarter, the Leopards converted a man-up opportunity to score their second goal of the game. Merryman recovered the ball after it banked off the goal post to score, bringing the score to 4-2. With Clements' ejected at 5:42 left in the third, the Lions called a timeout and then came back to score their fifth goal of the match.

"They took away some of our spirit," said Hugar. "And we didn't have the momentum to come back."

Merryman scored his second goal of the game after another Lions' ejection, pulling the Leopards within two. But into the fourth quarter, the Lions' offense ignited as they went on a run that scored three more decisive goals, providing them with an unmatchable lead.

"We beat ourselves," said Sicard. "We had plenty of opportunities, but we didn't close on most of them."

With a loss in the championship semifinal, the Leopards were

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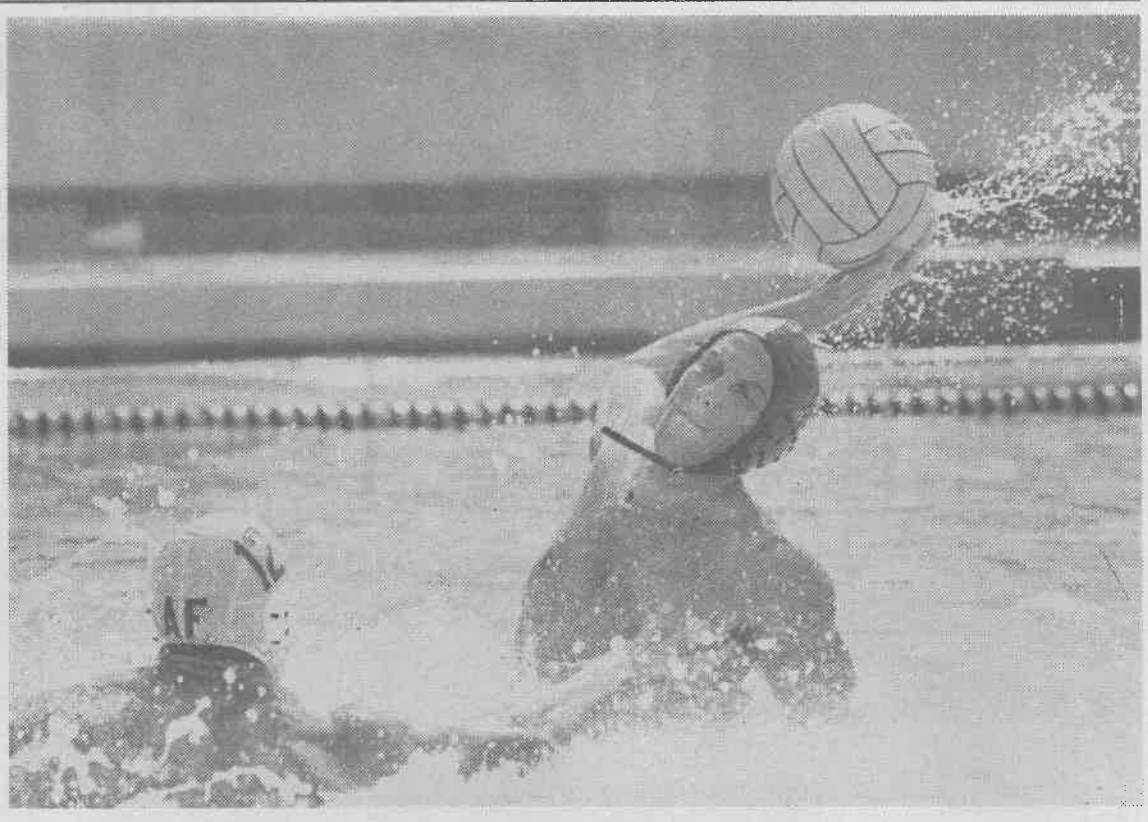
placed into the third place match against the U.S. Air Force Academy, and in their final match of the season, the Leopards could not keep pace with the Falcons, losing in the final quarter 10-5.

ULV held the Falcons' to one goal through three-quarters of play, but after the Falcons' Chris Smith went on a three-goal scoring run early in the fourth quarter, the Leopards lost momentum and were unable to fight back, scoring only one goal in the final quarter.

Clements earned WWPA first team honors and driver Stephen Smith and goalie John Steifling received honorable mention honors for the tournament.

The Leopards finished the season with the team's best record in history (20-8). For the season, the Leopards were ranked No. 19 in the nation and No. 1 in Division III schools.

