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Students enjoy extravagant evening

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Christmas trees with sparkling white lights. A cascade of tables adorned with lace tablecloths and candles. The beats of music and joyous laughter ring through the air.

The Winter Extravaganza, sponsored by the Associated Students Federation (ASF) was held at the Sheraton Suites Hotel in Pomona on Saturday, and proved to be a magnificent event.

The evening began at 6.30 with a buffet style dinner which included chicken cordon bleu, prime rib, mashed potatoes, vegetables, caesar salad and various desserts. Students 21 years old and over who showed a valid ID were issued a wristband at the door and were able to purchase alcoholic beverages at the bar.

President Stephen Morgan, ASF President Mario Guerrero and Frank Tolentino, Winter Extravaganza chair, began the evening by offering a brief welcome speech to the guests. Morgan joked with the audience saying that the food provided is a nice change from Davenport. Eric Bishop, associate professor of journalism, offered a prayer before dinner.

While dining, guests were entertained by vocal and musical performances by various students. Shawn Kirchner, director of choral activities accompanied vocalists on the keyboard.

Guests were able to take professional pictures with their dates or friends at the dance. The cost was $20 for one 5 x 7 and four wallet size photos.

Following dinner, guests began dancing to the music provided by DJ's To Go. The DJ played a variety of music, from Britney Spears to Santana songs. Dancing continued well into the early hours of the morning, the last dedicated dance-aholics grooving until 1 a.m.

Tolentino said the number in attendance was much higher than expected.

"Last year we only had 300 guests. This year we anticipated 375, but the final count was 410," he said.

Students were also able to purchase tickets for the event through the mail this year, and Tolentino said that over 200 tickets were sold this way. The reason for the higher turnout may have resulted from the vigorous advertising ASF did for the event. ASF promoted the event through the *Campus Times*, KULV, LVTV and through the residential voice mail systems.

Tolentino also said that there were 40 tables for people to sit at while eating dinner and that all of the seats were occupied early in the evening. He said those who arrived half way through dinner found themselves with no place to sit.

"I really enjoyed the dance," said freshman Xavier Espejo. "I liked the fun atmosphere it provided and the decorations were very nice."

Tolentino said he feels students enjoyed the event more this year.

"People's perspective of it this year was different," he said. "This year the setting was more elegant and people liked the food and the entertainment during dinner. The night went very smoothly and hopefully the Winter Extravaganza will become a ULV tradition."



Natalie Fowle

"As a transfer student I found it incredible. Good company and a great date equals lots of fun. I felt like I was getting another chance at the prom," said junior Daryl Baltazar of the Winter Extravaganza. Shushanik Sardaryan accompanied by her sister junior Irina Sardaryan were taken to the dance to get a taste of college life.

Scoring error costs debate team spot in semis

Crystal Apilado
Staff Writer

Members from the University of La Verne debate team traveled to Great Britain Nov. 10-19 to compete in intervarsity competitions hosted by Oxford University and the Cambridge Union Society.

In Cambridge, the La Verne teams debated well, both as teams and as individuals. However, at the end of the team competition a mistake in the scores was discovered.

In the competition the top eight teams go on to the semifinals and from there the top four teams go to finals.

"We were rather confident that we would make it," said junior Ryan Knowles, a member of the La Verne A team along with senior Ernie Minner.

La Verne B, made up of seniors Sean Krispinsky and Stefan Chacón, placed 10th out of 72 teams, but La Verne A had a let down as they placed 18th. However, it was because of a scoring error that La Verne's A team placed 18th.

"La Verne noticed that the judges sheet for round one was different to the score on the tab and pointed it out to me," said James Acton, co-director of debating in Cambridge.

According to Acton a computer failure caused some of the results to be scrambled.

"At the time I thought that I had made all the necessary corrections; unfortunately, I was wrong," said Acton.

Since the mistake was not discovered until the competition had already ended, there was not much that could be done to help La Verne A. Acton sent a letter apologizing to them and offered them a free entry into the tournament for next year.

After the mistake had been discovered, scores placed La Verne A as seventh out of 72, thus qualifying them for the semifinals.

According to Ian Lising, director of forensics, the ULV debate team has consistently done well in international tournaments.

"That shouldn't take away from what they've accomplished," Ian, said in reference to the mistake made in Cambridge.

The competitions were highly diverse since there were teams from all over the world competing.

"They were the top American debaters," Lising said of ULV's debaters.

The team also did well individually in Cambridge. Krispinsky placed 15th out of 144 speakers. Knowles took 24th, Chacón was 27th and Minner placed 33rd.

The Oxford Competition took place Nov. 10-12. At Oxford the La Verne A team placed 14th out of 87 teams. The La Verne B team placed 19th.

On an individual level Knowles and Minner tied at 33rd out of 160 speakers. Krispinsky placed 43rd and Chacón placed 76th.

Although the members felt that the Oxford competition was not an example of their best work, they were given an opportunity to speak in a chamber where famous world-known speakers like Mother Theresa, Malcolm X and Yassir Arafat have spoken before.

"The highlight of Oxford was speaking in a place with this wonderful history," said Krispinsky. "It leaves you in awe."

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Lambda active again

Crystal Apilado
Staff Writer

Students at the University of La Verne are being captured on film for the 2000-2001 *Lambda* yearbook.

This year's *Lambda* staff consists of sophomore Jennifer Contreras, Roger Reupero and Paul Guijaro, both freshmen. The yearbook adviser is Sue Lindley, assistant to the associate director of student affairs, who stepped into the vacant position earlier this fall.

"She's really engaged," said Ruby Montano-Cordova, associate dean of student affairs, about Lindley's involvement.

Montano-Cordova is also actively involved in the production of the yearbook.

Lindley has a printing and advertising background and is bringing new and more technological means of producing this year's yearbook.

"We are back on gear," said Montano-Cordova about the yearbook staff's progress.

Production of this year's *Lambda* started off late in October following the purchase of new equipment like new cameras and a new scanner. There was no equipment for the staff to work with at the start.

Also with the dates that senior and underclassman pictures are scheduled, the deadlines for the yearbook layouts were pushed back. But according to both Lindley and Montano-Cordova, the staff has been strong and dedicated in order to get the yearbook out next October.

"It's going to be a fall book," said Lindley.

There are some new changes in the procedure of creating this year's yearbook and for the staff.

"Everything is being done on computer," said Lindley. "There is not as much handwork."

Lindley has introduced programs like Drumscan and Quark XPress to the staff. All of the layouts and copy are being transferred directly to the computers for the staff to work on.

All three members of the staff have brought yearbook experience from high school. However, they have found that they have had to adjust and learn how to use the materials they have available.

"It's different from high school," said Contreras about the experience on staff.

Some of the differences that Contreras has found challenging includes the small size of the staff and the difficulties in finding layout ideas and capturing events on campus that make this school year memorable and appealing to students.

"It's not as hot of a commodity on a college campus," said Montano-Cordova.

This year's staff has a lot of control and pull in the decisions of what goes into the yearbook.

"We've gone through the basics," said Lindley. "I'm letting my students be creative."

The staff plans on adding a couple more color pages to the yearbook. Homecoming is one of the layouts that is scheduled to be in color. According to Contreras, past *Lambda* productions have focused more on photographs over copy. Pictures are saved images, but copy can help tell details of a story or trigger a memory. The staff would like to bring back the humor and significance of copy and captions to the yearbook.

"We want to incorporate more copy," said Contreras.

The goals that are being focused on revolve around representation of students, accuracy, consistency and price.

Staff members hope to keep the price affordable for students. There was a $2 fee to have one's picture taken for the yearbook for underclassman. However the yearbook staff paid for the first 200 students to have their picture taken. The need for new and more modern equipment and the production of the yearbook itself has also put a strain on the yearbook budget.

"The prices have gone up, but the budget hasn't," said Lindley.

According to Montano Cordova the staff is working on making a yearbook that is accurate and represents the school year. They are also working on staying consistent with deadlines and staying engaged in the production.

"We are working on getting as many pictures and different faces in the book," said Montano-Cordova.

The staff would like for students on campus to be able to reflect upon their experiences in this year's *Lambda*.

Debate centers on electoral college

Crystal Apilado
Staff Writer

From within the walls of Davenport Dining Hall, students were enlightened as the University of La Verne debate team argued on the motion "That this house would abolish the Electoral College" on Thursday, Nov. 30.

Debate team members that argued to abolish the Electoral College were junior Chastity Archer, seniors Sean Krispinksy and Stefan Chacón and sophomore Jessica Lord. Members that were in favor of the Electoral College were senior Ernie Minner, junior Ryan Knowles and sophomores Andrew Kim and Beverly Samano.

Chacón started off with the argument that the Electoral College should be replaced with the popular vote. He introduced a system of steps that included distributing the same ballot to all states for the presidential elections. He suggested that individual state ballots were confusing and cause problems like the one that happened in Florida.

Another point brought up by Chacón was that the Electoral College system is outdated. In today's society the United States has the ability to use technology to calculate the popular vote and get a good accurate count.

Archer suggested that the ballot not only be the same, but that it allow voters to list down their first, second and third choice of candidates. With the allowance of the three choices, third party candidates would get a chance at being included in the presidency race since votes for their candidates would count.

"It's not a 50-50 thing anymore," said Lord in reference to the position of third parties in the traditionally Republican and Democratic race.

By using the popular vote, every vote would count and not just a set number of electoral votes. With every vote counting, candidates wouldn't feel intimidated by the electoral votes. With popular vote, each candidate would receive votes instead of having to rely on winning a state. Every vote would count and every voice would be heard.

Since every vote would count and voice heard, candidates would feel freer to campaign to each state and not feel that their campaign was a waste of time. The campaigns of candidate would be evenly distributed among the states.

However, the other side argued that the Electoral College was a necessity to the United States as a nation. According to Minner, the United States is a highly populated nation and the Electoral College helps keep the presi-

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La Verne Starbucks drive-thru to open soon

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With the grand opening of the new drive-thru Starbucks coffee shop scheduled for Jan. 6, this popular coffee shop will be sure to attract customers from La Verne as well as its surrounding cities.

Since Starbucks is growing so rapidly, it was only natural to offer a drive-thru option for the customers in a hurry on their way to school or work. Currently, the only other drive-thru Starbucks in Southern California are in Los Angeles, Palm Springs and San Diego.

The new La Verne Starbucks manager, Nicole Bembry, will transfer from the Covina Starbucks in the Eastland Shopping Center. "I was chosen because I've been working for Starbucks for two years and I worked in a drive-thru in Seattle for three years."

Bembry was the only one willing to leave the store. "Most managers are comfortable where they are at and they don't want to change. This could be good for my career," she said.

"The only competition, I believe, will be the Bagelry and Kelly's Coffee and Fudge," said Bembry.

Junior Stephanie Rose said, "I can't wait for the new Starbucks to open up. I will definitely start going there. I love their coffees. It will be popular among the students. A drive-thru is a great idea."

Freshman Kim Scott said, "I will still go to the Bagelry because I love their bagels."



Kati Kelly

ULV students will soon be able to enjoy their favorite Starbucks drinks in the comfort of their own car, via the drive-thru at the new Starbucks located on Foothill Boulevard next to the new L.A. Fitness.

Bagelry manager Cristal Kehler said, "We aren't worried about Starbucks. We haven't really talked about it but I don't think its going to really affect our business. I mean, our bagels are cheaper, we have more variety, and our coffees are good. It will all come down to our loyal customers."

Kelly's Coffee and Fudge manager Judy Quintero agreed.

"We have our regular customers. The only customers Starbucks may take are the ones who don't know we are here," said Quintero.

"I have talked to the local merchants, like the bank and Togo's. They are all excited and can't wait for our opening," said Bembry.

Health Center facts now on Internet

•Web site informs students

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Editorial Director

In an effort to provide information to its students, a web site has been launched about the University of La Verne's Health Center, the services it provides and the immunizations available at the center during the year.

The site **www.ulv.edu/healthcenter** also provides students with an opportunity to read insurance policies and coverage information.

"We are very excited about this information online," said Cindy Denne, director of Student Health Services and Services for Students with Disabilities.

The Health Center provides treatment to the estimated 1,275 students who attend the University, 485 of whom live on campus. Currently the clinic is open Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays and is located at 2147 E Street.

If a student falls ill after hours, Denne said that Central Avenue Urgent Care in Montclair is where they should seek medical attention in case of an emergency. That clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Denne said that approximately 60 percent of the cost there is covered by the University. If it is after 8 p.m, treatment at Pomona Valley Medical Center is also covered by ULV's insurance. Pomona Valley offers 15 percent discounts rates for ULV students.

"If a student resorts to going to Pomona Valley, I hope it truly is an emergency," said Denne. "If it's not and what's wrong is something we can do here, then it's a misuse of the system."

A medical provider or physician aide is on-call at the Health Center on Mondays-Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 9-11 a.m. on Fridays.

"No one who is truly sick will not be seen," said Denne. "Typically a student will call, and our hope is if they cannot get in today, that they will get in tomorrow."

Recently, Denne said that the center put out voice mails to the residents of ULV regarding flu shots. In November, the center provided 70 people with flu shots on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"We based that number on past years and added a few," said Denne. "We only gave out a handful to students, it was mostly to staff members."

Realizing that the Health Center's staff of two nurses and four alternating medical provider/physician assistants is rather small compared to the population it serves, Denne said, "Staffing is never enough. We also do not use student workers, due to the concern over confidentiality. As the [school] population grows, I think that we need to add more hours and extend our time [the center's open], that's a given.

"We have a nice balance," she said. "If we wanted to make a change, it wouldn't be difficult to do. There are a lot of good nurses and doctors in this area. We could easily find someone."

In The News

Blood Drive

The Pomona Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross is hosting its annual blood drive Dec. 13 from noon to 6 p.m. at 675 North Park Avenue. To make an appointment to donate contact Darlene Vega at the Pomona Valley Red Cross, (909) 622-1348.

Author Signing

Artist illustrator and author, Simon Silva will be signing his new book. The book "Small Town Browny," revolves around the farm workers of California and their families. The signing will take place at Café Con Libros bookstore tomorrow at 5 p.m. The bookstore is located at 281 Thomas Ave in Pomona. For more information call (909) 622-5024.

Campus Ministry

The Campus Ministry offices wants students to take time to "Surf the InnerNet" by either exploring on of the following: Individual Pastor counseling, comptemplative prayer, focusing, sharing and exploring life's meaning. Since the holiday season can be a difficult time for some, Campus Ministry invites those who are facing loss or a crisis to join together in conversation and support. To participate contact Debbie Roberts at ext. 4320 or Sister Margaret Devlin at ext. 4322.

Bookstore Hours

Starting Jan. 1, the ULV Bookstore will change its hours to 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

—Jazmine Ponce

Interstate Field Services demolishes SAE house





photographs by Denisse Villalba

(Top) Robert G. Gomez and his employees from Interstate Field Services, began tearing the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house down on Monday at 7 am. By Tuesday afternoon only the foundation remained. (Bottom) The SAE house on Garey Avenue in Pomona, was demolished this week due to foundation problems. It had been occupied by SAE since 1986. The property has been sold to Casa Colina Hospital for Rehabilitative Medicine.

O.W.L. coordinators fly into position

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As an Orientation Week Leader (O.W.L.), students have the responsibility of making the transition from high school to college, a smoother one for freshmen. There is no certain characteristics or qualifications needed to apply for the position of an O.W.L The new O.W.L. coordinators are looking for students who want to make a difference in another student's life.

"O.W.L.s is not an easy process," said Michael Houdyshell, coordinator of campus activities and commuter programs.

The application process involves filling out the application, two recommendations and an interview. The only prerequisite is that the students maintain a 2.5 GPA, cumulative and semester.

Houdyshell says O.W.L. training will commence in the spring, meeting once or twice a month "to get to know each other, the program, expectations and to bond as a group."

In the last weeks of August 2001 O.W.L.s will come together in an intense training to prepare themselves for the freshmen and transfer students attending Orientation. Orientation Week, where new students are introduced to the University.

He said, "O.W.L.s need to be a team, because students see the leadership that they have acquired."

Sophomore O.W.L. coordinator Jen Newman said when interviewing potential O.W.L.s, "I personally am looking for someone outgoing, friendly, someone a freshman can feel like they can approach about problems, frustration, and concerns."

Greg Hemenover, a junior O.W.L. coordinator, says that he is looking for, "someone with a positive influence, personal skills and someone who shows enthusiasm in the interviews."

Hemenover says his interest in the program is the "lack of effort" he saw as a student experiencing Orientation Week. He believes that it is important to be "involved in your school and being an O.W.L. is a good way to do so."

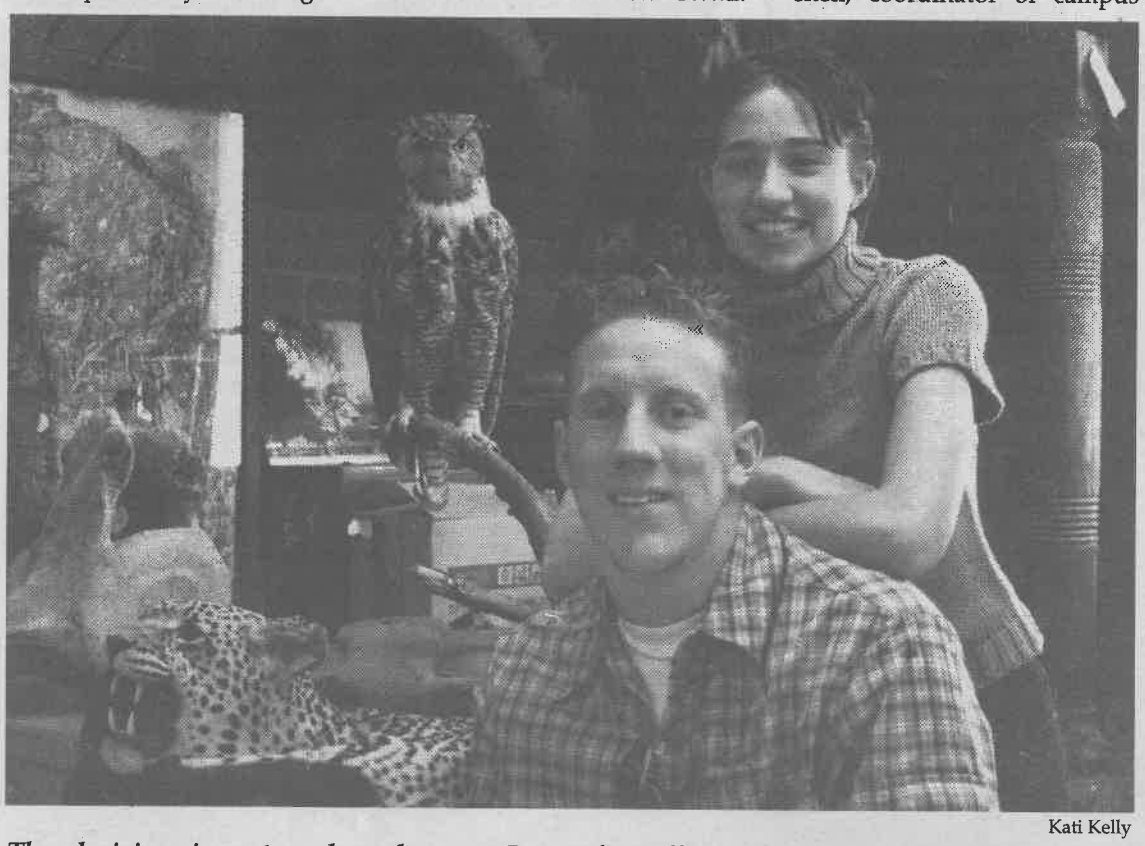
Newman said that the reason she became an O.W.L. was she wanted to "give back" what she experienced as a freshman in Orientation Week.

Fifty applicants have applied for the position, which includes 15 returning O.W.L.s. Houdyshell says that returning O.W.L.s, go through the same process as new applicants because he wants to make sure that they still have the same passion for the job.

He does not guarantee returning students automatically will get the job.

"I have to give new people a chance," said Houdyshell.