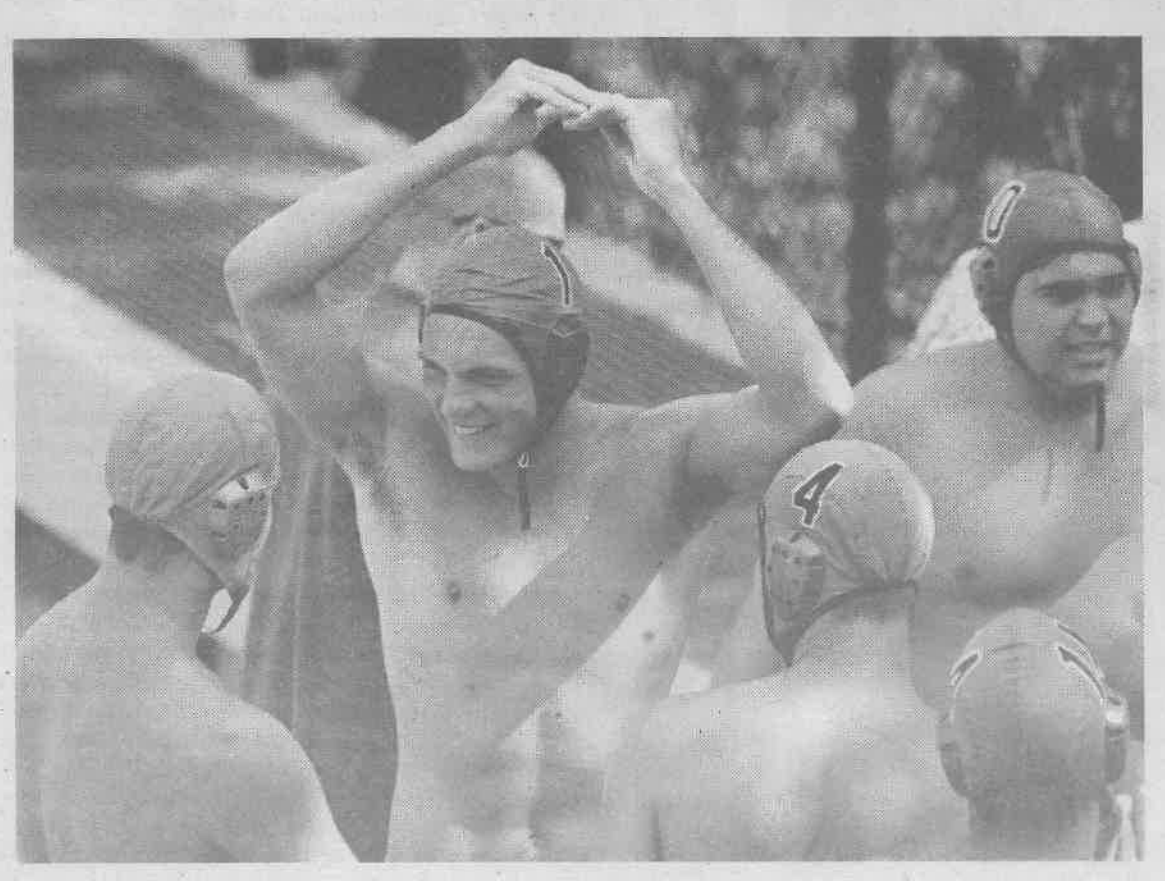
Right: Senior Kenny Clements swirls his feet, reaches back, flings forward, and whirls the ball past Air Force defender, Derek Angel for a straight shot to the goal. That play would be as good as gold except for the 6 ft., 150 lbs. starting goalie Charles Toth, whose only objective is the stop that ball.
Below: In the closing minutes of the third quarter against USAFA, junior Ian Gratz, looks for teammates on the outside in an attempt to swing the ball into position and close in on the net, as defender Chris Smith tries to steal the ball.











Upper Left: Trailing by one point at the half to the United States Air Force Academy, head coach Tim Hugar is dumbfounded on how to close the Falcons lead.
Above: Mother, friend, and No. 1 fan Maria Sicard comforts her son, Fred Sicard, at the conclusion of his last collegiate water polo game. The Leopards suffered a tragic loss of 10-5 to the United States Air Force Academy, ranking them fourth overall in the WWPA Tournament.
Left: To relieve the pressure of a one point deficit to overcome Air Force starting goalie John Steifling mimics the swanlike moves of a ballerina as he twinkles his toes, after an intense halftime talk by coach Tim Hugar.