Students will find out whether or not they have received the position before school is let out for winter break next week.



Kati Kelly

The decision is out and sophomore Jen Newman and junior Greg Hemenover will be the Orientation Week Leader Coordinators for Fall 2001. They both have spent the last two weeks interviewing nearly 50 prospective O.W.L.s for next year.

New ASF adviser a rebel with a social cause

Rene Luna
Staff Writer

Once again, the University of La Verne is experiencing a change.

This time however, it is the Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum that finds itself with a new face in the crowd.

Deborah Burris-Kitchen, associate professor of sociology, has landed the role as adviser for ASF.

Burris-Kitchen has been interested in the position for several years now but because she served on various committees that met every Wednesday morning, at the same time as ASF, she had to decline.

This year however, Burris-Kitchen inquired about the position to one of her students. Her student returned to her and said ASF was in need of an adviser so Burris-Kitchen attended an ASF meeting and stated her interest.

Now, that interest has become a reality.

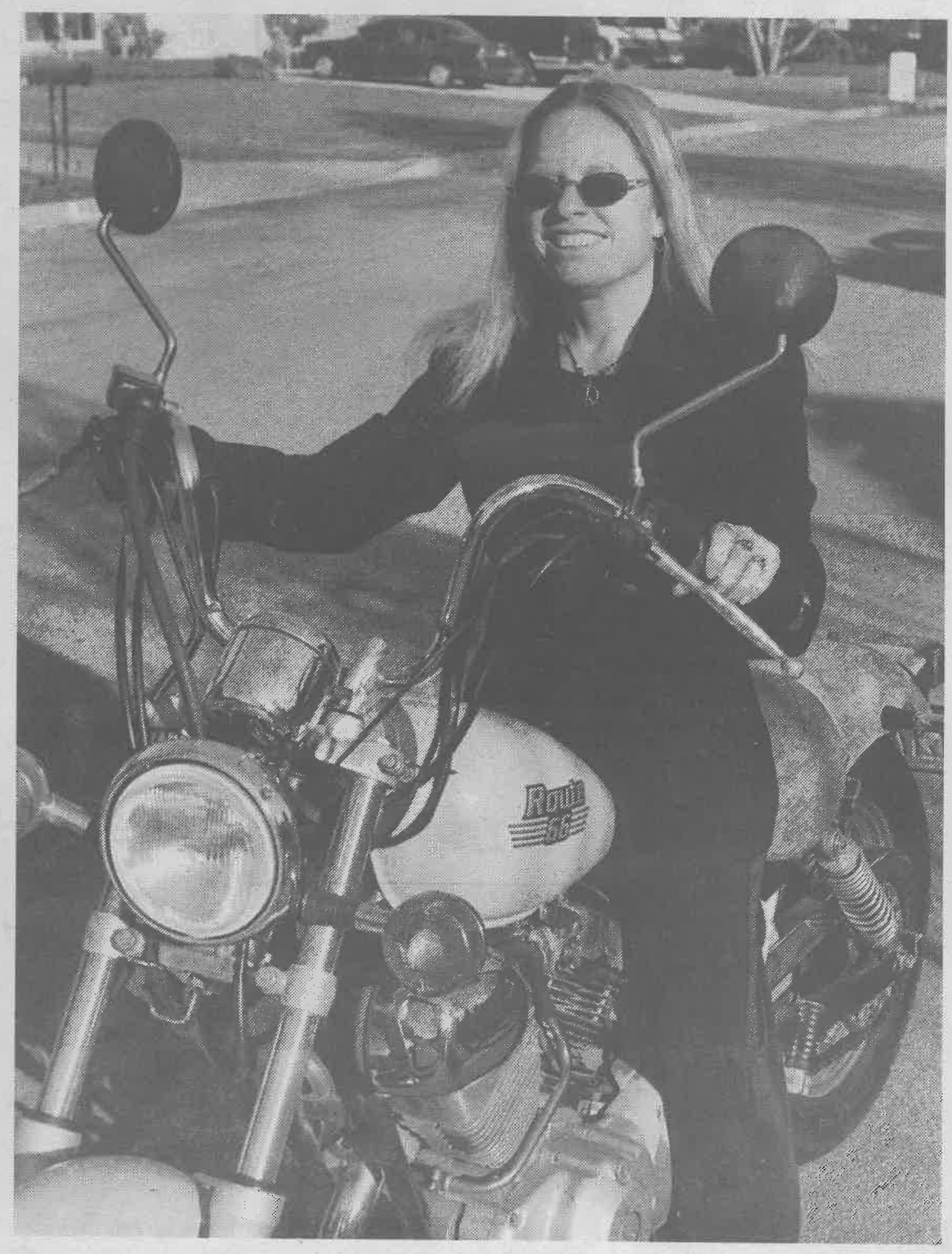
Generally, her position requires her to sit in on ASF meetings and help out in other areas. However, she would like to play a major role in the advocacy group.

"They are there to bring general information to the student population regarding different social issues like the death penalty, crime, hunger and so on," Burris-Kitchen said.

"She brings a lot to ASF and is dedicated in what she does," said Kristine Werthwein, ASF vice president of advocacy. "She wants to work with students and create awareness on campus. I really respect her and look up to her."

So far, Burris-Kitchen has not faced any challenges and likes her position.

"I enjoy getting to know students and the organizations and being allowed to be a part of it all."



Natalie Fowle

"It was a childhood dream to have a motorcycle and a horse," said Debra Burris-Kitchen, associate professor of sociology. Owning a motorcycle and a horse for more than a year, Burris-Kitchen's childhood dreams have been answered.

Electoral College..

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dential election votes in order and causes less mistakes.

"The U.S. should not be compared to France, it should be compared to the whole of Europe," said Minner, giving a visual comparison to prove how the Electoral College is beneficial to the United States' massive proportions.

Minner also said that the Electoral College system helps put a spotlight on mistakes made, while with a popular vote, mistakes may be harder to find and easier to overlook.

"Just because it's the majority doesn't mean it's right," said Kim.

Individual states have their own rules and ways of deciding things and making each state use the same ballot takes away from those rights, said Knowles.

Samano added to the argument by pointing out that the electoral votes go toward the popular vote in each individual state. Thus, the popular vote is already being used to decide who will be the next president, she said.

The Electoral College helps give small states a say. According to Kim, the smaller states have a 1 percent say in the national vote and would get an even smaller say with the popular vote system.

Samano brought up that the three-choice system is outdated and that it was the original system used in the early 1800s that caused the development of the Electoral College in the first place.

Editors layout plans for new semester

Kelly Serrano
Staff Writer



Jason Cooper

***Writing seems to come natural to Danny Craig and Alisha Rosas, but leadership will soon be the forefront of their journalistic work. Rosas, named* Campus Times *editor in chief for the spring semester, has been a staff writer for four semesters and experienced leader as* La Verne Magazine *editor. Craig, named editor of* La Verne Magazine *for its summer publication has a sports writing background and is an accomplished writer for the* Campus Times.**

The end of a semester signifies change. With the fall semester coming to a close, the Communications Department is planning for that change. This week new editors were announced for next semester's *Campus Times* and *La Verne Magazine* staffs. Alisha Rosas was named editor in chief of the *Campus Times*, and Danny Craig was named editor in chief of *La Verne Magazine*.

Rosas, a junior journalism major, currently works as editor in chief for *La Verne Magazine*. Next semester she will return as the editor in chief for the *Campus Times*.

In her five semesters on the *Campus Times* staff, Rosas has worked as a staff writer, arts and entertainment editor, managing editor and editorial director. She considers the editor in chief position as the next step for her to take as a journalist.

"I think it's my turn to overview a publication like the *Campus Times*," said Rosas. "I've gained a good amount of experience with the *Campus Times* and I've been writing for the *Riverside Press-Enterprise*. I think that I have the experience and I can help others."

Eric Bishop, *Campus Times* adviser, who offered her the position, recognized her experience and talents.

"Alisha has demonstrated skill and the ability to be a leader throughout her time on staff," Bishop said. "She's worked hard, she's moved up through the ranks and she's earned the position."

In February, Rosas will help guide 30 new and returning writers to produce 12 issues of the *Campus Times*.

Rosas said she believes that having a large staff will help bring more diversity to the stories and to the face of the paper. She enjoys working with people and is looking forward to the start of the spring semester.

"I think its going to be a really exciting challenge for me," Rosas said.

The greatest obstacle that Rosas foresees and hopes to overcome is the fear that new writers have about asking questions and also the anxiety and apprehension of having their homework published weekly.

"I consider myself pretty approachable, so I think that maybe that will be the first thing I need to get done," she said. "I want to let everyone know that it's OK to ask questions and that everyone has been scared. There are things that I still am scared of, and we all have a lot to learn."

Bishop said that Rosas maintains a positive attitude and has the ability to work well with people. As editor in chief, he expects out of Rosas, "the epitome of good leadership, solid writing in her columns and an award-winning newspaper."

"My No. 1 goal is to create a staff that is confident in their writing abilities," said Rosas.

Craig said that he also looks forward to working with a group of talented writers when he returns as editor in chief of *La Verne Magazine* next semester.

"Going into it I notice that we have a lot of really strong writers," Craig said. "I would just hope to take all of their talents and what they're going to bring to the magazine and put forward a publication that reflects that."

Craig is a senior journalism major who has written for ULV publications over the past three semesters. In his junior year, Craig was a staff writer and then went on to be features editor of the *Campus Times*. In the fall of his senior year, he worked as sports editor for the newspaper as well as a staff writer for the magazine. Craig has also written for the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* and the *Pasadena Star News*.

He said that he thinks the easiest part of his job as editor in chief of the *La Verne Magazine* will be working with his staff of seven writers.

"A lot of [the writers] are my friends and a lot of them are people that I've already worked with," Craig said. "It's comforting knowing that this is my first time being editor in chief and knowing that I'm doing it with a bunch of people who I already really respect."

Craig said that he likes being in an editorial position and is excited to take on the extra responsibility as editor in chief.

"I like talking to people about the ideas that they come up with, and being the individual that people feel they can go to to help clarify an idea."

George Keeler, *La Verne Magazine* adviser, approached Craig last week about taking on the editor in chief position.

"Danny is one of our top writers on the publication," Keeler said. "He's reliable, he's honest in his endeavors and we look forward to him to be a leader in that way."

The job offer came as a surprise to Craig. "I was kind of taken back. It was pretty wild."

As editor in chief, Craig will be in charge of an award-winning magazine. Keeler expects Craig to demonstrate top writing and leadership skills, to meet all deadlines and to keep the standard of *La Verne Magazine* in the high area of excellence.

Craig also said that working as editor in chief of the magazine is more of an honor than a job.

"When I chose journalism as a major I was taking a big risk because I wasn't sure that it was for me," he said. "Its neat to be leaving knowing that I made the right choice."

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Good Luck on Your Finals!
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Opinions

Election proves need for change

This year's presidential election has been the scene of many precedent setting events. Some for the better, most for the worse.

It is true that one could revel in the idea that the face-off for the state of Florida between Governor George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore is a sign that every vote truly counts. Never before has a presidential election kept a nation in suspense because of a margin that at one point, did not exceed 300 votes.

However, many of those individuals who first saw this event as a splendid display of American democracy have now seen it for what it is, a sign of an inadequate voting system. The excitement of the election has been marred by the butterfly ballots, the Palm Beach residents and the seemingly endless process that has followed. Having never seen a truly close presidential election, our generation now knows that it is not ready for one.

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With the excitement factor having come and gone in regard to this competition, the reality of the matter has surfaced. The closeness of this election is not a product of excitement, but apathy.

On the evening of Nov. 7 when the issue concerning Florida first surfaced, Sam Donaldson shared a candid perspective on the evening. He, Tom Brokaw and George Stephanopolous held a round-robin discussion having watched a winner announced, denounced and a long winded process begun. Donaldson said that he found the election surprising for one major reason, the nation is seemingly apathetic about both candidates. To his knowledge, this was the first election in which the nation did not stand behind either candidate. Usually, at one point, the majority sways in one direction. As the broadcaster noticed, the election seems to be centered around not having the other party win, rather than getting the right candidate in office.

Donaldson's assessment is accurate. The initial results of this election were a sign of a problem much more severe than any issue that has arisen since that night. There is no nationally abundant support for either individual, making this whole scenario a competition between two men rather than the beginning of a new era in our nation.

Additionally, every day that goes by without an end to this dilemma, the credibility of both candidates drops significantly.

The country's morale is such that if a winner was declared tomorrow, neither Gore or Bush would have the country believing that his seat in the oval office was won legitimately.

At this point, there is no beneficial alternative to this election. If we brought in new candidates and held a new election one can only wonder what the result would bring. With some element of voter passion, the ballots might truly count, regardless of the actual turnout.



More Greek options needed

Fraternities and sororities, being student organizations, serve a primary purpose to create environments for college students to form friendships by choosing the Greek organization that best suits one's preference.

However, with the few options available to students in terms of Greek life at the University of La Verne, it is clearly obvious that an expansion in regard to options needs to be made.

It is surprising that the increase has not already been taken into consideration. After all, it seems that ULV, and all decisions made in regard to the school, revolve around an increase of some kind. If tuition is discussed by officials, it is increased. Enrollment comes around and student population increases. So, it would be understandable to expect some type of change or addition to the Greek world.

> If ULV continues to strive to make itself larger, then officials need to recognize that the word "increase" is not only synonymous with decisions determining fiscal increase and a change in student/faculty ratios. Greek life on this campus also deserves its place at the discussion table.

The Greek system at the University is far weaker than it should be with its two national fraternities and sororities and one local sorority. Students themselves have shown distaste toward the current system by choosing to join or form alternatives such as Delta Sigma Theta and Chi Delta Omicron, one of which meets off campus at our neighboring school, Cal Poly Pomona.

University officials, while discussing the numerous growth options, should consider the fact that students are choosing to socialize off campus rather than at ULV. While pondering over what city this University's future will reside, current issues on campus should receive their deserved attention.

The University emphasizes that joining a Greek organization is a student's personal choice. How can that be when the matter of choice is cramped into such limited options? Other schools that are larger, such as the University of Southern California, offer its students more than 20 fraternities and 10 sororities to chose from. University of California, Los Angeles provides its students with 20 fraternities and 11 sororities to select as different options, which is the way it should be when a student is making a decision in regard to choosing an organization to pledge and commit to for life.

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As ULV grows, decision makers need to understand what responsibilities are necessary for a larger school.

If these changes are not met and the University ignores the fact that its students are looking toward other campuses to fulfill their need for options, it should not be long before students altogether realize that ULV offers nothing more than high tuition.

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From the Editor...

ULV weighs growth options



Brice Nixon

Welcome to the University of Ontario, in scenic Ontario, Calif., formerly the University of La Verne. If some people have their way, that is what your children could hear if they decide to attend this University.

With the rise in student enrollment, the University must decide whether it has too many students or too few facilities. It now has three options. A fourth option, already eliminated, was originally designated Option Two and proposed that all programs stay on the main campus.

The University has decided that this is not an option because that would mean limiting the growth of the student population. And why would they want to put limitations on that, when that would also mean limitations on revenue from tuition?

Instead, the University has decided that the bottom line is making money. That means continuing to let in more students every year.

It is obvious that, if ULV continues to grow as is has in recent years, we cannot fit in the existing buildings on the 31 acres that make up the main campus. But moving to Ontario is not the best solution.

In a sense, the exodus to Ontario has already begun. The new ULV Law building is set to open there in January. That move is understandable and hopefully will benefit the program.

But uprooting the entire campus and moving it to Ontario is ludicrous. From what I have heard, it seems that is the long-term goal of the University's administration. At that point it would cease to be the University of La Verne.

The best decision would be for the University to put a halt on the unimpeded growth of the student population. Students came to this school with certain expectations, and certain points are used to sell this University to students.

Now it seems all that has been deemed irrelevant. Included in the growth options are plans to increase class sizes and eliminate other classes completely.

A restricted-access web site explains in detail the University's growth options. These options were presented at the Nov. 4 Board of Trustees Meeting and, with some revisions, at the University Retreat on Nov. 29.

Option One, in the long term is to build a Graduate Center in downtown Ontario. Until then, part of the graduate program would move to a new building near the Law School.

The second option was for all programs to stay on the main campus, with a long-term agreement for class space with La Verne Lutheran High School.

Option Three, which seems like a good move, is the purchase of 20 acres of land known as the Brown property, which is located south of Arrow Highway in La Verne, south and west of the campus. It was reported in the *Campus Times* that the University has purchased this property.

Possibilities for the property include an athletic complex, a graduate center, a housing complex or parking facilities. Building an athletic complex there would leave room for parking, which needs to be on campus, or as close as possible.

Option four, moving the campus, in its entirety, to Ontario, should not be one.

Included in all options is more efficient use of existing facilities. That means increasing class size and eliminating classes with less than 10 students. Small classes are and should be a staple of ULV. Even more drastic is the plan to eliminate programs which do not cover their costs.

According to the web site, "the reputation and attractiveness to students of ULV will be built by focusing on a few programs where the university can be distinct and excellent, and justify a higher tuition rate."

It appears the University is set to move forward with options one, three and four.

Students and all members of the La Verne community should realize that this will have a serious impact on them and the future of this University and voice their opinion. The leadership of this school, including President Stephen Morgan, has done some great things. But others should have a voice in a decision this monumental.

Since 1891, ULV has been here, albeit with different names. I would hate to see more than a century's worth of tradition and history discarded.

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Depending on oneself not only solution



Julia Carachure

For all those times you stood by me;
For all the truth that you made me see;
For all the joy you brought to my life;
For all the wrong that you made right;
For every dream you made come true....

Oops! I am sorry, that was the beginning of my Celine Dion column. I will proceed to write about what I will be talking about.

All my life, my mother made me feel that if I had any problems in my life, I should keep them all to myself. There was no such thing as confiding in anyone, so if I had a problem, I was the only one who had to deal with it. So for the longest time, I was very emotionally closed up.

At 15, that attitude led me into trouble, I ended up falling in love with someone who I never should have. There was no one who I could go to for advice when it came to that guy. I certainly could not tell my mother about my guy problems. I carried my own burdens alone and because of this, I had problems that I could not reveal to anyone, and as a result, I made sure I trusted no one.

But all of that changed at 17, when I met my best friend, Philip Escobedo. Through him, I learned to confide in others, I learned to let go of pain and know the true meaning of friendship as well as to be open about some of my problems and that friends are there to listen and be there for me when I needed them.

When I was 19, I had to deal with severe depression, among other problems. That year, I met four individuals at La Verne who taught me that it is OK to admit that if I have a problem that I am not able to handle on my own, that I can ask for help when I need it and not feel embarrassed about it, and that carrying my burdens alone is not always an option. Thanks to Danny Craig, Laura Lopez, Manny Escalante and Sergio Velazquez, it was through you guys that I realized that I should never be ashamed of admitting that I can't do things alone and that there are people who do care about me, even if they don't know me that well, who will help me.

Then at the age of 20, I met some strange and yet wonderful friends, who have proven to me time and time again that they will stand by me no matter what happens to me. My roommate Kirsten and my other buddies, Nathan, Steve and Andrea have taught me to have fun and that friendship is indeed a strong bond. I know that I have no problem picking up the phone and telling them that I have a problem. Thanks guys, I am so glad that you all are part of my life.

One important lesson that I have learned is that I never realized until now how important I am to people around me. I have always been made to feel that if I were to die the next day, no one would care, other than my family. Now at the age of 21, I realize that there are people out there who love me and care about me. There are people out there who will listen to me and offer advice if I need it. I have people who are willing to offer me a hand when I need one.

When I think back on how much I have changed these past six years, I can't believe how strong of a person I have become. Thanks to the people that have come in and out of my life, I have been able to open up to people, I am able to talk to people more easily, and I have been able to relax and have fun.

Thank you for helping me become a strong person, as Celine Dion would say, "Because You Loved Me." I know that I will have no problem expressing any needs that I may have later on in the future. I know I can count on someone to be there.

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Padres fans disappointed, but keep Gwynn



Heather Baxter

For a San Diego native, I was very disturbed when I went to the *San Diego Union-Tribune* web page this week and saw that there was an 11th hour meeting scheduled for Wednesday between outfielder Tony Gwynn and the Padres.

The meeting is being conducted in a bid to keep the eight-time batting champion with the San Diego team for a final season after 18 years with the Padres.

Padres officials had only until 9 p.m. Thursday to make a decision about what they wanted to do with the man who many in San Diego feel is Mr. Padre.

When Padre CEO Larry Lucchino announced at the end of last season that the Padres would not be picking up the one-year extension option on Gwynn's contract, many fans were not so much shocked as they were disappointed.

The fans knew that Gwynn was not ready to retire from professional baseball. The idea of their Tony playing for any other ball club, especially when it is highly likely that the club that signs Gwynn will end up being the club with which Gwynn retires, was ludicrous. Gwynn started with the Padres, and fans wanted him to retire in San Diego.

The dilemma stems from the fact that Gwynn did not produce to the level that many expected of him last season.

Removed from the lineup early and often because of injuries, especially the knee injury that sidelined him for almost the entire second half, that has continued to plague the All-Star, Gwynn missed the majority of the 2000 season.

The problem does not lie in the amount of money that the Padres are offering Gwynn, although it cannot be denied that an offer less laden with bonuses would have been preferable.

Yesterday, Gwynn agreed to a contract that is to be termed a one-year "incentive laden" $2 million deal. He must have 600 plate appearances to jump to $5.7 million, as an example.

Instead, the problem lies in the amount of playing time that Gwynn would receive were he to choose to remain a member of the organization where he began his major league career.

There have been no qualms on Gwynn's behalf in announcing that he wants to be a starting right fielder for the team that signs him. He does not want to be a pinch hitter.

But, Padres officials are being asked to make a leap of faith and believe that Gwynn will remain healthy throughout the 2001 season. And, not only will he be healthy, they are also expected to believe that Gwynn will produce both offensively, of which no one doubts Gwynn's hitting abilities, but also defensively.

Gwynn wants to remain a Padre. The players want him to remain a teammate. Bruce Bochy, the Padres' manager, wants Gwynn to remain a Padre. Even a majority of the Padre officials want Gwynn to remain in the organization. So, why is he being forced to look at other clubs' offers?

Perhaps Gwynn has been less than productive in the past few seasons. But, he is a San Diego institution. I would be hard pressed to find a baseball fan who did not know who Gwynn was, or which team he plays on.

To let Gwynn go would be to damage the reputation of the Padres organization. In being so impersonal in their dealings with Gwynn so far, the San Diego ball club has already damaged its relationship with him.

It would not be right to see Gwynn in any uniform than that of the Padres.

Fortunately for Padres fans, the organization woke up and did what it should have done in the first place.

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Lising dumps big time for small town

•Worldly instructor is a success

Tom Chambers
Staff Writer

Ian Lising, 28, the University of La Verne's debate coach, never lets his feet slumber and his arrival has brought instant success to the University.

During Lising's first year as coach, last year's debate team earned second place at the World Championships in Australia.

His ambitious attitude swept him across the globe to La Verne from South East Asia. He chose La Verne specifically for the challenge it posed.

> 'Debate gets to the heart of the issue at hand. It doesn't talk above you or below you. It talks to you.'
> *—Ian Lising, director of forensics*

"I wanted to teach somewhere I had the opportunity to build a program from the ground up," said Lising.

In 1999, Lising was the director of the Debate World Championships in the Philippines. The La Verne team attended the event and Lising learned of an opening for a debate coach.

At the time he was considering several jobs on the East Coast and one in Europe. He said the option of moving to the West Coast had never presented itself and he considered it remote.

He said he had never heard of the University of La Verne. He knew that they were not successful and. decided to take the challenge.

Taking on challenges is nothing new for Lising. He has been a national television host in the Philippines, stand up comedian, impressionist and a literature teacher at the college and high school levels.

Now the director of forensics for ULV, said he feels he has found his calling in debate. He entered into the debate field intending to become a lawyer.

"I fell in love with debate itself, the art of it and teaching it," said Lising.

After realizing his talent he divorced himself from law and threw himself into debate. At his depth, Lising is a professor and it is what he finds most rewarding.

His philosophy on debate is based on students defining their own success. He said he is not success oriented, but goal oriented, which is ironic due to the success of the debate team.

"I'd rather be a king maker than a king," said Lising.

His teaching philosophy is reflective of his spiritual nature. As a Catholic, he learned the value of prayer and coupled it with his practice of meditation. Lising describes it as a mixture of eastern and western ways.

He teaches his meditation techniques to his debate students to help them focus and visualize during competitions.

Lising said he wishes everyone could reap the benefits of debate. His door is open to any student interested.

Debate in the United States has received a bad rap according to Lising. High school debate in the U.S. is not modeled after the international style, which is the format in which most college debate teams compete.

When high schools adopt the international style, we may expect an increase in ability entering college levels.

Lising describes international debate as enjoyable to participate in and entertaining to watch.

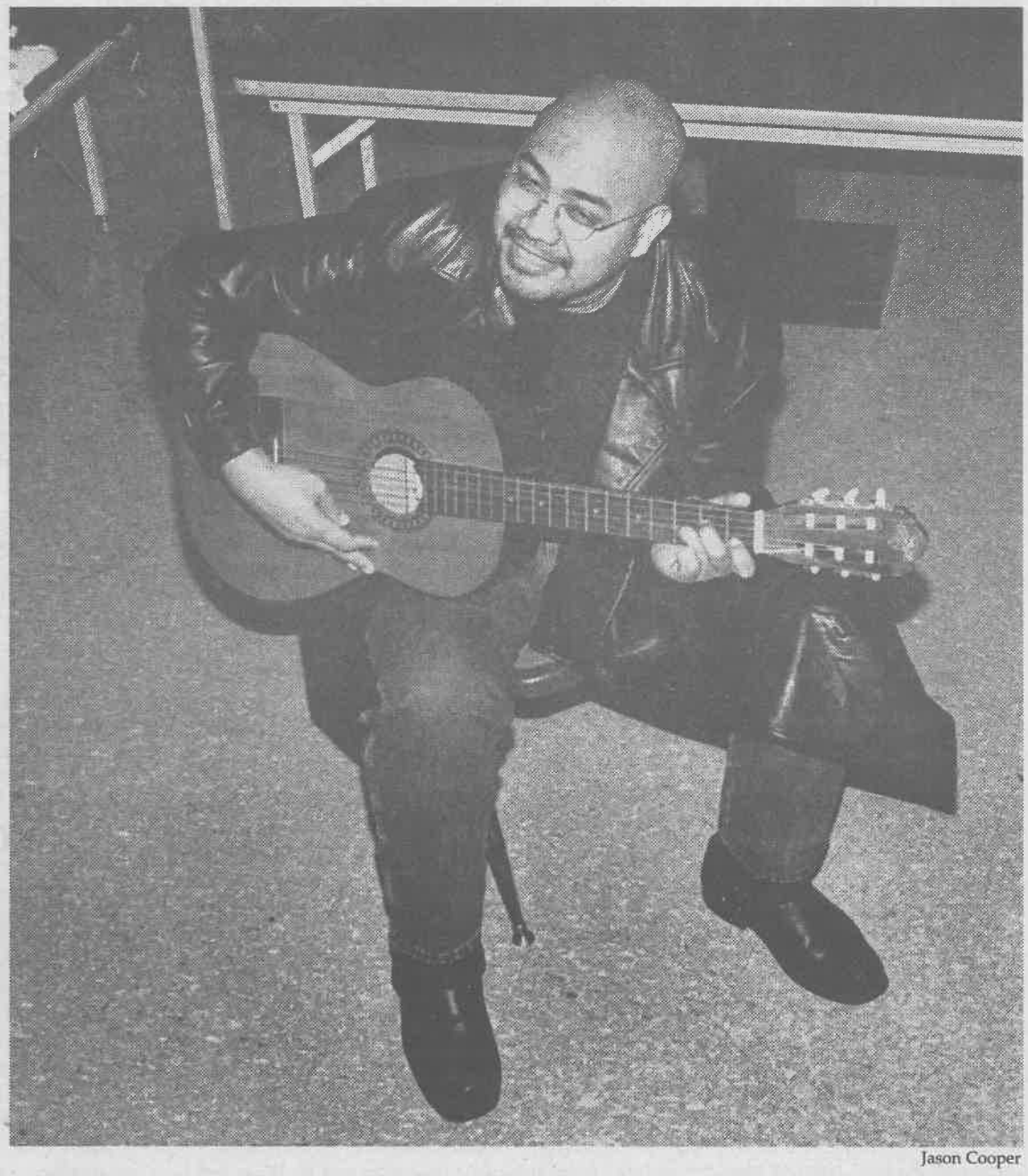
"Debate gets to the heart of the issue at hand. It doesn't talk above you or below you. It talks to you," said Lising.

Tomorrow there is a seminar teaching what international debate tournaments are all about as well as what debate itself is about.

If students are unable to attend they can take part in debate practice every Tuesday night.

Its schedule is tentative due to interterm approaching, but students can contact Lising at ext. 4278.

Lising insists that students reading this article may have the potential to be world champions.



Jason Cooper

"I was a David Letterman wannabe," says Ian Lising, director of forensics at the University of La Verne, of the television show "V.I.P.s Unwind" that he hosted in the Phillipines. Lising stuck with debate after having ambitions in law. He still finds ways to entertain as he strums the guitar for a few students before a practice debate.

Techno gifts offer great ideas for shoppers

Tom Galaraga
Staff Writer

Every year countless people engage in an activity that most would choose to avoid. With persistence, they muster enough strength to stand on their feet for hours upon hours while they contemplate their next move. Children's screams and yells echo loudly off walls as parents peek blindly through mountains of cardboard.

It's the Christmas season, which means the activity is shopping.

Advancements in technology have reached new levels. With amazement, children gaze into bright television screens and electronic eyes while listening to digitized music, much like their parents were awe stricken by the Pet Rock and the crackle of vinyl records.

Technology has provided consumers with a new array of gifts that appeal to various people on many different levels.

Sony's newest video game venture, the PlayStation 2 (PS2), took the United States by storm on Oct. 26 when its release was marked with lines of people waiting overnight for a chance to purchase one. Selling out in a single day, people who had even pre-purchased PS2 units were turned away from various distributors.

With the success of its predecessor the original PlayStation, Sony incorporates the same technological aspects of the original, and adds a few more advancements. While fully supporting the use of original PlayStation games, the newer PS2 doubles as a DVD player as well.

Sony announced that PS2 units are currently on back order, and will be available in early 2001 at the soonest. Although sold out, PS2 units can be found on various auctions, such as Ebay, via the Internet at **www.ebay.com**.

Tiger's new interactive, robot dog Poo-Chi is already one of the Christmas season's most sought after gifts. With six different sensors built into it, Poo-Chi has the capability of detecting light and sound, while expressing itself through its electronic eyes and its unique Heart Circuit," which decides Poo-Chi's mood.

Along with Poo-Chi's uncanny ability to express itself, Poo-Chi is also able to move its head, ears, legs, mouth, and can even dance. Providing that music is being registered through the sound sensor, Poo-Chi can even sing up to six different songs.

Poo-Chi is available in several colors, and can be purchased from major department stores for the average price of $29.99.

With Napster and various MP3 sharing communities garnering much publicity lately, it's no wonder just why Portable MP3 players are amongst the most wanted gifts for the holidays. With companies jumping on the MP3 market, portable MP3 players are becoming readily available and at more competitive prices.

Diamond Multimedia's Rio 500 portable MP3 Player provides 64 MB of onboard memory and can be expanded to 96 MB of memory with the optional SmartMedia Card. Weighing in at 2.75 ounces, the Rio 500 offers hours of skip free, digital quality sound from one's favorite artist's MP3 or WMA files.

The Rio 500 is available for $229.99 from major electronics stores as well as on-line distributors. With computer software to compress any music files into MP3 format is included, the Rio 500 makes a great stocking stuffer for any music fanatic.

With newer technology becoming increasingly available, shopping for loved ones can become more of a hassle than ever. Becoming confused by technological aspects and specifications, as well as high prices, can be enough to stress out even the most confident of shoppers. However, advancements in technology work in favor of the shopper as well.

With the Internet being such a dominant force for information and shopping, there is no excuse for finding the wrong gift.

With a number of shopping clubs, product reviews, auctions and search engines online, finding the perfect gift at the right price has never been easier.

Shopping the Internet means finding hard to find products at reasonable prices, most often at discount prices. Even with the applicable shipping and handling charges added into the amount, the potential money saved could be well worth it, not to mention the time saved by not standing in lines.

Warning: Don't forget the batteries.

Werner educates inmates as service

•Mission statement holds true

Nathan Baca
Staff Writer

As David Werner, chair of the English department begins his Monday afternoon Shakespeare class, he looks around the classroom at his students. The undergraduates in this class are struggling though, to receive their associate's degree in the hope of forging ahead in their respective careers.

Werner continues his observation and realizes two more facts that others might consider unusual. First, all of the students in his class are men. Secondly, this classroom is located deep inside the Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility.

"The University believes that service is a primary goal of the educated person." The mission statement of ULV provides the driving force behind Werner's commitment as director of Educational Programs in Correctional Institutions (EPIC).

Fresh from Claremont Graduate School in 1976, Werner came upon the EPIC program "by accident." His first assignment for ULV began in the challenging field of post-secondary education in prison.

Contracted by the State of California for the past 28 years, instructors from local universities have visited the 1,400 bed, medium-high level security facility in Chino to provide a range of classes to inmates ages 18-25. In that span of time, the EPIC program has reduced the percentage of inmates who return to prison for repeat offenses from 75 percent to 20 percent of those who complete their degrees through EPIC classes.

In describing his students, Werner said, "The program is completely voluntary; the students are most happy to be there, they see it as a rare privilege. The fact is they are extremely well behaved and they are very appreciative, they take care of the program."

Despite this dramatic improvement in recidivism rates, Werner and his fellow instructors meet unexpected obstacles from facility workers.

"The only real obstacles we face are from within the prison institution," said Werner. "You would expect the prison to be a very structured place, but in fact, it's very whimsical. It's where things happen for no reason and work is done merely for the sake of work."

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Werner has studied prison life and conditions since first teaching the EPIC program. His findings were compiled in his text, "Correctional Education, Theory and Practice." He added, "Imagine what its like to live in that kind of institution, what it teaches you is that life is completely unpredictable. Essentially, you teach somebody for four or five years that life is unpredictable and then release them; then what you get is chaos once they're out."

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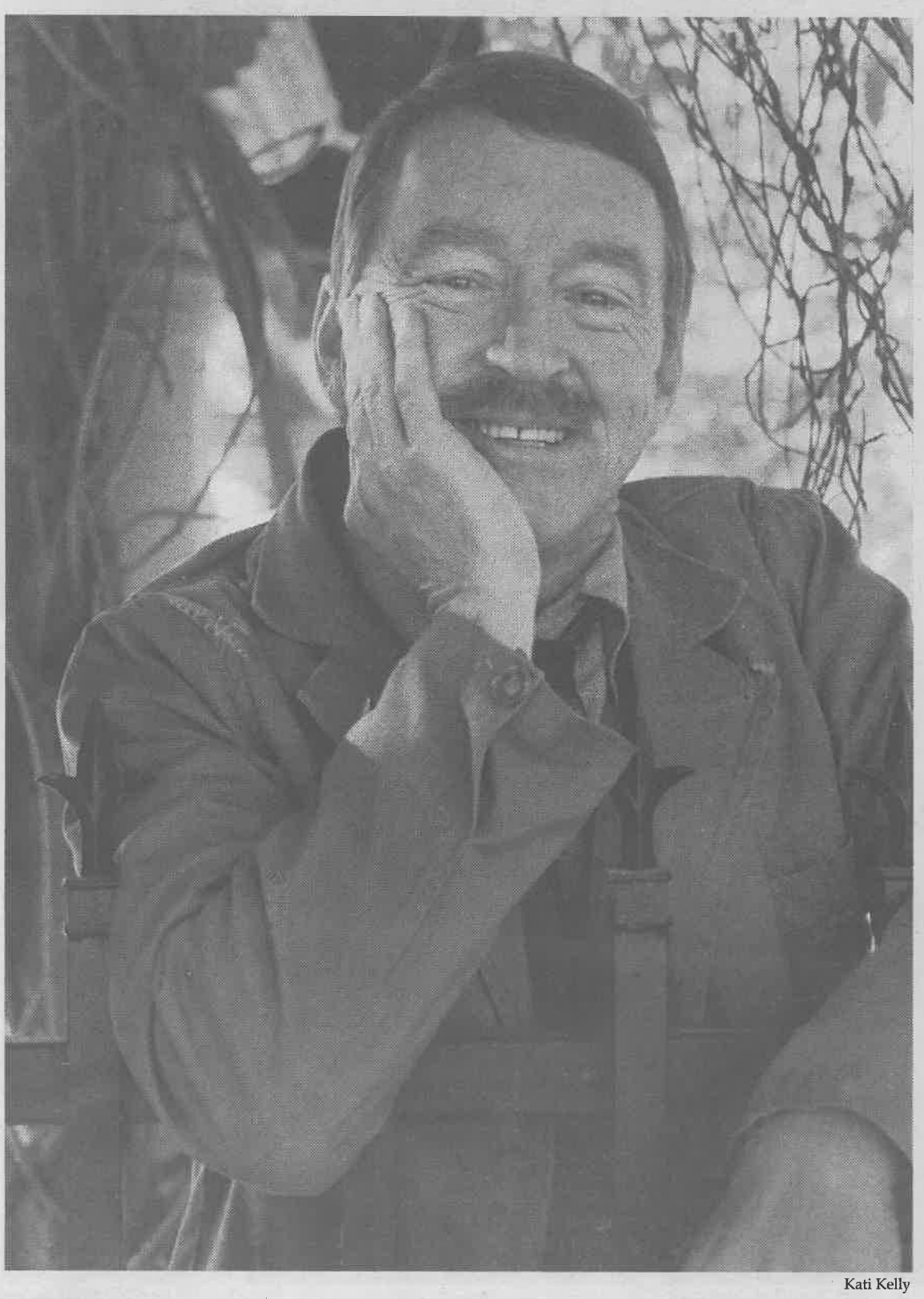
Teaching philosophies remain the same no matter where the classroom happens to be located. However, the unique nature of students in the EPIC program require their instructors to "be on their toes a little more." That alone gives some incoming educators a pause, but for Werner it has come to define how he approaches his profession. "The experience has changed my way of teaching. It has made me a better person."

The EPIC program has made many of the former inmates better people as well. Former students have received degrees from UC Irvine, USC, UC Santa Barbara and UCLA, amongst others. One former student completed a medical anthropology program at UC Berkeley with nearly a 4.0 G.P.A. and spent two years as a graduate working with indigenous people in the Philippines. Another student graduated Summa Cum Laude from Cal State Dominguez Hills and is currently working at a drug rehabilitation center.

When challenges and fulfillment, obstacles and the satisfaction, of teaching in prison are added up, David Werner leans back in his chair and sums it up with, "It's a hoot."

EPIC Schedule Fall 2000

Evening Program			
HUM 100	Quest For Values	T	J. Murphy
PHIL 230	Intro To Ethics	R	J. Murphy
Academic Classes: Lower Division			
ENG 340	Shakespeare	M	D. Werner
HIST 413	U.S. History since WWII	W	P. Castruita
NASC 103	Nat. Sci. Human Env.	R	F. Fox
ENG 110	College Writing A	F	D. Dirks
Academic Classes: Upper Division			
HIST 316	California History	M	P. Castruita
SPCM 271	Arg. & Debate	T	D. Dirks
MATH 105	Precalculus	W	G. Westfahl
PSYCH 311	Psych. Of Incarceration	F	E.M. Abdulmumin



Kati Kelly

David Werner is not only a professor at the University of La Verne, he is also a teacher at the Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility in Chino for young men who are residents of the correctional institution. He encourages troubled youth to succeed through furthering their education and bettering the odds of success after their release.

Flea market bargains are a holiday savior

Audrey Griffith
Staff Writer

Tis the season to be...saving? With the holiday shopping season right around the corner, it is more common to be spending instead of saving. However, saving sounds a lot merrier.

The biggest place to find all your shopping needs, for a reasonable cost, is the Pomona flea market. This indoor swap meet, located on Holt Ave. and Indian Hill, is open to the public everyday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., but closed on Tuesdays.

Parents can find everything they need for Christmas underneath one roof. They can find toys and baby needs for their young child, clothes for their teenage daughter or son, and high quality jewelry for his or her spouse.

Flea markets sell everything from clothes, hair accessories, kitchen needs, hardware, and garden tools. They even sell food and beverages.

Customer Paige Stevens said, "I go to flea markets every once in awhile, but I always come during the holidays. Why spend more money for gifts somewhere else when you can find almost the same items here for less money? My kids are young. They don't know the difference between flea market items and department store items."

Vendor Anna Vargas said, "We always get good business throughout the year, but during Christmas time our business is even better. Although it does get kind of chaotic at times."

Arts & Entertainment

'Oleanna' debuts in Dailey Theatre

Stacey Mleczko
Features Editor

Students at the University of La Verne are known to have close relationships with their professors but not many experience the controversy that threatens their professor's livelihood and provokes sexual harassment accusations.

One student used her powers to get the best of her professor. Yolanda Galaz Rodriguez plays Carol in Dailey Theatre's production of "Oleanna."

Rodriguez adopted David Mamet's script of "Oleanna" as her senior project. She and Obren Milanovic are the cast of the play and together create a firery explosion on stage.

Act One opens with Carol asking her professor, John, played by Milanovic, for clarification in his course. The two meet, isolated in John's office while he is distracted and she grows frustrated.

John is a cynical educator and he supports the ideals that higher education is a waste and academic freedom a bust.

Throughout the three scenes, the two opposite characters ironically parallel each other and climatically switch roles. Entering as a vulnerable, ignorant student, Carol flutters up the words to ask for help. John advantageously speaks to her as though nothing can make her understand.

His ability to hold his power in such high regard triggers something in Carol and she is motivated to turn the table. She cannot connect with his ideals and interprets them as sexist ideologies. She returns a week later to confront him as a more confident, educated student or, better yet, woman, attempting to eliminate her obvious vulnerability that he preys on.

With the help and encouragement of an outside feminist support group, Carol misconstructs an advance by John. She reports it to the university tenure committee, therefore threatening his job and ultimately his power.

Between scenes and after the final curtain closed, the cast and audience were encouraged to discuss and interpret the events. This allowed for expansion on all aspects of the play and introduced a contemporary analysis of the characters.

Milanovic said in his profile that he hopes this production can be used as an instrument of reflection for faculty and students alike.

"Oleanna" opened Nov. 30 in the Cabaret and continues with two more shows tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Choir interprets holiday

In 'A Child is Born'

by Melinda Sanchez

When the rest of the school is bustling with night classes, and horns honk in the rush of finding a parking space, there is a pure angelic sound that flows from the University of La Verne Chapel.

A group on campus that is not recognized for all its hard work is the choir. Divided into two, the University Choir and the Chamber Singers, the groups as a whole have worked hard to tune their voices and perfect the sound of music.

Each year, the two groups come together to perform a Christmas Concert, consisting of traditional carols, and some not so traditional carols. This year the performance will include favorites like, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Ding Dong! Merrily on High," and "O Holy Night."

Kim Reed, sophomore, said "'The Shepherd's Farewell' is one of my favorite pieces that we will be performing, because it has such a good variety of music throughout, and it has a pure and rich sound."

According to Reed, Shawn Kirchner, director of the choral program, chooses the songs that the choir will perform. Kirchner is also the conductor of Friday's program, accompanied by Timothy Durkovic on piano and organ.

"I have been quite impressed with the pieces he has chosen thus far, and we all seem to enjoy performing them as well," Reed said.

> 'I think we will do well and we're really confident. It's challenging music, but we're doing really well.'
> —*Kim Reed, sophomore*

Brian Wichert, junior, said, "He [Kirchner] consistently has a good variety and choices of tunes. He doesn't pick lemons."

Joshua Keys, junior, said that Kirchner "has a lot of enthusiasm and it is contagious, you can't avoid getting into the music."

Reed said, "I think we will do well and we're really confident. It's challenging music, but we've been doing really well."

Jeremy Collins, senior, has been in choir for four years and said he is looking forward to an amazing show. He said that his commitment to the choir is partially because Kirchner "has a unique ability to teach all ranges of singing ability in students." His favorite piece is also "The Shepherd's Farewell," written by Hector Berlioz. Collins said that he enjoys Berlioz's musical style.

Collins also mentioned that he enjoys singing, even just for practice, "because it is energizing and thereputic."

The choirs have been practicing for the Christmas Concert every Tuesday since mid-October, and according to Reed they have evolved into "an experienced and cohesive choir that might impress [the audience]."

The concert, entitled "A Child is Born," is tonight at 7:30 at the Church of the Brethren. Admission is free and all students, faculty, staff, and La Verne community members are welcome.

Attempt to help needy lacks student participation



Jen Newman

The College Panhellenic Association and Inter-Fraternity Council put up a Christmas tree decorated with Greek ornaments as a place where students can leave their donations of canned foods or wrapped gifts. Contributions can be given until the end of the semester. As of Dec. 5 the only thing under the tree were some ornaments that had fallen off.

Performance a natural act for coach

•Hallman's life follows set path

Rene Luna
Staff Writer

The love of a sport can be one's ticket on the road of life.

University of La Verne men's and women's swimming coach John Hallman has purchased that ticket.

After graduating from Cal State Northridge with a bachelor's in health science, Hallman attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena. From there, he went on to the South Coast Repertory in Orange County, a professional conservatory, all with a six-year goal in mind: if he could not make a living acting within six years, he had to "switch to plan B."

Today, Hallman's love for swimming has led him to ULV as the head coach for the Leopards' swim team.

However, it was fate that led him to the sport of swimming.

"My parents had a friend that had a child who was the same age as me, and the child drowned when he was 4 years old. My mom said, 'That's not going to happen to my kids and she threw my two brothers and I into swim lessons," Hallman said.

However, it did not end there.

"In high school, I swam and got a lot of self-confidence and honors" he said. "I think if it was not for swimming, I would have never got into college."

When La Verne implemented the aquatics program in 1997, Hallman was an assistant swim coach at Pomona-Pitzer. Once he received word of the program at ULV, he applied for the position of head coach.

"I bugged Jim Pascal about it. I think he gave me the job just to get me out of his hair," Hallman said jokingly.

Along with water polo coach Tim Hugar, Hallman came to La Verne a full year before the start of their first season.

"We had a year to prepare for that first season," he said. "We ended up bringing in 35 freshmen. So it was great because we had an immediate impact on our conference in the sense of the competitiveness of our program."

That first year, the men's water polo team took second in conference and the swim team ended up breaking two conference records and qualified seventh for nationals.

"We had a tremendous year," the coach said.

> 'The personal journeys I follow with the athletes is a great experience for me.'
> *—John Hallman, ULV swimming coach*

Now the coach is busy as ever. With a small team this year, Hallman is trying to focus on what the priorities are for the team and what to do in regards to getting hid athletes into practice. Currently, there is no fixed team practice, just the responsibility of each team member to individually practice.

"I go with the W.I.N. philosophy," he said. "What's-Important-Now. I go over that with the team a lot."

In regards to the job as a coach, Hallman said, "you get so much out of it, what you put into it." The coach strives to live by that.

Outside of the coaching environment, Hallman has accomplished many personal goals. Besides purchasing a house, he has been married a year and a half.

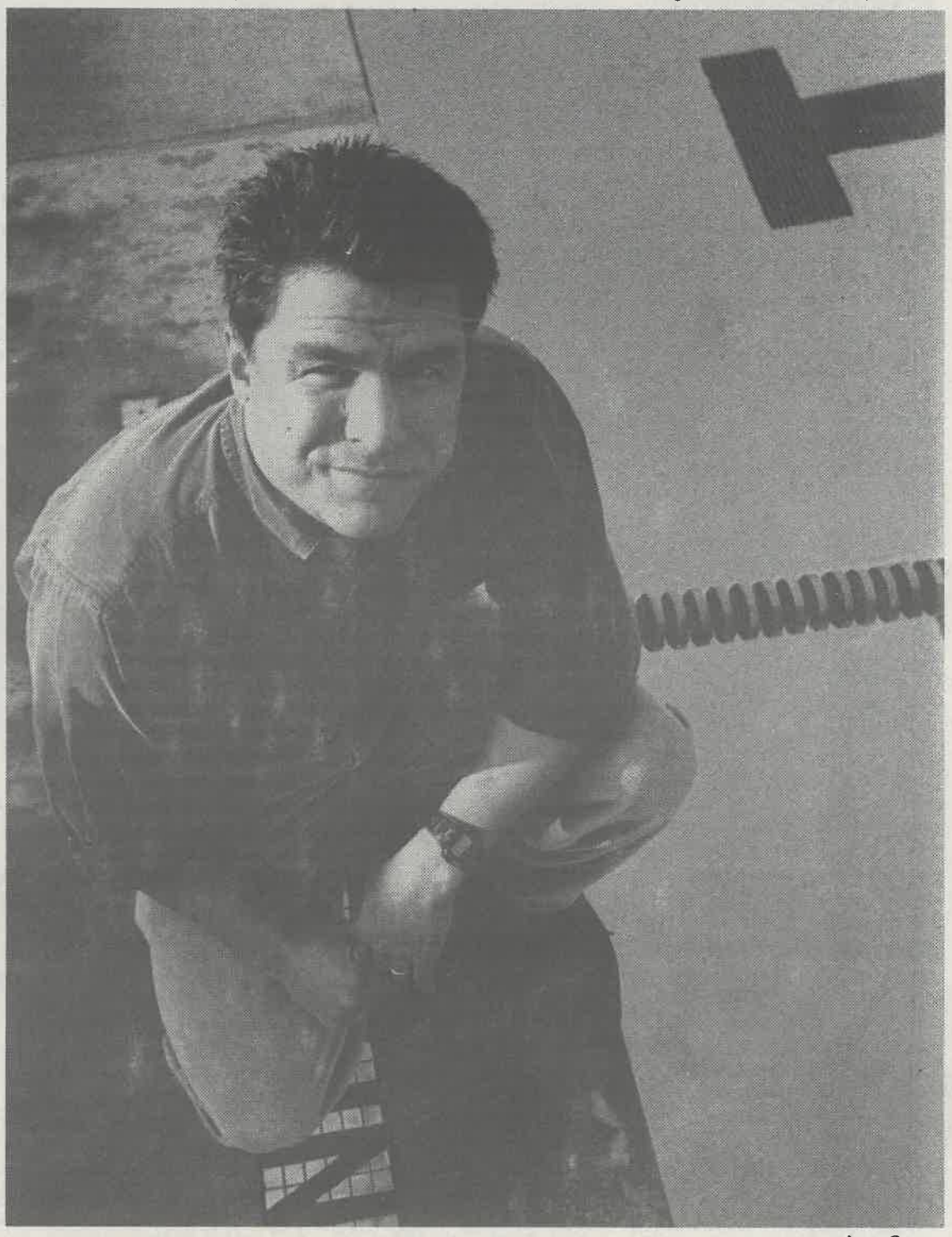
"It's been more than what I've dreamed of," he said. "There's a statistic where married couples live longer than single people, and I can see why—my wife is great."

With the successes of the water polo and the swim teams, Hallman said La Verne aquatics are looking strong to the outside community.

"What's happening with the team this year is they are realizing quality on the team means so much more than anything else," he said.

It is with this in mind that coach Hallman continues to establish a good relationship with his student-athletes.

"The personal journeys I follow with the athletes is a great experience for me" he said.



Jason Cooper

His career path has led him in many directions: an actor, a lifeguard, a teacher. But for John Hallman, ULV's head coach of swimming and diving, the pool has always remained central in his life. He started in clubs swimming as a child and became an all-star in high school. A success in college and an accomplished masters swimmer, Hallman now uses his knowledge of the sport to mentor at La Verne.

Swimming dives into Speedo Cup tournament

Christian A. Lopez
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne men's and women's swimming and diving teams traveled to the Belmont Plaza in Long Beach to compete in the 2000 Speedo Classic last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Over 20 schools ranging from Divisions I, II and III participated in the event. Some of the schools included USC, UCLA, Hawaii, BYU, and UC San Diego.

Along with higher division schools, the Leopards also had the privilege to share the pool with a few Olympic Swimmers. Eric Vendt, who won two silver medals in the Sydney Olympics, was one of the Olympians competing in the meet.

For ULV coach John Hallman it was the experience of competing with teams and swimmers of a higher caliber that he thought would be the best experience to come out from the event.

"This meet is a great meet, not for the performances that you do, but for what you come away with," said Hallman. " Being exposed to a better athlete makes you a better athlete."

This exposure definitely rubbed off on freshman swimmer Jason Walters, who broke not one, but two La Verne records. His time of 53.30 seconds in the 100-yard backstroke broke the previous record of 55.09 previously held by junior teammate Rey Lopez. Walters second record-breaking performance came in the 200-yard backstroke. His time of 1:58.53 broke another of Lopez's record which previously stood at 2:02.01. Walters finished 33rd in both events overall.

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Ryan Mac Donald also performed well for the men, placing 42nd in the 200 breaststroke in 02:20.79 and 45th in the 100 breaststroke in 01:03.34.

As a team, the men finished in 13th place out of 16 teams with a total of 88 points. USC finished on top with a total of 1,134 points, followed by BYU, with 1,023, and UC Santa Barbara, with 849.

"I knew the men's team would probably do pretty good because they were somewhat rested," said Hallman.

The women's team, who seemed a little drained according to Hallman, scored 30 points in the meet to finish 21st out of 22 teams.

"The women's team was swimming tired, they've been training hard, but the women surprised me with a little bit better performance than I anticipated." said Hallman on the women's outcome.

Junior Katie Aimone had a good performance in the 100 freestyle placing 107th out of 165 swimmers with a time of 57.51. Carleen Sentak placed 92nd in the 100 butterfly with a 1:04.47 time. Allison Alastuey finished 127th in the women's 200 freestyle with the time of 02:05.85.

The team's next meet will be the Claremont Winter Invitational at Claremont College today at 3 p.m. and tomorrow at 9 a.m.

Late run erases ULV's Hope, 75-55

Ryan Mac Donald
Staff Writer

Even without a head coach, the Hope International Royals can play with a winning attitude, and on Tuesday night, they demonstrated this ability to compete without leadership, as the Royals handed the University of La Verne's women basketball team its fifth loss of the season, 75-55.

Lead by guard Jamie Harrison, the Royals began an offensive drive that put them up 62-47 with five minutes to play, and though the Leopards came close several times, they were unable to keep up with the tempo of the second half, when they were outscored 40-24.

Being unable to stop two impressive offensive runs in the second half, the Leopards found themselves 20 points behind at the end of the game.

Beginning the first half strong the Leopards went up 20-12 with 12:15 remaining. The game's momentum shifted, however, as the Royals went on a 16-0 run that put them up 28-20.

Harrison led her team's offensive surge with three 3-pointers, as she went on to contribute two more 3-point field goals before the end of the game.

The Leopards battled back, though, from the nine-point deficit, and with only four minutes in the first half, they were able to come within four points of the Royals, 35-31.

The Royals continued to dominate the pace of the game into the second half of the play, as they opened up a nine-point lead with 17:30 remaining.

The Leopards hustled back into the game with strong defense to cut down the lead to four after Sydni Myrick scored two free throws, bringing the score to 47-43.

After being too aggressive with the referees and his players, head coach Lee Green of the Royals was thrown off the court and out of the game after he was called on two back-to-back technical fouls.

With 11:41 left in the second half, the Royals were left without a head coach, while the Leopards' A.J. Tsapanos made three of the four technical free throws, bringing the Leopards to within one point, 47-46.

Following the ejection of the coach, the Royals offense ignited, and the team slowly began to extend its lead over the Leopards, never allowing them to threaten for the lead again.

One of the most difficult obstacles that the Leopards have had to overcome so far this season is their youth. Two seniors graduated at the end of last year, and one player opted not to return to the team this season.

This season, the Leopards welcome back the majority of last season's squad, with the addition of three freshmen and three transfers.

Returning sophomore A.J. Tsapanos feels that despite the overall youth of the team, they have what it takes to be a contender for the conference title.

"The personalities on the team are a lot alike," she said. "We still have a lot to learn, and we're a young team, but our talents are going to just grow and grow."

Tsapanos also feels that it is necessary for the team to begin to implement more teamwork. It was this lack of teamwork on Friday that she says resulted in the Leopards' loss to the Panthers.

"I attribute the loss to the loss of teamwork," she said. "We haven't been playing as a team; we're too individualized."

Augie Torres, another of the returning sophomores, agrees that the team's youth is something that the team needs to overcome.

"We have a really young but talented team," she said. "We just have to bring it together.

"We want to have an impact on conference, but there's a lot of tough teams in conference. Right now, we're looking at conference, and maybe going to the playoffs."

Last Friday, the Leopards faced Chapman University and were victorious, 70-61. On Saturday, they faced Simpson College and easily won, 87-50.



Denisse Villalba

Sophomore A.J. Tsapanos attempts a lay up while surrounded by Hope International University players Jamie Harrison (12), Amanda Gilcrease (24) and Erin Carey (44). ULV was down by four points at halftime, finally losing to Hope International, 75-55.

Men's basketball falls short in non-conference match

Danny Craig
Sports Editor

A 20-point deficit that lasted the nearly entire game led to the demise of the University of La Verne men's basketball team in its 92-70 defeat to host Chapman University on Wednesday night.

Men's coach Gabe Duran said he attributes the loss to a lack of mental readiness on the part of the Leopards.

"I told these guys before the game, they (the Panthers) don't have a conference, so they have to win every game to get into the playoffs. They can't afford to lose," said Duran. "They came out like it was a conference game and we came out flat."

The first half ended with the Leopards trailing the Panthers 47-27 before entering a second half that did little to change the point spread.

With a little under 12 minutes left in the half, ULV freshman guard Steve Rugg hit the hoop from behind the three-point line to make the score 65-43.

Rugg's basket created a 22-point deficit that became one of the narrowest margins for the half.

Duran said that a lack of rebounding on the part of the Leopards was a major contribution to their struggles.

Although the Leopards had the final highlight of the matchup with one second left on the clock, the game was not theirs. Rugg hit his fourth and final three-pointer before the buzzer rang sealing the 92-70 advantage for the Panthers.

Coming off a 100-70 defeat against Cal Poly Pomona on Saturday, Duran said that he was more pleased with the previous performance, rather than Wednesday night's matchup against the Panthers.

"We played with Cal Poly in the first half. We didn't come to play in the first half tonight," he said.

Despite the loss, the head coach said he was pleased with the performance of his bench.

"Our reserves that came in showed a lot of heart," said Duran.

Namely, Rugg's performance was held in regard by his coach. Along with sophomore forward Joe Bolander, Rugg scored 15 points for the Leopards. Senior Kevin Gustafson and sophomore Josh Johnson scored nine apiece.

With their now 3-2 record, the Leopards will prepare for La Sierra College on Dec. 14.

Leopard Scoreboard

At the buzzer...

Men's Basketball

La Verne	70
Chapman	90
La Verne	70
Cal Poly Pomona	100

Women's Basketball

Hope International	75
La Verne	55
Chapman	61
La Verne	70
Simpson	50
La Verne	87

Schedule

Today
Men's and Women's Swimming at Claremont, 1 p.m.

Saturday
Men's and Women's Swimming at Claremont 1 p.m.

Thursday
Men's Basketball vs. La Sierra College, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 16
Women's Basketball vs.La Sierra, 3 p.m.

Sunday, December 17
Men's Basketball 17 vs. CSU Howard, 2 p.m.

Friday, December 29
Men's Basketball vs. Whitworth, 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 30
Women's Basketball vs. Buena Vista, 3 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. UC San Diego, 5 p.m.

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